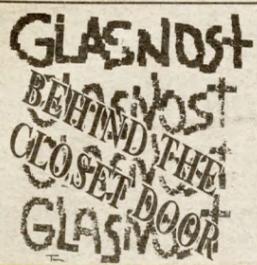


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Happy New Year

Welcome to the Gay 90's

They're finally here – the gay 90's! The decade that, at least in name, is ours. What changes will we see and what preparations can we make to ensure that the Gay 90's are the best yet for the gay and lesbian community? We wish we had the answers, but nobody can predict the future. Instead, what we would like to offer are a few suggestions for a better and happier decade.

- **Safe sex** – Our community continues to be hit hard by AIDS. Although we have educated ourselves, and are taking precautions, we must not be lulled by the complacency of our past and present presidential administrations into believing that AIDS does not exist.
- **Politics** – Get involved, stay involved – on a local level and on the national level. Believe it or not, politicians listen, especially if we are consistent and vocal. You can make a difference. With the increase in violence against us, your life may depend on it.
- **Personal power** – The best thing you can do for yourself, and for those you love, is to take care of yourself – physically, emotionally and spiritually. Do what you need to do to feel alive, vital and worthwhile.

And what could possibly ring in the Gay 90's with more fun and pizzazz than three of the most glamorous "show-girls" in the Southeast? Special thanks to our cover models (l-r) Leah Stetson, Amber Richards, and Lauren Michaels.

Leah, currently a model with Brushstrokes and the holder of a B.S. in Engineering is a relative newcomer to female impersonation. Though not yet a veteran, she has placed well in several pageants and has developed her own identifying slogan – "Don't let queers drive drunk!"

Amber's talents as a comedian have apparently grown right along with her famous impersonations during 11 years of work in the entertainment industry. The winner of national and international titles doesn't make New Year's resolutions, because she knows she won't keep them.

Lauren's message for the New Year cuts to the heart of gay and lesbian life – "Stop being so judgmental of each other... give people a break and take care of yourself." She adds a note of thanks to Blake's for their sponsorship.

We would also like to thank Portraits and More for their work, and The Party Station for their set design.

Our thanks to everyone!



L.A. Gay Officers Charge Harassment

Two Los Angeles police officers joined a lawsuit which charges the Los Angeles Police Department of harassing officers suspected of being gay, reports the *San Francisco Sentinel*. The plaintiffs also hope to secure a protective order preventing future harassment of potential witnesses.

A five-year police veteran spoke with her back to cameras at a press conference as she revealed what led her to join the lawsuit. The veteran explained that she had heard other officers say they would not back up another officer who was gay.

That officer is Mitch Grobeson who filed his suit, charging that he was hounded out of the police department.

Another officer who describes himself as a twelve-year veteran who has been "harassed, ridiculed and discriminated against because of the 'perception' that he is gay."

The American Civil Liberties Union and a gay and lesbian law enforcement association, the Golden State Police Officers Association, is also joining the suit.

Statements by LA Police Chief Daryl Gates include, "homosexuals are evil, and they do evil."

Assistant Chief Robert Vernon allegedly stated that "the hiring of homosexuals as police officers is repulsive to nearly all persons...Homosexual acts are inherently immoral, abnormal and criminal..." and that "homosexuals have a corrosive influence upon their fellow employees because they attempt to entice normal individuals to engage in perverted sex practices."

Attorney Dan Stomer said "these statements reveal the bigotry and prejudice that exists at the highest levels of the Los Angeles Police Department."

Lesbians Allowed to Adopt HIV Child

A recent article in *The San Francisco Sentinel* reported that attorneys for the National Center for Lesbian Rights were victorious in convincing courts to override the Department of Social Service's adoption policy which refuses to grant joint adoption to any unmarried couple, straight or gay. A DSS spokesperson pointed out that "the existing adoption laws require that one primary person have legal responsibility for the child."

Millie Jessen and Sue Pavlik were trying to adopt HIV positive Erick who had been under their foster care for several years, but the couple did not receive an answer for several months after their request. "They just sat on the decision," said Jessen, "...they didn't want to be the bad guy, but they were bound by existing policies."

The women were awarded joint custody of two-year-old Eric when the court overruled the DSS. Roberta Achtenberg, executive director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, said she had to persuade the judge to override the DDS by pointing out that the court needed to consider the specifics of Eric's case to truly decide what was in the best interest of the child. "I don't believe the judge awarded a joint adoption because the child has AIDS," said Achtenberg, "but I did have to do much less persuading...when I pointed out the child's special circumstances." Two-and-a-half-year-old Eric is presently thriving under treatment with AZT and i.v. pentamidine.

"A lot of gays and lesbians think that this battle doesn't have anything to do with them, but what we are really struggling for is the validity of our relationships, not just for parents, but for everyone," Achtenberg said.

20-Yr Old Sodomy Conviction Dropped

New York—A New York State trial court on December 1 vacated the guilty plea of a man arrested and convicted in 1969 under statutes since declared unconstitutional in New York.

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund represents "John Doe," a New Yorker arrested for the first and only time in March, 1969 for the so-called crime of "consensual sodomy." Several years ago, the Court of Appeals, New York State's highest court, found this statute unconstitutional because it violated constitutional rights to privacy and equal protection.

Twenty years after his arrest, Mr. Doe's conviction resurfaced when his job required he move to a foreign country.

"This case illustrates the continuing and very real harms that consensual 'sodomy' laws and related statutes pose to the gay community, even when they've later been overturned," said Evan Wolfson, the Lambda staff attorney who handled the case.

Ultimately, the prosecutor's office agreed to vacate Doe's conviction and seal the record.

In addition to its efforts to overturn existing sodomy laws, Lambda will direct its attention to obtaining similar cooperation from prosecutors and courts in New York and other states that have reformed their consensual sodomy laws either through legislation or by court order.

Ireland Must Repeal Anti-Gay Law

by John Hubert

The European Court of Human Rights has ordered the Republic of Ireland to rescind its laws penalizing homosexual acts because they constitute a violation of the European Convention on Human Rights. A panel of 14 judges from different European countries heard the case. Six of the 14 judges (from Greece, Turkey, Austria, Ireland, West Germany, and Spain) dissented from the majority judgment.

According to Irish law, "buggery" carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment, and "acts of gross indecency between male persons" a sentence of two years imprisonment.

The Court commented that, "Although persons who regard homosexuality as immoral may be offended by private homosexual acts, this cannot on its own warrant the application of penal sanctions when only consenting adults are involved".

The decision of the European Court is final, and the effect is that the laws must be changed. This process will be monitored by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. This decision, after six years of litigation, may mean that Cyprus, the only other country in the Council of Europe which imposes a total ban on homosexual acts, may now be forced to repeal their anti-homosexual laws.

Irish gay activists are concerned that the Irish Parliament will delay introducing the necessary legislation to comply with the European Court decision and are asking for letters from outside the country to pressure the government to speed up the process. Write to Prime Minister Charles Haughey, Government Palace, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin 2, Ireland.

For those interested in corresponding with Irish lesbians and gays, you can write to the National Gay Federation (NGF), Post Office Box 931, Dublin 4, Ireland.

Lesbian Archivist Hampton Dies at 87

At age 87, Mabel Hampton, an Afro-American lesbian activist, died of pneumonia, as reported by the December *Gay People's Chronicle*. Hampton played a major role in founding the Lesbian Herstory Archives.

Hampton was featured in several films and television programs such as *Before Stonewall: The Making of the Gay and Lesbian Community*. The program documented her involvement in the Harlem Renaissance and in gay life before the 1970's.

Hampton's life partner from 1937 was Lillian Foster who died in 1978.

Donations in her memory can be sent to the Lesbian Herstory Educational Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 1258, New York, NY 10116, and to Senior Action in a Gay Environment (SAGE), 208 West 13th St., New York, NY 10011.

Massachusetts Gay Law Will Stick

Supporters of the Massachusetts Gay Rights Law, which was signed on November 15 by Governor Dukakis, claimed a major victory when Attorney General James Shannon ruled that the attempt to place the statute on the ballot for repeal in 1990 was unconstitutional.

Shannon released a statement on December 7 that declared that the gay rights law could not be subject to the referendum process because it includes language which exempts religious institutions from its provisions.

David LaFontaine, Lobbying Director for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights, said, "We were very confident that we could have beaten back the repeal attempt, but we would much prefer concentrating our energies toward moving forward. Overturning the discriminating foster care policy, for instance, may now become top priority."

The effort to repeal the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Rights Law is being spearheaded by Senator Ed Kirby, former Governor John Volpe and an organization named Family First.

The gay rights bill was first filed in 1973 and was finally signed into law several weeks ago.

thirtysomething Gay Episode Turns Off Some Sponsors

In a recent article in *The Washington Blade*, it was reported that about half of the sponsors for *thirtysomething* pulled out at the last minute after it was announced that the episode would show two gay male characters in bed together. The network lost \$1.5 million in ad revenue. Some of the time was sold to other advertisers at a lower rate than the original one.

Executive producer, Marshall Herskovitz said he doubts that the incident concerning the show will have any lasting effect since the same companies which pulled out on the show will advertise for future shows.

Network officials are reportedly supportive of using the gay character Russell, played by David Marshall Grant.

Herskovitz was surprised by the opposition. He said "I didn't realize that there was still this much entrenched opposition to the very idea of homosexuality. As a culture, I thought we were further along than that."

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Sutton Pushes For Hate Crimes Protections in DeKalb County

by Chris Duncan

DeKalb County Commissioner Sherry Sutton introduced the strongest hate crimes legislation yet in the state of Georgia on Dec. 12. Her ordinance, if passed, will mandate a minimum sentence of 60 days and a fine of \$500 for those convicted of malicious harassment in the metro Atlanta county.

Admired for many years by activists in the metropolitan area for her support of gay rights, Sutton called the ordinance her "Christmas card to the community."

The crime of malicious harassment has been adopted by cities all over the country in the past few years as they struggle to address crimes motivated by hatred toward an individual's actual or perceived status in society - so-called hate crimes. Sutton's ordinance specifically addresses crimes committed against individuals because of their "race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, creed, national origin, color, marital status, physical or mental disability, or infection with the human immunodeficiency virus."

Although Sutton said she didn't realize that her ordinance "would be the first one in Georgia," she doesn't believe that she will have much trouble getting it passed.

"I believe we're going to pass it," Sutton said. "There's nothing controversial about it. We're just protecting DeKalb citizens and that's what we're supposed to be all about."

The commissioner has received some negative response to the ordinance from voters, but she said that they were mostly offended by the racial protections in the bill.

"They don't get to the homosexual part," Sutton said, "they just get to the race part and call up and ask 'When are you going to do



DeKalb Co. Commissioner Sherry Sutton

something to protect white people?."

Anticipating some negative reaction from conservative factions in the county, Sutton stressed the importance of citizens calling upon other commissioners to lobby for their support of her ordinance. Those in DeKalb County who do not know how to get in touch with their commissioner can call 371-2881 for more information.

Sutton said that her ordinance will be before the full commission by sometime in mid-January, but added that "depending on how much community support I get, we might just go ahead ... and take it in and get it passed."

Hate Crimes Act Moving Despite Helms

Senator Nunn signs on as co-sponsor

by Cliff O'Neill

The newspaper ad was, in no uncertain terms, less than flattering. In big letters superimposed over a photograph of a crime scene it read: "Why Is Senator Helms Soft On Crime?"

Senator Helms was not amused.

The full-page advertisements, placed in two prominent North Carolina newspapers and one Capitol Hill weekly this past fall, accused Senator Jesse A. Helms, the fire-and-brimstone conservative from the Tar Heel State and the self-appointed guardian of the public morality, of condoning certain types of crime and of tolerating hatred.

An issue was, and continues to be, the Hate Crimes Statistics Act (S. 419/H.R. 1048), a bill which would order the U.S. Department of Justice to collect statistics on crimes motivated by bias based on race, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation. Although the bill passed the House this past summer with overwhelming bipartisan support, in the Senate, where the bill passed through its requisite committees months before the House even got to it, action has come to a standstill. Why?

Helms doesn't like it.

And that's just what the ads said. Paid for by the liberal organization People for the American Way, the attack spots were intended to discredit Helms on his home turf just as his 1990 reelection race was getting underway. Also, they were intended to break a roadblock Helms had placed on the bill.

Although the bill has been awaiting floor time for several months, Helms had managed to stop the bill by refusing to consent to a time agreement with Sen. Paul Simon (D-Ill.), the

bill's lead sponsor. Without such an agreement, the bill's supporters had feared that Helms would filibuster the bill. As it takes 60 senators to sign a cloture petition to break a filibuster, it seemed that a Helms filibuster would kill the bill.

First Helms blamed the ads on the "homosexual lobby." Then, according to the *Raleigh News and Observer*, Helms used them in his fundraising materials.

Copies of the ads were sent out with no discussion of the hate crimes issue. "[T]hese left-wing radicals despise the traditional values Jesse holds dear," the letter read. Helms 1990 race, the letter said, "could be won or lost in the next few weeks depending on whether or not we can stand up to their beat-Helms blitz."

Bowing to the resulting bad publicity over the ads, Helms then said he would be happy to submit to a time agreement on the bill. But on his terms.

Helms has planned to introduce an amendment to the bill which would declare the "homosexual political movement" a threat to the family; put the Senate on record as being against any future gay and lesbian rights bill; encourage the enforcement of state sodomy laws; and ban gay-positive materials in public schools. As part of Helms' time agreement proposal, no "second degree" amendments limiting the scope of his rider would be allowed, nor could his amendment be tabled.

Supporters of the bill did not find that acceptable. They decided to try a different strategy. They would try to win the hard way.

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Opposition into Opportunity: NGLTF at Sixteen

by Jim Marks

According to pioneering D.C. gay rights activist Frank Kameny, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) was born out of frustration, crisis and a sense of opportunity.

In the fall of 1973, the long fought battle to force the American Psychological Association to remove homosexuality from its list of mental disorders was nearing a successful conclusion. But New York's Gay Activists Alliance, which had spearheaded the effort, was tearing itself apart, its energy consumed in endless wrangling over procedure.

In early November, Kameny recalls, "I got a phone call on short notice from GAA president Bruce Voeller, asking me to come to New York." November 15, at a hastily arranged news conference, Kameny and Philadelphia lesbian activist Barbara Gittings joined Voeller and four other New Yorkers, including Dr. Howard Brown (at that time the highest public official ever to come out) and the historian Martin Duberman, in announcing the formation of the National Gay Task Force (changed to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in November 1985), the first national gay political organization.

Exactly one month later, December 15, the APA board of trustees voted to declassify homosexuality—a decision NGLTF lists as its first major victory.

It is a measure of the newness of the gay community that its oldest political organization is a mere adolescent, turning 16 this fall. From the original seven people, the organization has grown to 14,000 paid members, with a budget approaching \$1,000,000 a year.

Indications are that NGLTF, like much of the gay movement, is entering a period of maturity and stability. While there will no doubt be future stresses, the continued survival and growth of NGLTF is one sign that the revolution begun with the Stonewall rebellion twenty years ago has been institutionalized. For better or worse, a band of radicals, outlaws and street activists have created a gay civil society which, while less dramatic, has a good chance of lasting.

Certainly, NGLTF's youth didn't lack drama. One of the most significant moments came in 1982, when the organization was shaken by a power struggle between co-chairs Lucia Valeska and Charlie Brydon. First, Valeska succeeded in forcing Brydon from the organization's leadership. Then, at what Kameny recalls as a "stormy" board meeting, Valeska was asked to resign because of what Kameny delicately describes as "the poor quality" of her work.

In Valeska's successor, Virginia M. "Ginny" Apuzzo, NGLTF found perhaps the only truly



PATSY LYNCH

Virginia M. "Ginny" Apuzzo

charismatic leader the modern gay movement has so far produced. Apuzzo crisscrossed the country speaking to gay groups. She debated Moral Majority leader Jerry Falwell on national TV. And she placed NGLTF squarely in the forefront of the fight against AIDS, becoming the first gay representative to meet with U.S. Public Health head Edward Brandt in the summer of 1983.

Apuzzo's leadership gifts, however, were not matched by institution building talents. When she left NGLTF to join New York Governor Mario Cuomo's administration in 1985, NGLTF soon found itself in its worst crisis ever.

Since 1983, Jeff Levi had been NGLTF's Washington point man in D.C., primarily dealing with AIDS. After Apuzzo's departure, Levi shared responsibility for the organization with Rosemary Kuropat, who took over the New York headquarters as director of administration. The resulting two headed, schizoid organism nearly committed suicide in March of 1986, when Kuropat noisily resigned, charging NGLTF's board lacked "sound business practices" and attacking Levi as a poor manager.

Fortunately for the organization, Ms. Kuropat prove to be wrong about Levi's managerial skills. NGLTF not only survived the move to Washington, it thrived, paying off the "hopeless" debt in little more than a year. This was mostly due to Levi's role in the creation of an AIDS policy and lobbying structure.

Even if Randy Shiels' *And the Band Played On* had covered the role gay organizations played in mobilizing to fight the AIDS epidemic, Levi might still not have received the notice he deserved. At a Capitol Hill congressional hearing on AIDS, Levi would be seen at the back of the room chatting with, say, CDC director Dr.



JIM MARKS

Jeff Levi with Dr. James Mason

James Mason, and not at the table under the lights testifying. But during the behind-the-scenes arranging that goes on before Washington stages its political shows, Levi had been consulted many times, finding witnesses, suggesting testimony, talking to reporters and generally making sure, as he puts it "the right things got said."

Levi and NGLTF started the AIDS Action Council to provide, in Vaid's words, "a non-gay identified organization" to take the lead in AIDS lobbying. Meeting together the second Monday of every month, Levi and four others stitched together NORA (National Organizations Responding to AIDS), the coalition of around 140 organizations that now lobbies on AIDS policy. In Washington, if you don't have the numbers—and NGLTF's 10,000 plus and growing members were nothing next to Jesse Helms' millions—you've got to have allies.

And Apuzzo taught Levi, as he puts it, "to give good copy." In one memorable exchange, he informed Senator Strom Thurmond that gays aren't interested in being "converted": "we think we are like other people," Levi replied. The *New York Times* found the exchange worth reprinting. During the March on Washington in 1987, he was a National Press Club luncheon speaker, where he informed the capitol's assembled journalists that in the future gays would be looking for ways not only to get government to "protect our rights, but affirm our relationships."

And NGLTF survived because, despite the turmoil, it established programs that have a real connection to where gay people actually live. Take the anti-violence project, run by Kevin Berrill. The project began in 1982 as a crisis hotline in the New York office. Lucia Valeska

UP CLOSE:

Urvashi Vaid

by Jim Marks

On the evening of October 6, after the NGLTF National Town Meeting on AIDS in Washington, D.C., Urvashi Vaid and a dozen ravenous gay activists commandeered a table outside an Italian restaurant. "Someone went in and saw Judge Bork," Ronald Reagan's rejected Supreme Court nominee, Vaid recalls.

"Everyone agreed we should do something, but we couldn't agree on a tactic. While the discussion on confronting the right wing jurist continued, Bork walked out of the restaurant.

"There being no consensus, I seized control," Vaid says. "I stood up, stuck my hand out, and said 'my name is Urvashi Vaid, I'm the executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. I wanted to see if you had a few minutes because we're so rarely in the same place.'"

For ten minutes, Vaid engaged the nervous Bork in a discussion of his Appeals Court decision upholding the military's right to expel gays, and his support for the Supreme Court decision upholding Georgia's sodomy laws.

"Finally, I said, well, Judge Bork, what would you suggest to our movement that we do, because we're trying to correct widespread discrimination that hurts ordinary people. He said, you're not going to get it from the courts; go to the legislatures."

"And I said we are doing that."

Vaid ended the conversation saying, "Judge Bork, all we can do is ask that where ever you go that you speak out against bigotry and prejudice. And he smiled and walked away."

The impromptu dialogue was vintage Vaid (her last name rhymes with glad). A sparrow of a woman, she possesses a strength of purpose that quickly banishes all thought of her size. At thirty, she combines a lawyer's intellect with an activist's appreciation for street theater.

Born in New Delhi, India, she grew up in a "traditional Indian household" in Potsdam, New York, a farming town where her father, a writer, is a professor of English. Her background gave her a sense of being different, but not discriminated against. "I think Indians in this country are viewed by Americans as exotic. We're not treated like black people, we're not treated like Hispanic people. We're like a special category."

Lesbian and gay rights began to move into the center of her personal agenda, she says, when she fell in love with another woman her junior year of college at Vassar. "I'm not one of those people who knew since I was eleven. But when I came out and looked back, I realized, Gee, I've always had strong friendships with women, and so it

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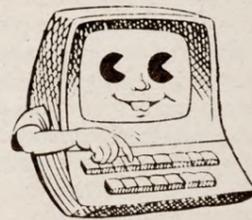
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Glasnost: Behind the Closet Door EAST GERMANY

The gay community is following a path set by the movement for democracy in the GDR. And for the most part gay men and lesbians of East Germany do not wish to leave their country, but rather to stay and develop a community for themselves.

by Mark Segal
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I agreed to meet our contacts in East Berlin on Friday, which just happened to be the first full day of the open wall/border. Because of the historic nature of the events in Berlin, I was unable to reach our friends in East Berlin by phone since all lines between the divided city were constantly busy. We traveled to East Berlin on a daily visa and headed to the Adventist Church in the hopes that our contacts would find us there.

At the church we found two women waiting for us. As soon as we arrived one woman tried to call our East German gay friends. As she dialed the phone she told us an old East German joke, "When you call someone in the GDR (German Democratic Republic) and they do not answer, you say they have gone to the West." She added with a smile on her face, "I guess they really have gone to the West."

Growing Gay Movement in the GDR

In the GDR there are 11 clubs sponsored by the government for the lesbian and gay community, and 17 "discussion groups" sponsored by churches. The churches of the GDR were the first to begin to address the needs and concerns of the gay community. It is believed by most Europeans that the GDR formed official groups only after the success of the church groups.

Courage is the official GDR gay/lesbian organization. In its information leaflet it states, "We are a group of working people in a club for working people who have learned from experience that working together in a common interest produces results. We are gays, lesbians and others who have experienced difficulties, whether it be professional, or simply the laughter of neighbors, or our anger at some tragic event, or the disappointment at the reaction of acquaintances, friends, children or parents when we told them: I am gay, or I am a lesbian."

While the official groups have the sanction of the government—which in the past meant the ability to travel, organize freely, and obtain funds—the Church groups seem to have the power of trust. As the democracy movement in the GDR grew out of the churches so now is the gay movement growing from these same organizations. The gay community is following a path set by the democracy movement of the GDR. And for the most part gay men and lesbian women of the GDR do not wish to leave their country, but rather to stay and develop a community for themselves.

Two gay East Germans, Peter Birmele and his lover of 21 years, Volker, had no time to run off to test the new freedom by taking a trip to West Berlin. After all, they had to prepare for the opening of a new film in Berlin, a film for which Peter and Volker had waited a lifetime.

The film, *Coming Out*, is the first dramatic film about gay life in East Germany sanctioned and produced by the state film company. The film comes on the heels of the publication of a new book, *A Rather Normal Man*, a book of essays from gay men about their lifestyles in the GDR. Peter is pleased with life as a gay man in East Berlin. He and Volker live in a spacious three-room apartment with their prized record collection of Edith Piaf & Marlene Dietrich. Both have good jobs, and Peter has started a gay discussion group.

While there are no gay political organizations in the GDR, several churches have started gay discussion groups that meet weekly. Each week a new topic is examined. Topics include

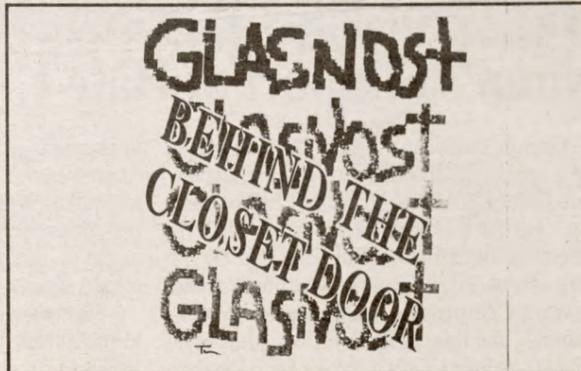


Theatre in East Berlin showing first film about gay life in the GDR sanctioned by the state.

"Should One Have a Committed Relationship?" and "What Can I Do To Better My Relationship?" In fact, it appears that most of the topics are relationship-oriented.

There has been no problem in getting information from the outside world to gays in the GDR. As with communications in general, if you live in East Berlin, you will be able to receive western TV and radio transmissions. There are two weekly gay radio programs broadcast in West Berlin that find their way into the East. Gay newspapers from around the world are also mailed to the various gay discussion groups.

There are five discussion groups in East Berlin; three are sanctioned by various religious groups and two are run by the state. There is also one lesbian discussion group that meets monthly.



The state also runs a gay disco in Berlin as well as a cafe and a bar. There are no laws against homosexuality, but even German society has problems dealing with gay school teachers. While most East Berliners look forward to crossing the wall, gay East Berliners are in no rush to see their brothers and sisters on the other side.

For one thing, most East Berliners can not afford an evening in a gay bar in the west. The average weekly salary is 200 East German marks. Using the black market rate of exchange, I was able to figure out that this is equal to \$40.00 a week.

And if they were able to afford the evening out, they would still have problems finding the gay bars, cafes and centers in a city they have not been allowed to see in 28 years. There seems to be a feeling among East Berlin gay men that they are safe from AIDS as long as they do not have affairs with westerners. As Dr. Jurgen Kolzsch, who treats PWA's, admitted, "I'm worried about the new openness and what problems it will bring us."

AIDS in the GDR

Dr. Jurgen Kolzsch is a quiet man except when he is asked about AIDS and his country's response to the crisis. It is then that Kolzsch becomes animated. "In the GDR (German Democratic Republic) there are 80 people who are AIDS positive (HIV positive); 16 have full blown AIDS, of which nine are living and seven have died," he says. Kolzsch should know, since he is a leading member of one medical team in East Berlin that is treating East German AIDS patients.

Kolzsch says that all of the GDR AIDS cases were sexually transmitted except for five who received the virus from blood transfusions outside of the country. "In our new openness I hope that our efforts to educate gay men about AIDS and safe sex will remain with them when they go to the west," he says.

Kolzsch says that the education of the GDR about AIDS has been accomplished, for the most part, through the efforts of the gay discussion groups in Berlin, which have printed brochures and leaflets about safe sex.

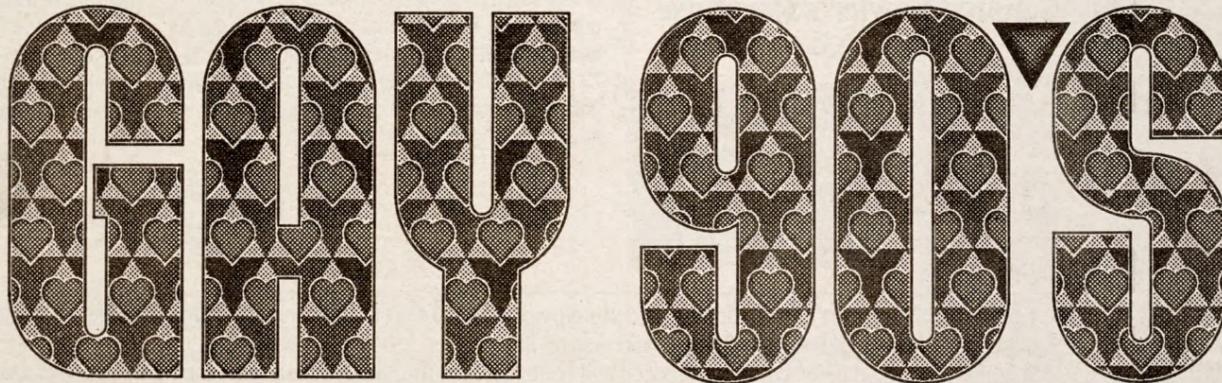
With an office at Humboldt University, Kolzsch has begun to treat AIDS patients with AZT. People with full blown AIDS are given a flat and work so that they can maintain their dignity, he says. Individuals coming to work or study in the GDR must now have an AIDS antibody test. If found positive, they will be asked to return to their own country.

As I emerge through checkpoint Charlie from East to West Berlin, I am kissed and applauded by the crowds who think I'm an East Berliner. A TV crew comes over and asks me in German how it feels to be free. I tell them that I am an American. Everyone laughs. But I think about freedom and what that will mean to the gay community of the GDR. I also realize that I could not have done this report six months ago.

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Gay Georgians Worked Hard for Nunn's Support of Hate Crimes Act

Georgia's lesbians and gays have been making a significant difference in ensuring that the Hate Crimes Statistics Act will in fact become law. Earlier this year, members of LEGAL (Legislate Equality for Lesbians and Gays) were able to influence all 10 members of the Georgia Congressional Delegation to vote favorably for this legislation. Key players in LEGAL included Tad Gardocki, Dick Rhodes, Craig Allen, Jeff Corrigan and Marty Worsham among others. The Hate Crimes Statistics Act passed the House of Representatives with overwhelming bipartisan support this summer.

In August, Tad Gardocki met with the editorial board of the *Atlanta Journal & Constitution* to discuss the importance of the passage of the legislation by the Senate. On August 11 the AJC published an editorial which called for both Senators Nunn and Fowler to cosponsor, and warned of Senator Jesse Helms' attempts to sabotage. On the same day, Dick Rhodes and Tad Gardocki met with Senator Fowler and asked for his support of the legislation. Senator Fowler took the matter under advisement but made no commitment to cosponsor.

Dick Rhodes realized that more outside support was needed to influence both Senators Fowler and Nunn. He began compiling news articles documenting hate crimes and began submitting copies to both senators. Also, he began building a support base to write letters to both Nunn and Fowler concerning the issue.

Because of these efforts, Senator Nunn responded favorably by becoming a cosponsor of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act on Nov. 21, 1989. His lead should be congratulated. However, Senator Fowler's support would be beneficial in arresting any attempts by Senator Helms to delete sexual orientation from the crime collection criteria. Helms has managed

to inaccurately accuse a number of Senators of "promo-homo" because of their support of this legislation, which has prevented a few members from openly supporting it. For Georgia, however, senior Senator Sam Nunn has dismissed Senator Helms' "hate-mongering".

This is a major first step for Senator Nunn to realize that all people should be protected. However, his support did not come unsolicited.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) and LEGAL, both urged constituents to personally contact their senators to request their support of the bill. HRCF effectively used their *Speak Out* mailgram campaign and LEGAL produced post-cards and letters to bolster constituent response. These efforts helped generate over 1,000 pieces of mail to the Georgia senators.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE by writing Senator Fowler and requesting that he co-sponsor and support Senate Bill 419. The following points may be useful to you in composing your letter:

- The legislation is cosponsored by Sam Nunn.
- The legislation has been endorsed by President Bush, Attorney General Richard Thornburgh, the Fraternal Order of Police, et al.
- Jesse Helms should not be allowed to obstruct legislation which seeks to protect people from hate motivated violence.

Letters need not be long, but should be written as soon as possible.

Senator Wyche Fowler
204 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-3643

To thank Senator Nunn for cosponsoring:
Senator Sam Nunn
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Washington, DC 20510

Guest Editorial

Massacre in Montréal

by Mona Forrest

On December 6, 1989, on the eve of the year in which Québec women will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the gaining of the right to vote, gunman Marc Lépine murdered 14 young women at the School of Engineering of the University of Montréal.

The gunman entered a classroom and herded the men and women into groups, shooting his semi-automatic rifle into the air when students, shocked and doubting his seriousness, didn't move quickly enough. The men were told to leave the room, and they did. The gunman was calm and controlled. While in that classroom and as he later moved through the halls and cafeteria shooting down women as he went, he repeated anti-women statements: I'll get the women, you're all a bunch of feminists, why should women be engineers and not men.

One student who survived was interviewed several days later from her hospital bed. She said she had tried to reason with the gunman. She told him they were just ordinary women who wanted to lead normal lives. His response was to shoot her in the head.

Women in Montréal reacted with horror, fear, grief and outrage. We are angry that a man could kill 14 women and that massive denials of the reasons for the massacre started immediately. We are angry that every day women have to tolerate violence in our lives, at home, on public transport, in the street, at work and in the media.

Women asked themselves why this happened, searching for an explanation. Now women in offices, women in universities, women in women's groups are beginning to talk about violence in their lives. Women who have never developed a feminist analysis of issues are nevertheless coming up with similar answers.

A male newspaper reporter began talking with women around him and seemed surprised

by what he was hearing. A woman said that her boss punched her playfully on the arm, playfully but so hard that she had bruises; a woman had half an hour of terror going home on the bus when a large man kept accosting her while the bus driver ignored the whole thing. Another male journalist started discussing the killings with female friends, and found out that women always walk on the street with the same fear and constant alertness to danger that he could only compare with the time he had walked through a dangerous part of New York City.

The televised funeral took place the following Monday, December 11, at Montréal's Cathedral of Notre-Dame. Inside the Cathedral were dozens of church officials, politicians, the families of the deceased and some students. Outside, women. A nun was interviewed. She said she felt that her own church had a lot to answer for concerning violence against women. The Bishops of Québec agree with the assessment, having two weeks ago released a report in which they said they realized that their teachings on the family and their subsequent counselling of women in distress had resulted in keeping women in violent family situations.

I thought of the series of magazine advertisements for cigarettes being run in the United States which contains a number of pictures of women being tied up, hit with things, held under water and generally abused, in a "cutesy" way. These ads proclaim the theme "you've come a long way, baby". 70 or 80 years ago men felt they had the right to attack a woman in the streets if she was smoking. 70 or 80 years later, a man feels he has the right to kill women because they want to be engineers.

We haven't come any way at all.

Mona Forrest is the executive director of the Women's Centre of Montreal, a multi-service community centre serving 3,000 women a year.

Senators Nunn and Fowler on Gay Civil Rights

Dear Editor,

I believe it is important to let the gay community know where our politicians stand on issues important to our civil rights. Therefore, I am enclosing a letter from the Honorable Sam Nunn. This letter was in response to a letter asking him to support the Civil Rights Amendment Act of 1989. You can see by reading this letter how he feels about the subject. Please make your readers aware. We need to get people in these positions in our favor.

On the other hand, I've also enclosed a letter from the Honorable Wyche Fowler, Jr. Our community needs to be aware of politicians that are in our favor and support the people. Everyone needs to VOTE!

Sincerely,
Bruce Petrovich & Sam Moore

Senator Fowler's Response

Dear Mr. Petrovich:

Thank you for expressing your concern that gay and lesbian rights be protected and upheld.

As you probably know, Representative Weiss and Senator Cranston have introduced legislation in the House and Senate known as the Civil Rights Amendments Act of 1989.

These bills would amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Fair Housing Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of affectional or sexual behavior. Representative Weiss' bill, H.R. 655 is pending in the House Judiciary Committee and the House Education and Labor, while Senator Cranston's bill, S. 47 is before the Senate Judiciary Committee. Similar legislation was introduced during the last session of Congress, but was not acted upon before that Congress adjourned.

I believe that the rights guaranteed under the Constitution must be extended to all citizens, and I consider legislation which comes before me on this basis. The Constitution is explicit in its application of equality for all persons, and I strongly support this important principle upon which our nation was founded. I do not believe that gay persons can be denied legal equality with all citizens under our laws. I believe that we should commit ourselves to ensuring that all persons have equal access to important aspects of our society. We have much to be proud of in our country, but we must continue to fight to assure that all are free to enjoy our civil rights.

I appreciate hearing from you, and I hope you will continue to let me know your views on matters of importance to you.

Sincerely,
Wyche Fowler, Jr.
United States Senator

Senator Nunn's Response

Dear Samuel:

Thank you for contacting me regarding civil rights protection for individuals on the basis of their sexual preference.

I understand your concern about protection from discrimination. In the past, I have supported civil rights measures which prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, age, handicapped status, and sex. However, I do not support the adoption of federal civil rights statutes to afford protection to individuals on the basis of their sexual preference.

S. 47, the Civil Rights Amendment Act of 1989, was introduced by Senator Cranston and referred to the Senate Judiciary for further review. The Committee has not scheduled any additional legislative activity at this time. A similar bill was offered in the 100th Congress, but the Senate failed to act on this measure before the end of the session.

Should the full Senate consider any related legislation in the future, I will certainly remember your concerns. I hope you will contact me again on issues of importance to you.

It was good to hear from you.

Sincerely,
Sam Nunn

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INSIDE THE WASHINGTON LOBBY

Politics, Process and Procedure

Politics, process and procedure always come together in strange ways during Congressional action, but never more so than in the appropriations process, in which millions of AIDS dollars are at stake.

Every program authorized by Congress, including AIDS programs, gets money through appropriation bills. Congress is not supposed to use appropriations bills to legislate policy, but members from both ends of the spectrum, including right-wing conservatives have traditionally used appropriations bills to advance their policy views on AIDS.

The appropriations process began last April and came to its final conclusion in November, in the waning days of the first session of the 101st Congress. Advocates intervened in each stage of the process to try to keep out anti-gay amendments and to make sure AIDS programs got the money they needed; they also used procedure to their advantage whenever they could.

The infamous, anti-gay Helms education amendment has traditionally been offered to the AIDS appropriations bill. It provided that no AIDS educational materials developed with federal funds could promote or encourage homosexuality. A pre-emptive strike strategy was used successfully last year to defeat this amendment, and was also successful this year.

By offering his amendment before Helms offered one, Senator Alan Cranston (D-CA) used Senate procedure to silence Helms since Cranston's amendment could not be further amended under the Senate rules. The strategy was sound in terms of Senate politics as well, since Cranston's amendment addressed the Senate's concern (but without a "gay-bashing" component), providing that no AIDS educational material developed with federal money could be designed to promote any sexuality in AIDS educational materials. This amendment passed unanimously, and the opposition was more or less co-opted.

The Capitol Hill adage, "It's not over until it's over" proved true as the appropriations bill moved through the 8-month process. On the Senate floor, Senator Gordon Humphrey (R-NH) successfully offered an anti-gay amendment that said that materials designed for schoolchildren could not promote or encourage homosexuality, or use the words "normal," "natural" or "healthy" to describe homosexuality. But the Senate floor is not the last word on what becomes law. With the help of sympathetic House members, lobbyists helped get the amendment dropped during negotiations in the House-Senate conference.

Procedure almost defeated AIDS activists on another issue. On the Senate floor, Helms got the Senate to adopt an amendment providing that no money could be used for the distribution of clean needles or bleach to IV drug users. This was

attached to a Senate provision that allowed Medicaid funding for abortions in the case of pregnancies resulting from rape or incest.

This Senate abortion provision was the single item on which the House-Senate conference reached no compromise, and so the provision went back to each House of Congress for a vote. Unfortunately, the restrictive needles and bleach amendment went with it.

There was no way, procedurally, to separate the two provisions. Civil rights groups wanted to support the important pro-choice provision, but the vote had to be at the expense of passing the needles and bleach restriction as well. Procedure had created an unfortunate dilemma.

The House of Representatives passed the provision with a margin of 16 votes, giving pro-choice advocates their first abortion vote victory in years. The Senate passed the provision as well, and the bill was sent to the President.

That would have been the end of the story, but the nation's highest-ranking pro-life supporter, George Bush, vetoed the bill.

The bill then went back to Congress. While this was bad news for the pro-choice lobby, it did give AIDS advocates a chance to fix the needles and bleach provision.

The House passed a new bill that had no restriction on funding for needles or bleach, but Armstrong convinced the Senate to again restrict such funding. Procedurally, the House and Senate had to end up in agreement over exactly the same bill, so the bill went back over to the House for another vote.

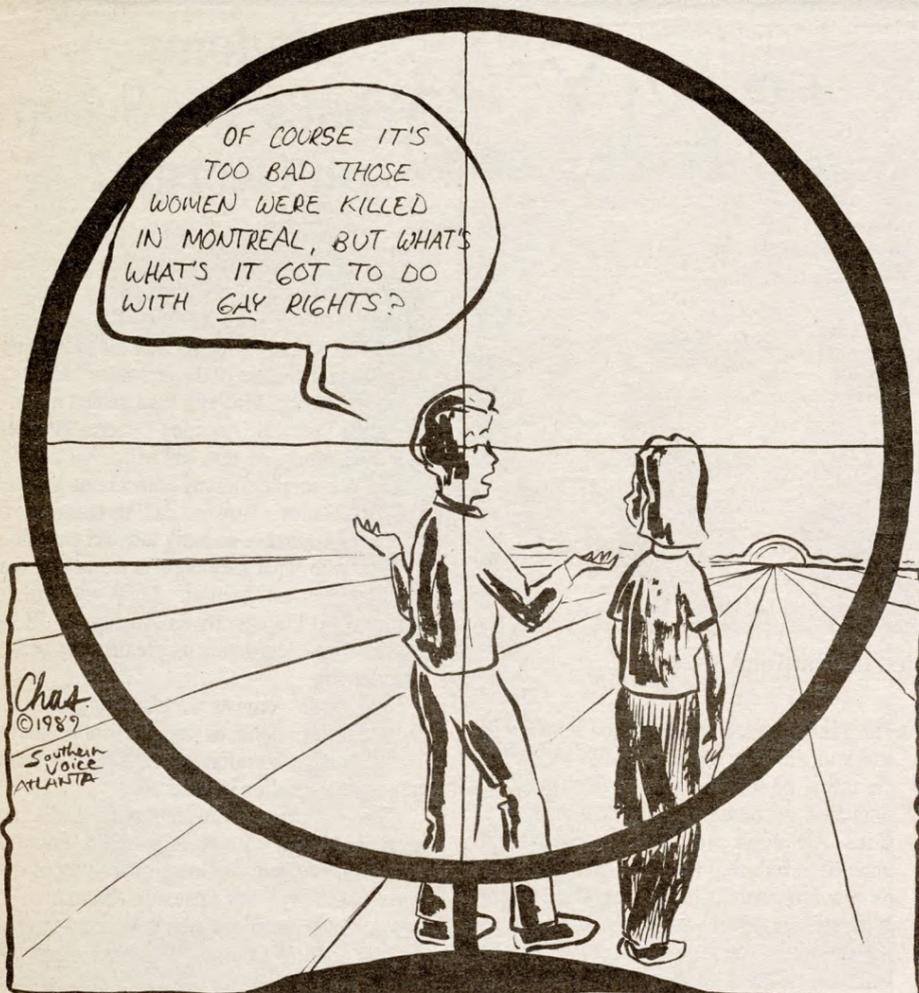
In the House, there was one last effort to remove the bleach restriction. Congressman Steny Hoyer (D-MD) and Henry Waxman (D-CA), leading advocates on AIDS policy, asked Chairman William Natcher (D-KY), who was managing the bill, to drop the restriction on bleach. To the great delight of the lobbyists who had been working on this issue, including the ACLU, the AIDS Action Council and the American Psychological Association, Natcher agreed. The Senate ultimately accepted the House's new provision, the President signed on, and AIDS funding for fiscal year 1990, including money for bleach distribution, became law.

For those who enjoy this type of game, the appropriations season starts every April and usually ends in October or November.

— Laura Markowitz & Chai Feldblum

Laura Markowitz is an editor of a national magazine for family therapists and a lesbian activist.

Chai Feldblum is an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union AIDS Project.



GUNS THAT SHOOT WOMEN FOR TAKING CONTROL OF THEIR LIVES ALSO SHOOT GAY PEOPLE FOR TAKING CONTROL OF THEIRS!

Direct Action + Lobbying = Success

To the Editor:

When I think about the great democratic movements we are watching now in Poland, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, and the Spring democracy movement in China, I am awed and humbled. The Filipinos called it "people power" — ordinary citizens publicly demanding the right of the people to govern themselves. These movements are inspiring examples of direct action by the people demanding that their voices be heard. We in the Gay and Lesbian community, indeed all Americans, can learn from them.

The history of direct action goes back at least to Moses. We here in America have a fine tradition of democratic and nonviolent direct action and civil disobedience. The Boston Tea party was a raucous direct action if ever there was one. We should also be proud of the Underground Railroad, the Suffragette Movement, the Greensboro and Nashville sit-ins, the Birmingham children's marches, and many others. Oh yes, there was also Stonewall.

Despite this heritage, some still argue that Lesbians and Gay Men can only achieve justice from within the system. These people argue that direct action and public demands are counterproductive. I suggest that these people watch the Berlin Wall crumble.

Direct action works and it works for many reasons. It focuses attention on problems that the politicians wish would go away. It is the spark for a public debate. It allows us as Lesbians and Gay Men to stand up unashamed for our lives and our right to be. The self-empowerment that comes to every individual who participates in a demonstration like the 1987 March on Washington or the Gay Pride March is essential to our cause.

Some people think that those who participate in demonstrations are rude radicals or publicity hounds. These people do not understand that acts of civil disobedience are highly moral and dignified methods of social

protest. The Gay Men and Lesbians who speak out despite public scrutiny or public scorn are proud and courageous people, and we need more of them.

We must fight our battles on many fronts. Working in political office, legislative lobbying, and fund raising are necessary tasks if we are to succeed. But direct action is a crucial element of this success, and direct action complements more "behind the scene" efforts. Smart lobbyists know how to use demonstrations to their advantage. So do smart politicians. Congressman Ben Jones recently spoke at the Mobilized for Women's Lives Rally and Demonstration. Maynard Jackson was at the Gay Pride Rally.

We have an important opportunity to proudly and publicly demand our right to be Gay Men and Lesbians on January 8, 1990. On that date, there will be a national demonstration to demand the repeal of Georgia's infamous Sodomy Law at the Georgia Capitol. Just like those in the reproductive rights movement who are speaking out to defend a woman's right to control her own body, we as Lesbians and Gay Men must demand the same rights. We must demonstrate against a law that brands most of Georgia's adult citizens and all Gay and Lesbians as felons because of our private sexual behavior. We can make the lobbyists' job easier by showing our Legislature that repeal of this law has broad popular support. For more information about the demonstration to repeal the Sodomy Law, call 873-1097.

Some say it can't be done, the Sodomy Laws are here to stay. They said the same thing about the Berlin Wall. Atlanta's Gay Men and Lesbians have "people power" too.

Sincerely,
Chip Rowan

Sodomy: What's The News Across the Nation?

The movement to repeal sodomy laws around the country since the U.S. Supreme Court upheld Georgia's law in the 1986 Hardwick decision has been slow but steady, according to Sue Hyde of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF).

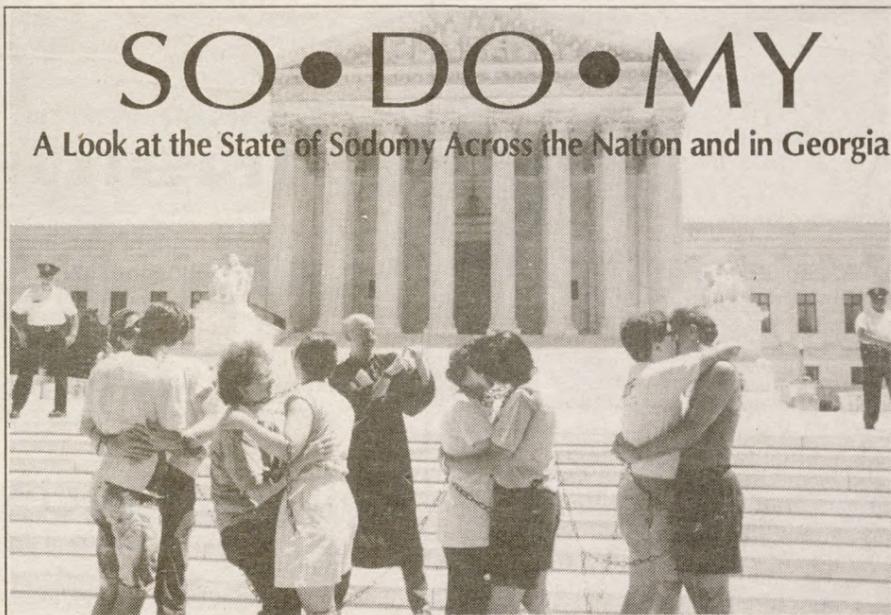
Hyde, who directs NGLTF's Privacy Project—the repeal effort's information clearing-house and strategic headquarters—said progress is being made on three broad fronts: organizing, court challenges and legislative initiative.

In her opinion, Hyde said, the success of organizing efforts in the gay/lesbian community, and with other interested parties, will provide the telling point to measure progress in the coming years.

"The kind of social change lesbian and gay people want will come about only if there is a movement to support that," Hyde said. "The work of repealing sodomy laws is not just going down to the legislature and doing some lobbying; it's also about doing work in the community and getting yourself ready (for legislative work)."

A central theme of Hyde's organizing efforts has been educating local communities about the dynamics of combining sexuality and politics. She and others have conducted six town meetings around the country since the Hardwick decision "to introduce the notion that sexuality can be looked at through the lens of politics."

"It can be quite disconcerting to see these laws on the books and realize how far away we are from winning," Hyde explained. "It's been a large part of my job to break all of this down into digestible chunks" and work with organi-



Members of NGLTF Protest the Hardwick decision.

JIM MARKS

zations on a state-by-state basis.

Using this operative model as a basis, Hyde has spent the majority of her time establishing statewide gay/lesbian organizations in those states and the District of Columbia that retain sodomy laws.

And it was her organizing efforts in Missouri that led to a legislative initiative there. Using the nationally proclaimed "Day of Mourning" on June 30 to mark the third anniversary of the Hardwick decision, a local group convinced the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* to run an editorial decrying the sodomy law on the 30th, and has since collected enough petition signatures to have the matter taken to legislators.

In Tennessee, Hyde noted, an intensive educational effort succeeded in the "only substantial change to sodomy laws since Hardwick."

The Tennessee legislature passed a comprehensive criminal code revision in 1989 that reduced the crime of sodomy from a felony with jail time to a misdemeanor punishable by a \$25 fine. Although the change was originally initiated to reduce prison over-crowding and in its new form only applies to gays and lesbians, Hyde still considers it a considerable victory.

Sodomy law repeal bills have also been introduced in Texas and the District of Columbia, but in these two areas the main intent is to get legislators talking about the subject, not necessarily vote on the issue. "Both Texas and D.C. are relatively long term educational efforts," said Hyde.

Other legislative action around the country includes:

- a law review commission similar to the one

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Sodomy: What's The Scoop in Georgia?

by Wendy Morse

Although sodomy charges are most frequently filed against homosexuals, a Clayton County man's 5-year sentence for admitted consensual sodomy with his wife led to the first real change in the use of the law since 1968.

When Robert Mosley's case gained notoriety earlier this year, Attorney General Michael Bowers announced that his office would no longer seek simple sodomy convictions against straight couples. Bowers' fading enthusiasm for a comprehensive sodomy law has provided activists with what they hope is a crack in the law that they can exploit. They will gather from around the country in Atlanta Jan. 8 to assail the state legislature on the first day of the 1990 session.

And while activists are clamoring outside, gay and lesbian politicians say they will be working the marble corridors of the state house to get repeal legislation introduced.

"There is a general awareness sparked more by ridicule than outrage at a stupid, harmful law," said gay activist George Brenning of the flurry of activity. "It's a patently absurd law."

In 1833, sodomy was adopted into the Official code of Georgia in English Common Law tradition as an "unspeakable crime against nature." Sodomy was at that time defined only as male anal intercourse. Today sodomy is more common, less traditionally defined and still a felony in the state of Georgia.

Although the act is no longer considered unspeakable, Georgia's law has been routinely used against lesbians and gay men in civil and criminal trials since the U.S. Supreme Court

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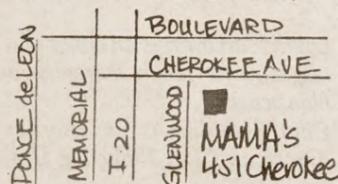
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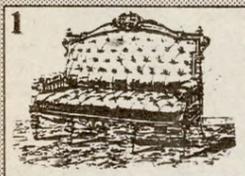
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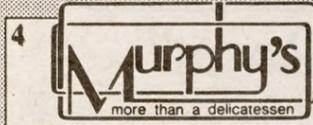
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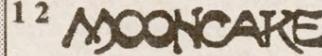


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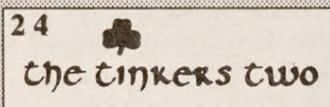
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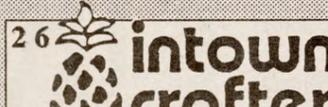
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"The War of the Roses"

by Terry Francis
★★

Courage, as an attribute, is more important in filmmakers working in certain forms than in others. Ron Howard, who began his career brightly with "Splash," and who has since declined into standard studio craftsmanship, relied on the latter when he made "Parenthood," a 10-watt illumination of marriage and family life in the present day.

In the new "The War of the Roses," first-time director Danny De Vito deals with many of the same matters grazed on by Howard in his film, but De Vito approaches them within the stylistic framework and spirit of black comedy. So that from the start, De Vito, more than Howard, is required to move beyond previously established territory in films concerning marriage and family.



"The War of the Roses" is a good try. It seems to know what it ought to be doing: using accepted movie stereotypes to establish the heterosexual myth that two people fall in love young, marry, raise a family, and live life blissfully ever after. (One of the reasons we know it's a myth is because it appears to have been dreamt up by males, for males, and that anyone outside its caste is un-American, un-Christian, and unnatural.)

The Roses typify a segment of white

heterosexual America's best hopes for itself. Kathleen Turner and Michael Douglas play the young couple who meet cute, marry and sit back and wait for material riches to flow in from his ascension at the stuffy law firm where his ego blooms.

"The War of the Roses" hints at what happens to a marriage, to a family, in the aftermath of human feeling being transferred from people to material assets. The picture has a handsome, expressive production design, and De Vito brings comic zing to some of his wittily eccentric camera angles.

But De Vito's inexperience and his lack of the necessary courage to bring off a genuine black comedy - his inability to establish new territory through scabrousness - show in a million different ways.

De Vito telegraphs us constantly that some piece of comedy is about to happen. He'll cut from close-ups of an actor's face to a view of the actor's entire body in a mid-shot, so that we know some bit of visual slapstick is about to be introduced. We count the seconds until something happens.

The film's structure is also slack. Apparently De Vito doesn't yet know to shape accretive scenes into unified sequences, and the rhythms with which the actors laminate their dialogues is definitely off. And the entire framing device of the film - De Vito, as a colleague of Douglas', recounting to a client the descent into hell of the Rose's marriage - is utterly superfluous and slows the film badly.

But the film could have survived even all this had De Vito the courage to go too far in the film, as good black comedies must. (Rent the video of Pedro Almodovar's "Dark Habits," a scandalously funny account of a group of junkie nuns, to see the difference.)

For black comedy to work, the audience must acknowledge to itself that it's taking pleasure in the fat being seared off its own image of itself, and its professed values. There's only a sprinkling of fire in "The War of the Roses," and even Kathleen Turner's eyes-glistering-with-revenge performance cannot raise the film above being only incidentally severe.

FILM CLIPS

by Terry Francis

•**DRUGSTORE COWBOY** ★★★ A work of dignity and grace about four junkies (Matt Dillon, Kelly Lynch, James LeGros, and the luminous Heather Graham) who are hanging onto the cliff face in a mesmerized haze. Directed by the gifted Gus Van Sant—who directed the acclaimed "Mala Noche" ("Bad Night"), a much praised gay-themed film—"Drugstore Cowboy" understands the pleasures and release that drugs can give people, and also how it finally bottoms out their souls. The film should be viewed by all past and present drug czars, official committees, and First Ladies who sit behind desks and endorse in tones of serious concern, via well-orchestrated photo opportunities, "Just say no!"

by Candace Wiggins

•**SHE-DEVIL** ★★★ Starring Roseanne Barr, Meryl Streep and Ed Begley, Jr. A black comedy that was originally a BBC miniseries, this movie deals with the old adage "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned." Romance novelist Streep steals housewife Barr's accountant husband (Begley) away. Barr makes out his "list of assets" and proceeds to turn them into liabilities. There's a wonderful performance by Sylvia Miles as Streep's mother, locked up for 10 years in a nursing home by Streep. Streep—smart move, Meryl—plays well, as does Barr. Linda Hunt is good in the size role given to her. Worth seeing, but don't expect a screamingly funny film.

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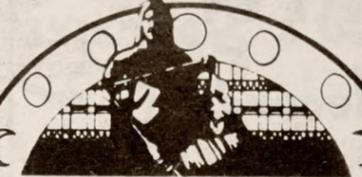


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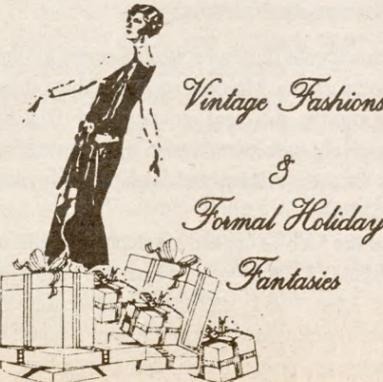


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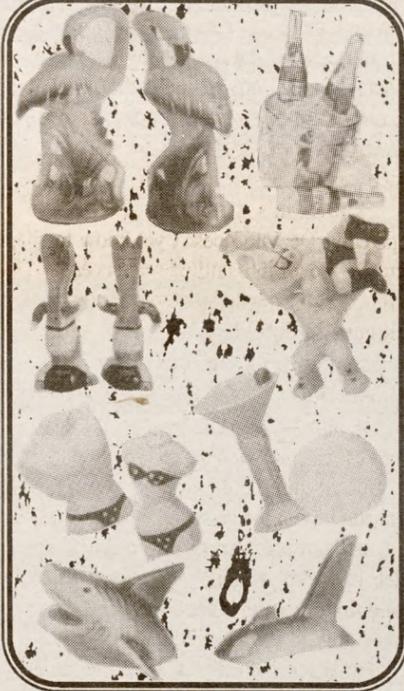
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Georgia's Ma Rainey Was More Than "Mother of the Blues"

Singer was romantically linked with Bessie Smith

by John Craig

Fifty years ago on December 22, 1939, a now-forgotten official wrote up a death certificate for a black woman in Columbus, Georgia. In the blank provided for occupation, he wrote, "housekeeping." The official either did not know or did not care that this woman, known across the nation as Ma Rainey, "Mother of the Blues," was a great professional blues singer and songwriter.

Ma Rainey had tremendous influence on other performers of her day. She released almost 100 recorded songs during the 1920s, toured extensively, and became one of the top blues stars of the decade. And, she was bisexual.

Ma Rainey today is not nearly so well remembered as her contemporary, Bessie Smith—who may also have been her lover. But affectionate cooperation, not rivalry, marked the long friendship of the two stars. Smith bailed Rainey out of jail in 1925, for example. Police had raided an all-female drinking bash with lesbian overtones that was thrown by Rainey for the women in her touring chorus. The next morning, Smith bailed Rainey out of the cell where she was being held on the charge of "running an indecent party."

Ma Rainey began life in 1886 as Gertrude Pridgett in Columbus, Georgia, the same town she died in. Little Gertrude was baptized there into the First African Baptist Church and made her first public appearance at age 14.

At age 18, she married Will ("Pa") Rainey, and the two toured together as "Rainey and Rainey, Assassins of the Blues." The couple later separated, Will died, and Ma remarried. With and without a husband, Ma Rainey toured repeatedly throughout the South, frequently performing in Atlanta and other Georgia venues. She eventually traveled as far north as Chicago and New York, recording and performing in

both of these cities, and as far west as Texas and Oklahoma.

Despite her popularity with audiences, Rainey's life was not easy. She experienced all the hazards and prejudices of the road, including the emotional and financial insecurity faced by all traveling musicians. And she was black, a woman and bisexual.

Yet Ma Rainey was not bashful about her lesbian feelings. In fact, she expressed them openly in her songs. "Prove It On Me Blues," which she wrote in 1928, is the most famous example. The printed lead sheet for this song reads, in part:

*Went out last night with a crowd of my friends,
They must've been women, 'cause I don't like
no men.
It's true I wear a collar and tie,
Like to watch while the women pass by;
They say I do it, ain't nobody caught me,
They sure got to prove it on me.*

Paramount's illustrated advertisement for this recording shows Ma dressed in bulldyke drag, standing on a street corner and flirting aggressively with two slender and appreciative black femmes. A cop watches suspiciously from the shadows.

Sandra Lieb's excellent biography *Mother of the Blues: A Study of Ma Rainey* (Univ. of Mass. Press, 1981) reprints the advertisement and the lyrics. Lieb describes Rainey's stance in the song as "proud, tough, and swaggering.... Admitting that the world condemns her... the singer does not care, boasting, 'I want the whole world to know.'... This is a powerful statement of lesbian defiance and self-worth."

It is not absolutely certain that Ma Rainey and Bessie Smith were for a while erotically involved, but evidence suggests that they were. Sam Chatmon, who played guitar for Rainey's tent show in Jackson, Mississippi, had little



Gertrude "Ma" Rainey

doubt about it. "I believe she was courtin' Bessie," he told one interviewer. "The way they'd talk... She [Bessie] said, 'Me and Ma Rainey had plenty of big times together.'" If Bessie began talking to a man, Ma, according to Chatmon, would run up to interrupt. "She didn't want no man to talk with her."

It's now impossible to determine exactly what the emotional relationship between the two women was at that time or how it changed over the years they knew each other. Legends and gossip swirled around them even during their lifetimes. One story had it that while touring with the Rabbit Foot Minstrels, Ma "discovered" young Bessie in Chattanooga, kidnapped her, and taught her to sing the blues. We can only say for certain that the two great blueswomen were close friends for years and that they toured and performed together at least twice.

The songs Ma Rainey left behind remain a testimony of her life. Titles like "Weepin' Woman Blues," "Grievin' Hearted Blues," and "Tough Luck Blues," they convey a depression that is, at its deep roots, anger. Ma Rainey's life story is a fascinating study of a woman determined to survive, to perform, to express her lesbian feelings, and to live a full life in the face of a repressive society.

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THEATRE REVIEW

Laughing Wild: Camp Sensibility in the Post-modern Age

by Charlene Ball

A woman sitting in the gutter of a New York street lets out a banshee laugh. A man standing nearby asks her why. She replies, "I'm laughing wild amid severest woe."

The quote is from Samuel Beckett; and this play by Christopher Durang—clearly descended from "Waiting For Godot"—might well be called a post-Existentialist lament, except that it's quite topically funny. It's a satire on New Age non-think, the Catholic Church's views on sexuality, and late 20th century urban culture—cluttered with consumer goods, pop spirituality, and random madness. It's like Godot by Woody Allen, seen through the eyes of a camp sensibility.

The characters are disaffected New York intellectuals, hungry for faith and meaning in what has become to them a nightmarish, meaningless existence. McCook's character is a former mental patient, unemployed and holding onto her life by a thread as she struggles to survive. But the indifference of the world around her, and her own restless, doubting and suspicious mind, make communication impossible for her.

Leaver's character, unlike the woman, is a success in the eyes of the world, but his life is empty. He tries EST, he carries note cards with New Age bromides written on them, and he applies crystals to his head in hopes of being spiritually healed, all to no avail.

The script satirizes the post-modern search for meaning—a search that may have been heroic in earlier times, but can be nothing but absurd now in our supermarket TV culture where tuna fish cans and pop spirituality, crystals and guns, violence and the Harmonic Convergence all pile in upon us. The script has some truly funny moments, and gives a portrait of our culture at a certain moment.

The play does display the actors' talents. But Leaver and McCook are simply too young to be



Harold Leaver and Shelly McCook in "Laughing Wild" at The Actor's Express

convincing in these roles. McCook plays the woman as a stereotypical bitch which is good for a few good laughs, but gets quickly tiresome. McCook doesn't play the character as disoriented and fearful as she needs to be played, thus her hostility seems unmotivated and merely "crazy."

Leaver is just too boyishly likable as the man. When his character reveals his obsessiveness and bullying insensitivity, he loses his credibility.

Still, the show can be enjoyed for a number of things. The satire on popular, instant-fix spirituality; the maddening frustrations of daily life; Leaver's impassioned monologue on God and AIDS; and McCook's final vulnerability and intensity.

"Laughing Wild" is witty and topical; it is moving in places. But the production needs more mature insight and more consistency.

Laughing Wild runs through Dec. 30 at The Actor's Express Fri. and Sat. at midnight through Dec. 23, and at 8:00PM on Dec. 29 & 30. \$12. 221-0831 for more information.

Harold Leaver and The Actor's Express

by Charlene Ball

Harold Leaver is co-founder, with Chris Coleman, of The Actor's Express, one of the brightest new theatrical ventures in Atlanta. Called "the metro area's hottest new theater company," by Steve Murray of the *Journal-Constitution*, The Actor's Express is a theater company definitely worth watching.

Harold Leaver is only 27. Originally from Doraville, Ga., he graduated from Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1984 with a BA in Theatre Arts. In the summer of 1988, he produced and directed Harvey Fierstein's "Safe Sex" as a benefit for AID Atlanta. Chris Coleman, a former classmate of Harold's at Sequoyah High School in Doraville, auditioned for "Safe Sex," and the two decided to start a theater company together.

The Actor's Express does "socially relevant theater," according to Harold. Their varied productions bear out this program: "The Good Woman of Setzuan" by Bertold Brecht deals with class privilege and moral choice, "The Vision" by Atlanta playwright Ronda Bowe satirized New Age enlightenment hype, and "Traps" by Caryl Churchill deals with contemporary relationships.

An upcoming play is "O Positive," which opens in February. "O Positive" caused some controversy in Los Angeles. "The controversy occurred because three characters who are HIV positive decide to kill themselves," says Harold. "It was written in 1987, and it reflects when an HIV positive diagnosis was believed to be a death sentence. But the play is life-affirming by the end."

The Actor's Express is interested in doing good gay theater, says Harold, since theater is a way of educating the general public about gays and gay issues. "Education is the key," he adds. The Actor's Express has certainly gotten off to a good start towards educating, while entertaining, its audiences.

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NGLTF

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was the organization's chair, and Berrill, he recalls, "was the staff assistant, answering the telephone and opening the mail."

Apuzzo pushed the project. It survived, barely, the 1986 belt tightening, publishing an annual national survey of violence against gays. Berrill and Bill Bailey of the APA got "sexual preference" added to a bill requiring the FBI to keep statistics on hate crimes. New York City's chief of police spoke on behalf of the gay part of the bill at a Capitol Hill hearing. Church groups and the International Association of Police Chiefs endorsed the act. The result: the bill has twice passed the U.S. House of Representatives, the only bill supporting gays that has ever passed a Congressional vote.

The issue, Berrill says, is a great one for gays. "It's the least controversial part of our agenda. Violence goes against all social and religious norms. There's nobody trying to justify it." But there are those willing to help it out a little.

Hate Crimes

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of Helms' time agreement proposal, no "second degree" amendments limiting the scope of his rider would be allowed, nor could his amendment be tabled.

Supporters of the bill did not find that acceptable. They decided to try a different strategy. They would try to win the hard way.

With over 50 cosponsors already signed on to the popular bill, the broad hate crimes bill coalition has targeted a handful of conservative senators for co-sponsorship, the strategy being that if they can get 60 cosponsors, they might be

Senator Jesse Helms has twice stalled the bill in the Senate.

There's been depressingly little news generated by Jeff Levi's departure from NGLTF August 1 (to do AIDS lobbying for Gay Men's Health Crisis of New York City) and his replacement by NGLTF Public Information officer Urvashi Vaid. The small staff in the unpretentious offices—in addition to Vaid and Berrill, Sue Hyde leads the projects to repeal sodomy laws and overturn the military's policy against gays, Ivy Young directs the new gay family project and Peri Jude Radecic runs the lobbying operation—hums with energy to the background buzz of constantly ringing phones.

Although the organization will hire an AIDS project director, AIDS will probably not occupy the key place in the agenda it has in the past. Vaid says that "NGLTF tries not to be duplicative. Jean McGuire and the AIDS Action Council do good work; the Human Rights Campaign Fund is doing good work lobbying Congress. What we need is someone to focus at the state level."

able to break a Helms filibuster.

As of the end of the 1989 congressional session, there were 56 senators cosponsoring the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, with Sens. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) and James Sasser (D-Tenn.) becoming the latest cosponsors.

"[Having 60 senators on the bill] sends a signal to Jesse Helms that these people support this legislation as it is written and they want the bill to pass," said Peri Jude Radecic, lobbyist for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

"Helms could come up with any number of variations in his homophobic campaign," stated People for the American Way lobbyist Sue Armsby, "but Senators Hatch and Simon are

This focus keeps NGLTF in the direction Levi headed it. He came to realize that gays will never have "a real seat at the table" until they have the votes to make politicians pay attention.

Vaid plans to continue this direction, because she sees trouble ahead in the 90s. "In the 1980s," she says, "the right wing partly self-destructed. The Jim Bakkers and the Jerry Falwells and the Moral Majority, the television evangelicals—they self destructed.

"But the grass roots folks did not. The anti-choice people, the anti-abortion and anti-gay people, are probably the fastest growing political activists. People like the Traditional Values group in California and No Special Rights in Washington State. They are interconnecting and talking to each other in the same way our movement is talking to each other."

In the 90s, Vaid figures, local referendums are where the action is going to be. It's an arena, as people from Anita Bryant on have found, which gays have trouble winning. Vaid has her fingers crossed that NGLTF can continue to help gays turn crisis and opposition into opportunity.

dedicated to thwarting whatever it is Helms comes up with, because they really want to keep the focus on the bill, data collection and nothing beyond that at all."

The White House has come out in support of the bill, with Attorney General Richard Thornburgh lobbying the Senate on the bill. Bush pledged his support of the bill on the 25th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

"Clearly Helms is all by himself on the Republican side opposing this," added Armsby, "and, in fact, he is going against the administration's position."

Action on the bill is expected soon after Congress returns in late January.

Urvashi Vaid

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NGLTF Executive Director, Urvashi Vaid

made sense of the course of my life."

She also attended Northeastern University's law school. Law school also led her to Washington.

She connected with NGLTF in D.C. and Jeff Levi. He urged Vaid to run for NGLTF's board of directors. Vaid was on the board in 1986 when Levi became executive director and moved NGLTF headquarters to D.C.. Shortly afterward, she became a member of the staff as NGLTF's public information director. Vaid moved into NGLTF's top spot in Aug. 1989.

There's something inherently amusing in the picture of the tiny dark-haired activist debating the portly, rightwing ideologue with the Smith Brothers goatee. "It was fun," she says.

But then she gets serious. "We have to take opportunities to be openly gay to somebody who is an elected official or in government. It was important for him to see that there is a face to the issue."

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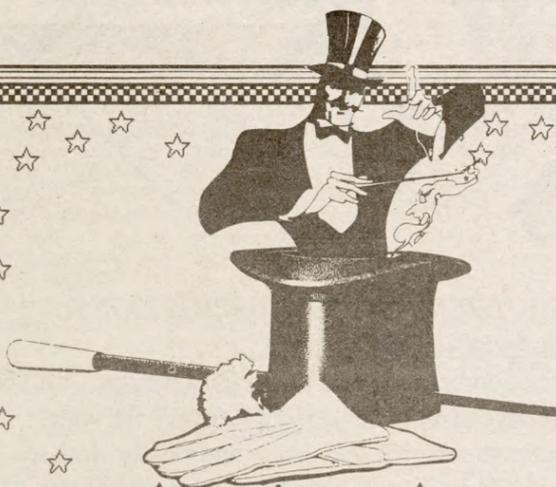
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Arts

ALIYA, The Gallery of Morningside. Thru Dec. 23. Presents its holiday show, "Artistry in Clay," featuring work by Pamela Ross, Barbara Archer, Peg Morar, Cliff Holland, Mimi Von Litoff, Joel Knanisher, and Jack Warner. 1402 North Highland Avenue. 892-2835.

MODERN BERLIN ARCHITECTURE. Thru Sun., Dec. 31. Part of "Art in Berlin" series. Upper level Galleria. Memorial Arts Building in the Woodruff Arts Center. 898-1102 for more information.

WORKS IN COPPER BY STEPHANIE MILLER. Thru Dec. 31. Free exhibit and sale. Chrysalis Women's Center. 881-6470.

IMPLIED MOVEMENT Thru Sat., Dec. 23. New works by Sarah Hatch. ALIAS Gallery, 75 Bennett St. #F-2. Hours: 12-6, Tues.-Fri.; 12-5 Sat. Call 352-3532.

ART IN BERLIN, 1815-1989. Thru Sun., Jan. 14. A Four-Star! High Museum of Art, 1280 Peachtree Street, 898-9284 for more info.

ART DURING THE THIRD REICH. Wed., Jan. 3. Part of the Art in Berlin series, this is for you folks who can't get enough about "Der Fuehrer," as well as those who like seeing how art reflects the societal climate & vice versa. Free. 7pm High Museum of Art, 1280 Peachtree. Call 898-1116 for more.

WEB OF LIFE. Thru Jan. 16, 1990. Paintings, drawings, mural sketches & prints by Dr. John Biggers from Houston, TX. Presented by The Resource Center of African-American Art. Hammonds House Galleries, 503 Peoples St. Hours: 10-6, Tues.-Fri.; 105, Sat. and Sun. Call 752-8215.

Bars

PHOENIX COUNTRY WESTERN BAR. Maintain your sanity through the holidays with our Friday Shooter Party starting at 4 pm; Saturday Tacos and Margarita pitchers at 4 pm; Sunday Spaghetti at 4 pm. 567 Ponce de Leon. 892-7871

LIPSTIX. Mon., Dec. 25. Our cast's Special Christmas Show. Sun., Dec. 31st. Ring out 1989 with New Year's around the World. Mon. Nite Madness every Monday w/Charlie Brown. The Diamond Girls, every Wednesday. 2329 Cheshire Bridge Road. 633-0452. (Reservations suggested.)

CHANNEL ST. JAMES. Mon., Jan 1, 1990. Lipstix. 2329 Cheshire Bridge Rd. 633-0452. (Reservations suggested.)

THE TOWER. The theme bar of the Gay 90's presents weekly activities for the community. Sun. football @ 1 PM, pool tournament; Mon. nite football; Wed. nite Mellow-out; Weekend High Energy with Kathy, Jaimie and Sandy. 735 Ralph McGill Blvd. 688-5463.

Holiday Joy

NIGHT OF FIRE AND LEARNING. Thurs., Dec. 21st. Feral Willcox and company will light candles, read stories & poems about love, magic, light and dark on this night of Winter Solstice. Join us for an evening of ritual and reading. Free.

7:30 pm. Charis Books & More. 419 Moreland Avenue. 524-0304

M.A.A.S. HOLIDAY SOCIAL. Wed., Dec. 27. The Metro Atlanta Astrological Society has its annual Christmas social. Bring your leftovers for everyone to share. 7:30 pm. 2054 Harobi Drive off La Vista Road (near Northlake Drive). Call 622-5661.

GAY '90S DANCE. Sun., Dec. 31. Complimentary champagne, cash bar. A benefit for Gay Games, Atlanta Lesbian Agenda Conference, Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus, & Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus. \$18 advance/\$25 @ door. Tickets are @ Charis Books & Boy Next Door. 9 pm - 1 am. Trolley Barn, 963 Edgewood Avenue.

THE TOWER. Sun., Dec. 31. A festive occasion ushering in the Gay '90s. Free catered hors d'ouerves, champagne & party favours. \$10 Single/ \$15 Couple with Reservations. 735 Ralph McGill Blvd. Call 688-5463 for more.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY. Sun., Dec. 31. A.V.S. (Atlanta Venture Sports) hosts its annual gala ... Costumes are optional and admission to the party includes ALL food & drinks, dancing to the music of Gary Tucker, party favours, & champagne at midnight. Members, \$20.00; First Guest, \$25; Others, \$30; At the door, \$35. Tickets available at Boy Next Door and Poster Hut. Theatrical Outfit, 1012 Peachtree Street, NE. 9 pm - 2 am.

A NIGHT IN OLD VIENNA. Sun., Dec. 31. Wm. Fred Scott conducts the ASO as they ring in the New Year in Old World splendour. 9:30 pm Symphony Hall, 1280 Peachtree Street. \$85. For more, call 892-2414.

ONSTAGE. Sun., Dec. 31. The Alliance Theatre presents slices from "Annie Get Your Gun" and the triumphant "Driving Miss Daisy." 8 pm and 9:30 pm. Mainstage Theatre, 1280 Peachtree Street. \$85. For more, call 892-2414.

Meetings

MACGLO. Thurs., Dec. 21. Peachtree Branch Library. 7:00PM.

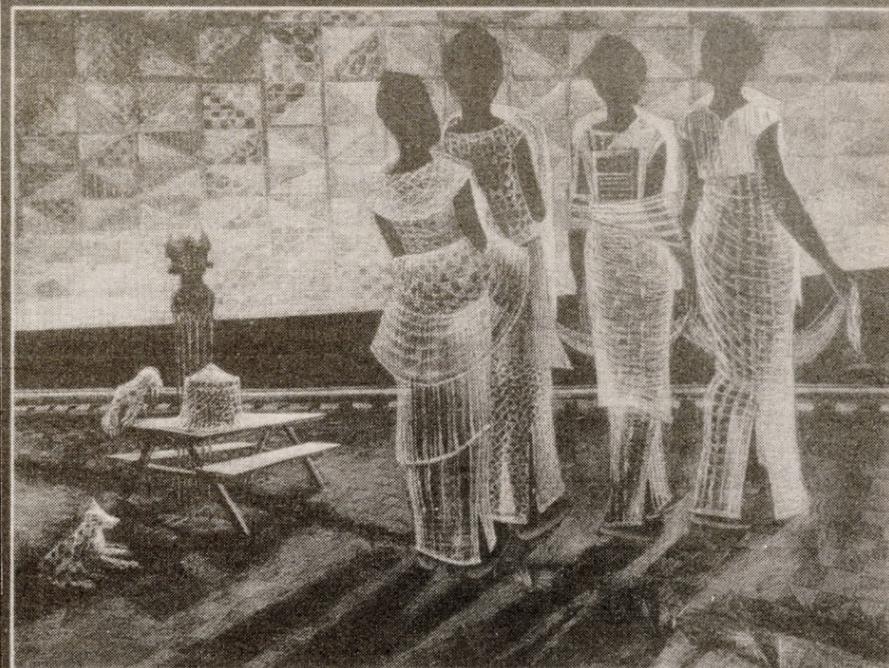
HOLIDAY SUPPORT GROUP FOR LESBIANS. Thru Jan. 2. Tuesdays. No charge but donations accepted. Chrysalis Women's Center, 2045 Manchester Street. Call 881-6300 for complete details.

CHRYSLIS WOMEN'S CENTER provides professionally led support group for lesbians every Friday night from 7 PM til 8:30 PM. Call 881-6300 for directions and information.

FIRST MCC AIDS MINISTRY committee meeting every Sun., 12:30 PM. First MCC, 800 N. Highland Ave. Call 872-2246 for more info.

WOMEN'S MEDITATION HOUR. A time for quiet contemplation in the safe company of women in a format recognizing the personal nature of spirituality. Socializing and meditation are in vogue here. Coffee, tea, and sweets provided. Donations accepted. Every Sunday, 7 PM. Chrysalis Women's Center, Amethyst Room, 2045 Manchester Street, 881-6300.

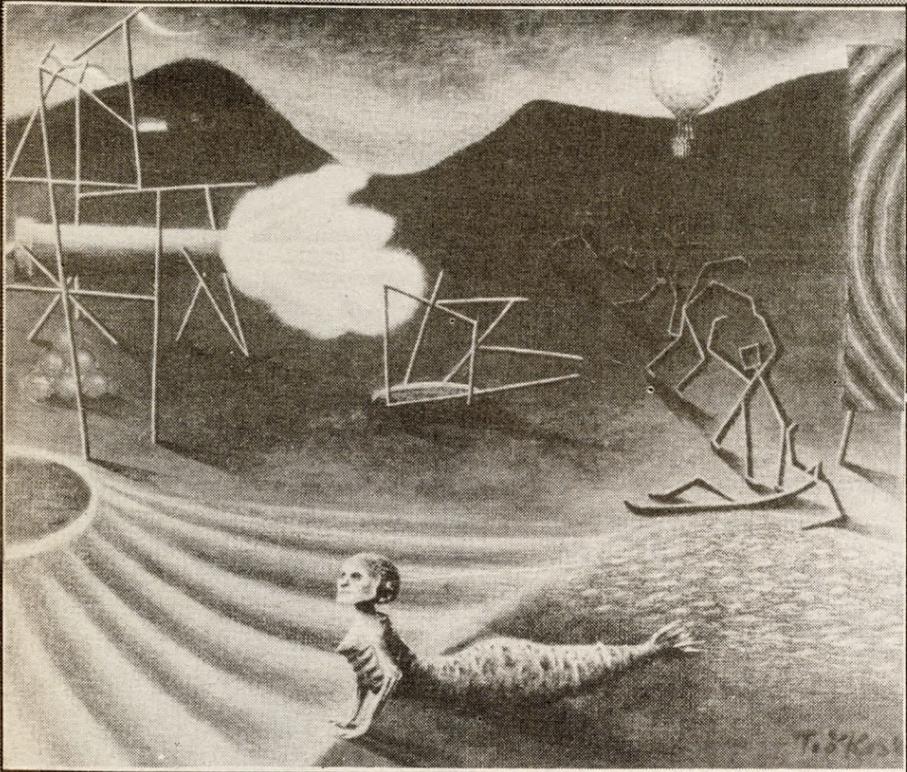
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JOHN BIGGERS

"Web Of Life" - paintings, drawings, mural sketches and prints by John Biggers - is on exhibition through January 16 at Hammonds House Galleries & Resource Center of African American Art, 503 Peoples Street. 752-8215 for more information. Pictured: FOUR SISTERS, 1986, oil and acrylic on canvas, 37" x 49".

December 21 - January 3



"The Moon Cannon" ("Die Mondkanone"), 1946, by Heinz Trokes is on view in the exhibition "Art in Berlin" through Jan. 14, 1990, at the High Museum of Art.

Music

OPAL FOXX QUARTET. Determined to spread holiday cheer and political awareness, Opal was also voted Best male Vocalist '89 recently. Check out the dates & places: Fri., Dec. 22, The Little 5 Pts. Pub; Thurs., Dec. 28, The Point; Sat., Dec. 30, Colorbox on North Highland; and Tues., Jan 2nd, @ The Little 5 Pts. Pub. Extravaganza and pep rally for Sodomites! 8:30 pm until —.

THE TOWER. Sat., Dec. 23, the KE4P help Leslie, celebrating her birthday. Join the fun. \$3.00 cover. 735 Ralph McGill Blvd. 688-5463.

CHICKASAW MUD PUPPIES. Sat., Dec. 23. W/Mercyland, La Brea Stompers, and Skin Pops. \$3.96. Doors open @ 8 PM, shows @ 10 PM. Cotton Club. 1021 peachtree Street, 874-2523.

BLACK NATIVITY. Sat., Dec. 23. Sponsored by V103-FM & WAOK. 3 PM, 8 PM, \$15; Children under 12-\$10. Center Stage, 1374 West Peachtree. Call 873-2500.

MOTHER'S FINEST. Sun., Dec. 31, 7 PM; 11 PM. \$25. Center Stage. 1374 West Peachtree. Call 873-2500.

drivin 'n' cryin'. Sun., Dec. 31. W/Mary My Hope. 9:30 pm. \$25. Roxy Theater. 577-9600.

Photography

GRAFFITI ART: The Berlin Wall Talks. Thru Feb. 1990. One hundred colour photos by Berliner Heinz J. Kuzdas document graffiti on the now-defunct Berlin Wall from 1983 to 1988. Free. Georgia Tech. Student Center Gallery.

Radio

All of the following programs are heard on Radio Free Georgia—WRFG-89.3 FM.

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THE GOODEARTH: Tues., 1PM-1AM. New Wave and Alternative Music w/Eric Price.

SOUNDINGS: Thurs., 1-2 PM. Topical music and talk with socially concerned artists, hosted by Franklin Abbott and Lanier Clance.

STILL AIN'T SATISFIED: Thurs., 5:05-7 PM. Music and Public Affairs from a Heretic Woman's view. *This Way Out*, the Lesbian and Gay Radio News, at 6 PM.

THE SEEKER: Sat., 5-8 PM. Music and information which preserves, promotes and advances the true history and culture of African-American people. Coltrane, Marley, Nina Simone, Fela, Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, book and film reviews, interviews, news, poetry readings and much more. Hosted by W.S. Thweme.

GAY GRAFFITTI: Sun., 8-9PM. Good music and good talk by and about Atlanta's lesbian/gay community.

LES CHANTEUSES AFRICAINES: Mon., 1-6 AM. A unique radio exclusive! Featuring musical & literary voices of black women. Strong ethnic/lesbian flavour. Alicia Banks hosts.

Television

CHRISTMAS AT STARCROSS. Tues., Dec. 26. Part of the "AIDS Quarterly" series. Peter Jennings hosts. GPTV/Ch. 8. 10 PM.

Theatre

APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS: A HOME-COMING. Thurs., Dec. 7 thru Dec. 23. A mtn. homecoming of traditional stories, music, and celebration. For general audiences. Wed.-Sat., 8 PM; Sat., 10 AM; Sun., 3PM. \$10-4. Theatrical Outfit, 1012 Peachtree St. 872-0665.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL. Thurs., Dec. 7 thru Dec. 24. The 10th anniversary of the classic, with a new twist! Academy Theatre, 14th and Juniper Sts. Call 892-0660 for more info.

LAUGHING WILD. Fri., Dec. 15 - Sat., Dec. 30. Christopher Durang's wickedly funny romp through the Harmonic Convergence, tuna fish, homosexuality, and Dream Girls. Actor's Express. 280 Elizabeth St., 221-0831.



"Annie Get Your Gun" runs through December 31 at The Alliance Theater. A perfect holiday treat. Tuesday-Saturday at 8:00PM. Matinees at 2:30PM on Saturdays and Sundays. 892-2414 for more information. Pictured: Pamela Myers as Annie and Robert Yacko as Frank Butler.

THE 1940'S RADIO HOUR. Through Sun., Dec. 31. by Walton Jones, this is the annual production of the popular swing down Memory Lane. Set in a small radio station at Christmas 1942, it's got 40's music & a wacky band of entertainers. Theatre in the Square, 11 Whitlock Ave., Marietta, GA. Call 422-8369 for details.

ANNIE GET YOUR GUN. Thru Sun., Dec. 31. First major revival of Berlin's classic in 20 yrs. A 4-Star production. Alliance Mainstage. Woodruff Arts Center. 1280 Peachtree St.

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ORGANIZATIONS

AALGA- African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance. 1st Sunday of each month. 4:00 PM. Ashby and Gordon Street. A political and social organization for black lesbians and gay men. PO Box 50374, Atlanta, Ga., 30302. 691-5921 or 297-8815.

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 at 7:30 PM at 131 Ponce de Leon, Suite 233. 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.

ALACC- Atlanta Lesbian Agenda Conference Committee. A diverse group of lesbians helping to organize the 1st National Lesbian Agenda Conference to be held in Atlanta in 1990 or 1991. For info call 378-9769.

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 info 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.

APAC Atlanta Pro-Choice Action Committee - Join Atlanta's newest abortion-rights activist group in defending women's health clinics. A non-profit, non-partisan, nonviolent broad-based organization created to support the right to reproductive freedom for all people. 239-8016 for information. Our bodies, our lives, our right to decide.

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.

AIDS Info Line- 876-9944 (Atlanta); 1-800-551-2728 (State-wide). Answers to questions about AIDS, referrals, etc., by trained volunteers staffing phone lines from 9:00 AM-9:00 PM daily. A public service of AID Atlanta and the Ga. DHR.

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 info: 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, 4:30-7:00 PM at the First Existentialist Church at 470 Candler Pk. 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. 7:30 PM. First Existentialist Church. The Circle is open to anyone in need of healing, be it physical, emotional, or spiritual. 378-5570

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

Chrysalis - A women's center providing social, educational and informational programs and services for the community. 2045 Manchester. For info call (404) 881-6300.

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. All Saints Episcopal Church. Proudly serving the lesbian and gay community. Info line: 642-3467.

Delphi- A fraternity of gay men, offering recreation, fellowship, and idealism. P.O. Box 14591, Atlanta, GA 30324.

ELGO- Emory Lesbian & Gay Organization. Meetings every Wed. at 7:30 PM. Room 362E. Dobbs University Center. Box 23515, Emory Univ., Atlanta, Ga. 30322. 727-6692.

First MCC Atlanta- 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. Counseling 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.

Friends of Zoo Atlanta- Support organization for Zoo Atlanta. For info regarding corporate sponsorship, membership, volunteers and adopt-an-animal call (404) 525-9936. Mon.-Fri., 9AM-5PM.

GAA- 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. Weekly meetings. 676-1324. GALA, Programs Area, GA Tech, Atlanta, GA 30332.

GLSA- Ga. State Gay and Lesbian Student Alliance. Day meetings on Wed. 10:10am, Rm 904 General Classroom Bldg. (Nov. 8 mtg. in 804 GCB). Info: 651-3636 or 352-4570. GLSA, Box 506 University Plaza, Atlanta, GA 30303.

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. 368-7420.

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.

Gay & Lesbian Pride March-1990- PO Box 5643, West Columbia, SC 29171. (803) 796-3615, 252-9455, 271-4207.

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.

Human Rights Campaign Fund-(HRCF-Atlanta) The nation's largest Lesbian & Gay political + lobbying organization. P.O. Box 8594, Atlanta, GA 30306, Phone 365-8766.

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. 7:30PM. N. Highland Branch Library. For info: 874-8969. Address: LAMP, PO Box 301, 1579-F Monroe Drive, Atlanta, GA, 30324.

LEGAL- Legislate Equality for Gays and Lesbians. The voice of lesbian and gay Georgians in the Democratic party. 286-7476.

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. 938-2009.

Lutherans Concerned/Atlanta- A Christian Ministry for Lesbian and Gay Understanding. Please contact us at P.O. Box 13673, Atlanta, GA 30324. 636-7109.

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. 4:00PM. 728 Pickens St., Columbia, SC. Contact: PO Box 90537, Columbia, SC, 29290. (803) 732-0838.

MAAS- Metro Atlanta Astrological Society. A networking educational/research organization for both amateur and professional astrologers. Usually meet the fourth Wed. of each month. 622-5661

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 info. 242-2342.

MCC All Saints- Serving metro Atlanta 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 6:30PM 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, Greenville, SC, 29603-0022. 24hr. 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. For info call 434-7826.

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.

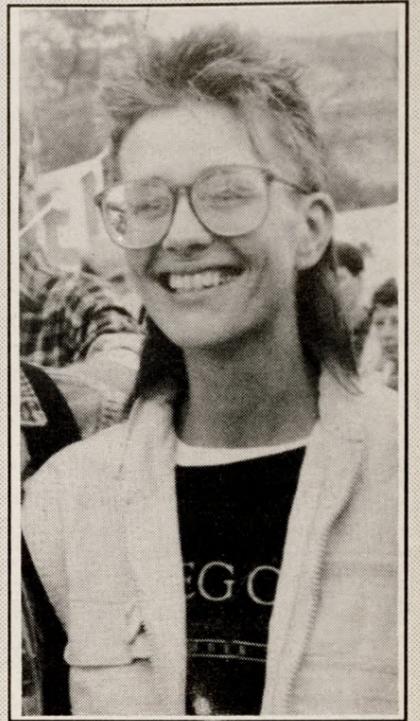
SAME- Southeastern Arts, Media & Education Project, Inc. Utilizes arts and media as tools for exploration, education, and change in human rights, especially those of the lesbian/gay community. 584-2104.

Southern Country Atlanta- A social organization which promotes country/western dance and activities. We sponsor country/western dance nights at three locations in Atlanta and some out-of-town activities. Call 231-0805 for further info.

Speak Out- Provides you, the voter, an opportunity to let your congressional representatives know how you feel concerning AIDS & Civil Rights Matters. P.O. Box 8594, Atlanta, GA 30306, Phone 365-8766.

WOW- Women of Wisdom. Usually every 3rd Monday of each month. 7:30 PM. N. Highland Branch Library. Facilitates 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.

OUT LINES



Occupation:
Team Coordinator at Shepherd Spinal Center

Relationship status: Single

Age: 37

Hometown: Union, Missouri

How long in Atlanta: Six years

Personal goal: To have a family

Favorite film: "Tootsie"

Currently Reading: *Necessary Losses*

Favorite politician: John Lewis

Favorite vacation spot: Pensacola Beach, Fla.

Barb Freise:

She Wouldn't Have It Any Other Way

Barb Freise is busy these days. She works at two jobs, and then devotes her energy to political activism. But she wouldn't have it any other way.

Barb works at Shepard Spinal Center, coordinating rehabilitation teams helping patients with spinal cord injuries. She also does direct care work part-time at the Devereaux Foundation, an in-patient psychiatric center for adolescents.

Why the long hours? "To help reach my long-term goal; I would like to have a family." Barb's plan is to give birth to a baby of her own, and that takes money. She intends to start making her dream a reality in about four to six months.

Why a child? "I want to have a child so I can share, and be a part of someone else's life. To me, that is one of the most fulfilling experiences I could have. It's something I have been planning to do for about five years."

Although she is single, Barb doesn't want her relationship status to determine whether or not to have a child.

"Love makes a family," Barb says. "And having other people in my child's life is just as important as me having a partner."

Although Barb has been active in lesbian mother support groups for some time now, recently she has also become active in ACT UP, the gay activist group that brings AIDS-related issues to the attention of the public through demonstrations and educational activities. Barb has worked on plans for demonstrations scheduled for January 8 and 9, one protesting the infamous sodomy law, the other challenging the CDC's definition of AIDS.

Barb's enthusiasm and commitment are evident in her voice: "This is the most politically involved I've been since I've been in Atlanta," she says, "and I encourage anyone who wants to get involved to do so. It's been a great experience. I feel so much closer to my community, and feel I have a connection to more people."

- Charlene Ball

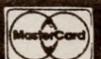
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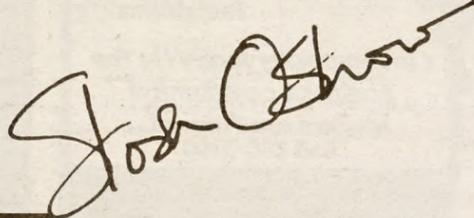
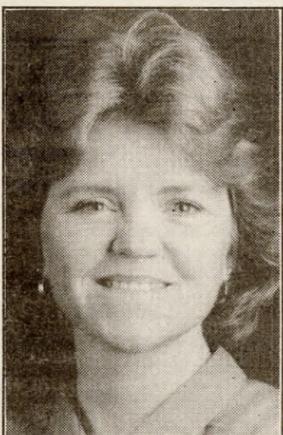
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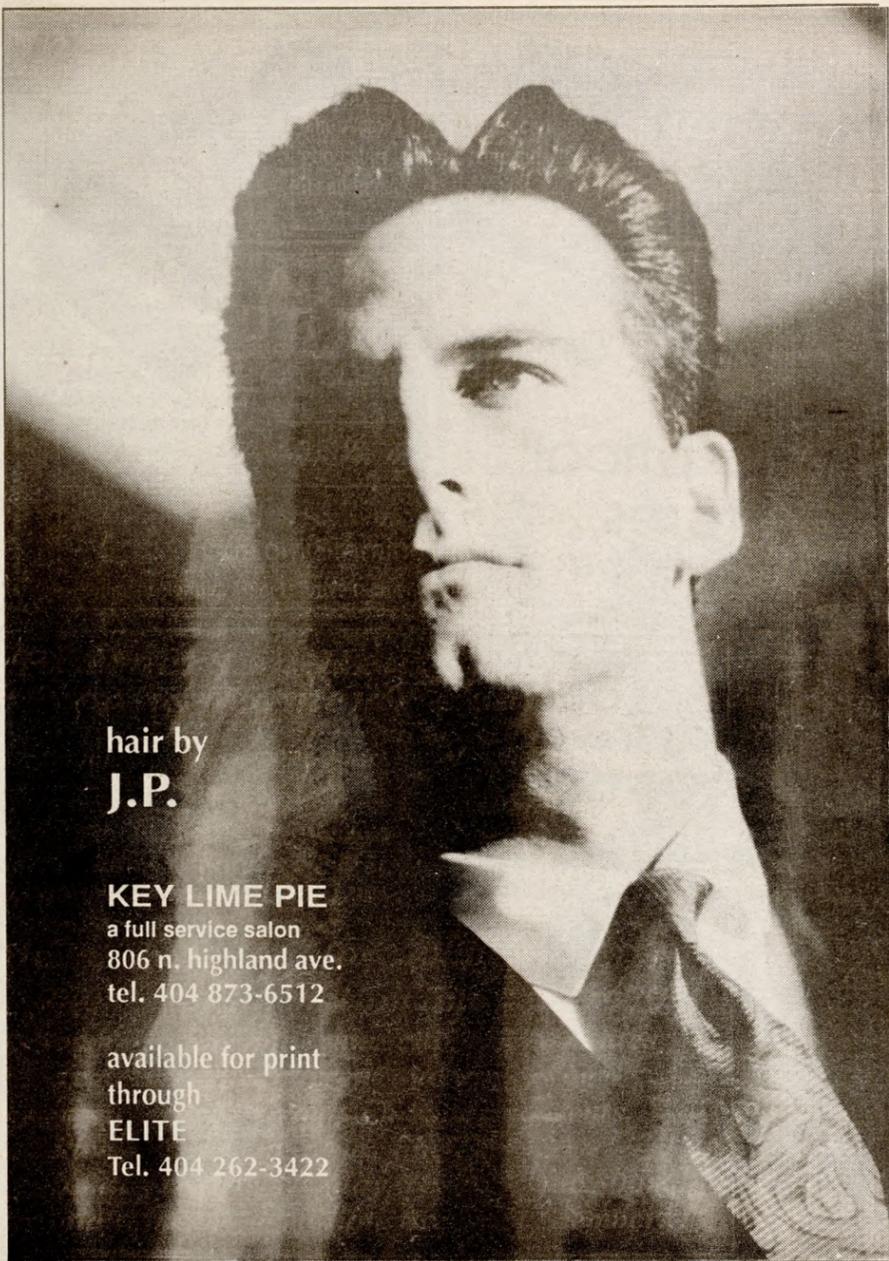
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upheld it in the 1986 *Bowers v. Hardwick* case.

Since it was first written, the law has undergone 10 changes. The latest revision, made in 1968, eliminated some of the law's historical vagueness as well as all reference to gender. Now anyone, without regard to sex or sexual orientation, can commit sodomy under O.C.G.A. 16-6-2, which reads as follows:

"Sodomy is performing or submitting to a sexual act involving the sex organs of one person and the mouth or anus of another. It is a crime which may be committed otherwise than per anum. There is no limitation as to the means by which this crime may be committed."

Simple sodomy is punishable by no less than one or more than 20 years imprisonment in Georgia. The state distinguishes aggravated sodomy from simple sodomy as a crime committed "with force and against the will of another person," which is punishable by a maximum sentence of life imprisonment. Solicitation of sodomy, adultery and fornication (unmarried people having sex) are also illegal here, but are punishable as misdemeanors.

According to Brenning, a social activist working to repeal the law, most people serving "hard time" in prison for sodomy have been convicted of sodomy plus another crime, such as rape, assault or child molestation. The lack of cases involving simple sodomy alone has left

activists few examples of the law's application with which to lobby, said Brenning.

Georgia's most noted case of simple sodomy was the Hardwick decision. Michael Hardwick was charged with sodomy after a police officer walked into his bedroom as he was having sex with another man. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that "homosexuals do not have a fundamental right to engage in acts of consensual sodomy under the due process clause of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution."

In his dissent from the 5-4 decision, Justice Harry Blackmun said, "Like Justice Holmes, I believe that it is revolting to have no better reason for a rule of law than that it was laid down in the time of Henry IV."

If the constitutional right to privacy means anything, Blackmun continued, "it means that before Georgia can prosecute its citizens for making choices about the most intimate aspects of their lives, it must do more than assert that the choice they have made is an abominable crime not fit to be named among Christians."

Despite the fact that most Americans practice some form of sodomy and that 70% of Georgians favor changing or repealing the sodomy law, gay and lesbian leaders warn that change will not come about without supreme effort. The stricture against sodomy is so woven into the fabric of American prejudice and myth, they say, only a determined people tired of being de facto criminals will break the "tradition of the law."

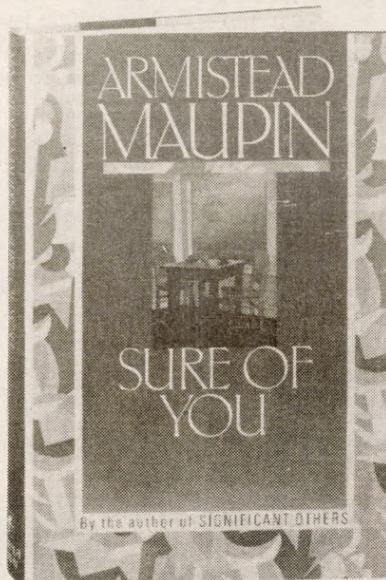
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that minimized Tennessee's sodomy law is being formed in Oklahoma;

- an effort underfoot in Massachusetts to introduce repeal legislation;
- repeal legislation in Maryland that passed the state Senate in 1987 but was stopped cold in the House Judiciary Committee in 1987 and 1988;
- and a similar repeal effort in Minnesota that was voted down in 1987.

The upcoming protest and civil disobedience planned by ACT UP/Atlanta and ACT UP/NY will be a major next step in the repeal effort, according to Hyde, who said that the gay/lesbian community needs to take a lesson from the black civil rights movement and "fill not only the state houses, but the jail houses too. This is the first time I know of that people are going to legislative house and putting their bodies on the line to demand not just repeal of the sodomy law in Georgia but throughout the nation."



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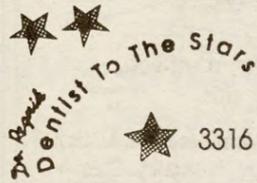
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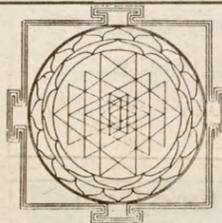
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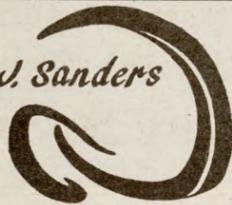
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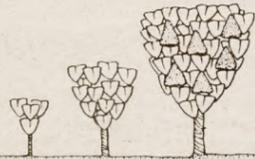
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On the NEA, Jessie Helms and Other Public Traitors

by Ruby Lerner

On Monday, July 24th, 1989, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee recommended that Congress slash the National Endowment for the Arts' visual arts budget by \$400,000 and discontinue, for five years, any grants to the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art in Winston-Salem or the Institute of Contemporary Art in Philadelphia. These are the organizations which sponsored controversial art works by photographers Andeas Serrano and Robert Mapplethorpe.

On June 30, 1939, fifty years ago this year, after four remarkably productive years, The Federal Theatre Project was ended by an Act of Congress. This major component of what was arguably one of the most fertile, and still influential, periods in the history of the arts in America, The Federal Theatre was ended by Congress because the forces marshaled in its behalf came too late to combat the forces which had been at work against the Federal Theatre for a long time.

The abolition of the Federal Theatre (due to claims of communist infiltration, among other accusations), we now know, was mere prelude to the later shameful inquisition tactics of the notorious House Un-American Activities Committee. President Truman's executive order of loyalty in 1947 required that the Department of Justice draw up a list of organizations it decided were "totalitarian, fascist, communist or subversive." Not only membership in, but also "sympathetic association" with, any organization on the Attorney General's list would be considered in determining loyalty. By 1954 there were hundreds of groups on this list, including, besides the Communist Party and the Ku Klux Klan, the Chopin Cultural Center, the Cervantes Fraternal Society, the Committee for the Negro in the Arts, the Committee for the Protection of the Bill of Rights, the League of American Writers, the Nature Friends of America, the Washington Bookshop Association and the Yugoslav Seaman's Club.

As chairman of the Permanent Investigations Subcommittee of a Senate Committee on Government Operations, Joseph McCarthy investigated the State Department's information program, its Voice of America and its overseas libraries. Books, such as *The Selected Works of Thomas Jefferson*, were removed. Some were burned.

In the media industry, no one could forget that hundreds of burgeoning Hollywood careers were ruined by the practice of "black-listing," a practice allegedly anathema in a democracy. When investigations began in Hollywood, the industry was steadfast. But the resistance crumbled, and in 1947, Hollywood leaders pledged publicly that the industry would not hire anyone considered politically dangerous.

In 1950 liberal senators proposed the setting up of detention centers for suspected subversives, who when the President declared an "internal security emergency," would be held without trial. The proposed camps were set up, ready for use. (Interestingly, it is today's liberal senators who cannot be reached for comment on the NEA controversy, or who have made public statements echoing, albeit perhaps less rabidly, Senator Helms' opinions.)

McCarthy eventually went too far, even for a country looking for subversives under every rock. He began investigating that noted hotbed of radicalism, the military, and this

was his undoing. But it wasn't until 1968 that the bill providing for detention camps for subversives was eliminated.

The chilling effect of the attacks of our latter-day McCarthy, Senator Helms, is already having its impact, at artists, administrators and boards of directors of arts organizations begin cowering in the face of possible cuts in funding to artists or programs judged, in the words of Helms' proposed legislation, to "promote, disseminate or produce obscene or indecent materials" or "material which denigrates the objects or beliefs of the adherents of a particular religion or nonreligion." The "chilling" is precisely Mr. Helms' intention. It is also his intention to know and control what books you check out of the library, whom you go to bed with, and what highly personal decisions you make about whether and when to have a family.

The Helms' legislation is not threatening freedom of speech, some say, because it does not suggest that the artist doesn't have the right to create whatever he or she may choose; it merely asserts that public funds shouldn't necessarily have to pay for art it finds politically or morally objectionable. However, as Bertrand Russell wrote, "It is clear that thought is not free if the profession of certain opinions makes it impossible to earn a living." You can burn a book that is already written and published. Or you can make it impossible for that book to ever be written and published. Ultimately, I wonder if there's any difference.

Further, what possible legitimacy can the withholding of public funds to "questionable" work hold in a country that, unlike Iran or China, calls itself a democracy, a system of government built on the very premise of diversity, a system of government that is supposed to not only allow debate, but to encourage it, a system of government which allegedly views that debate as its strength not its weakness? And who in a democracy has the power to define for its citizens what is obscene or offensive? You or Jesse Helms?

Russell also wrote, "Freedom of opinion can only exist when the government thinks itself secure." Obviously, Helms and people like conservative columnist Patrick Buchanan must be experiencing some insecurity right now, since it is Buchanan's belief that "while the right has been busy winning primaries and elections, cutting taxes, funding anti-communist guerrillas abroad, the left has been quietly seizing all the commanding heights of American arts and culture." (He actually acknowledges that "commanding heights" have been achieved!)

Likely, it was fear of the allure that communism might hold in a depression-wracked economy that prompted the HUAC actions in the 1940's and 1950's. The most interesting and unasked question now is, what is it that Helms, Buchanan and their cronies fear today? A country of people free to make up their own minds about what to read or attend or think or how to live their lives? Why should this be so terrifying to them? Noted art critic Donald Kuspit states, "The effort to label Modernist art 'degenerate' was already made in 1937 by the Nazis. This effort to censor and control the arts, which are an expression of the creative and free human spirit, amounts to authoritarianism and in effect is the beginning of the end of all that we have meant by our civilization since its Judeo-Hellenic beginnings." (from "The

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Some Thoughts About Feminists, Woman Hating and Men Who Kill

by Margo Smith

In the past 6 months, 33 Georgia women have been killed by their husband or boyfriend. More than 30,000 women call battered women crisis lines in Georgia each year—almost all have been assaulted, threatened with death or actually been a victim of attempted murder. Death is the end result of a batterer's need for power and control. They believe that without this power and control, that they themselves will be unable to live. Indeed many men kill themselves after killing their ex-wife or girlfriend—in a final ironic statement: "At least I have the power to destroy you. That is worth giving my life for".

The man in Montreal is no different than an average batterer. He had the same impulses and need for power. He only manifested it towards a group of women. In another tragic irony, some women cried out to him that they weren't feminists in a desperate attempt to be spared. It didn't matter. They were killed anyway. Just as some women hope that they can and will be spared the terrible toll of men's rage if they find the perfect combination of man pleasing characteristics and qualities—especially if they separate themselves from any identification with women who do not have male approval. It doesn't matter how hard women try to please and not offend, the only thing that will ultimately satisfy the batterer's need for power and control is for the woman to not be a person. For many women that means death, suicide or mental illness.

When women begin to acknowledge and name women hating and men's rage against women for what it is they are called "man-haters" and lesbians, a naming that is enough to bring most women into line. Enough to get them to deny and minimize the terror that they face every day knowing that they could be the next victim of rape, battering, harassment or discrimination.

The ever increasing trend to define battering according to the medical model of individual aberration and treatment is part of the move to deflect the attention away from the real problem and the real solution. If the gunman in Montreal is just an aberrant psychotic individual, then we have no responsibility, as a society, to look at the causes and solutions. How in the world could anyone predict the actions of one solitary crazed person? If, on the other hand, this man is the extreme on the spectrum of woman-hating that is taught to all boys and girls from infancy on, then there is a lot that society can do to prevent this scenario from being repeated in classrooms and living rooms and bedrooms across the country, around the world, every day.

The abuse and battering of women is not an aberration. It is not just a few maladjusted men who go around beating up women. The need to exercise some form of power and control over women is taught to all men. Our society supports this basic right, whether explicitly or implicitly. It's not really considered a crime and it's not really condemned by any of our institutions. Although the term "woman beater" is a negative term, it has no impact on the practice, just as the term "child molester" has no impact on the incidence of the rape of children in this culture.

Both women and men have to overcome the fear of naming the problem for what it is—women hating and the oppression of women. Men have more of a stake in maintaining the system of inequality because they do accrue tangible benefits from the advantage. Women cannot wait until men are willing to let go of the power in order to free themselves. We have to be in charge of our own liberation; our lives are at stake.

Margo Smith is the director of The Georgia Network Against Domestic Violence.

Public Traitors

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Democracy is tough going. It isn't neat and tidy like fascism or totalitarianism, where what is approved politically or culturally is pretty clear—and pretty narrow. Democracy means we all are likely to be offended by something or someone at sometime.

And democracy is a process. We hopefully learn more about it as we muddle our way through it. It is a becoming rather than a being. Langston Hughes said that "America is the land that has not yet been, and yet must be."

Benjamin Franklin in the "DoGood Papers," written in 1722, observed, "In those wretched countries where a man cannot call his tongue his own, he can scarce call anything his own. Whoever would overthrow the liberty of a nation must begin by subduing the freeness of speech; a thing terrible to public traitors."

The "public traitors" seem to be surrounding us these days, wrapping themselves in flags and failing to understand that they have confused symbols with the reality they are supposed to embody. Nobody fought for a flag, I hope. They did fight to preserve what it stands for.

There is no fundamental difference between Jesse Helms and the Ayatollah. "Assassination is the extreme form of censorship," wrote George Bernard Shaw. The difference is one only of degree not of kind.

Unfortunately, just like you can't be a little pregnant, you can't have a little censorship. Is the great "land of the free, home of the brave" turning into the land of the censored and the home of the spineless?

If you care not just about the future of IMAGE, not just about the future of the arts, not just about preserving the National Endowment's budget, but if you care about the future of your own freedom of speech and of choice, I hope you'll write your congressional representative and our Georgia senators. I hope you'll ask them not just to preserve the NEA's budget and current system of peer review, but I hope you'll ask them to see this assault, which may seem insignificant now, as perhaps the beginning of what could become another threat to the future of all we hold dear.

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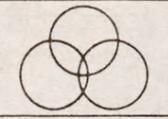


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by Mary Bailey-Rule

Happy Birthday, Capricorns! The Sun is in your sign until Jan. 20 when it moves into Aquarius. Venus goes retrograde on Dec. 29 and Mercury goes retrograde on Dec. 30, so be as clear as possible with your communications, especially in personal relationships.

Since this is the column for the New Year, I thought it might be fun to do affirmations for each sign to get everything off to a good start. Happy Holidays and have a marvelous New Year!



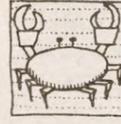
ARIES My life represents freedom and the creative impulse of the Great Spirit within me. I am never limited or held back by the past, so I am always centered and focused in the present, creating a dynamic and wonderful life.



TAURUS My will and my awareness is aligned with the Creative Intelligence within me, so all my actions and choices now reflect that greater wisdom. I give freely of myself out of my experience of abundance and prosperity.



GEMINI My voice and my thought is an individualized expression of the Great Mind of the Creator, therefore, when I speak or think I create something better and give life to the best within myself and in every situation.



CANCER I am always aware of the boundless love that fills and sustains of all of Creation. I know that I am nourished and supported by that love and so I live in perfect peace and harmony with all of Life.



LEO My life represents the courage of a heart filled with love. I give of myself, guided by the wisdom of the Spirit within me, without any thought of return or obligation, knowing that all my needs are filled.



VIRGO My awareness of the beauty and perfection of every part of creation allows me to experience the harmony and order of the Universe in my daily life. Therefore, I am able to create order and harmony in all situations.



LIBRA My innate sense of the essential balance that exists in life allows me to focus my attention on solutions rather than problems. I am always attuned to the beauty and peace of the Spirit that lives within me.



SCORPIO Intuitively, I know the power of truth to heal and to free. As I speak the truth about myself, I know that I am freed from the past and open to greater growth and a more joyful life.



SAGITTARIUS I instinctively know that life is meant to be lived in health, happiness and abundance, therefore I allow the Greater Intelligence within me to guide and direct all my actions and choices. My life reflects the joy of living.



CAPRICORN My life reflects the ability to respond to the challenges of life with wisdom and common sense. I am guided by the Higher Intelligence within me in each decision and action to a greater expression of life.



AQUARIUS I know that I live and move and have my being within an unlimited and creative Mind. Therefore I always know exactly what I need to know and I have access to the collective wisdom of the ages.



PISCES I know that my life is an individualized expression of the great and loving Spirit of the Universe. Therefore, I move through life in perfect freedom and security. My life and happiness is complete in this present moment.

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HERE YOU GO. SO, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK TO ME ABOUT?

WELL, I WANTED TO ASK YOUR ADVICE, ACTUALLY. ABOUT... UH...

YES?

WELL, IT'S KINDA PERSONAL. SPARROW.

IS IT ABOUT SEX? ARE YOU & HARRIET HAVING PROBLEMS?

NO! WELL... NOT EXACTLY.

DON'T TELL ME! YOU'RE ATTRACTED TO SOMEONE ELSE AND DON'T KNOW HOW TO BREAK IT TO HARRIET!

NO!

HARRIET'S SEEING SOMEONE ELSE, AND YOU'RE DEVASTATED!

NUH UH. KEEP GOING.

MO, SPILL IT! I HAVE A THERAPY SESSION IN HALF AN HOUR!

YES! THAT'S IT!

WHAT?! HARRIET'S HAVING AN AFFAIR WITH MY THERAPIST?

NO! IT'S... I'VE DECIDED TO GO INTO THERAPY, AND I THOUGHT YOU COULD RECOMMEND SOME PEOPLE.

IS THAT ALL? SURE, I CAN GIVE YOU SOME NAMES TO CALL OR YOU CAN LOOK IN THE TEN PERCENT TRIBUNE... A LOTTA LESBIAN THERAPIST'S ADVERTISE IN HERE.

HI, MO! SPARROW, WILL YA LAY OFF TRYING TO CONVERT EVERYONE INTO A THERAPY-HEAD?

SHE'S NOT CONVERTING ME, LOIS... I ASKED HER.

NOT YOU TOO! SAY IT AIN'T SO, MO! OOH! MY INNER CHILD IS FEELING VERY HURT! I THINK THIS IS STIMULATING MY ABANDONMENT ISSUES! OR AM I JUST BEING CODEPENDENT? LET'S PROCEED AFTER I ASK MY SHIRUK!

NEXT BOOK CASE OF DENIAL. JUST IGNORE HER.

bittersweet

by Charles Haver

DEAR DIARY, TODAY I WENT SHOPPING WITH MOMMY AND DADDY...

THERE I WAS IN THE TOY DEPT. OF MURFREE'S DEPT. STORE, ADMIRING THE "ARMY JOE" DOLLS WHEN I SAW IN THE CORNER OF MY EYE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL DOLL I'VE EVER SEEN!

SHE WAS IN THE "GIRLS" SECTION OF THE TOY DEPT. I MOVED CLOSER TO GET A BETTER LOOK. I WAS AFRAID SOMEONE MIGHT SEE ME, BUT I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF!

SHE STOOD IN A CARDBOARD BOX WITH CLEAR PLASTIC OVER IT. SHE WAS WEARING A LONG, SHINY, PINK DRESS WITH MATCHING ELBOW-LENGTH GLOVES & HIGH-HEELED SHOES. SHE HAD A JEWELLED CROWN ON HER HEAD.

I WANTED SO BADLY TO TAKE HER OUT OF THAT BOX & BRING HER HOME WITH ME. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NEAT TO TAKE HER HOME WITH ONE OF THE "ARMY JOE" DOLLS & HAVE THEM BOTH TO PLAY WITH.

I WAS AFRAID THE OTHER CHILDREN WERE BEGINNING TO NOTICE ME. I PRETENDED I WAS LOOKING AT THE OTHER TOYS. THEN I HEARD DADDY CALL ME. HE HAD A STRANGE LOOK ON HIS FACE AND SHOPPING BAGS IN HIS HANDS. I NOTICED A FOOTBALL IN ONE OF THEM.

I'LL TRY TO LOOK SURPRISED WHEN I UNWRAP MY FOOTBALL TOMORROW. MERRY CHRISTMAS! GOOD NIGHT!

TIMMY! LET'S GO!



FAMOUS FACES

Stevie for Mayor?

Guess who wants to go to city hall. Stevie Wonder says he may turn his efforts to running Detroit, one of these days. In a speech during commencement ceremonies before 1,300 graduating students at Michigan State University, he said he is considering a run for the Mayor's office around the year 1997. He also spoke against drugs and called for more understanding among people. Wonder received an honorary doctor of humanities degree from the school. For the ceremony he wore the traditional cap and gown, and a pair of dark sunglasses.

The "Big One" for Red Foxx

Comedian Red Foxx came home to find the IRS had paid him a visit. The Big Visit. IRS agents raided his home, taking away furniture, jewelry, cars and clothing to pay for his more than \$750,000 debt to Uncle Sam resulting from unpaid taxes for the years after he declared bankruptcy. Foxx, who is currently appearing in Eddie Murphy's movie "Harlem Nights," filed for bankruptcy in 1983, saying he could not afford the \$1.6 million he owed the government then, and another \$800,000 owed to various creditors. Following the IRS raid, an angry Foxx complained he has been "whitelisted and whiteballed" by the government.

The First 50 Years for Tina

Tina Turner flew many of her friends to London for the swanky, star-studded celebration of her 50th birthday. She appeared at the city's Reform Club wearing a dress reportedly worth almost \$40,000, flanked by her German boyfriend, the 34 year-old Erwin Bach. The guest list included Mark Knopfler of Dire Straits, Bryan Adams and other celebrities. Her buddy Mick Jagger, busy with the Rolling Stone's tour, could not come to the party, but the Stones did send a video birthday card shot backstage in Dallas.

-F.G.

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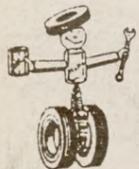
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Who are we?

Formed in 1986, **Buddies 'n' Pals 'n' Partners** is a computer dating service. Our goal is to help you meet someone compatible, both socially and sexually, as a friend or a lover.

How does your service work?

When your application is received it is entered into our computer system, the computer assigns you a client number. It then compares each of your attributes to those of all the other clients currently in our data base, eliminating those members having too many traits you have classed as undesirable and retaining those that meet your requirements.

The report you receive will contain the following information about your matches: A client identity number, a mini-profile listing all the attributes the client used to describe himself, as well as the authorized contact information provided by the client. Our double screening process ensures that you meet the other clients' requirements.

Your client number is used to allow us to verify your identity when you call our office, *you are the only one who should know this code.*

How much does it cost?

Our service fee is currently \$35, which includes a one time processing charge and your print-out of the top 15 matches from our current data base. As well, you automatically receive a *six month membership* during which other members may be matched with you; they will receive the authorized contact information you have provided. You can know of these matches *only when they contact you.*

You may also order our **MatchPlus** service for \$55.00. This fee includes 30 client matches and a 6 month membership for **MatchPlus** service customers. You may update your contact information at any time *without charge.*

What else do I need to know?

Members agree that the information they provide is complete and accurate. As well, that any information they receive from us is confidential, *for their personal use only*, in accordance with the objectives of the service.

We reserve the right to decline applications for any reason, if an application is declined a full refund will be issued. We also reserve the right to terminate any membership without refund if the information provided is found to be deliberately incomplete, untrue or deceptive.

How do I fill out the Application Form?

We know you hate reading instructions, but in order for us to provide you with the best possible service, please read these instructions carefully before filling out your Buddies 'n' Pals 'n' Partners Application Form.

At first 191 questions may seem a bit overwhelming, but, in fact, filling out the Application Form is really not that difficult if you follow these four steps:

STEP 1: Fill in the section entitled **Membership Information** (For office use only). Enter your name, full mailing address, zip code, phone number. (*We will contact you by phone only if you include a phone number here.*) A mailing address is required for sending match lists.

STEP 2: Complete the **Contact Information** section and sign the disclaimer. The contact information you provide here will be given to members who match with you. The contact information should include your first name and phone number or a contact address. Use this section to tell members something about yourself, information that would not normally be included in the mini-profile. The use of this section is entirely up to you. However, giving out work phone numbers or home address is strongly discouraged!

STEP 3: The Boxes on the left hand side of each column are *used when the indicated attribute applies to you.* Check at least one box per section, only one box in sections which are mutually exclusive (*i.e.*, Age, Height, Hair, Location).

STEP 4: The words **YES, OK** and **NO** to the left of the attribute name describe the type of person you would like to meet. **Circle YES** when the attribute is *strongly desired* in a match. Indicating a **YES** will never disqualify a potential match. **Circle OK** if it doesn't matter one way or the other. **Circle NO** if you would *not like* this attribute in a match. A **NO** acts as a vote against the person, it does not automatically disqualify them.

Computerized Application Form

Dear Buddy: Please read the instructions carefully so that your match list is not delayed due to errors on your application. Your application must be complete or it will be returned to you for correction. For best results, please indicate at least one of your own traits in each of the main sections of the application form (*i.e.* Age, Build, Race).

Membership Information

Please provide the following confidential information to help us service your membership. (All correspondence to members is mailed in plain envelopes.)

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Fill out the form completely and mail, along with a check or money order for \$35 payable to **Buddies 'n' Pals 'n' Partners**, P.O. Box 13326, Baltimore, Maryland 21203.

Note: Mailing address required for sending match lists. Please allow one to two weeks for us to process your application.

Contact Information

Option 1: Contact information written below will be given out to members matching up with your profile. Contact information should include your first name and a phone number or some contact address. Work numbers and home address are discouraged!

(please print) _____

Disclaimer

By signing I agree that neither the computer dating service nor its agents has any liability and cannot be held responsible for any actions of its members as a result of the release of the authorized contact information indicated above. I also state that I am of legal age.

Signature _____ Date _____

Geographical Area

- YES OK NO Atlanta area
- YES OK NO Remaining 404 call area
- YES OK NO 912 call area (Ga.)
- YES OK NO 704 call area (N.C.)
- YES OK NO 919 call area (N.C.)
- YES OK NO State of South Carolina
- YES OK NO State of Alabama
- YES OK NO Nashville/Knoxville/615

Type of Relationship

- YES OK NO Lover (monogamous)
- YES OK NO Lover (nonmonogamous)
- YES OK NO Buddy (sexual)
- YES OK NO Buddy (platonic)
- YES OK NO One night stand
- YES OK NO Romantic fling
- YES OK NO Affair
- YES OK NO Pen-pal

Age Range

- YES OK NO 18-21
- YES OK NO 21-25
- YES OK NO 25-30
- YES OK NO 30-35
- YES OK NO 35-40
- YES OK NO 40-50
- YES OK NO 50+

Build

- YES OK NO Bodybuilder
- YES OK NO Muscular
- YES OK NO Average
- YES OK NO Slim
- YES OK NO Stocky
- YES OK NO Heavy
- YES OK NO Very Heavy

Height

- YES OK NO 5'6" or less
- YES OK NO 5'6"-5'9"
- YES OK NO 5'9"-6'
- YES OK NO 6'-6'3"
- YES OK NO 6'3" or taller

Hair

- YES OK NO Black
- YES OK NO Dark Brown
- YES OK NO Light Brown
- YES OK NO Auburn
- YES OK NO Red
- YES OK NO Strawberry Blond
- YES OK NO Blond
- YES OK NO White/gray
- YES OK NO Bald

Eyes

- YES OK NO Blue
- YES OK NO Green
- YES OK NO Gray
- YES OK NO Hazel
- YES OK NO Brown
- YES OK NO Black

Facial/Body Hair

- YES OK NO Smooth
- YES OK NO Clean Shaven
- YES OK NO Mustache
- YES OK NO Beard
- YES OK NO No body hair
- YES OK NO Smooth chest
- YES OK NO Hairy chest
- YES OK NO Very Hairy

Race

- YES OK NO Caucasian
- YES OK NO Asian/oriental
- YES OK NO Black
- YES OK NO Latin
- YES OK NO East Indian

General Appearance

- YES OK NO Very goodlooking
- YES OK NO Attractive
- YES OK NO Average
- YES OK NO Below average
- YES OK NO Yuppie/preppie
- YES OK NO Young executive
- YES OK NO Mature executive
- YES OK NO Trendy
- YES OK NO Collegiate/jock

Dress

- YES OK NO Casual (t-shirt, jeans)
- YES OK NO Sometimes sloppy
- YES OK NO High fashion
- YES OK NO Semi-formal
- YES OK NO Drag

Occupation

- YES OK NO Financially independent
- YES OK NO Self-supporting
- YES OK NO Nonself-supporting
- YES OK NO Unemployed
- YES OK NO Student
- YES OK NO Office/clerical
- YES OK NO Service/hospitality
- YES OK NO Sales
- YES OK NO Construction
- YES OK NO Technical
- YES OK NO Self-employed/entrepreneur
- YES OK NO Managerial
- YES OK NO Professional
- YES OK NO Health Care
- YES OK NO Entertainment/arts

Substance Use

- YES OK NO Smoker
- YES OK NO Non-smoker
- YES OK NO Heavy drinker
- YES OK NO Social drinker
- YES OK NO Non-drinker
- YES OK NO Non-drug user
- YES OK NO Light drug user

Personality

- YES OK NO Assertive
- YES OK NO Easy-going
- YES OK NO Outgoing
- YES OK NO Publicly affectionate
- YES OK NO Not publicly affectionate
- YES OK NO Shy/reserved
- YES OK NO Very masculine
- YES OK NO Fairly masculine
- YES OK NO Somewhat feminine
- YES OK NO Very feminine
- YES OK NO Closeted

- YES OK NO Doorway
- YES OK NO Openly gay

Social Activities

- YES OK NO Spectator sports
- YES OK NO Working out
- YES OK NO Movies
- YES OK NO Live theatre
- YES OK NO TV/video
- YES OK NO Concerts
- YES OK NO Arts events
- YES OK NO Dining out
- YES OK NO Parties
- YES OK NO Bars/dancing
- YES OK NO Cooking
- YES OK NO Travel
- YES OK NO Camping/hiking
- YES OK NO Sailing/surfing
- YES OK NO Skiing
- YES OK NO Tennis/racquetball
- YES OK NO Swimming
- YES OK NO Cycling
- YES OK NO Music
- YES OK NO Photographer
- YES OK NO Painting art

Beliefs

- YES OK NO Catholic
- YES OK NO Protestant
- YES OK NO Jewish
- YES OK NO Newage
- YES OK NO MCC
- YES OK NO Very religious
- YES OK NO Somewhat religious
- YES OK NO Not religious
- YES OK NO Politically liberal
- YES OK NO Conservative
- YES OK NO Social democrat

Sexual Preferences

- YES OK NO Kissing
- YES OK NO Cuddling
- YES OK NO J/O
- YES OK NO French active



*** AIDS SERVICES & EDUCATION**

The People Project - Ready to assist PWA's in locating services that are available in the community. This is a people-for-people program. Call Ron at 371-0819 or the Atlanta Gay Center at 876-5372.

AIDS Information Line - 9AM-9PM weekdays, 9AM-5PM, weekends for confidential, factual answers on risk, transmission, testing, medical and other referrals in Ga. and elsewhere. Atlantans call 876-9944, other Georgians dial toll-free 1-800-551-2728. Hearing-impaired callers access via TTY 876-9950. Spanish-speaking operators available. A service of AID Atlanta and the Ga. Dept. of Human Resources.

AIDS Care Coordinated is a new service for PWA's in need of housing and assisted living. Call for more info at 371-9433.

CIRCLE OF HEALING - 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings each month, 7:30-9:00. First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Drive (near Little 5 Points and Candler Park MARTA station). Meditation, guided imagery, group support. Free, open to all in need of a centering, healing experience, especially people dealing with HIV infection and those in recovery or therapy. Facilitated by Franklin Abbott with music by Beth York. Info: 378-5570, 10-2 weekdays.

ATLANTA GAY CENTER Clinic - M,T,W, 5:30-9:30 pm. Anonymous HIV antibody screening and treatment, \$15.00. Free STD screening. Arrive by 9:00 pm, please. Call 876-5372 for more information.

P.O.O.H. - Positive Outlook On HIV+ is a supportive network of HIV+ persons who share positive health attitudes and want to meet similarly oriented people for social and emotional interaction. For more information call 874-6102 or 351-1824.

The Cathedral of Faith Church family has instituted the good news awareness ministry which provides AIDS info, counseling and support group for people of color. Hotline 753-5114. Counseling also available for persons struggling w/drugs, alcohol, and homosexuality. "We love you and we are concerned about you." 1137 Avon Ave. SW, Atlanta, GA 30310.

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Give a holiday gift to your community and come celebrate the decade of the Gay 90's! There will be a New Year's Eve party to benefit the Gay Games, the Atlanta Lesbian Agenda Conference, the Gay Men's Chorus, and the Feminist Women's Chorus at the Trolley Barn on Dec. 31st. Tickets are available for \$18.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door, if available. Advance tickets may be purchased at Charis Books and More and the Boy Next Door. A number of work exchange opportunities are available by calling 377-8312 before 28 Dec. Music provided by E.D.'s Gourmet Records and DJ, KC Wildmoon. Complimentary champagne, food and a cash bar will be available. Tickets are limited! For more info: 377-8312. (V2, #22)

GAY MALE WRITING SEMINAR. Hone your skills while getting critical feedback. Meet people with your interests. Starts 1/11/90. 8 wks/\$100. Send writing sample, phone number and SASE. Chuck. SV Box 2288 (V2 #23).

The People Project is looking for clothing space for Atlanta's PWA's. Small but easy to get to. Intown contact Ron at 371-0819.

Hotlanta (gay) Soccer is now organizing a co-ed team. For more info, call 264-7173. (Also, information on Gay Games 90.)

Coming Out Group for Women - An opportunity to explore your feelings and issues w/other women. Non-judgmental, supportive atmosphere. Sliding scale. Begins Jan. 2, 1990. Connie Tuttle, M.D. iv. Facilitator. Individual appointments available. 892-0640. (V2,#22)

WOMEN IN RECOVERY- Non-smoking women's support group for all substance abusers based on 12-step program meets every Wednesday and Friday nights at 8pm. North Cobb County. For more information call Diane at 974-0468 or leave message at 974-4907.

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Brushstrokes wishes to thank the following people for making our first Holiday season a very special and joyous one:

- Anita Coker (stylist supreme)
- Brandy ("Don't touch me on the ladder") Dover
- Rick Evans (our fashion fairy)
- Wendy Gaylord (the patience of a saint)
- Brad Gillis (our bed expert)
- J.J. (we know you are, but we love you anyway)
- Sean Masters (the angel in black)
- RAZ (the sanest person we know)
- Cleve Seay (for making ramblings into wit)
- Leah Stetson (the face of the nineties)

We love you all, Gary and Mark

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Reader letter to Playboy Magazine

Like to talk on the phone? Why not work on The Party Line? P/T Call 723-1713. (V2, #22)

Like to talk on the phone? Be a party line manager. F/T Call 723-1713.

Make holiday bonus money now, Full time & part time positions available. \$15.00/hr. paid. For more info please call 325-7880 and ask for Godwin Thompson. (V2 #22)

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Brushstrokes

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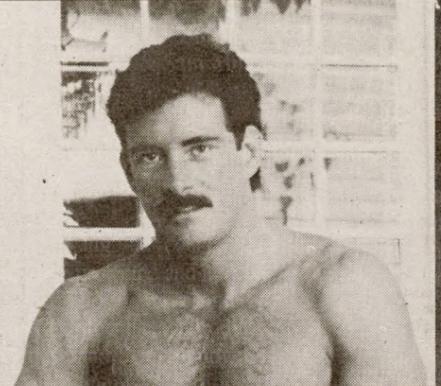
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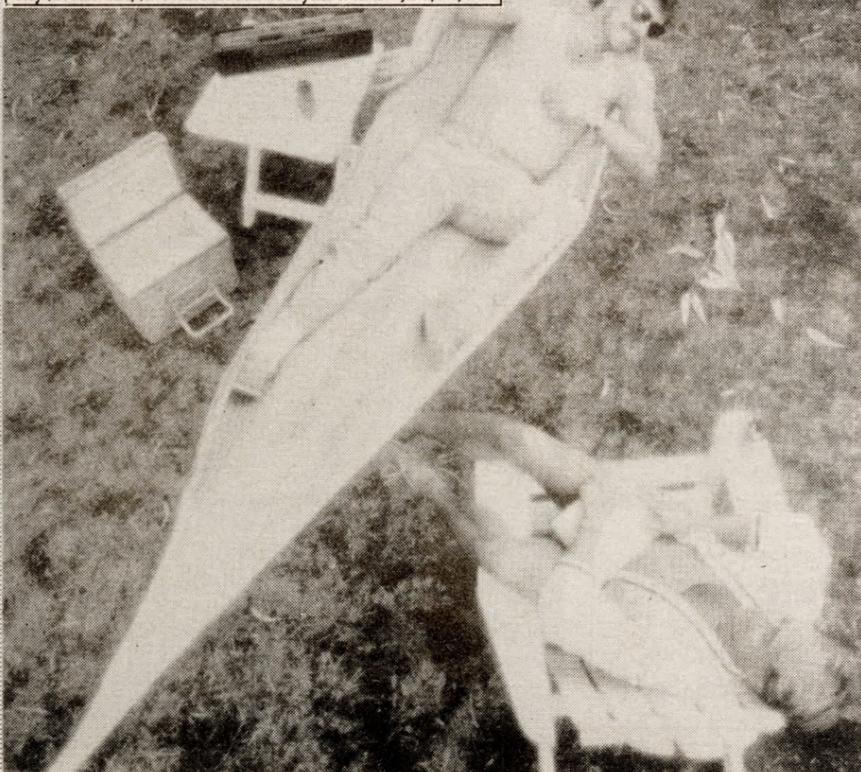
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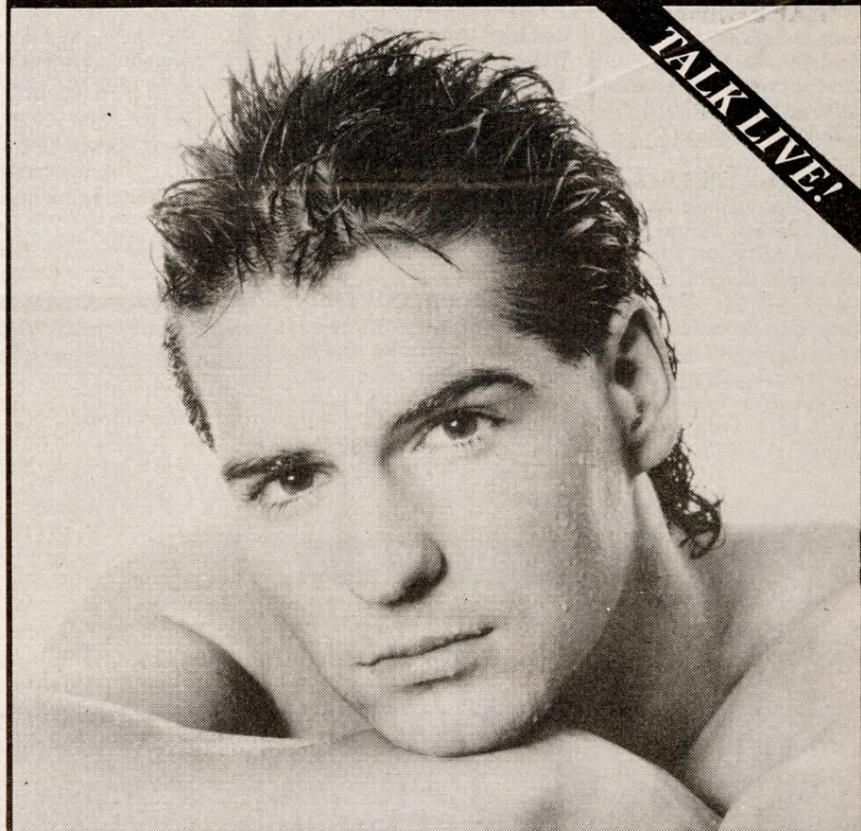
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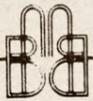
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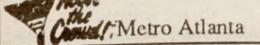


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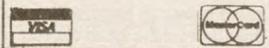
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CALLING ALL ANGELS:**Earn You Wings
With a Gift to
Atlanta AIDS Programs**

AIDS agencies throughout the Atlanta area are in need of a helping hand as we celebrate the holidays this year. Although each organization will gladly accept monetary donations, we have asked them to compile a list of those things that would most help them to continue and expand their services in 1990.

The staff of *Southern Voice* would like to ask you to lend a helping hand however you can. Many of these items cost no more than the average holiday present, and the "big ticket" items could be obtained with a little bit of ingenuity. We believe that for every need expressed on this list there is at least one "angel" out there. Lend a hand and earn your wings.

Outreach, Inc.

Outreach, Inc. does outreach and provides AIDS education, particularly to people of color and i.v. drug users.

Office Furniture
Personal Computer, IBM Compatible
Telephone system
Parking Lot Paved
Accounting Software
Conference/training room equipment, slide projector, chalkboard
Van
Small toiletry items (x-mas gifts for PWA's)
Emergency housing (short-term), e.g., hotel rooms

contact: Sandra McDonald, 873-5992

Childkind

Childkind offers a loving home to children who have AIDS or are HIV+

Diapers, in all sizes
Assorted baby foods
Crib sheets
Crib mobiles
Baby walker
Educational toys

contact: Gayle or Brenda
246-0819, Monday morning

Atlanta AIDS Research Consortium

AARC sponsors clinical trials of promising treatments of HIV disease.

WordPerfect 5.0 software (Apple)
Computer accessories (cable, circuit protectors, stands)
Digital pagers
Electronic typewriter
Video camera
Wall clocks
Art/plants
Lateral file cabinets
Recent editions of "PDR" Physicians Desk Reference book
Medical dictionary

contact: Helen Woods, 876-2317

National Association of People with AIDS/Atlanta

NAPWA is a political, social and educational organization confronting the AIDS crisis. Membership is open to all people who have AIDS, ARC or are HIV+

VCR
Bookshelf
Office supplies - pens, pencils
Party supplies
Seat cushions for wire mesh chairs
Volunteer pickup and delivery of donations

contact: Kathleen Brockel, 874-7926

Project Open Hand

Project Open Hand prepares and serves meals to PWAs unable to do so themselves.

Commercial Kitchen
Office supplies
Cases of Ensure
Used microwaves for clients
Commercial rolling racks for sheet pans
Commercial knives
Commercial mixing paddles
Commercial Mixer
Heavy-duty food processor
Industrial-size sheet pans & pots
Dishtowels & aprons

contact: Chris Chimera, 248-1788

Jerusalem House

Jerusalem House is a residence for homeless PWAs.

Financial support
FAX machine
Yard maintenance group
Typewriters
Donated storage space (easily accessible)
Donated furniture pickup
Volunteers - Practical Support (assist clients in personal care needs -- hygiene, meals, housecleaning)

contact: Danny Davis, 527-7627

Dinners at The Shrine

Free dinners for PWAs every Tuesday night.

A confectioner's oven
Ice maker (for summer)
Sharp chopping/chef's knives
A commercial can opener
Financial Donations

contact: Marilyn or Brad, 521-1866

AID Atlanta

AID Atlanta is a community-based non-profit agency providing multiple services to people with AIDS, their families and friends.

Individual client's homes

Sofas
Easy chairs
Knick-knacks
1 microwave
Recliner
1 full-size replacement mattress & box springs
2 small chest-of-drawers
2 full-length mirrors
6 sets of curtains in various sizes

Client Housing Maintenance

Light bulbs (60 & 100 watt)
Chain saw
Lawn Mower
Garden Equipment
Utility shelves - free-standing
Volunteer handy men & women

Agency

Free or low-rent office space
IBM computers
Modern typewriters
Paper & office supplies

contact: Chris Aller, 874-6517

East Atlanta Home for PWAs

A home for PWAs. All donations deductible through NAPWA

5 fire extinguishers
5 smoke detectors
Washer and dryer
New or used kitchen cabinets
Cash Contributions

contact: Jean Hoffman, leave a message between 2 pm and 6:30 pm. 874-0980.

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