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Court Rules Gay Sergeant Fit For Duty

An eleven member panel of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled May 4 that the Army must reinstate Sergeant Perry Watkins, a gay man who was discharged in 1984 after 14 years of admitted exemplary service. The ruling side-stepped, however, a previous decision that used Watkin's case to extend constitutional civil rights protection to gays and lesbians.

The federal appeals court said the Army could not enforce its 1981 ban against homosexuals in the Watkins case because they had re-enlisted him three times since the voluntary disclosure of his sexual orientation when he joined the service in 1967. Legal experts do not believe the narrowly worded decision will apply to other cases filed against the armed forces by gays and lesbians.

Watkins was quoted by the Associated Press as saying that he thought the decision "was a wonderful ruling." He did not, at the time of the interview, know whether he would re-enlist. Sources close to Watkins, however, say that he is "seriously considering the opportunity."

Leaders of national gay/lesbian organizations called the ruling "historic and a resounding victory in Perry Watkins' favor" that attacked "the hypocrisy of the military system of justice."

Writing for the majority, Justice Harry Pregerson said, "Sergeant Watkins has greatly benefited the Army, and therefore the country, by his military service. ... In addition, Watkin's homosexuality clearly has not hurt the Army in any way."

Quoting from an Army Review Board report, Pregerson noted that the "morale and discipline of Watkins' unit had been unaffected (by his sexual orientation)."

Although finding in Watkin's favor, the eleven judges ignored a June 1988 decision that ordered Watkins reinstatement because he was a gay man, and thus a minority deserving of protection under civil rights laws. The 1988 decision said that Watkins' sexual orientation made him "subject to long-standing persecution and political powerlessness," and a minority with similar status under civil rights laws as people of color and women.

Sue Hyde, director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Privacy Project and a spokesperson with the Military Freedom Project, said the narrowness of the ruling would probably work in the gay/lesbian community's favor if the case is appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. Hyde said that the ruling is so direct that legal scholars would find little way to attack it beyond trying Watkins on his personal record alone. She would not predict which way the Supreme Court would decide if the case is appealed.

"The military has appealed every decision that has gone



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Perry Watkins at the '88 Democratic National Convention in Atlanta. His military discharge was overturned last week by a federal court, which declared the gay sgt. an asset to the Army.

against it in respect to gay or lesbian soldiers," Hyde noted, "so it would be consistent with their legal history to appeal (this case)."

Unfortunately, Hyde said, the narrowness of the ruling leaves many gay and lesbian service members hanging with nowhere to turn. "The court failed to understand that Watkins' case was not unique and that there are literally thousands and thousands of gay and lesbian service members who suffer the same kind of discrimination as he did."

"This is the first time, however, that the U.S. Army has been ordered to re-enlist a gay or lesbian service member," noted Hyde. "The military is being forced to acknowledge Perry Watkins as an outstanding sergeant and that is directly contrary to what they say about homosexuals."

"Perry's case will become another brick in the wall our community is building," Hyde added, "in our argument that sexual orientation is a non-factor when evaluating a person's ability to perform a job."

-Chris Duncan

State Recruits Gays to Parent "AIDS Babies"

The question 'Where do I come from?' may start popping up in gay/lesbian households more often if the Georgia Department of Human Resources (DHR) succeeds in its special recruitment drive to attract gays and lesbians as foster parents for children who have AIDS.

The new program, Foster Love, ran into stiff criticism, however, during its debut presentation before the Metropolitan Atlanta Council of Gay and Lesbian Organizations (MACGLO) April 26. Foster Love representatives indicated that removal of the child from a gay/lesbian home would be among the first moves the agency would take if the public takes issue with the sexual orientation of the foster parents.

MACGLO members, who supported the program in principle, were angered by state official's lack of foresight in this matter.

Joyce Goldberg, a DHR spokesperson, said there were no contingency plans to deal with homophobically motivated attacks against the program, and admitted that her agency had "not put a lot of thought" into protecting the new families the program will create. She said that agency officials were blinded to the dilemmas raised by placing children in a gay/lesbian household in their zeal to help the children, over half of whom do not have a life expectancy greater than three years.

Goldberg said she could not commit her agency to defend gay or lesbian parents if homophobic elements try to have a child removed because of the parents' sexual orientation.

"(Gay/lesbian) families have to live in the community at large," Goldberg said. "And neither judges nor social workers are immune to (societal pressures). If the child needs a stable environment, then it may mean having to remove the child (from the gay/lesbian household)."

"What we're trying to do is place these children in loving homes," Goldberg said. "We don't want children to languish in an institution." If an attack were leveled against a family, however, Goldberg said "then we may have to place the children somewhere else."

Foster Love is an attempt by DHR's Division of Family and Children Services (DFACS) and Kellogg Associates, a private consulting firm, to recruit "minority communities" to enter the rigorous foster-parent screening and training program. AIDS experts estimate that the number of pediatric AIDS cases in Georgia will overwhelm the current foster parent system



KALAN BROWN

Laretta Rouse

A short time later, Mrs. Rouse received a phone call from a Denver-based group called Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). Soon after that, she received a package from them containing reading materials and information to help her adjust to the trauma Jeff's announcement had brought. Jeff, now 28, had been working with PFLAG in Denver and had asked the group to contact his mother.

"I had been around gay people before, but I just kept thinking I own this one," smiled Mrs. Rouse. "At first I thought it was a

In Celebration of Mother's Day

Mom Grateful for Gay Kids

Laretta Rouse was convinced her son was dead. She'd had no contact with him for a year. Her cards went unanswered and her phone calls to him connected her to a recording saying his line was disconnected. Jeff, her only son, with whom she was very close—had disappeared.

He had dropped out of the Navy and moved to Denver, Colorado, where he told her he had gone to "work something out." That was the last she had heard from him until she got a letter from the 22-year-old explaining where he was and what he was feeling.

"The letter said 'I love men the same way you love men' and then he asked if I would please continue to love him," said Mrs. Rouse. "I was hysterical. I called a friend...and then I called him to say I loved him but I was too upset to talk. But I did want him to know I loved him."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Kaposi's Sarcoma On The Decline

The number of people with AIDS who develop the cancerous Kaposi's Sarcoma has dropped substantially since the early years of the epidemic, according to a study of San Francisco cases reported in the March edition of the *Journal of Infectious Diseases*.

The incidence of Kaposi's Sarcoma, more prevalent in gay and bi-sexual PWAs, has dropped from 60% in 1981 to 20% in 1987. Scientists are uncertain why this dramatic drop has occurred, but some speculate that the decline in the use of poppers, an inhalant common to the gay men's community, may contribute to the phenomenon.

St. Louis Votes To Protect Gays

Saint Louis—A hate crimes bill that includes gays and lesbians as a protected category was signed into law in Saint Louis by Mayor Vincent Schoemehl, February 22. The new law includes additional penalties in cases where it is proven that a crime was bias-motivated and calls for victim assistance services, statistics collection and regular reports to the city's Civil Rights Enforcement Agency so that the data may be analyzed.

The new law went into effect immediately upon the mayor's signature. It was passed unanimously by the city board after public hearings were held in which "gay-bashing" was amply documented.

Saint Louis and national activists hailed the law as the most comprehensive city hate crime law in the country. Kevin Berrill, director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Anti-Violence Project called the law "historic".

Madonna's Latest, "Like a Prayer," Includes AIDS Info

A one-page fact sheet on AIDS has been included in all five million copies of Madonna's new release, "Like a Prayer."

Entitled "The Facts About AIDS," the information stresses that the disease can strike anyone—regardless of age, race, or sexual orientation—and that no one should be discriminated against because they have the disease.

"The simple act of putting on a condom can save your life," reads one part, and a phone number is listed for people to call for more information about AIDS.

Warner Brothers Records has offered the fact sheet to other artists for inclusion in their albums, but so far Madonna is the best-known to take them up on it, according to *The Washington Blade*.

Loulan Charges NOW With "Throwing Bones"

Nationally known sex therapist JoAnn Loulan strongly criticized mainstream feminist organizations for "throwing a bone" to lesbians in order to keep them quiet, and urged lesbians to join gay men in financially supporting gay/lesbian

organizations. Loulan was speaking at a fundraising reception for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force on April 7, according to reports from the *Washington Blade*.

Pointing specifically at the National Organization for Women, Loulan said the only reason NOW put "a couple of lesbians on the dais (at the March For Women's Equality, Women's Lives) was because a lot of lesbians called up and complained."

"They're afraid of identifying lesbian rights with women's rights," she said. "It's time to start seeing who's serving lesbians," she added.



JoAnn Loulan

NOW's national lesbian coordinator, Nancy Buermeyer, defended her organization's commitment to lesbian rights as being central to the group's purpose.

"Lesbian rights has been one of NOW's four priority issues since 1975, has been speaking out on lesbian rights since 1970, and has had a lesbian coordinator since 1980," Buermeyer said. "Why don't those who criticize NOW put more pressure on the other progressive organizations to do more?" she added.

30 Women Strip Searched After ACT UP Protest

New York City—A preliminary investigation instigated by an article in *The New York Times* revealed that at least 30 women were subjected to illegal strip searches after they were arrested for participating in a major civil disobedience action March 28, according to reports in the *Washington Blade*.

The women, quoted in the *Times* article, also said they were subjected to verbal abuse by police department employees relating to their sexual orientation and AIDS in general. The women were arrested for taking part in an AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP) action that closed down a major entrance into New York City during rush hour traffic and "took over" City Hall.

Department regulations limit police authority to conduct strip searches to cases where an initial pat down creates a "reasonable" belief that drugs or weapons might be hidden. In cases where such a

belief is held, permission to conduct the strip search must be obtained from the precinct desk officer or other commander. No such permission was revealed by the preliminary investigation.

Police department spokeswoman Alice McGillion said that the preliminary investigation revealed that the strip searches had taken place at two precincts and the civil employees involved will face formal charges before the City's police board.

An unknown number of the women who were illegally searched said they plan to file lawsuits and complaints with the Civilian Complaint Review Board.

Texas Judge Will Face Charges

Formal charges will be filed by the Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct against state District Judge Jack Hampton.

Many gay and civil rights groups called for Hampton's removal from the bench after he told a newspaper in December that he gave a lighter sentence to a convicted murderer because the victims were gay.

The Commission will ask the Texas Supreme Court to appoint a special master to conduct formal hearings to decide whether Hampton should be removed from the bench.

A spokesman for the Texas Human Rights Foundation said he was pleased with the direction the Commission's investigation had taken since their action was the most serious one they could take in this situation.

Sexual Behavior Survey Stalled by Helms, Right Wing

A \$15 million federal survey on sexual behaviors which could help determine the rate of AIDS infection in the U.S. has been successfully stalled by right wing activists, according to *TWN* in Florida.

Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) and Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Fullerton, Calif.) have led efforts to have the survey postponed by objecting to the questions about anal and oral sex included in the study.

The survey would investigate the sexual practices of 20,000 adult volunteers and trace their sexual histories since childhood. Questions would cover the sex of partners over the past five years, experiences with oral and anal sex, sex with prostitutes, rape, contraception and sexual abuse as children.

This would be the first such comprehensive survey of American sexual practices since the 1948 Kinsey studies, which estimated that 10 percent of the U.S. male population is gay.

After receiving several phone calls on the study recently from Helms and Dannemeyer, the director of the Office of Management and Budget opted March 28 to postpone approval of funds for the study for six to eight weeks.

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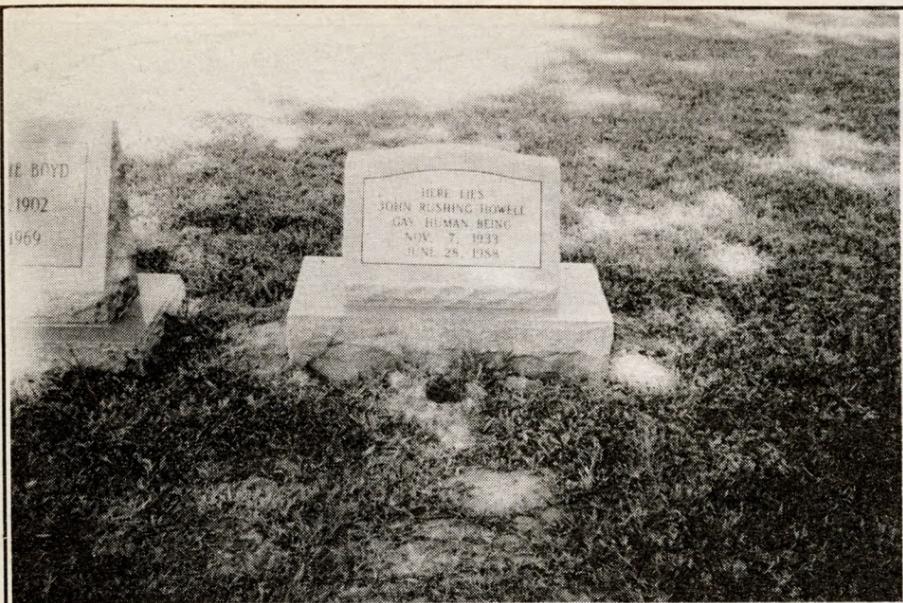
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Tombstone in Durant, Miss. With Wording Chosen by John Howell

The former Virginia-Highland Park will be dedicated in honor of John Rushing Howell on Saturday, May 20 at 11 a.m. The Park is located on Virginia Avenue across from the playground of the Inman Park School.

John Howell was a long time civil and gay rights activist who served two terms as president of the Virginia-Highland neighborhood association. He helped to block the freeway that was supposed to cut through that neighborhood. The park land which will be dedicated on May 20 was preserved after homes along Virginia Avenue were torn down to make way for the planned freeway.

John died of complications from AIDS in 1988.

The public is invited to bring a picnic lunch which will follow the park dedication. For further information, call Atlanta City Councilwoman Mary Davis at 330-6030.

Atlanta AID Agencies Receive Grants Totaling \$500,000

On Friday, April 28th, the Metropolitan Atlanta Community Fund, Inc., distributed over \$500,000 in grant money targeted at providing services to PWAs, and educational programs focusing on high-risk populations.

In existence since 1951, the MACF, Inc., has used its status as a nonprofit charitable organization to provide funds directed at the improvement of the Metropolitan Atlanta Community. Endowments for the foundation have come from sources varied as the Citizens and Southern Bank; the First National Bank of Atlanta, as well as gifts for private individuals and Bell South Corporation.

This year, with the assistance of a \$500,000 matching grant from the Ford Foundation, MACF created the Atlanta AIDS Fund.

The Atlanta AIDS Fund hopes to provide \$1 million in grants locally, and over \$9 million nationally in the next two years. Current issues of focus are providing housing for PWAs, legal assistance for persons suffering from HIV infection, and extending local HIV testing and educational resources.

Among the twelve organizations receiving funds are Childkind, and the Atlanta Chapter of the National Association of Persons with AIDS (NAPWA).

Childkind, a pioneer in providing services for children infected with the AIDS virus, received all of the \$62,000 requested. Director Barbara Chamness was thrilled. "Not only are we excited because it gives us the opportunity to move forward toward our goal of providing a loving home setting for babies who are born with HIV and abandoned; but the timing is perfect, because our first Childkind baby arrived yesterday."

NAPWA was less fortunate. Kurt Rahn, NAPWA's president stated that, "We asked for \$62,000 and they awarded us half; but we have the opportunity to apply for the other half in the fall." Rahn plans to use the funds to hire the agency's first full-time staff member. "Something very vital to an all-volunteer agency. It will help us to achieve our goal of providing self-education and self-direction for persons with AIDS. We will continue to

submit proposals for NAPWA. Our goal is an operating budget of \$100,000 in the next year."

Other AIDS organizations receiving funds from the Metropolitan Atlanta Community Foundation:

(1) **Project Open Hand:** \$50,000 to hire a full-time director, a volunteer coordinator and a kitchen manager to provide meals for over 200 PWAs.

(2) **Visiting Nurse Association:** \$14,600 to provide home and hospice care for indigent PWA's.

(3) **Jerusalem House:** \$25,000 in operating funds, and a \$125,000 matching grant to house homeless PWAs.

(4) **AID Atlanta** received \$123,336 to hire two Case Managers; and two Intake Specialists to provide support care for PWA's. The organization was also awarded a second grant of \$31,880 to expand their Spanish-speaking volunteer staff from 8 to 30 in an attempt to expand outreach into the underserved Hispanic community.

(5) **American Red Cross:** \$12,500 to train persons giving in home care to PWAs and PWARC's.

(6) **Atlanta Legal AID** was awarded \$71,000 to hire staff to provide legal assistance to HIV infected individuals.

(7) **Atlanta Church of Religious Science:** \$50,000 to expand their program of support services for PWAs, family members and caregivers.

(8) **Outreach, Inc.:** \$60,000 to hire part-time counselors for drug addicts, and an Outreach worker to implement educational programs.

(9) **WPBA Public Television/Channel 30** was given \$4,400 to produce a 30-minute educational program focusing on Atlanta Community organizations providing services to PWAs.

(10) **Atlanta Gay Center** received \$17,000 to expand and improve the HIV testing facilities.

- Molly McGuire

AJC's Obits Omit Lovers

When Gary Piccola succumbed to his year and a half long battle with AIDS, his partner, Chuck Rose, had a support team in place to help him deal with all of the details that surround saying goodbye for the last time.

Rose didn't expect to have to fight for the respect and recognition that is normally afforded someone in his position. Unfortunately, Rose said, he had to do just that when the editorial staff of the *Atlanta Journal and Constitution* told him they would not list him as a survivor in Gary's obituary because they did not wish to offend the blood family.

"To have to face the fact that people do not recognize and validate our relationships at a time like this is very upsetting."

"(Managing Editor Glenn McCutcheon) told me that because the state of Georgia didn't recognize same-sex marriages, he did not have to list me as one of Gary's survivors," Rose said.

Telephone calls to McCutcheon's office were forwarded to Tom Bennett, chief obituary writer for the *Journal Constitution*. Bennett told *Southern Voice* that Rose's understanding of the newspaper's policy was correct, and that "I hope and pray we do not (change it)." Bennett added, if you don't like



Chuck Rose (Left) and Gary Piccola

the policy, "write us a letter and ask us to change it."

Beyond that, Bennett said, "I can't and won't elaborate on (McCutcheon's) good reasons for refusing" to list Rose as a survivor.

Rose was especially incensed that McCutcheon had compared his status with that of a fiancée, whose name the newspaper also does not list. Rose and Piccola would have celebrated their third anniversary April 20 - two days after Piccola died.

"I nursed Gary while he was sick and until he died," Rose said, "and our relationship was much deeper than that of an engagement. To have to face the fact that people do not recognize and validate our relationships at a time like that is very upsetting."

"It felt like something grieving people shouldn't have to deal with," Rose added.

-Chris Duncan

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HRCF Dinner Set For May 20; Coelho Will Speak

California representative Tony Coelho, Democratic whip of the House of Representatives, and a long-time supporter of gay and lesbian rights, will be the featured speaker at the second annual Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) gala dinner on Saturday, May 20, at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta. Guests will include potential major donors to HRCF.

Recently rated by the Federal Elections Committee as the ninth largest independent political action committee in the country, HRCF lobbies on Capitol Hill and organizes gays and lesbians on grassroots levels in communities around the country. During the last election, HRCF contributed more than \$400,000 to 111 Democratic and Republican candidates for U.S. Congress, of which 80 percent won their elections.

The theme of this year's fundraiser is "In Our Lifetime..." says Dr. Stosh Ostrow, co-chair of the gala and an Atlanta HRCF board member. "In Our Lifetime..." emphasizes the pivotal roles that individuals play in achieving gay and lesbian rights, he says. "We want to explore how we can accept ourselves as well as the diversity of the gay and lesbian community. Until we can do that, we don't stand a chance of being accepted by the society-at-large."

Dr. Jackie Johnson, co-chair of the event and another HRCF board member, hopes that finding ways to make personal contributions will keep gays and lesbians from becoming complacent. "I would really like to see everyone think of one goal that he or she would like to see happen in the gay and lesbian community and take at least one step toward making it happen."

HRCF will honor two local organizations this year for outstanding service to the lesbian and gay community. The Metropolitan Atlanta Council of Gay and Lesbian Organizations (MACGLO), which coordinates more than 60 area gay and lesbian groups, will receive the Community Action Award. The Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance will receive a cash award for its National Lesbian Archives project.

Dr. Ostrow says he is keenly aware of the effect of HRCF's representation in Washington, and he hopes more Atlantans will use the event to become actively involved in securing gay and lesbian rights. "There are so many people who say, 'Why should I support [HRCF]? I don't feel discriminated against.' But even though we perceive ourselves to be 'free,' we know that, in Georgia, someone can walk right into our bedrooms and arrest us."

- Andrea L. Berry

Hate Crimes Act Gains Support, Helms Threatens

Nearly one-half of all U.S. senators and one-fourth of all members of the House of Representatives have become co-sponsors of the federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act. According to National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) lobbyist Peri Jude Radevic, 43 senators and 114 congresspersons have endorsed the bill as of April 28, 1989, making it the most widely-supported bill pursued by the lesbian and gay civil rights movement. "The large number of co-sponsors shows that our lobbying efforts work. Today, a significant percentage of all Members of Congress recognize violence against lesbians and gays as a serious problem deserving federal attention," said NGLTF's Radevic.

The Hate Crimes Statistics Act mandates collection by the federal government of data on crimes motivated by prejudice based on race, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation. The bill's chief sponsors are Senators Paul Simon (D-IL) and Orrin Hatch (R-UT) and Representative John Conyers (D-MI).

The only member of the Georgia delegation to sign on as a co-sponsor so far is Rep. John Lewis of Atlanta's fifth congressional district, Radevic said. She has been in close touch with Rep. Ben Jones' (D-4th District) office, however, and encouraged individuals to write him to express their feeling on the Act. "He hasn't said yes or no, as of yet," Radevic added.

Radevic also believes that Sen. Sam Nunn (D-GA) might sign-on if enough constituent pressure is applied.

"I don't think Sam Nunn is a lost cause yet. I've had contact with his office, and so has the ACLU. I think he will support the legislation, but he doesn't seem ready to take the next step and sign on as a co-sponsor," said Radevic.

Senator Helms plans to introduce a similar amendment when the Hate Crimes bill comes to the Senate floor late this spring. "We cannot be complacent about the support we have won for this bill," Radevic said. "Co-sponsors must be lobbied to stand up to Helms' anti-gay rhetoric. We cannot afford passage of anti-gay amendments which could wipe-out the gains we are making on a number of civil rights fronts."

Constituent lobbying is urgently needed to add co-sponsors and to defeat attempts by Helms to enact anti-gay provisions, according to Radevic. A legislative packet on the Hate Crimes Statistics Act may be obtained from NGLTF, Count Hate Crimes, 1517 U Street NW, Washington, DC 20009.



The Coalition Opposing Operation Rescue (COOR) sponsored a march and rally April 26 to coincide with oral arguments being heard at the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of Webster v. Reproductive Health Services, Inc. The Webster case is considered to be the most serious challenge to the historic Roe v. Wade decision, which made abortion legal in the United States. Over 1200 people participated in the COOR march and rally, which included speeches by Dazon Dixon, of the Feminist Women's Health Center and Sue Ann Wasserman of the Temple. COOR members are planning to attend a debate between abortion rights advocate Bill Baird and radical anti-abortionist Joseph Schyler in Athens on Wednesday, May 10. Call 365-5311 for more information.

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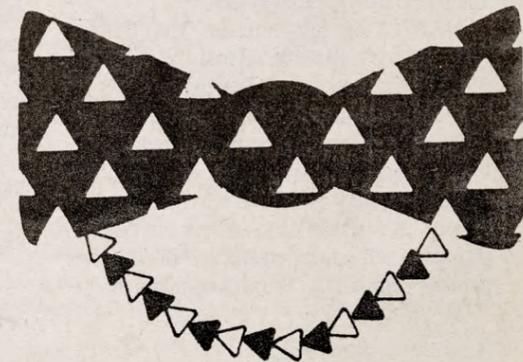
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Lauretta Rouse: "Lucky" Mother of Gay Children Foster Love

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Elvin and Lauretta Rouse at home. With four gay children between them the Rouses don't exactly qualify as Ozzie and Harriett or the Cleavers, but the love they have for each other and their kids symbolize to gay people the "perfect family".

phase...but the intelligent side of me knew differently. I went to a counselor for a while, but I came along pretty well. I was afraid for him. I didn't want him to get hurt."

Mrs. Rouse earnestly sought the help she needed to adjust to Jeff's lifestyle through becoming a member of PFLAG and visiting the Gay Center in Albany, N.Y., near where she was living at the time. She renewed her close ties with her son and frequently visited him and his lover in California, where they now live.

Her determination not to let it affect her negatively was dealt a blow, however, when she discovered through Jeff—and through her "Mom's" intuition—that both of her daughters were lesbians.

"I just knew my oldest daughter, Jane (now 26) was (gay) after she brought home a friend for the weekend. She had always had a group of girls around...but I knew this was different," said Mrs. Rouse.

"You have a 'nothing conversation' with your kids if you are not able to talk about things and share your life honestly"

"She hadn't told me, but I learned through Jeff that she wanted to. That's when I decided, well I'd better come out to her if she's not going to come out to me. I talked it over with my son and that's when I learned that Jill (her youngest daughter who's now 24) was too. That was a shock," she explained.

Mrs. Rouse then went to visit her daughters, who roomed together while attending college. "It was an extremely emotional weekend," she added. "It sent me over the edge...I went back to counseling."

Attractive, articulate, witty and bright, it is easy to see—talking with Mrs. Rouse now—that those revelations, no matter how tough, would be overcome. Her spirit, personality and charm have served her well during these past few years of coping with the fact that all three of her children are homosexual.

"These three kids had a lot of patience with me. I learned to appreciate my kids a lot more than a lot of other parents appreciate their kids, who don't have to deal with this," said Mrs. Rouse. "I had to

stop what I was doing and recognize how lucky I was...the only thing they weren't is what I thought they should be. You have to do a lot of assessing, but I love them to death. I am so proud of them."

Mrs. Rouse, who was born in Rhode Island and lived for 30 years in Massachusetts, moved to Atlanta three years ago. Soon afterward, she met her second husband, Elvin Rouse and re-married. She now has four grown stepchildren—including a gay stepson, Tony, 28.

Concerned about her children's welfare because they are estranged from their own father, Mrs. Rouse said even though she enjoyed spending time with Elvin, she would not have re-married until he passed the final test.

"I was determined not to ever make my kids feel unwelcome in my home, so I put out this hypothetical question to Elvin of what if your son or daughter told you they were gay? He answered well, you love them anyway...my oldest son is gay," she said.

Elvin is a member of PFLAG now also. Both he and Mrs. Rouse, who has been president of the Atlanta chapter of PFLAG for two years and writes the PFLAG newsletter, have been interviewed on television and radio several times.

The Rouses live in a comfortable home just south of Atlanta. Hospitable, handsome and cordial, they have a way of putting visitors at ease. Their home is a welcome spot for their children, and their children's partners.

Tony lives in Atlanta, but Jeff and his lover of eight years reside in California. Both of her daughters live in the Boston area. Jane has been seeing someone for several years, but Jill and Tony are single. They all attended the Rouse's wedding.

"I like being a part of their lives...the only thing different at holidays is the seating arrangement. Instead of him, her, him, her, it's him, him, her, her," laughed Mrs. Rouse.

The family enjoys their closeness and Mrs. Rouse said she is happy that she and Elvin can share in all of their children's lives, rather than them having to keep a large part of it secret. They both want their children to find a life's partner and contentment.

"All these emotional needs you have...you can only get them met from

another person," acknowledged Mrs. Rouse, who encourages her children to talk about their partners with her.

"You should be interested in what they're doing and who they're seeing. You have a 'nothing conversation' with your kids if you are not able to talk about things and share your life honestly," she noted.

Though self-admittedly she does not run around with a name-tag announcing her PFLAG affiliation, Mrs. Rouse never misses the opportunity to enlighten someone around her who is making disparaging remarks about lesbians or gays. She is a staunch and eloquent defender of the homosexual lifestyle—and not just for her children's sake—she defends gay rights for everyone.

The Rouses worry about their kids and the difficulties and pressures associated with being homosexual. They fear prejudice and express concern involving the AIDS crisis for Jeff and Tony.

They aren't sure why their kids are gay, they just accept the fact that they are and try to help other parents, friends and family members find acceptance too.

"I like being a part of their lives...the only thing different at holidays is the seating arrangement. Instead of him, her, him, her, it's him, him, her, her."

"PFLAG's purpose is to keep the family together while supporting the parents and the kids," said Mrs. Rouse. "One thing the young people need to realize is that they themselves have spent a lot of time coming to grips with this and dealing with it...they shouldn't forget that their parents need time to adjust too."

Her Mother's Day message, for those moms who already know, or who may find out one day that their kid, or kids, are gay?

"Remember, these are your children and they are the same people they were before they told you they were gay," said Mrs. Rouse. "The pressures on them are not the same as the ones on you when dealing with this."

For more information about PFLAG, call 404-296-0830, 404-961-6085 or 404-875-9440.

—Kalan Brown

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within two years without special recruitment drives like Foster Love.

MACGLO members' anger quickly turned to astonishment and bemusement when DFACS representative Raymond Pageant told them that sexual orientation was "not an issue" when placing children in foster or adoptive homes. Gays and lesbians who are open about their sexual orientation have historically been excluded from foster and adoptive parent programs.

"The state is silent on this issue," said Pageant. Under intense questioning, however, he backed off that position and agreed with an organizational representative's statement that "It's not that the State won't place a child in a gay/lesbian household, it's the simple fact that they look everywhere else before they will place the child in that kind of environment."

"The way the state looks at placing children, is they look for the best home for that child," Pageant said. "A homosexual couple can also adopt," he added, "but the kinds of things they look for are—for example, if it were a male couple—that there would be a female friend who would bring into play an opposing role model."

Jeffrey Laymon, MACGLO executive secretary, said that the questions raised during the meeting had surprised him, and added that he was "so tied up with compassion for the children, that I didn't look at the bigger question."

"I didn't think that far through it," Laymon said. "I should have foreseen questions of that nature."

Laymon said he thought it was an unfortunate situation to have developed, and he would continue to work toward the greater goal of helping children with AIDS. He added that he felt sorry for the Foster Love representatives, because "they were put on the spot defending state policy when they were there to get the children in foster homes."

In closing, Pageant defended Foster Love's presentation to the group as being critical to the welfare of the children involved, and a prospective way for the gay/lesbian community to break down existing barriers in Georgia's child welfare system.

"The system doesn't change until people come and say 'I want to become a foster parent,'" Pageant said. "We can come out and try to recruit foster parents, but you have to come out, too. We have to meet halfway."

—Chris Duncan

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Mothers, Human Beings and Other Imperfections

It's almost Mother's Day, again. For the last few years it's been the most difficult holiday for me. I came out to my mother in April 1987. It was not the scene I had hoped for. She did not embrace me and tell me that she loved me, nor did she tell me how proud she was of me for being honest. None of the above. Instead, I got "I'd rather you were dead," and something akin to "This will make my blood pressure skyrocket", which loosely translated meant, "If I die anytime in the near future, it's all your fault." I didn't send a Mother's Day card that year. I cried most of the day - hating her and loving her.

Mother's Day of 1988 was a little better. We had "talked" a few times, she had apologized for being cruel to me on that infamous day, and when I called to tell her I wanted to see her on M-day but I wanted to bring my lover along (also a mother), she mumbled an "okay." Not exactly a warm invitation but I was ecstatic. This, I was convinced, was progress. What I didn't realize at the time was that it wasn't progress I wanted, it was perfection.

Mom was nice enough that day. She hugged and kissed me when I arrived, she made eye-contact with Leigh on those brief occasions she talked to her, and even invited her back "sometime soon."

But the focus of that day was the upcoming July wedding of my niece. My niece and her bridegroom-to-be were there. We had been close, especially my niece and I, but something was very different that day. Stacy barely spoke to me, and not at all to Leigh. The redneck groom-to-be stayed downstairs all day watching baseball or car racing or some other manly sport. He never emerged to say hello or good-bye or to gawk at my "lesbian lover." As far as he was concerned, we simply didn't exist.

It took a few days for my anger to set in, adept as I

am at denying my feelings. But when it did hit, it hit hard. Why had Stacy and David treated us that way? Why didn't my mother come to our defense and call them on their "rudeness"? Why did she spend the entire day talking about their wedding? Didn't she understand that while she was supporting and reinforcing my niece's marriage, she was totally ignoring mine? Why wasn't she the mother I wanted and needed her to be?

I stayed angry for a long time. I didn't attend the wedding in July. My sister had told me that David didn't want me/us there and although Stacy felt differently she didn't include Leigh's name on the invitation, and she didn't call me to let me know she wanted us there.

When Thanksgiving rolled around, Leigh and I went to Mom's again. David never spoke and he left the room whenever we entered. Stacy had little to say. Mom spent all her time playing with her youngest great-grandchild. Leigh and I talked to my wonderful supportive sisters and left early. Before we left Mom "made" us watch the video of the wedding since, "I wasn't there."

Again - reinforcement of Stacy's marriage and denial of mine. Denial of me.

Christmas was about the same. Leigh did not go with me, we decided to take the easy way out for a change and spend Christmas Eve with our respective biological families. Ironically, Leigh and I had drawn Stacy and David's names for Christmas gifts while we were at Mom's for Thanksgiving. We had big laughs about it and had considered getting them both a beautifully wrapped bunch of switches but we came around. Leigh had bought David a beautiful book on the world's best golf courses (he's gone from redneck to yuppie since they married), and when he opened it he didn't even acknowledge who had given it to him, or tell me to please thank her. It was not my favorite Christmas.

I'd like to say that things have improved a lot in the past six months but they haven't. However, they have improved a little. Mom and I have had a few more talks, and I feel we are very slowly inching our way toward a more honest relationship. What I've realized is that my expectations of her were way too high, that I had wanted perfection from her. Because my mother is just to the right of Socialist, is an ardent feminist in her own Southern way and her best friend was a black man until he died a few months ago - I had expected her to just accept the fact that I am a lesbian - and quickly move toward accepting my lover and her son. Just one big happy family, that's what I wanted. And it's okay to want that. What's not okay is to retreat into bitterness when it doesn't happen, or doesn't happen quickly enough to suit you. It's not okay for your mother (or father or both) and it's not okay for you. It simply doesn't feel good, no matter how justified you feel at being angry or bitter.

I think we forget that our mothers are human. Louise Hay suggests a meditation in one of her recent books where you imagine your mother as a child and think about what she got from her parents. The point being that she has her limitations just as you do, and in raising you she did the best she could with what she had. (This is not license to start blaming your grandparents, however!)

I believe my mother is doing the best she can with what she has. I don't like it that it's the best she can do, but I'm beginning to accept it. This Mother's Day I can be satisfied with progress and look forward to those talks with her that each time bring us a little bit closer. Perfection is for the gods and goddesses - not for my mother, and not for me.

Happy Mother's Day, Mom - I love you.

-Christina Cash
Editor

**Southern Voice would like to wish
a happy Mother's Day
to all Lesbian Mothers.**

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Gay Son Deserves Parents' Support

To the Editor:

In reference to the letter appearing in *Southern Voice* (Vol. 1, #22) from the young man appealing for acceptance from his family, I would like to say any parent would and should be proud to claim this person as their son.

When parents spend a great deal of time and energy teaching values and standards to their children, and we are lucky enough to have them practice these as adults, why do we judge them on their choice of partners? None of us have the right to judge or choose for a life that is not ours. As a parent of three gay children I have learned that as people they have qualities that any parent would be proud of. I consider myself very lucky to have these children in my corner as well as their partners, and for a year and one half I also have a gay stepson who also fits this family just fine.

There is room for more sons and daughters and as President of PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) members of our group have unofficially adopted many.

Accept this challenge and hopefully one day soon your parents will know you as a person in your own right and not one fabricated for their convenience.

Sincerely,
Lauretta Rouse
President/PFLAG

P.S. If we can be of any help, please feel free to contact us.

South Carolinians Can Speak For Themselves

To the Editor:

I have always considered Atlanta as a town of friendly people as I have many friends living there. But, on April 20, 1989, a few Atlanta citizens proved, along with a few New Yorkers, an embarrassment to the South Carolina gay community.

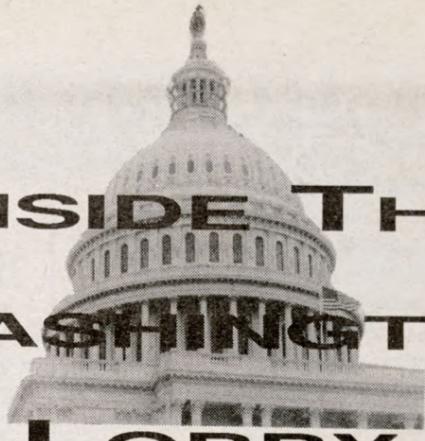
This kind of action might be expected from the New Yorkers, but fellow Southerners should know to mind their own business. South Carolina AIDS laws are the sole concern of South Carolinians. They were passed for the protection of everyone. There are a few minor flaws, but the overall intent is for good.

To say that the laws are aimed at the gay community is like saying that AIDS is a gay disease. This of course is not true. Also, the chants and actions of the ACT UP group gave the impression to the general public that AIDS is a gay disease. More care should be taken not to mix the issues of AIDS with gay rights.

AIDS is a medical issue and should be treated as such. HIV positive people, straight or gay, should be kept out of sexual circulation. To infect others is a great injustice to all. Even with the necessary practice of safer sex, accidents can happen.

Let me also state for the record that I am not one of those who stands by when there is an injustice being done. I have worked to support and promote gay rights, organize gay pride celebrations, organize the S.C. group to the March on Washington and volunteered for work in a local AIDS organization. So, please let South Carolina speak for itself.

Sincerely,
Dennis K. Mayer



INSIDE THE WASHINGTON LOBBY

A Homosexual Conspiracy?

It is an unfortunate fact of life in Washington these days that whenever Congress or the federal government tries to do something about AIDS, such efforts often face distortion by members of Congress who are homophobic or have puritanical sexual attitudes. This is happening with the current debate over a survey on sexual practices that the federal government wants to undertake. Our responsibility is to bring the debate back to the real issues—public health and scientific knowledge—and not let right-wing conservatives change the agenda.

The information that researchers use in developing projections for the level of HIV infection in this country, and in developing strategies to halt the AIDS epidemic, is at least 40 years old—data derived from the original Kinsey sex studies. The need for updated information on the sexual behavior and practices of the American people has been consistently recognized by all organizations working to fight the AIDS epidemic. All AIDS reports, even the one issued by President Reagan's Commission, have called for such studies.

The National Institute of Child Health and Development (NICHD)—part of the National Institutes of Health—routinely conducts social science surveys, and it contracted with a respected group of researchers at the University of Chicago to develop survey questions on all aspects of sexuality, including such "taboo" topics as orgasm, masturbation, oral sex and anal sex.

The survey came under fire from right-wing member of Congress William Dannemeyer (R-CA), who wrote to his colleagues in the House of Representatives: "The NICHD study, from its inception, was never about child health, AIDS or sex. This study has always been about politics, power politics. Imagine the political landscape if any one demographic group were to increase their ranks from 10 percent of the population to 15 percent or 20 percent. This is the exact reason why the purveyors of laissez-faire sexual attitudes want to use tax dollars and the federal cloak of scientific legitimacy to produce this work. AIDS has nothing to do with it, except as a thinly-veiled excuse. This study represents the politics of sex and the politics of the homosexual movement."

Dannemeyer explained that the survey was really a design of the "homosexual lobby," which wanted to show that there are more gays and lesbians in the country than anyone ever thought. They could do this, asserted Dannemeyer and his friends, because no straight person would ever want to answer the type of questions the survey was asking, so a disproportionate number of people responding to the survey would be homosexuals.

Other conservatives joined the outcry, and soon letters began pouring in to the government agencies that would be reviewing the survey.

One of the government agencies that received the letters was the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Any time an agency of the government creates a form to send out to the public, that form has to go through the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act. NICHD, therefore, had to send over its survey to the OMB for approval.

In February 1989, NICHD submitted its survey for OMB approval. But the conservatives' letter writing campaign to OMB, and pressure from some members of Congress urging OMB not to approve the "homosexual" survey, had done its work in creating suspicion about the survey. To counter some of this pressure, 43 member organizations of the National Organizations Responding to AIDS (NORA) coalition—including AIDS Action Council, the ACLU, the American Psychological Association, the American Public Health Association, the American Red Cross and numerous other "mainstream" organizations—sent a letter urging OMB to approve the survey. Senator Paul Simon (D-IL) also organized a letter to OMB, signed by six members of Congress, stressing the importance of the survey.

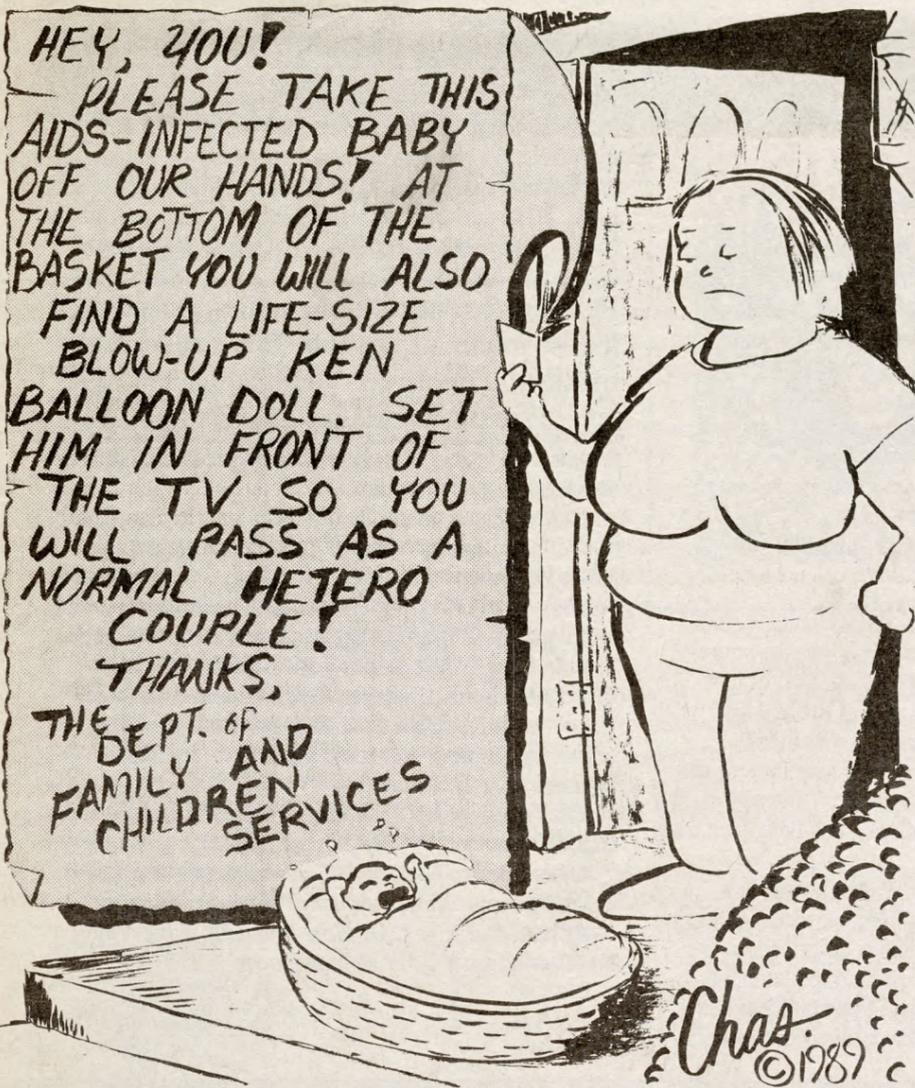
Richard Darman, Director of OMB, responded to these various concerns by giving his personal attention to the survey. Darman apparently talked directly to Dr. Louis Sullivan, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the parent agency of NIH) about the survey and sent him a follow-up letter on April 6. Darman told Sullivan that OMB had concluded that it did not have authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act to stop the survey completely. But Darman noted that he had serious problems with the survey and he recommended that Sullivan personally review the questions before approving the survey.

That threw the ball back into Secretary Sullivan's court. The next day, Sullivan issued a short press statement in which he said that he would direct NIH to conduct "a thorough review and revision of the proposed study." He affirmed his stand to do what was needed to contain the spread of HIV infection but noted that his initial review of the survey indicated "potential problems with the tone and content of the questions." So far, however, Sullivan has not done anything about the survey, and NIH does not know what modifications, if any, it will be forced to make on the survey.

Sullivan is still something of an unknown quantity to AIDS lobbyists. He had been in an academic position, as President of Moorehouse College of Medicine, before his appointment, so he may be sympathetic to preserving the scientific integrity of the survey. A letter to Sullivan from the NORA coalition will go out this week, calling Sullivan's attention to the real agenda at hand: "Political and personal ideology should never be permitted to impair the scientific rigor of a data collection process... There is no value to ignorance in any field of science, including human sexuality." Hopefully, Sullivan will get the message that NORA's considerable influence will be behind him if he chooses to stand against the political pressure being mounted by the conservative lobby.

— Laura Markowitz &
Chai Feldblum

Chai Feldblum is an attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union's AIDS Project. Laura Markowitz is an editor of a national magazine and a lesbian activist.



Video Club Ad Is Not Porn, Says Lambda's BOOK REPORT

This letter is in response to one written by Pam Martin and sent to Lambda Rising, publishers of the BOOK REPORT. The BOOK REPORT is a bi-monthly review of current lesbian/gay literature and is carried as an insert in this paper. Ms. Martin's letter to Lambda appeared in Volume 2, #1 (March 2, 1989) of Southern Voice.

Dear Ms. Martin:

Yours was the fifth letter of complaint we received concerning the Insider Video Club advertisement in the BOOK REPORT. In each case, it appears that the letter writers are trying to read something into the ad that simply isn't there.

You complained about the "exploitation of children" in the ad, but there is no such exploitation. The films being advertised are not pornography, nor are they obscene. To my knowledge, there are no blatant sexual scenes at all involving anyone under 18. These films are primarily classic foreign films which explore the gay male experience in all its facets. They center primarily on personal relationships, societal disapproval, etc., rather than on strictly sexual acts.

A few of the films do treat the subject of gay feelings from the standpoint of teenagers, but they do so without involving any sexual acts. For example, "You Are Not Alone" is a film about a love affair between two 13-year-old boys. Nowhere in the film will you find any sex scenes, but you will find a thoroughly engaging story, a moving plea for understanding, and a heart-warming ending. It is, in my opinion, one of the best gay films ever released and was produced by and for Danish public television; it's not porn, nor is it exploitation in any sense.

I am also completely mystified at your claim that there's exploitation of third world people and women. As far as I can recall, none of these films deal with the third world at all, and certainly none of them deal with women in any substantive way, since they treat only gay male relationships. (I wish there was a similar single source for quality lesbian films, though any company that attempted such would probably be subject to the same kinds of unfounded criticism.)

With all of the real problems our community faces, I am amazed that people would try so hard to find fault where none exists. Rest assured that the BOOK REPORT will never accept sexually-oriented advertising, advertising that exploits women or third world people or children. If you see it in our pages, it ain't guilty!

Sincerely,
L. Page Maccubbin
President

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The Temple Of My Familiar: Inside Alice Walker's Head

The blurb on the dust jacket of Walker's latest book, *The Temple Of My Familiar*, simply doesn't do the book justice—the book is about causes and effects of oppressions, intimacy with other people (same sex and opposite sex), with the land, with animals and with yourself. The novel covers an incredible amount of territory. The settings are various places in the Americas and Africa. The characters are old, young, straight, gay, and lesbian, Latin American, African, African-American, and white. As the title implies, animals also figure prominently.

One reason it is difficult to sum the book up neatly is that Walker is exploring the complexities of issues such as racism and sexuality. For instance, it is hard to clearly label her characters' sexual orientation—many experience a range of same sex and opposite sex bonds. Walker has created with this book an entire mythology of how relationships between the sexes and the races evolved over the past 500,000 years.

Through her many characters' voices Walker orchestrates her "womanist" message. Womanist, a word Walker defined in her collection of essays *In Search of Our Mother's Gardens*, briefly means "1) A Black feminist or

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feminist of color 2) A woman who loves other women, sexually and/or nonsexually. . . Sometimes loves individual men, sexually and/or nonsexually. Committed to survival and wholeness of entire people, male and female. Not a separatist, except periodically, for health. 3) Loves music. Loves dance. Loves the moon. Loves the Spirit. Loves love and food and roundness. Loves struggle. Loves the Folk. Loves herself. **Regardless . . .**" (xi-xii).

A central character in the novel who lives this definition is Lissie Lyles. She vividly remembers her past lives and recounts stories of being a slave, in a harem (or weepen) in North Africa, a lion, a white man, and others. In her present life she has had a lover who photographed her often. In each photograph she looks like a completely different woman. We learn from Lissie that remembering and embracing differences is essential.

One focus of the novel is on intimate relationships between men and women of color. One such couple is Suwelo and Fanny. The elderly Lissie Lyles and her partner Hal Jenkins tell Suwelo stories about themselves and his now deceased grand uncle Rafe, who was also a life companion of theirs. Suwelo, a young American history professor having trouble with his marriage, gradually changes his notions about relationships and history itself. The inscription for the novel is from the character Lissie and points to the need for history to be re-written: "If they have lied about me, they have lied about everything."

Shug and Celie from *The Color Purple* appear in the novel along with Olivia's now grown daughter, Fanny, a former women's studies professor turned masseuse. Since *The Color Purple* Shug has started her own religion; one chapter of the novel is "The Gospel According to Shug." For example "Helped are those who are enemies of their own racism: they shall live in harmony with the citizens of this world, and not with those of the world of their



ancestors, which has passed away, and which they shall never see again... Helped are those who love the entire cosmos rather than their own tiny country, city, or farm, for them will be shown the unbroken web of life and the meaning of infinity... Helped are those who love the lesbian, the gay, and the straight, as they love the sun, the moon, and the stars. None of their children, nor any of their ancestors, nor any parts of themselves, shall be hidden from them" (287-289).

In *The Temple of My Familiar* Walker covers in a fictional way many of the themes from her recent collection of essays *Living By the Word*, which is described as "the most deeply spiritual of her work so far, meditating on planetary concerns as well as feminist and political issues." The novel is an interweaving of the political and spiritual.

Full of different cultures, values, and stances, it is no minimalist fiction. It is a novel that makes you think, gets you talking, and urges you to see the world in a different light. There are bound to be criticisms of this novel simply because it is political, and because it hits so many issues

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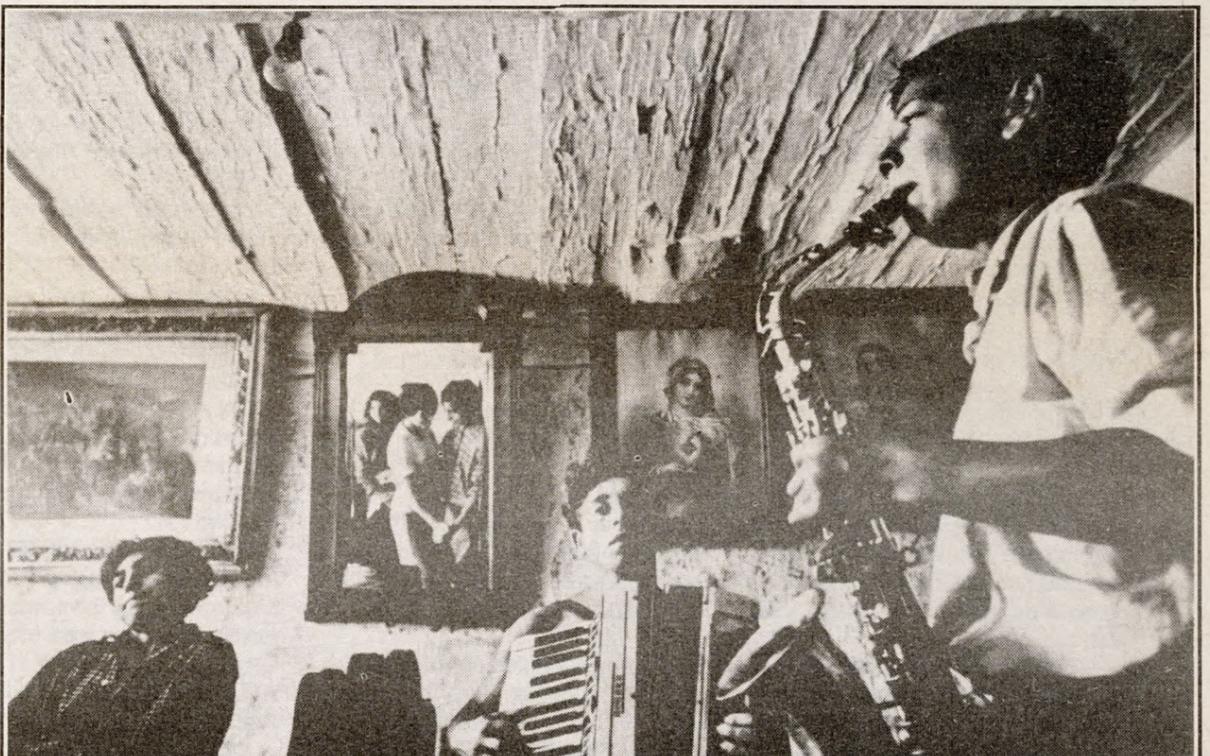
from a wide historical and cultural perspective. That is all the more reason to read it.

I am struck by the similarities between *The Temple of My Familiar* and the music of Sweet Honey in the Rock—both are political, rooted in history, and re-writing history, very spiritual, and rousing entertainment. Both use traditional and contemporary narratives, and freely adapt their art form to their purpose. Incidentally both Alice Walker and Bernice Johnson Reagon, founder of Sweet Honey in the Rock, are from Georgia. Both are strong voices for people of color, and particularly for Black women.

The Temple of My Familiar, published by Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, is \$19.95 in hardback.

Other selected books by Alice Walker (she has eleven)—poems: *Revolutionary Petunias* and *Horses Make the Landscape Look More Beautiful*; short stories: *You Can't Keep a Good Woman Down*.

— Amanda Gable



"Velka Lomnica" (1963) by Josef Koudelka is on view in the exhibition "Subjective Vision: The Lucinda W. Bunn Collection of Photographs" through June 11, 1989, at the High Museum of Art. This exhibition of over 70 photographs is the High's celebration of the 150th anniversary of photography.

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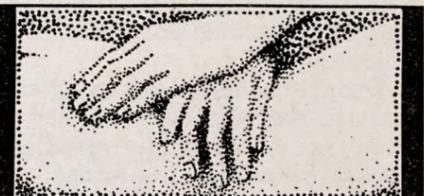
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"Heathers" and "Parents": Cheeky New Black Comedies

Two new black comedies, *Heathers* and *Parents*, demonstrate the rewards of nerve, cheekiness and courage in art, and the gaps left behind when those qualities are withdrawn.

Michael Lehman's *Heathers* is set in Westerburg High where the ruling deity consists of three blooming social terrorists all named Heather. The film centers on a potential recruit to their exalted ranks, a dark, lush beauty named Veronica (Winona Ryder, in a witty, sympathetic performance), who is already disenchanted by the Heathers' behavior at the film's start.

Like Adele Hugel (In Truffaut's *The Story of Adele H.*), Veronica writes feverishly in her diary, though her longing is not for a man but "a world without Heather." The Heathers' idea of fun is to humiliate a terribly overweight fellow student in front of her peers. Their appetite for cruelty is prodigious, and their prey is anyone they deem less beautiful or rich than themselves, or anyone lacking their flagrant zest for cruelty.

Adrift in a frat party haze of smoke and booze, the lead Heather (Kim Walker, dazzlingly severe) consents to having her self-worth measured by her willingness to perform oral sex in a back room on a college boy whose face glistens in swilled beer.

Disgusted, Veronica is soon captivated by the ironic grin of a boy named Jason (Christian Slater, emblazoned with self-confidence), who fires pistol blanks at the school's two star football players when they harass him in the gossip center of the universe, the school cafeteria.

Veronica quickly realizes that Jason is utterly psychotic. In an act of revenge, he dispatches the two football players in a manner to suggest that they were gay lovers who snapped under the belief that the world would never accept their "forbidden love." A bottle of mineral water planted near their bodies convinces the authorities.

Heathers moves with graceful irreverence through a lot of darkling territory: the ricochet effect of teen suicide, the corporate transfer of human feeling from people to profits, the willingness to exploit oneself for social gain.

Roughly the first two-thirds of *Heathers* is sharp and illustrative. Finally, though, it lapses into teaching the audience a moral, that good ultimately triumphs over evil. After eight years of Reagan administration ethics, the film's conclusion seems worse than naive.

Parents was directed by Bob Balaban, who is best known as an actor (he solved the musical message in *Close Encounters*). His film has a distinctive, fiendish-green glow, and the texture is further deepened by the actors, all of whom give beautifully stylized performances.

The film stars Randy Quaid and Mary Beth Hurt as the sort of weirdly idealized parents we've come to expect from TV since the 1950's, when the film is set. Their lives appear to revolve around food, which they prepare in any number of ways, though the backyard barbeque seems to be their personal favorite.

Alas, their son, acted with gravity and reticence by Bryan

Madorsky, is something of a disappointment to them. He suffers from his dreams, and is plagued in his waking hours by the feeling that there is something sinister and treacherous about his parents.

What, for instance, is this meat his parents serve to him and devour with relish night after night? What kind of meat is it and where does it come from? Will his worst fears about his parents be proved true?

At least one scene is genuinely shocking. The child walks in on his parents while they're having sex on the living room floor in the middle of the night. Their mouths are smeared red and the light on them shines so brightly that they're practically x-rayed. The scene is of two animals, parents, seemingly in the act of a sex/feeding frenzy, and we witness it from a child's point of view.

Parents is rather over-spangled in film technique, and it finally degenerates into a slasher movie. But, again, roughly the first two-thirds are sharply drawn, and Balaban appears to be a true eccentric researching his way to his own personal style.

Both these films are extremely minor works, but there's real talent here that might be mined.

— Terry Francis

Heathers and Parents are both playing at Midtown 8 Theatre.

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MLK Center for Nonviolent Social Change Now accepting applications for KINGFEST '89, for exhibitions, arts and crafts vendors. DEADLINE: May 12. 526-8947.

Decatur Arts Festival May 26-28. Needs performers, artists, concessionstands. 373-9906.

Benefits

Ramon Cardona, U.S. Representative, FMLN of El Salvador. May 12. 7:30 p.m. Supporting an end to repression and the FMLN's peace proposals. Central Presbyterian Church. 201 Washington Street across from the State Capitol. \$3.00 donation. NOTE: Childcare provided. Call ACLA at 377-1079.

Yard sale and cookout to benefit NAPWA, Dean's PWA Fund and Friends Atlanta. Saturday, May 13. Deana's One Mo' Time, 1890 Cheshire Bridge Road. 874-0980.

Barbeque to Benefit Lesbian & Gay Pride '89 Sunday, May 14. Deana's One Mo' Time, 1890 Cheshire Bridge Road. 874-0980.

DeKalb Democratic Party Annual Dinner May 19th. \$50. Call Dick Rhodes for a seat at LEGAL's tables. 636-5410.

Human Rights Campaign Fund 2nd Annual Dinner May 20. Hyatt-Regency Downtown. Call 874-8204 for details.

The Bard of Avalon Always Rings Twice presented by The Atlanta Shakespeare Festival to benefit Montgomery AIDS Outreach, Inc. and AID Atlanta. Monday, May 22 at 8:00 p.m. \$10. Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery. (205) 277-BARD. The performance is dedicated to the memory of Michael Stauffer, set, lighting and costume designer for ASF from 1972-1988. He died in March of complications from AIDS.

Dance

Louise Runyon Barth & Friends Thursday, May 11 at 8:00 p.m. Seven Stages Theatre, 1105 Euclid Avenue. \$7.00 523-7647.

Shared Dance Concert May 12 & 13 at 8:00 p.m., May 14 at 5:00 p.m. Jim Chappelleaux and Cherie Carson. An evening of solos and duets with special guest artist Sandy Marcello of Houston, Texas. Tickets are \$6.00 and \$8.00 Nexus Contemporary Arts Center. Call 688-2500.

Film

13th Annual Atlanta Film & Video Fest! Sponsors are High Museum of Art and Image Film/Video Center. Showcases new works by independent media artists. Rich Auditorium. 1280 Peachtree Street. \$6.00. \$4.00 for members. Most events/films begin at 8:00 p.m. For more information, call 881-HIGH.

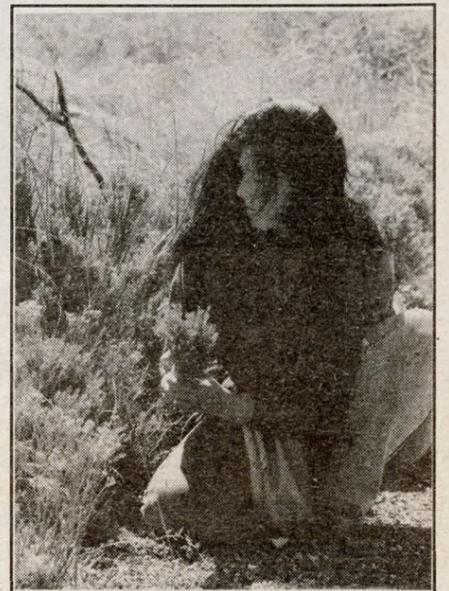
Chocolat, a passionate and insightful look at the latent racial, cultural, political and sexual tensions that come to light when the outside world intrudes upon a young girl's existence. Opens May 12 at The Garden Hills Cinema, 2835 Peachtree Rd. 266-2202.

How to be a Clever Film Critic May 16th Steve Dollar (*Atlanta Journal-Constitution*) will show you how to second-guess the media hotshots and supervise into do it yourself movie reviewing. 7:00-9:00 p.m. \$40. IMAGE Film/Video Center. 75 Bennett Center, Room M-1. Call 352-4225.

Health

Holistic Herbalism May 13th & 14th. Presented by Native American Medical Herbalist, T. M. Klar. This workshop deals with: Herbalism of the World; Constitutional Medicine; Herbal Pharmacology; Herbal Medicines. Viscount Hotel, North Druid Hills and Buford Highway. \$65. For more information, call 636-5286.

Women of Wisdom May 15th Stephanie Blackton, Doctor of Chiropractic, will address health topics of special interest to women. North Highland Branch library. 7:30 p.m.



Tieraona Makarvin Klar, Native American medical herbalist, will lead a workshop in holistic herbalism. Participants will learn of the different healing systems used throughout history and the common thread which binds them together. Saturday, May 13. 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$65. Viscount Hotel. 636-5286 for more information.

Literature

Celestine Sibley will autograph her book *The Sweet Apple Gardening Book* at Oxford Books, Peachtree Battle Shopping Center. May 12, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Call 262-3333.

Miscellaneous

Cheryl Tarkington May 11th. A musical venture from one who has been in Heartstrings, OnStage Atlanta and Atlanta Music Theatre. Charis Books & More, 419 Moreland Avenue. 7:30 p.m. 524-0304. Free.



Balkana, The Music of Bulgaria featuring the Trio Bulgarka and the Trakiiskata Troika. Dubbed "the most beautiful music on the planet", the rich polyphonic vocal music and drone harmonies of dance music of Bulgaria make for an incredible evening. Friday, May 12 at 8:30 p.m. CenterStage Theatre. 873-2500.



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Georgia Abortion Rights Action League (GARAL) will present two pro-choice videos, "Speaking Out" and "No Going Back" on Tuesday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. Intown YWCA, 957 North Highland Avenue. 377-2181.

Aisha Nanji Thursday, May 18. Discussing racism, Blackness and African-American history, this energetic woman also discusses her new book, *Black Celebrations: The First Book of Afro-American Holidays*. Charis Books & More, 419 Moreland Avenue. 7:30 p.m. 524-0304. Free.

Mr. Hotlanta '89 preliminary contest. Sunday, May 21 at Lipstix, 2329 Cheshire Bridge Road. 633-0452.

1,500 Years of the Church Blessing Gay & Lesbian Relationships Rev. John Boswell's videotape. May 26 at 7:30 p.m. All Saints Episcopal Church, 634 West Peachtree Street, N.E. Call 875-2720.

AIDS Vigil May 28, 1989. A memorial Candlelight Vigil at the Academy of Medicine. 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Music

Christine Lavin Thursday, May 11 at 8:30 p.m. "Avant-Folk" by one of the leaders in folk revival. Picasso's Performance Cafe, 515 North McDonough Street, Decatur. \$8-\$10. 377-7379.

Balkana May 12. 8:30 p.m. The enchanting and mysterious sounds of Bulgaria will be featured in this rich ethnic presentation. Center-Stage Theatre. \$12. Call 873-2500.

"Ain't Misbehavin'" May 13th (opening)-May 27th. The popular musical showcase revolving around the world of Fats Waller. The Buckhead Roxy, 3110 Roswell Road. For more information call 231-5811. Tickets from \$15.50 to \$18.50; available at all S.E.A.T.S. outlets.

A Mother's Day Musical Feast featuring The Lenox Squares and the Penelope Williams Trio. Sunday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. Jim Scott Pianos, 3412 Clairmont Road. \$5. 633-6372.

Nanci Griffith & The Blue Moon Orchestra May 19-20 at 8:30 p.m. The Queen of Folkabilly and her versatile, unique sound returns. Center-Stage Theatre. Tickets are \$15.00 Call 873-2500.

Photography

"Subjective Vision: The Lucinda W. Bunn Collection of Photographs" Through June 11. Over 70 photos celebrating photography's 150th anniversary. High Museum of Art, 1280 Peachtree Street. Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Wednesday til 9:00 p.m.; Sunday 12:00 noon-5:00 p.m. Closed Mondays. 892-HIGH.

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Sports

Hotlanta Softball League - Women's Division.

May 14
11 a.m. - Burkharts vs. Backstreet
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1:40 p.m. - Backstreet vs. Rumblefish
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4:20 p.m. - Sportspage vs. Armory
May 21
11:00 a.m. - Burkharts vs. Armory
12:20 p.m. - Backstreet vs. Tooluluh's
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3:00 p.m. - Backstreet vs. Tower Pub

4:20 p.m. - Tower Pub vs. Hotlanta Softball League - Men's Division.

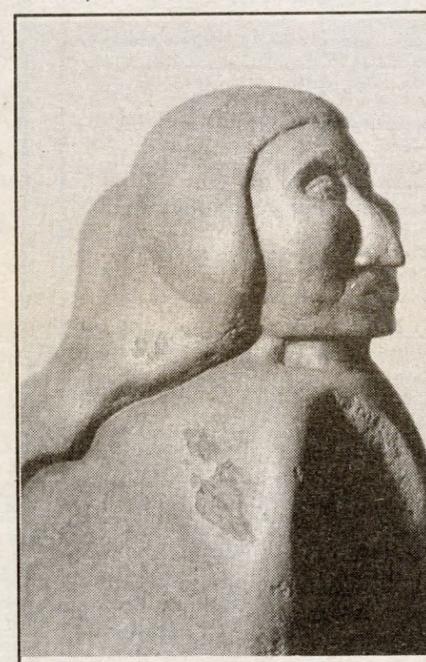
May 14
11:00 a.m. - Bulldogs vs. Blake's
12:20 p.m. - Armory vs. Bulldogs
1:40 p.m. - Blake's vs. Armory
3:00 p.m. - Moose/Etc. vs. Burkhart's
4:20 p.m. - Burkhart's vs. Lushpups
May 21
11:00 a.m. - Moose/Etc. vs. Armory
12:20 p.m. - Moose/Etc. vs. Lushpups
1:40 p.m. - Armory vs. Bass Ale
3:00 p.m. - Burkhart's vs. Bulldogs
4:20 p.m. - Bass Ale vs. Burkhart's
Hotlanta Volleyball - every Friday night from 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. at the Hellenic Center on Cheshire Bridge Road. The league is full with 8 teams but spectators are welcome. Clinics will be held soon for those interested in the Fall League. 633-0467.

Television

Moyers: A Second Look May 16 at 10:00 p.m. on Channel 8. Mortimer Adler - 20th Century philosopher, educator - speaks out on Aristotle, Marx, adult education and people from John Dewey to Gertrude Stein.

Big Time May 17 at 9:00 p.m. on Channel 8 A play on Yuppie-ism, starring Mia Sara (legend) and Adrian Pasdar (Near Dark and Top Gun).

TV Book Auction May 18 at 7:00 p.m. on Channel 30. More than 150 autographed books by Southern writers. First, limited and rare editions. Bid by phone. Call 321-6287 (Jewell Ketchin) for more information.



"Return of the Cherokee" by Grey Eagle, a fifth generation Cherokee stone carver working with native Georgia materials. Part of the exhibit "Calling the Directions: Native American Art from the Four Corners of North America" opening May 20 at Illumina Gallery, Clear Creek Center, 1529-D Piedmont Avenue. 875-7617.

Theatre

Heartache Heroine by Celeste Miller through May 20. Offers monologues, scenes, movements and music and a sad-eyed blonde. Seven Stages Theatre. 523-7647. \$10 plus tax.

W. C. Handy Blues Revue Through May 28. A "git-down" musical based on W. C. Handy, the Father of the Blues. Stars Donald Griffin and Bernadine Mitchell. Theatrical Outfit. 10th & Peachtree Streets. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. \$10. 634-6325.

Amadeus Through May 28. The big one about Mozart. Alliance Mainstage. \$12-\$26. Call 892-2414 for more information.

Three Postcards Through June 3. Follow the friendship of 3 with-it women in an upscale restaurant in this one-act musical. Academy Theatre. \$9-\$18. Call 892-0880.

Rain, Some Fish, No Elephants Through May 27. A futuristic (2155 A.D.) comedy featuring an Ozzie & Harriett-type family fighting "progress". Horizon Theatre, 1083 Austin Avenue. Call 584-7450.

A Southern Sampler. May 24-27. Alternate Roots, a regional coalition of Southeastern artists, ensembles and arts presenters will showcase original pieces. Featured Kent Whipple's *Survivors* - a young gay man flees his small hometown. For more information, call 577-1079. Picasso's Performance Cafe, Decatur.

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ACLU/LG-ACLU/Lesbian & Gay Chapter. 3rd Wednesday of each month. Peachtree Branch Library. 7:30 PM. Working for the civil rights of lesbians and gay men in the metropolitan Atlanta area. 231-5991.

ACT- Atlanta Couples Together. A non-political, non-religious, social organization whose purpose is to support the positive aspects of gay and lesbian relationships. Events and meetings vary. Info: A.C.T. Voice Mailbox, 365-2455, or write PO Box 723291, Atlanta, Ga., 30339.

ACT UP/Atlanta-AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power Direct action group with the purpose of fighting homophobia, AIDS, sexism and racism. Meetings held every Tuesday. 24-hr. info line - 286-6247. Outside Atlanta, call 800-342-7038 ext. 6247.

AFC- Atlanta Faerie Circle. 1st Sunday of each month. Location and time varies. Gay men who gather to support one another and explore their connections with the earth and white light. 622-4112.

AGC- Atlanta Gay Center. 876-5372. Operated primarily by volunteers, AGC offers services for lesbians and gays men as well as educational out-reach to society as a whole. AGC Help Line-892-0661.

AGMC- Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus. A semi-professional community-oriented chorus of male voices. Membership open to all interested singers and non-singers alike. 378-9676.

ALFA- Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance. 2nd Sunday of each month. 6:00 PM. A lesbian feminist organization which welcomes lesbians of all races, religions, political orientation, economic status, occupation and degree of openness. Write PO Box 5502, Atlanta, Ga. 30307 for more information and to request newsletter.

ALGPC- Atlanta Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee. 2nd Tuesday of each month. 7:30 PM. Unitarian Universalist Church. Needs volunteers to coordinate this year's lesbian and gay pride March to insure its success.

AMC- Atlanta March Committee- More Than a Phase. 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. 7:30 PM. North Highland Branch Library. A community based activist organization that works toward promoting lesbian and gay rights through educational, social, cultural, and political events. 377-8312.

AVS- Atlanta Venture Sports. Activities and meetings vary. An association in which the membership enjoys recreational, social, educational, and sports activities. 242-4899.

AID Atlanta- A community-based, non-profit agency providing multiple services to all people with AIDS, their families and friends, and education to everyone regarding the disease and its prevention. 1132 W. Peachtree St. (Entrance 13th Street). 872-0600.

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Atlanta Business & Professional Guild- A non-profit service organization comprised of both gay/lesbian and non-gay professionals and businesspersons. 2nd Tuesday of each month. Place varies. Membership and further information: 662-4202.

Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus- A community-oriented choral group of women's voices. Membership is open to all women interested in singing. Chorus practice held each Sunday, 6:00-8:30 PM at the First Existentialist Church at 470 Candler Park Dr. 355-8894 or 435-4498.

Atlanta Lambda Chorale- A community-oriented choral group for both men and women. Membership open to all singers and non-singers alike. Rehearsals every Tuesday at MCC-Blessed Redeemer, 800 N. Highland Ave. 7:30 PM. 874-1622.

BWMT- Black and White Men Together. 1st Saturday of each month. 8:00 PM. Location varies. A gay inter-racial organization committed to fostering a supportive environment wherein racial and cultural barriers can be overcome and the goal of human equality realized. 794-BWMT. Circle of Healing. 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. 4 PM. First Existentialist Church. The Circle is open to anyone in need of healing, be it physical, emotional, or spiritual.

CODA - Codependents Anonymous - Lambda. A 12-step program of recovery from codependency for gays and lesbians. Meetings Tues. & Wed. at 8:00 PM. For info and locations call: 239-1657.

Congregation Bet Haverim- Services 1st and 3rd Friday of each month at 8:30 PM. Shabbat Seder, 2nd Friday of each month at 7:30 PM. Quaker House, 1384 Fairview Dr. Proudly serving the lesbian and gay community. Synagogue information line: 642-3467.

ELGO- Emory Lesbian & Gay Organization. Meetings every Wed. at 7PM. Room 363E Dobbs University Center. Box 23515, Atlanta, Ga. 30322. 377-7421.

First MCC Atlanta- Metropolitan Community Church. Sunday Services at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM evangelistic service. Mid-week services on Wednesday at 7:30 PM. 800 N. Highland Ave. Office hours Noon-6:00 PM, Tuesday-Friday. A Christian church proclaiming God's love for lesbians and gay men. Counsel-ing available by appointment for individuals and couples. Same sex Holy Unions performed. 872-2246.

Fourth Tuesday- A networking organization for lesbian professionals and entrepreneurs, operating through monthly dinner meetings and a variety of special social, sports and educational events. P. O. Box 7817, Atlanta, GA 30309, 662-4353.

Friends Atlanta- Activities and meetings vary. A social, recreational, and educational group for gays and lesbians. Volleyball, bowling, dinners, theater nights, and dances are among the activities. 662-4501.

GALA- Gay Atheists of America. Meetings social in nature and at members' discretion. To assure freedom of speech; freedom from religion; to defend the separation of church and state; to assist in obtaining civil rights for gays and lesbians, and to offer non-believers an alternate social scene. 875-8877.

GALA- Georgia Tech Gay and Lesbian Alliance. Every Thursday at 7:30 PM. 676-1339 or 352-9213. GALA, Programs Area, GA Tech, Atlanta, GA 30332.

GANG - Greater Atlanta Naturist Group. For gay men who enjoy nude outdoor and social activities. Not a sex club. Nude camping, swimming, parties, etc. several times per month. For info send SASE to: GANG, PO Box 7546, Atlanta, GA 30357.

GAPAC- Greater Atlanta Political Awareness Coalition. Meetings vary. The gay and lesbian political action committee monitoring and acting in the local political scene. 885-0510.

GLPCI- Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International. 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. 7:30 PM. Unitarian Universalist Church. A support group for lesbian and gay parents. 296-8369.

The Group- Thursday nights. Call the Gay Help Line at 892-0661 or write PO Box 15191, Atlanta, Ga. 30333. A support group for gay and bisexual men who are or who have been involved in marital-type situations with women.

Hotlanta Volleyball- Serious and amateur players are welcome to join. Members compete in tournaments and regulation league play. Clinics held during the year to learn and practice new techniques. Call 875-0700 for info.

Integrity- Gay Caucus of the Episcopal Church. 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. 7:30 PM. All Saints Episcopal Church-3rd floor of Ellis Hall. 875-2720.

LAMP - The Living AIDS Memorial Park Project. Second Monday of every month. 7:30 PM. N. Highland Branch Library. For info: 874-3107 or 872-7568. Address correspondence to: LAMP, PO Box 301, 1579 F Monroe Drive, Atlanta, GA, 30324.

LEGAL- Legislate Equality for Gays and Lesbians. 3rd Monday of each month. 7:00 PM. Peachtree Branch Library. The voice of lesbian and gay Georgians in the Democratic party. 289-6358.

LIFE- Lesbians in Fun Endeavors. Meeting times and locations vary. Bringing professional gay women together for the fun of it, giving them the opportunity to make friends and enjoy a wide variety of events. 493-3966.

Lutherans Concerned/South Carolina- A society of gay, lesbian and non-gay Christians. All denominations welcome. We work to foster a climate of understanding, justice and reconciliation among all people. 3rd Sunday of each month. 4:00 PM. 728 Pickens St., Columbia, SC. Contact: PO Box 90537, Columbia, SC. 29290. (803) 732-0838.

MACGLO- Metro Atlanta Council of Gay and Lesbian Organizations. 3rd Thursday of each month. 7:00 PM. Peachtree Branch Library. A representative council of lesbian and gay organizations to facilitate the exchange of information. 242-2342.

MCC Southside- Serving the southside with positive Christian support for lesbians and gay men. 5:00 PM every Sunday. 575 Boulevard, SE. Office hours: Mon-Thurs. 10AM-Noon, and 1PM-4PM. 622-1154.

NAPWA- Atlanta Chapter of the National Association of People with AIDS. Regular meetings and events. 131 Ponce de Leon, Suite 233. A political, social, and educational organization confronting the AIDS crisis. Membership is open to all individuals with AIDS, ARC or who are HIV positive. 874-7926.

The Names Project/Atlanta- A National AIDS Memorial. Every Wednesday at 6:30 PM at All Saints Episcopal Church. Send correspondence to: 375 Georgia Ave., Atlanta, Ga. 30312.

P-FLAG- Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. 3rd Sunday of each month. 5-7 PM. Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Atlanta. Committed to help parents learn what we have learned. To help change attitudes and create an environment of understanding, so all gay people can live with dignity and respect. 961-6085 or 296-0830.

PLGC- Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns/More Light. 3rd Sunday of each month. Gays and lesbians gather over light foods to celebrate their Presbyterian heritage. 373-5830.

Palmetto Gay/Lesbian Association - A support, education and civil rights organization in S. Carolina. PO Box 10022, Federal Station, Greenville, S.C., 29603. 24-hr. switchboard - (803) 271-4207.

Pride of Peachtree - Atlanta's Lesbian & Gay Marching Band. Every Monday night 7:30PM-9:00PM at First MCC, 800 N. Highland Ave. Instrumentalists and colorguard still needed. For info call David at 434-7826 or Susan at 951-1591.

Project Open Hand - Prepares and serves meals to PWAs, PWARCs unable to do so themselves. Volunteers needed for organizing, kitchen and delivery. 248-1788.

SESA - The Southeastern Sports Alliance is a fundraising, awareness and organizer for sports and cultural events leading up to Celebration '90 Gay Games & Cultural Festival, Vancouver, British Columbia. 875-0700.

SAME- Southeastern Arts, Media & Education Project, Inc. Utilizes the arts and media as tools for exploration, education, and change in human rights, especially those pertaining to the lesbian and gay community. 584-2104.

WOW- Women of Wisdom. Usually every 3rd Monday of each month. 7:30 PM. North Highland Branch Library. Aims to facilitate women meeting together with other women in a pleasant atmosphere. Offers timely programs of interest to the community, reaches out to older women and women with special needs. 984-9929.

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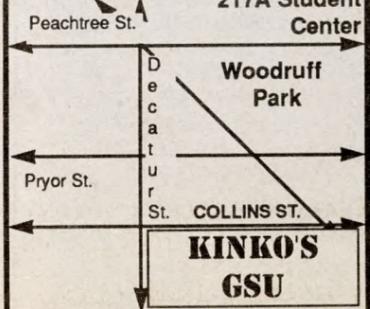
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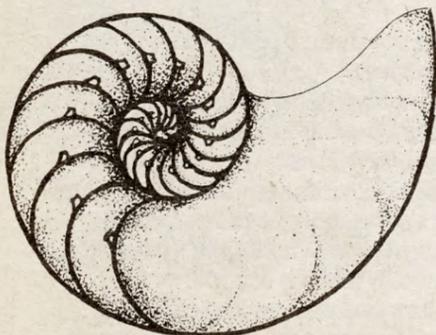
Kay Hagan on Feminist Theory and Internal Affairs

Having known Kay Hagan for a number of years I have seen her wear many hats and function in a variety of capacities—from Assistant Director of Forest Avenue Consortium (which developed into Nexus Contemporary Arts Center) to working as a partner at Charis Books—from poet to political speech writer—and finally as teacher, author, and publisher of feminist theory.

It is in this latter capacity that she has begun to garner a more widespread interest in her work across the country.

Her book, *Internal Affairs*, which was published by her own Escapadia Press in 1988, is based upon the work she has developed over the past eight years in her journal-keeping classes. In less than a year she has sold 3,500 copies of the book and attracted the unsolicited interest of a mainstream publishing company.

After leaving Charis in 1984, Hagan



began to devote her energies to developing a series of feminist theory-building classes she calls the "Feminar."

What she is most interested in exploring through these classes is the concept of internalized oppression and how it works regardless of who the oppressed group or person is. "What I'm trying to do," she says, "is to structure a way in a group setting where I help women first of all understand and learn how to identify areas of internalized oppression and begin to challenge those places."

According to Hagan's theory we all carry within us an internalized script made up of inner voices which echo the culture. "We absorb the messages of our oppression and self-hatred and those messages then come back to us in scripts which we believe."

"As a teacher," she continues, "I am interested in helping women create tools to challenge their internalized oppression. In my classes we do a lot of self-observation. I give weekly assignments that help women really look at themselves and see how they may be acting in ways that collude with the culture to oppress them."

For Hagan, self-awareness is the key. "Once I can identify the ways I participate in my own oppression," she states, "then I can make choices about changing various behaviors."

She realizes now that the material which she began teaching in her journal-keeping classes has become the foundation for what she is currently exploring in her classes on feminist thought and internalized oppression.

"Keeping a journal," Hagan observes, "is a conscientious and conscious way towards creating self-awareness and self-intimacy."

"In oppression," she says, "we are taught to hate ourselves and our collusion (with that system of oppression) comes from that self-hatred. We believe that we are less than, inferior, unworthy—whether that's

because we are women in a sexist culture, lesbians in a homophobic culture, or black in a racist culture. We learn to hate ourselves because we identify with the definitions of the oppressor. When we learn to love ourselves we don't take in those messages anymore and we begin to act with self-respect."

While the feminars are reserved for women only she has taught journal-keeping to all kinds of groups, from Episcopalian priests to radical separatist dykes. It's what she considers to be her "bridge-building" work.

There is a certain satisfaction in her voice when she says, "I'm a boundary spanner. I'm real interested in working with people in the mainstream, particularly with women in the mainstream who don't consider themselves at all activist or political."

As Hagan was completing her work on *Internal Affairs*, she realized that an even more radical adventure was in store for her and that was to begin documenting the feminist theory which was being generated in her Feminar classes. She came up with the brilliant idea of writing a series of essays entitled "Fugitive Information" and offering them to her audience on a subscription only basis. To date she has about 90 subscribers. She invites subscribers to respond to these "works-in-process" and plans to incorporate their responses in some way into the finished product.

By approaching the essays in this manner, it not only keeps her motivated to keep writing, but also breaks the isolation of writing theory, and affords her the opportunity to do some invigorating theory building with other women.

Her first essay in the series, "CODEPENDENCY AND THE MYTH OF RECOVERY—A feminist scrutiny," is based on a presentation she has been giving around the country for about two years. And the content is definitely as thought provoking as the title would lead you to believe.

"Basically what I'm saying in the essay," she explains, "is that we need to look at what we're calling codependency and compare it to the characteristics of internalized oppression. And that it's much more comfortable to call this syndrome codependency than it is to say that this is evidence of our internalized oppression. This is how oppressed people behave. Because when we name it as internalized oppression, then there is a call to action politically."

Hagan's critical approach to the terminology of codependency has been welcomed with a sense of relief by many women in her audiences who have felt that there has been something missing in their own treatment of codependency through 12-step programs which are modeled after the recovery program outlined in Alcoholics Anonymous. This is not to slight the benefits of such 12-step programs, especially with regard to substance abuse, only to say that there is a political component which must also be addressed before we can truly move beyond codependency.

Hagan chooses her words very carefully as she reflects on the material for her next essay—which will explore the wilderness of

intimacy.

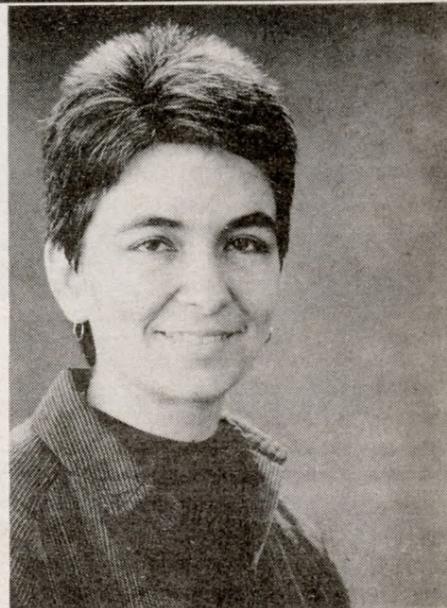
"I think we all have these different layers; we have this complexity of dominance and subordination, of being the oppressor on one hand and the oppressed on the other. As lesbians we have learned our models of how to be intimate from the heterosexual norm. What we are searching for is what we are calling the wilderness of a relationship between and among peers where power is equal.

"And what we are finding," she continues, "is that it is very difficult to even imagine, because our understanding of how to be intimate is really based upon dominance and subordination. And when you take that dynamic away, not only do you feel very uncomfortable, but you don't really feel like you're really connecting. Controlling another person is what we substitute for connection. And if you're not trying to control that person or you're not being controlled by that person, you don't really feel like you're connecting with them."

So, are you ready to sign up for your subscription or do you find these thoughts too unsettling to query any further?

Not to worry, because the kind of theory Hagan is teaching in her classes and through her writing is well-grounded in a sensitivity based upon her own personal growth.

In a very gentle, yet insistent way, she invites and challenges us to examine our core beliefs and to create a more empowering frame of reference in which to live our daily lives. And that I find to be



JOHN BUONO

Kay Hagan

very exciting.

Kay Hagan will be speaking May 11 at the Phoenix and Dragon Bookstore in Sandy Springs and will be conducting a one-day journal-keeping workshop on May 13 at the Northeast Intown YWCA. And if you're planning to attend the upcoming Southern Women's Music and Comedy Festival, she will be lecturing there on "The Wilderness of Intimacy" and also on "Journal-Keeping as a Revolutionary Act."

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Coming Out Isn't Always Easy

A friend of mine once shared the story of his first time ever making love with a man. The story is set in Paris at twilight in an elegant apartment overlooking a beautiful part of the city. The man is tall and dark and handsome. It is Springtime and the air is perfumed and balmy. The lovemaking is slow and tender and goes on half the night. You understand in my retelling why I stored this tale in my memory bank. It is as rare as roses in the snow.

My own story and those of most of the lesbians and gay men I know is opposite my friend's. Pain, guilt and remorse loom large in most gay sexual initiations. Coming out is for most of us a very difficult process. We are rarely prepared sexually or socially for what happens in those early months and years. Edmond White in his *States of Desire* says it takes at least a couple of years to learn the ins and outs of the gay lifestyle. Homosexuality is something we are likely born with and reckon with throughout our growing up years. Being gay or lesbian is a skill acquired through various initiations beginning with that moment when interest in our own kind can no longer be denied.

Coming out is often painful, confusing, dangerous and desperate. I was lucky to know an older gay man who asked little in return for his guidance. As a consequence, my traumas were somewhat softened. My friend, Kent, was there to clarify mysteries and help me through heartbreak. My gratitude for his many kindnesses can only be repaid in offering the same when I cross paths with someone beleaguered in their struggle to come out. As I said—I was lucky. Many of the stories I have heard of comings out are absolutely dismal. No wonder so many of us forget the pain and view coming out only as liberation. We forget the losses we suffered and offer little consolation to those whose embrace of their gay identity is costing them dearly.

One of the reasons I am so sure that lesbians and gay men are deeply and truly homophile is the price we pay and the risks we take to love against the social grain. In coming out we lose the future as we had fancied it. We lose tacit approval for our love choices and lifestyles from family, church and state. We may lose our homes, friends, jobs, children and civil liberties. The most profound loss is the loss of our old identity. In the closet we knew who we were. Out of the closet all we know initially is who we are not. Unfortunately, many lesbians and gay men get stuck in that place. They only know that they're not "normal."

Losing anything of importance necessitates grieving. Grieving the loss of identity, future prospects, and fitting into the status quo may involve considerable anger, fear and depression. These stages worked through with loving support bring us to a place of acceptance. Before we get to acceptance we go through our

own "dark night of the soul," "valley of the shadow" where our sense of who we are is shaken to the core. Many people find their way through this treacherous place only with assistance—a wise friend/teacher/mentor, a psychotherapist/support group/12 step program like AA/CODA/Alanon.

The hardest part of this piece of coming out is learning patience. We are victims of a widely held cultural belief that if we are not scoring high marks constantly we are losers, if we are waiting we are wasting time, that there is no value in confusion, that restraint is a sign of weakness. Someone who believes these things certainly has no time to log their dreams, meditate, read poetry or walk in the woods. These people know what they're not. They know what they're against. Whether they are straight or gay or in between they are characterized by a drivenness that produces little happiness inside them or around them. They are all too often judgmental, manipulative and mean spirited. Like a snake on the sidewalk they are best walked around.

When in our coming out we choose to live with uncertainty and learn patience the rewards stay with us for a lifetime. Slowly but surely we integrate the pieces of ourselves, keeping what is valuable, adding what is necessary. Living lives of integrity we honor ourselves and our community with our talents. Each of us has something unique to contribute. Because of our radical break with the traditions we grew up with we become family to each other. We are each other's teachers and students, lovers and beloved. We demonstrate as individuals and as a community the power of love to transcend ignorance, prejudice and violence. It is in our affirmation of our right to love who and how we choose that we give the world a gift of inestimable value: an awareness that love is not a product but a pathway. Those of us who choose to walk on that pathway will find our wholeness and share it over and over again in simple acts of courage, grace and beauty.

If you are coming out in 1989 you are faced both with AIDS and epidemic homophobic violence as well as with the progress of twenty years of lesbian and gay liberation since the Stonewall riots in 1969. Coming out is like holding hands with history. None of us is the first, none of us the last. Our love is older than Sappho. If you are coming out make a point of finding your lesbian and gay elders. They can't tell you what to do or how to be but they can give solace and demonstrate patience. If you are an old hand "in the life" be aware of your wisdom and find ways to offer it. You have a precious gift for those who seek it, the gift of a life polished by struggle and shining with a fierce love that penetrates illusion and illuminates the wisdom that we can only find by the way of our hearts.

— Franklin Abbott, LCSW

Thompson Gets 3K from HRCF



PATSY LYNCH

Washington, D.C. — The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) raised approximately \$3,000 at a crowded reception in the nation's Capital to help lesbian activist Karen Thompson retire her legal fees.

The reception, which featured Thompson and feminist Gloria Steinem, was held on the eve of the recent National March on Washington for Women's Equality, Women's Lives. About 250 supporters attended the reception held at HRCF board member Vin McCarthy's Washington law office, which dramatically overlooks the Washington Monument and White House.

Helping Thompson's legal battle is "one of the best investments we can make," said Steinem in one of her first speaking engagements during the historic Women's March weekend. "It's a horrendous and undeserved debt."

Thompson reported that her six-year court battle for proper care for her lover, Sharon Kowalski, and for legal recognition of their relationship has resulted in attorney fees of more than \$150,000. Thompson said rehabilitative therapy for Kowalski is making progress, especially since she has been allowed to visit and work with her.

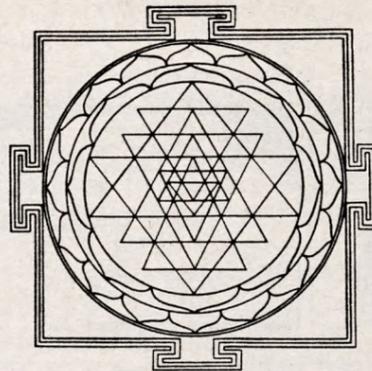
"We are extremely proud to support Karen and Sharon," said HRCF executive director Vic Basile. "They have shown all of us in the lesbian and gay community that strength, commitment and perseverance — against all odds — will triumph over homophobia and unfairness."

For more information or to make a contribution to Karen Thompson's battle, contact the National Committee to Free Sharon Kowalski, 1725 17th Street, NW, Rm. 515, Washington, DC, 20009, or call (202) 667-3415.

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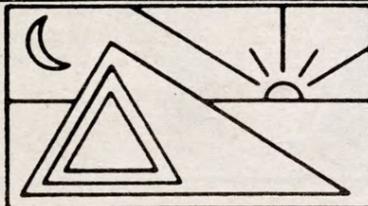
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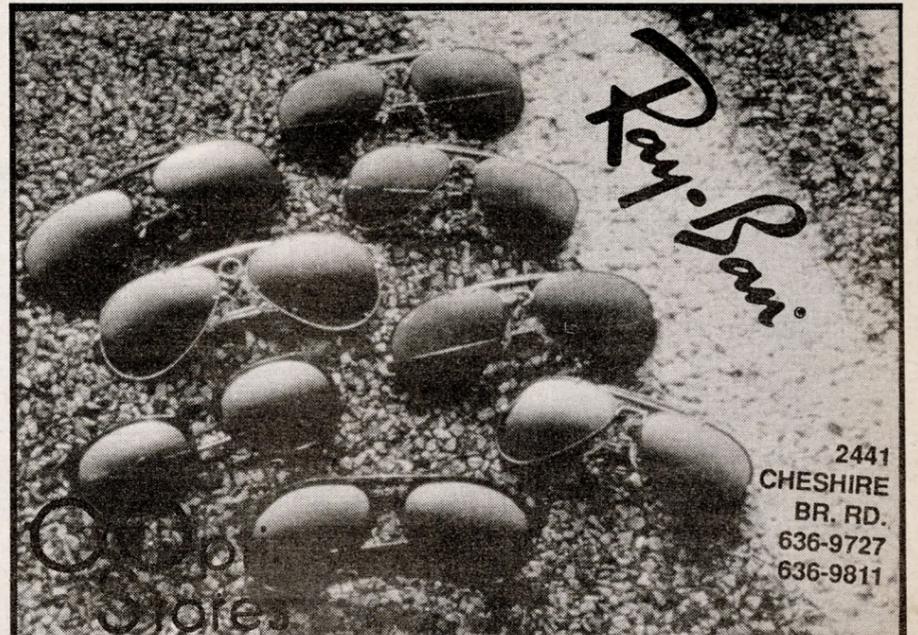
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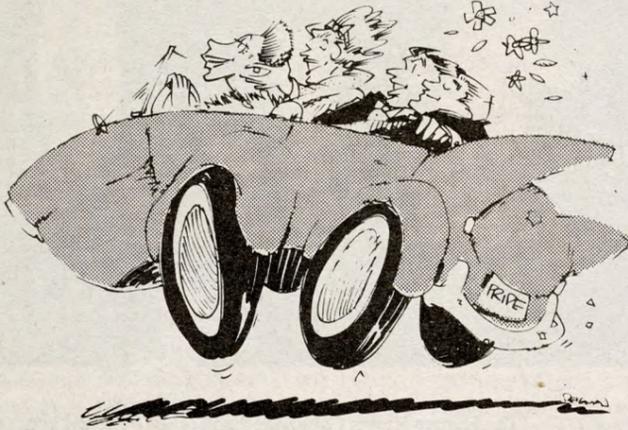
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ARIES - You may have more emphasis on relatives, neighbors and personal communications during the next two weeks. With Mercury going retrograde on the 12th, be sure telephone messages are understood and mail your bills early.

TAURUS - Finances and material resources are highlighted as well as personal values. Re-evaluate your investments and pay off some debts. Clean out the closets and have a yard sale to make room for new and more useful things.

GEMINI - As you approach your birthday, clear up any misunderstandings with relatives and do some emotional housecleaning. Buried hurts and anger are not resolved, just temporarily hidden.

CANCER - New and different people may enter your life, so don't be too shy. Spend more time with friends and give your social life a boost if you have been working too hard lately.

LEO - This is your opportunity to network and contribute your talents to the community, so include some volunteer work in your schedule. Also, be sure you are eating well and getting enough sleep.

VIRGO - You may have a busy few weeks at work, so be patient, it

should calm down. Try to plan some fun time for yourself or do something creative for a change of pace.

LIBRA - If you've been thinking about taking a trip or a class to expand your horizons, this is a good time. Shake off the worries and trust your internal process and truth.

SCORPIO - You may be involved with family finances or inheritances at this time, so try to keep a cool head if problems arise. Also give yourself time for reflection and meditation to renew your own spirit.

SAGITTARIUS - Try not to overdo at work and make time for your significant other as well as close friends or business partners. You also may want to expand or improve your professional skills with a workshop or seminar.

CAPRICORN - Your close relationships may require more attention at the same time your responsibilities at work increase. Try to stay centered in the midst of any craziness and keep your sense of humor handy.

AQUARIUS - More internal changes ahead, so you may need quiet time to adjust. Also a good time to clean up and fix up at home and allow your creativity to emerge.

PISCES - If you feel a little down or overwhelmed by the world, it may be time to retreat to the beach or your favorite lake to regenerate. Tune into nature for a few days.

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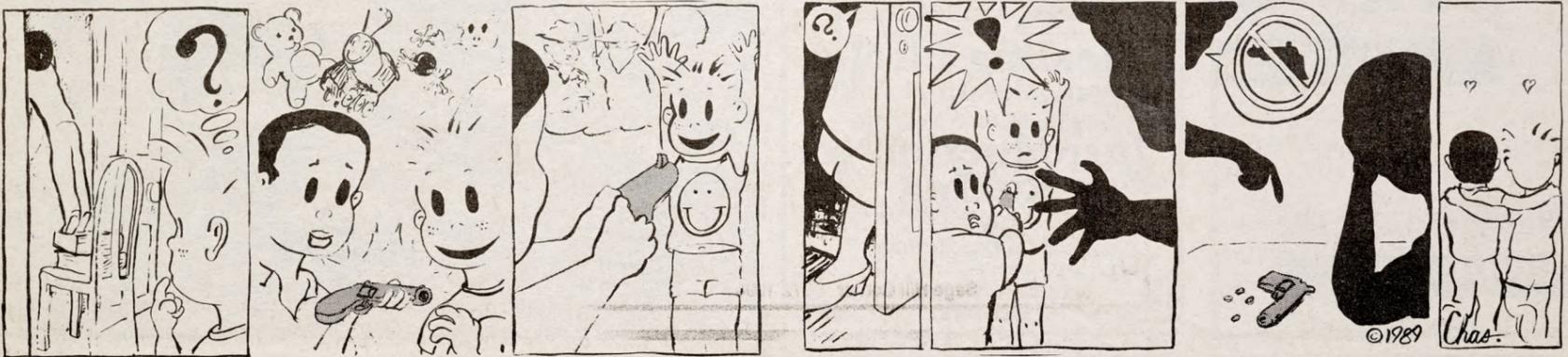
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Dykes to Watch Out For



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'89 Women's Music Festivals

Here is a chronological listing of festivals in the months to come—including locations, dates, performers, and how to find out more—based on information available at press time:

- **WomonGathering.** Near Oxford, Pennsylvania, May 19-21: Nurudafina Pili Abena, Z Budapest, Morgana Davies, Diane Hatfield, Jade, Amylee, Lynnie Levy, Patricia Monahan, Muff Morfield, Billie Potts, Diane Stein, Edwina Lee Tyler, Barbara Warmock, Yanyiah Pathfinder Pearson, Womonson Feminist Choir, Eclipse with Mary Anne Ead, Garbo, Beverly LittleThunder with Charlene O'Rourke, Susan Mund, Amoja Threerivers, Branch Jackson. For info: Write WomonGathering, RR3, Box 185, Franklinville, NJ 08322.

- **Campfest.** Near Oxford, Pennsylvania, May 25-29: Amethyst, Bobbie Carmitchell, Deidre McCalla, Faith Petric, Woody Simmons, Good Hands Square Dance Band, Mary Gemini, Melanie Monsour, Robin Flower and Libby McLaren, Sandra Washington as emcee, Suede, Womansound Feminist Choir, comedian Monica Grant, Gahade, Nancy Hill, Exit 154, Glastonbury, Erica Wheeler. For info: Write Campfest, RR3, Box 185, Franklinville, NJ 08322.

- **WimminFest '89.** Albuquerque, New Mexico, May 26-28: Dianne Davidson and Band, Sue Fink, Lichi Fuentes and Altazor, Faith Nolan, rhiannon, Cherrie Moraga, Toshi Reagon and Band, Linda Tillery and Band, Lucy Blue Tremblay, and Karen Williams. For more information write 2101 Altez NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112. 505-296-0949.

- **National Women's Music Festival.** Bloomington, Indiana, June 1-4: Kay Gardner, Woody Simmons, Robin Tyler, Edwina Lee Tyler and a Piece of the World, Faith Nolan, The Dance Brigade, Robin Flower and Libby McLaren, Mary Watkins, Pat Parker, Nancy Vogl, Sue Fink and Band. On the Day Stage: Monica Grant, Jane Winslow, Tandre, Tanya Shaffer as Miss America's Daughters with LauraMichele, Nancy Hill, SDiane Bogus, Amethyst, and Sue Fink as emcee. Thursday night homecoming dance features the Fabulous Dyketones. Thursday intensive workshops will be conducted by Amylee, Z Budapest, Kay Gardner, Sonia Johnson, Phyllis Lyon & Dell Martin, Louise Rafkin, Betsy Rose, Terri Jewell, and Kay Leigh Hagan.

- **Southern Women's Music and Comedy Festival.** Held outside of Cleveland, Georgia, May 25-29: Lucie Blue Tremblay, Diedre McCalla, Connie Kaldor, Alix Dobkin, the Washington Sisters, The Ruby Slipper, Laura Burgson, Dawn Marie, The Dance Brigade, Sensible Pumps, Dyketones, Stafford Street Sisters, Real World String Band, Robin Tyler, Lynn Lavner, Lea DeLaria, Monica Grant, Renee

Hicks, Karen Ripley, Marily Pittman. Speakers include Sonia Johnson, Charlotte Bunch, Kay Leigh Hagan, Sarah Hoagland, Karen Thompson, Hillary Rosen, Urvashi Vaid, Mandy Carter, Michelle Crone. For more information write: 15842 Chase Street, Sepulveda, CA 91343 or call 818-893-7185.

- **West Coast Women's Music and Comedy Festival.** Aug. 31-Sept. 4. Performers include Cris Williamson, Tret Fure, and many others. (Look for update in next month's *Outlines*.) For more info: 15842 Chase Street, Sepulveda, CA 91343 or call 818-893-7185.

- **Michigan Womyn's Music Festival.** Hart, Mich., Aug. 9-13. *Wednesday* Acoustic Stage: Judge Narita's One woman show. *Thursday* Day Stage: Ova, Jennifer Berezan, The Stafford Street Sisters. Acoustic Stage: Jane's Aire, Margaret Sloan-Hunter, Carolyn Ritt Trio. Night Stage: Libana, Vicki Randle, Toshi Reagon. *Friday* Day Stage: Mahinaarangi Tocker, Disappear Fear, The Blazing Redheads. Acoustic Stage: Over Our Heads, Klez-mey-dlekh, Jude Narita. Night Stage: Dianne Davidson, Casselberry-DuPree, Lorraine Segato. *Saturday* Day Stage: Robin Flower & Libby McLaren, Julie Homi, Edwina Lee Tyler and a Piece of the World. Acoustic Stage: Mimi Fox, Pat Parker, Dance Brigade, Kay Gardner & Sunwomyn Ensemble. Night Stage: BETTY, Teresa Tull & Cris Williamson, Laura Nyro. *Sunday* Day Stage: Ruth Pelham, Altazor, Ladygourd Sangoma. Acoustic Stage: Allowyn Price and the Gospel Choir, Cathjerine Roma with the festival chorus, and Sharon Still with the festival concert band. Night Stage: Katari Taiko, Blue Rose, Ferron. *Wednesday Intensive Workshops:* Nurudafina Pili Abena, Amylee, Z Budapest, Liza Cowen, Vicky Dodd, Robin Flower, Ft. Wayne Dance Collective, hattie gossett, Kay Leigh Hagan, Pat Henry, Sarah Hoagland, Sonia Johnson, Katari Taiko, Molly Martin, Murf and Barbara, Libby McLaren, Joan Nelson, Over Our Heads, Pat Parker, Billie Potts, Allowyn Price, Catherine Roma, Margaret Sloan-Hunter, Sidney Spinster, Diane Stein, Sharon Still, Mahinaarangi Tocker. *Deadlines* for reduced rate requests: June 16. Dart/RV permit request: July 10. Dart reservations: July 15. Advanced tickets, childcare: July 22. WWTMC, P.O. Box 22, Walhalla, MI 49458. 616-757-4766.



Bid Goodbye to Alex Keaton and Opus the Penguin

Some of America's favorite caricatures are about to step out of the limelight. After seven years as the role model for young Republicans and aspiring conservative teenagers, Alex P. Keaton is calling it quits. Also leaving America with an empty hole on Sunday Nights will be the rest of Alex's family. The hugely successful comedy show *Family Ties* will have its final episode on May 14, with Alex fulfilling his dream of landing a job on Wall Street. The emptiness on Sundays will start before prime time, though. The creator of Bloom County has announced he will stop drawing his Pulitzer Prize winning cartoon. Cartoonist Berke Breathed said Opus the Penguin and his friends and fears go away this August because "a good cartoon is no more eternal than a ripe melon".

Still Bette After All These Years!

Legends of the Silver Screen gathered at New York's Lincoln Center to honor one of their own, Bette Davis. At a tribute late last month, the once-queen of Hollywood appeared before her peers after clips from dozens of her films were shown. The gathering suddenly broke into spontaneous hissing when a clip from *Dark Victory* brought to the screen Ronald Reagan in the role of a playboy. Later in the evening Miss Davis came to the stage to accept the Lincoln Center Film Society's award. In her ankle-length black dress with matching black hat, she gazed at the applauding audience and proclaimed "What a Dump".

A Change in Ripley's

One of television's most notorious homophobes has announced he is mending his ways. Believe it or not, Morton Downey, Jr. has promised to stop attacking gays on his shows. Downey, the king of trash TV, says he is now in therapy, trying to deal with painful childhood experiences. The syndicated talk-show host who has a gay brother with AIDS, says he was molested by a male doctor when he was 12, causing his hostility against gays. Now, however, he claims he wants to help people understand homosexuality better. Who said miracles don't happen?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The current issue of Pyramid Periodicals, the Provocative Quarterly for Gay People of Color, is on the stands. It features new, exciting, and courageous work, including poetry by well known poet and activist, Craig G. Harris, comment by Buy-Mark Foster, III, and short fiction by Lebanese writer Maha Ofeish. Ask for the Pyramid Periodical at your local gay bookstore. It is also available by mail for \$3.95 plus \$.50 postage and handling. The Pyramid Periodical is also accepting submissions for its next issue, deadline is May 15, 1989. Send all queries to Pyramid Periodicals, P.O. Box 1111, Canal Street Station, New York, NY 10013. (V2#6)

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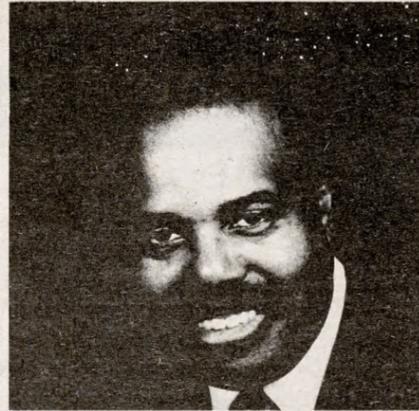
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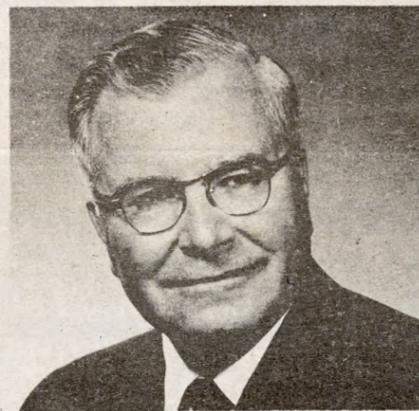
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