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## Atlanta Lesbian Nominated for an Oscar

*Building Bomb's co-producer is hard at work on another film documenting the dangers of radioactivity*

by Debbie Fraker

Atlanta Susan Robinson and her lover Judy Stribling will be sitting in the audience biting their nails when the Academy Awards are presented on March 25. Robinson's film *Building Bombs*, co-produced by local filmmaker Mark Mori, has been nominated for an Oscar for Best Feature Documentary.

"Judy and I are going to parade ourselves into the Awards arm in arm," said Robinson, "and then we're going to the

Governor's Ball and dance 'til dawn."

Susan's first reaction to being nominated for an Academy Award? "What am I going to wear?" Still light-hearted, but on a more serious note she acknowledged that "An Academy Award nomination doth a day make, but not a living. The nomination opens doors, but you still have to depend on what you take through those doors with you."

The nomination took Robinson completely by surprise. She first heard about it from a neighbor. "We got home from an awful trip to New Orleans for Mardi Gras," she related, "and my neighbor called to ask, 'Is it true you got an Academy Award nomination?'" After verifying the rumor, "Judy and I ran around the apartment screaming like we'd won the Publishers Clearing House." Incidentally, word about

the nomination came to the couple on Valentine's Day.

The Otherside hosted a reception for Susan on February 28 just before she left town for a New York screening of *Bombs* at the Museum of Modern Art. A reception at Mariel Hemingway's Symphony Cafe hosted by the film's narrator Jane Alexander and actor Tim Robbins followed the screening. Penelope Williams, a friend of Susan's and performer at the Otherside, organized the Atlanta reception and seemed concerned that her party might pale in comparison to its more glamorous Gotham counterpart. But Susan was delighted to be able to spend a comfortable evening celebrating with friends before she left.

Five years in the making, *Building Bombs*—which examines the horrific con-

ditions inside the Savannah River nuclear plant, where plutonium and tritium for nuclear warheads were produced—was a labor of love and principle. And Robinson, 29 and an environmental activist since age 13, was a natural for the project. She took part in her first protest of the plant at age sixteen. She served as co-producer, director, and writer for the film.

The film's primary impact comes from interviews with two scientists previously employed by the plant. One, Bill Lawless, discusses a report he submitted on the contamination of the area surrounding the plant. Due to the proximity to the Savannah River, he determined that the contamination could pose a serious threat to an underground water source serving four states. Lawless's report was buried by

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## War Ends, But Plans for Protests Continue

by John Zeh

Washington—Activists in major coalitions opposing America's ongoing involvement in the Middle East say they will continue their anti-war campaigns to assure a lasting peace despite the Persian Gulf battles' "apparent" end.

"The war isn't over in the larger sense," said Bonnie Garvin, Campaign for Peace in the Middle East media coordinator.

"Yes, it's true there's no more bombing, and there's no ground war anymore," she said. "But we still have troops there for the foreseeable future, and we haven't begun to talk about redirecting (military) money into (Americans') social needs.

"Those issues need to be addressed now."

Asked if she believes President George Bush will honor his pledge to end continued U.S. presence in the Middle East, Garvin said, "Only time will tell. Things

change. A year ago, none of us would have assumed we would have been in a war against our 'friend,' Iraq."

She acknowledged that because people perceive the war is over and "are glad to be rid of it" organizing activists is difficult. "Everyone is happy and wants to go back and pull the wool over their eyes," Garvin said.

At a Campaign strategy session here Feb. 23 when Bush's ultimatum against Iraq's occupation of Kuwait took effect, veteran lesbian organizer and Campaigner Leslie Cagan said the anti-war movement would survive the war's conclusion.

"The day-to-day work will go on because our demands transcend the immediate end to the war," she said. "We want all our troops brought home, no permanent bases in the Middle East. We think part of Bush's strategy is...to end up with a permanent military presence in the Middle East. We don't think that should happen."

"Central to the (February) decision," added Cagan, "is that we are joining with the Coalition to Stop U.S. Intervention in the Middle East, the African-American Religious Summit, and the National African-American Network to work jointly."

Originally, the Coalition and the Campaign had trouble hooking up, partly because the Coalition had refused to denounce Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and approve U.S. economic sanctions. Cagan's Campaign condemned the takeover, and okayed sanctions except for bans on food and medical supplies.

"Once war was a reality," Cagan said of Bush's January 16 declaration, "it influ-

enced everybody's willingness to work together."

At the Campaign's caucus here, 250+ people overwhelmingly okayed local or regional actions on March 16 and a massive international mobilization here April 6.

Cagan, full-time coordinator of the Campaign and long-time peace-and-justice activist, facilitated the huge rally here Jan. 26 attended by over 75,000 people a week after the separate Coalition drew more than 25,000.

"Politics is always difficult," she said. Gulf-war opposition is "still very much in a growing stage, and growth is always difficult and painful. Everybody realized we could not have two marches again and that a call for a major mobilization had to be done jointly."

Attending the planning session were representatives of groups from California, Indiana, Seattle, Atlanta, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Boston, New York, and Iowa.

Gay and lesbian support for the reborn peace movement is growing, New York City's Cagan stressed, "A lot of activists, especially those around the AIDS crisis, are more and more angry that our government seems to have endless amounts of money for war, but not for fighting AIDS."

The lively meeting underscored Cagan's feeling that the Campaign has tapped a deeply-rooted pacifist struggle. "There was a sense that we have identified a real base, that there really is an anti-war movement in this country, and that we're able to put people on the streets in January. What we're faced with now is keeping that base active and expanding it, identifying how we reach out to other people."

Cagan praised the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force for its anti-war stand. "I would hope that people in leadership positions in different (groups) can under-

### WAR TAX

#### RESISTANCE WORKSHOP

The Atlanta Greens are sponsoring a War Tax Resistance Workshop that will introduce participants to questions regarding how our federal tax dollars are spent. Sixty-one percent of our federal tax dollars pay for past and present wars. "As the shooting war ends in the Persian Gulf, now is the time for all people of conscience to consider our own complicity in this violence," said Hugh Esco, a member of the work group planning the workshop. "We should ask ourselves, 'Can we end sexism, homophobia, child abuse and relationship violence when the federal government sets the example of diverting our tax dollars from pressing community needs like child-care and housing to fund American militarism abroad?'"

A range of options and their associated risks for people considering resisting war taxes will be discussed. The workshop will be a kickoff of a month long campaign by the Atlanta Greens to challenge people throughout the metro Atlanta area to consider diverting \$1.00 or more from their war taxes to life affirming programs.

The workshop will be held Saturday, March 16, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the First Iconium Baptist Church, 524 Moreland Ave., just south of I-20. Lunch will be served. Registration is \$5. Financial assistance available for those of little means. For more information or to preregister, call the Atlanta Greens at 753-3025.



Leslie Cagan concedes that the movement's multifaceted post-war struggle is "going to take a little while to win."

stand how this war half a world away relates to the concerns of their own constituents here at home. We think it does, right? What's happening in the Gulf does relate to the reality that there's neither money for AIDS housing, nor education here in this country, but there's money for war."

# Cracker Barrel Mum Amid Increasing Protests and Pressure

*Restaurant needs to heal the festering wound, says Queer Nation*

by Patrick Garvey & Gary Kaupman

Norcross—Fifteen Members of Queer Nation walked into the Cracker Barrel restaurant here during the Sunday afternoon rush on March 3 and applied for jobs. "We want to work for the Cracker Barrel," they exclaimed. "Do you hire gays and lesbians?"

"We can't comment on that," the flustered managers replied.

Customers and staff watching the incident wondered what it was about, so "we educated people about Cracker Barrel's blatant discrimination against gays and lesbians" explained Q.N.'s Lynn Cothren.

The Cracker Barrel restaurant chain, based in Lebanon, Tenn. started firing its gay and lesbian employees in late January. A brief statement issued by Cracker Barrel at the time said it was against company policy "to employ individuals in our operating units whose sexual preferences fail to demonstrate normal heterosexual values which have been the foundation of families in our society."

One employee in Tallahassee and three in Tifton were fired in late January. Two Norcross men were dismissed in early February. A Douglasville lesbian, Cheryl Summerville was dismissed on Feb. 16 after *Southern Voice's* first article on the firings began to produce complaints and media questions for the restaurant chain which is publically traded and has sales in excess of \$200 million. Summerville is believed to be the last gay or lesbian employee fired under the policy. Most of the terminated employees had worked at Cracker Barrel for several years and say they had good evaluations.

George Frisbie of Tallahassee Fla. says he was "fired specifically for being gay." Frisbie asked Cracker Barrel's V.P. of Human Resources, Bill Bridges, for a written statement giving the reason he was fired and for a written recommendation based on his excellent evaluations. Bridges refused both requests as well as one for severance pay.

"I was working under the assumption that

the manager had been in denial and that the policy was old," said Frisbie who was surprised when he learned that other employees were also being fired under the new policy.

While the written policy may indeed be new, a former Cracker Barrel manager told Tennessee's gay and lesbian newspaper, *Dare* "When I was working for them [1983-87] I was told to get rid of anyone who was overtly gay...although the policy was not intact at the time...I heard one of the district managers say 'all those queers should be hung up behind the barn.'" The man, who requested anonymity, added that a number of people "in high power positions [at Cracker Barrel] were gay."

In contrast with the former manager's description, Bryan Elliott, an analyst with Robinson-Humphrey, told the *Wall Street Journal* that he was surprised by Cracker Barrel's action, concluding, "These guys are not fire breathing good ol' boys by any means."

Contrary to other published reports, none of the fired employees is known to have been rehired.

The restaurant claims it has rescinded its policy, but lesbian and gay activists groups have refused to accept that assertion, issued by Cracker Barrel on February 22, in response to pressure from the National Lesbian and Gay Task Force. NGLTF's Robert Bray, characterized the response as "unacceptable to the gay community."

Cracker Barrel executives have made themselves virtually unavailable for comment even to mainstream media, including the editor of Lebanon's daily paper.

Before the press black out, Cracker Barrel C.E.O. Dan Evins told the *Nashville Tennessean*, "We told the gay community that was a mistake, we apologized, we rescinded it..." Members of Queer Nation/Atlanta, the Tennessee Gay and Lesbian Alliance (T-GALA) and NGLTF say they have received no apology and do not feel that the policy has been rescinded. Cothren said the retraction

means nothing, and pointed out that it leaves room for Cracker Barrel to discriminate on a store to store, rather than chain-wide basis.

Even if Cracker Barrel insists on remaining silent, those who are disturbed by its actions are not. Cothren said that much of the Norcross Restaurant's clientele was sympathetic and the staff was very obliging. During the picket of about 35 people that immediately followed the job applications, people driving by on Jimmy Carter Boulevard honked their horns and gave protesters the "thumbs up" sign.

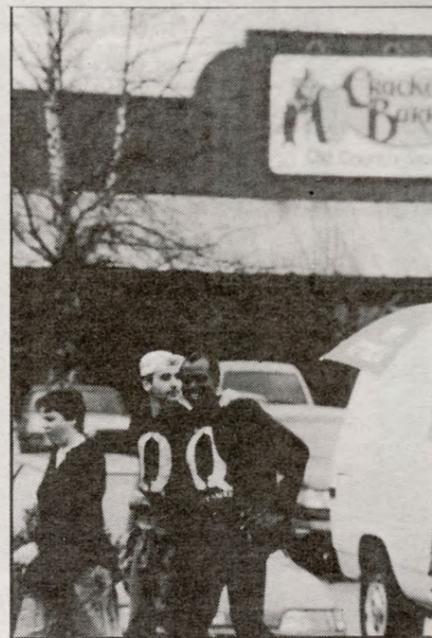
"We're glad we're getting so much support," explained Cothren. "It's nice that people with families are joining us. Non-gays are joining in with our boycott—sooner or later Cracker Barrel is going to respond."

Other support from outside the gay community also appears to be developing spontaneously. Malika Robins of The Other Choice Productions, a theatrical touring company based in Marietta, called *Southern Voice* and said, "we are so appalled by their statement that we are about to circulate a petition in the theatrical and restaurant community asking people to boycott Cracker Barrel...this is very much how it all began in Nazi Germany."

Joe Hemingway of Smith and Hemingway Public Relations in Brooklyn told NGLTF that his firm will not pick up expense account charges from meals eaten at Cracker Barrel by any of its employees or contractors.

The *Atlanta Constitution* took a strong editorial stand against the policy and *Constitution* editorialist Tom Teepeen wrote an eloquent piece on why he will no longer eat at Cracker Barrel. But *Journal* Editorial writer Dick Williams continued his tradition of journalistic gay bashing by pretending that Cracker Barrel's proffered reversal of policy was sufficient action and penning a patronizing column on the issue of laws which protect lesbians and gays from such discrimination.

Both NGLTF and the Human Rights Campaign fund say that they are planning



EVETT BENNETT

## Queer Nation's picket in Norcross

additional actions, but were unable to announce their campaigns before the deadline for this issue.

Queer Nation Atlanta will hold a legal sit in at the Douglasville Cracker Barrel on Sunday Mar. 17. Participants are asked to gather at the Lindbergh MARTA Station at 11am for a caravan to the I-20 location which is planned to start at noon. Call 286-2355 for information.

T-GALA, MCC of Nashville and the Mideast Anti-war coalition will hold a legal sit in at a Cracker Barrel location in Nashville on Sunday Mar. 17. Call Rodney Bragg at (615) 320-0288.

Billy Adams owner of Billy's bar in Tallahassee, FL says he will help organize an action against Cracker Barrel in that city. Contact him at (904) 574-3355 after 4pm.

Cracker Barrel's address is P.O. Box 787, Lebanon, TN 37088-0787; phone (615) 444-5533. Bill Bridges is V.P. of Human Resources. Dan Evins is the C.E.O.

## Paper Changes Obit Policy

*It's official, J/C agrees to refer to same-sex partners as "companions"*

by Patrick Garvey

Atlanta—The *Atlanta Journal/Constitution* agreed to change its obituary policy which did not recognize the existence of surviving partners of deceased lesbians and gays.

The word "companion" will now be used to describe a partner of a same-sex relationship, according to Metro section editor Pam Fine. She also stated the paper will list AIDS as the cause of death "when appropriate," and will publish requests for donations to AIDS-related charities in the obituaries when requested.

Pat Hussain of the Atlanta chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation said that the newspaper would never have changed its policy without pressure from the gay and lesbian community. "I want to thank all of the people who wrote and called [the *A-J/C*]," she said. "They weren't going to change without us pulling together to bring attention to this obituary policy which excludes same-sex couples."

In mid-January, Ron Martin, editor of the *Journal/Constitution*, stated that the papers would never change their policy. He made the statement to Rhea Engel who had written the papers criticizing their refusal to acknowledge her son's 14 year relationship with Bill Anderson, or the fact that Anderson died of AIDS, in his obituary.

Hussain attributes this to the reluctance of the city's major daily to acknowledge gay visibility. "We've been in the closet and unaccepted for so long, some people can't handle us making ourselves known," she explained. "It was a knee-jerk reaction, much like the response from some parents when sex education was introduced to the classroom, and their

immediate reaction was 'never will we allow that.'"

Fine described the process of changing the obituary policy as a delicate one requiring a great deal of thought. "We were expanding into an area we've never been before," she said. "Recognizing homosexual relationships was a matter of educating people in the house who weren't used to the idea." She said that the *J/C* had no plans to publicize the change of policy in its own pages, but would rely on word of mouth and lesbian and gay publications to get the word out.

The *J/C*, however, has had a long standing tradition of allowing much more freedom in mentioning the gay and lesbian survivors in its Funeral Notices section, where the announcements are actually paid advertisements. According to Joan Gibson, the supervisor of the Paid Notices Department, the words "longtime companion", "significant other" and "lover" have been used. "You can put anything in there you want, within limits of course," she said.

But the paper may go back to its old ways, warns Hussain; she urged anyone who has problems with getting gay or lesbian survivors listed in an obituaries column to contact GLAAD at 286-7476.

"We'll hold them to their promise," she concluded. "I feel that if they could duck the policy, they would."

## Gay Student Just Misses SGA Election

David Lowe defeated two opponents in a four-way race for president of the Emory University's student government. But, when the votes in the run-off were tallied, Lowe, an openly gay junior, lost his bid to Malcolm Bruni by 180 votes. Members of the school's

Progressive Alliance approached Lowe about running several weeks ago. "They said they needed someone who was committed; someone who was concerned about campus bigotry, homophobia and violence against women," explained Lowe. He is a member of many organizations, including the Emory Lesbian and Gay Organization, ACT UP, Emory Coalition to Combat Hunger and Homelessness, Human Resources, and LEGAL. Despite his defeat Lowe says that he accomplished everything he set out to do. "Our main priority was to bring our issues out into the open," he said. "I campaigned for the acceptance of diversified groups, the elimination of this school's undercurrent bigotry, the promotion of the arts, equal representation of graduate students and making campus resources available to students who aren't from upper-middle class backgrounds. All the other candidates were forced to address these things. And now we have a lot more students thinking about them." No incidents of campus homophobia were reported during the week-long campaign.

## DeKalb Adopts Employment Protection

Decatur—In a surprise move not anticipated or monitored by lesbian and gay activists, DeKalb County has added sexual orientation to two ordinances dealing with discrimination against county employees and job applicants.

Both ordinances were voted on during the regular Feb. 26, meeting of the of the DeKalb Commission.

Commissioner Annie Collins moved that the county adopt an amendment to its code that would allow applicants for county jobs who felt they had been discriminated against

in the "pre-employment process" to appeal their case to the county's chief executive. Collins' amendment included discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, political affiliation or opinion, age or handicap.

Commissioner Sherry Sutton amended Collins' motion with a request to include sexual orientation in the list. The seven-member commission, including Hosea Williams, voted unanimously to approve the motion as amended by Sutton.

Next Commissioner Jean Williams, seconded by Sutton, voted to amend another part of the county code to allow any county employee who feels he or she has been unjustly discriminated against on any of the bases listed above to appeal the action to a personnel review panel. The second amendment also passed unanimously.

Richard E. Conley, DeKalb's Merit System Director, said that discrimination based on HIV infection was included, by Federal and State law, under the "handicap" portion of both ordinances.

The city of Atlanta is the only other jurisdiction in Georgia which offers any protection to its gay and lesbian employees. No Georgia jurisdiction extends employment protection to lesbians and gay men who work in the private sector.

## The Maynard and Michael Report

Action taken by Mayor Maynard Jackson on lesbian/gay/AIDS issues since last issue: See page 6.

Action taken by Fulton Commission Chairman Michael Lomax on lesbian/gay/AIDS issues since last issue: None.

## NEWS

### Local Actor Pleads Guilty to Battery

An Atlanta man who pled guilty to charges of simple battery of a 14 year-old boy was sentenced on February 22 to twelve months probation and charged a \$1000 fine. Christopher Coleman, artistic director of Actor's Express, was also sentenced to 200 hours of community service, psychological counseling and ordered not to be alone with minors. Coleman pled guilty to charges that he, "intentionally made physical contact of an insulting and provoking nature," by grabbing the boy, "about the penis and groin area." The 14 year-old boy was the son of a man Coleman was involved with at the time of the incident.

**GLUE Fastens Itself to Kennesaw Campus:** Kennesaw College has its own officially recognized lesbian and gay student organization. Gays and Lesbians United for Equality (GLUE) was formed to increase awareness about lesbian and gay issues and provide place for the college's gays and lesbians to get together. "Lots of people think of Kennesaw as a redneck campus," explained V.P. David Greer, "But we haven't had any harassment or hostility. The most we've had is someone tearing down our fliers off the walls, but that happens to everybody." The organization is presently working with the faculty and student council to draft a non-discrimination clause that includes sexual orientation. And as a result of student lobbying, Southern Voice is now available on the Kennesaw campus.

**GSU Forms AIDS Education Group:** The newly formed Student Alliance in the Drive Against Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome at Georgia State University is working to present an international conference on AIDS that would be the first to focus on youth. Samuel Koffi, a student from the Ivory Coast and president of the Alliance, said he conceived the idea of a student AIDS group when he read reports that many college students were not informed about the disease. "Youth do not feel it's their duty to get involved in the struggle," he said.

**Project Open Hand Gets Help From Churches:** Three religious organizations are assisting Project Open Hand/Atlanta in their mission to provide nutritional meals for PWAs with grants totaling \$31,000. The largest, \$25,000, came from the North Fayette United Methodist Church in Fayetteville. A trustee member from a private foundation which helps churches like North Fayette in their social welfare said the grant recognizes "the outstanding contribution of Project Open Hand to the alleviation of human suffering in the Atlanta area." A \$5,000 grant was awarded by the Los Angeles based MAZON: a Jewish Response to Hunger, and another \$1,000 was given by the Episcopal Charities Foundation of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta.

**Lesbians and Gays Get Employment Protection in Minnesota:** An executive order signed by Minnesota's governor Arne Carlson on Jan. 29 prohibits state agencies and departments from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in hiring and other employment matters, according to an AP wire story. It also requires all executive branch agencies, departments, boards and commissions to make their work environments free of harassment. A second order protects people who are HIV positive, saying that state agencies and departments shall not discriminate against people with the AIDS virus in employment or in providing services.

**Emerging From The Dark Ages:** The United Methodist Church remains divided in accepting gays and lesbians into the church, but the majority seem to be willing to change the denomination's statement condemning homosexual behavior as "incompatible with Christian teaching." Rev. George McClain of the Methodist federation for Social Action told Paul Varnell of the *Windy City Times* that the proposed change is "an historic action that seems to be emerging." The church Committee on the Study of Homosexuality voted 17 to 4 to approve a new statement saying that gay sex is acceptable "when practiced in a context of human caring and covenantal faithfulness."

**New Porn Law Called Unconstitutional:** The Justice Department said they intended to discourage child pornography when they passed the law requiring the keeping of records listing the ages and names of any models or actors used to depict sexual activity in books, films or videos. But a coalition of publishers, artists groups and the American Library Association charge that it is unconstitutional and will do nothing to reduce child pornography, so they've filed suit with the Federal District Court to stop it. Ann M. Kappler, a lawyer for the plaintiffs, said that the way the law was written suggested that "the Justice Department and Congress were trying to discourage the production and distribution of sex-oriented images of adults, an activity that is protected by the Constitution." She also added that the vast majority of child pornography was produced by an underground network that would be unaffected by the law.

**Homophobic Security Guard Reprimanded:** "It is the responsibility of all individuals to stand up to bigots," explained activist Kevin Fowler after presenting a formal complaint to Ogden Allied Security Corp. when he heard one of its guards call someone a "fag" at the L.A. airport. Fowler politely asked the guard not to use that word and the guard called him a "fag" as well. When Fowler threatened to file a lawsuit under the L.A. gay rights ordinance, the company agreed to reprimand the guard and promised to include a statement of non-discrimination in its employee training. Ogden's insurance company also granted Fowler a \$2,000 settlement. Fowler split the money evenly between NGLTF and GLAAD/L.A.

**Gay-Bashing is a Health Issue:** The New York City Health Commissioner Woodrow Myers Jr. said in a letter sent to 24,000 doctors and social service providers that "the reported upsurge in anti-gay and lesbian crimes in the city concerns us greatly," according to an AP wire story. He said the number of reported hate crimes directed at gays and lesbians has doubled in the past two years. "Anti-gay violence is not just illegal and immoral, it is life-threatening and as such concerns the Health Department." Myers outlined a program being implemented jointly by government agencies and community organizations to help reduce hate crimes directed at gays and lesbians.

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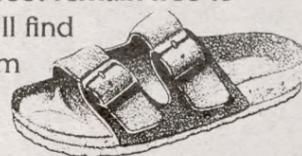
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**Sat, June 22:** The Family Reunion. Piedmont Park. Sports, entertainment, commitment ceremony and an AIDS candle-light ceremony.

**Sun, June 23 (6/23):** The Pride Parade from Civic Center to Piedmont Park.

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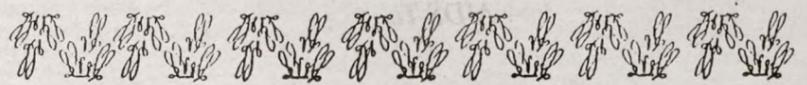
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## Legislators Demonstrate Miserable Knowledge of AIDS

ACT UP's Mandatory AIDS Test shows they need to go to school

by Patrick Garvey

Atlanta—Georgia legislators got a taste of mandatory testing last Friday. And they didn't like it.

The Atlanta chapter of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP) came to the Capital Building on March 8 to test their state representatives' and senators' knowledge about AIDS and HIV transmission. ACT UP member Jean Gura found the results distressing.

"In a climate of AIDS hysteria, our state's law makers showed us that most of them don't even understand the fundamental concepts of AIDS transmission," Ms. Gura exclaimed. "This demonstrates that their legislation is based on incorrect opinion, fear, and hearsay, rather than knowledge and scientific data."

Six members of ACT UP approached legislatures in the Capital Rotunda during the morning House and Senate proceedings, asking them to answer twelve basic questions about AIDS. The 12-question, true-false and multiple choice test covered basic facts about how HIV is transmitted, HIV antibody testing and the growing segment of the population that suffers from its effects.

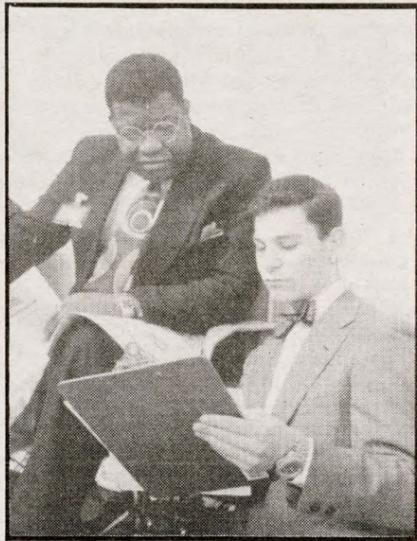
Three bills that would make HIV testing mandatory in certain circumstances are currently before the General Assembly. AIDS activists fear that if the bills are passed, it will open a Pandora's Box of more AIDS-paranoia legislature. Members of ACT UP feel the state's legislators need more education before they are able to vote intelligently on these bills.

"These people are making life and death decisions," Dean Greenough explained. "We're giving them this test with the hopes they'll pass, and learn more about the AIDS epidemic."

According to Dave Lowe—who tallied up the scores of the tests of the 28 representatives and senators who were approached—18 refused outright to answer any questions; seven failed "miserably" and three earned a score of 75%. The three who passed: Mary Margaret Oliver (D-DeKalb); Rita Valenti (D-DeKalb); and Glenda King (D-Clayton).

Rep. Vinson Wall (R-Gwinnett) answered every question wrong, and according to Greg Daniel, who tested the representative, seemed to believe that homosexual males were to be blamed for AIDS. "He kept asking me 'aren't you (ACT UP) a gay group?'" Daniel said. "And he seemed indignant that I was asking him these things—but at least he came out of the room to talk to me."

Rep. Bobby Harris (D-Columbus) declined to comment when he was put on the spot about his knowledge of AIDS. "...if



KAREN DUNIGAN

Rep. Billy Randall shakes his head unknowingly as ACT UP's David Lowe quizzes him on some basic facts about AIDS. Randall is the Chairman of the House Special Judiciary Committee, which sunk this year's sodomy repeal proposal. He scored 33% on the test.

all you're going to talk about is AIDS, I ain't got time for that," he told Daniel.

ACT UP called the test "mandatory" for the Georgia legislature, even though participation was strictly voluntary. Lowe said the organization included the word to give the legislators the feeling of what mandatory testing was like. "Many legislators told us that they shouldn't have to deal with this issue, and that we shouldn't pressure them into doing something they didn't want to do," he said. "Maybe they should think about that when they vote on laws forcing people to be tested against their will."

One lawmaker that Lowe spoke with not only felt all homosexuals should be tested for AIDS, but also wanted those who test positive to be branded. Rep. Lundsford Moody (D-Applying, Brantley, etc) said "I think everyone with AIDS should be branded with a day-glo stamp on their forehead, so when I see them coming I can stay away from them."

Rep. Moody was completely unaware that HIV can only be transmitted through blood to blood, or blood to semen contact. "The only way I can ever get AIDS is if someone bites me," Moody claimed. "I love women. I won't get infected."

Moody scored 25% on his mandatory AIDS test.

## OBITUARY

### Gaby Penning

May 21, 1953 - January 2, 1991

A circle of remembrance was held for Gaby at the Pagoda temple in St. Augustine, Florida on January 9, 1991. Gaby was from Hamburg, Germany where she lived most of her life except for the time she spent in Florida, from 1981-84. Atlanta was one of her favorite cities, and she visited here often. She made many significant friendships while in this country, and was committed to keeping them, even after she had moved back to Germany.

Gaby marched in Tallahassee for the ERA, was a member of Seeds for Peace in St. Augustine, and participated in many gay and lesbian political activities. She spoke German, Spanish, and English, and often tutored her friends in German. She was an avid traveler and festi-goer well known for her beaded crafts sold at festivals.

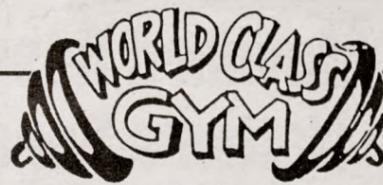
She died from complications resulting from a head injury on January 2, 1991, in Hamburg.

She had a profound influence on my life;



she shared her culture with me, and showed me how to live simply and keep my perspective. I remember Gaby as a creative and spiritual woman, an attentive and steadfast friend, and an initiator and organizer of fun events.

—Alix Shyne Oldham



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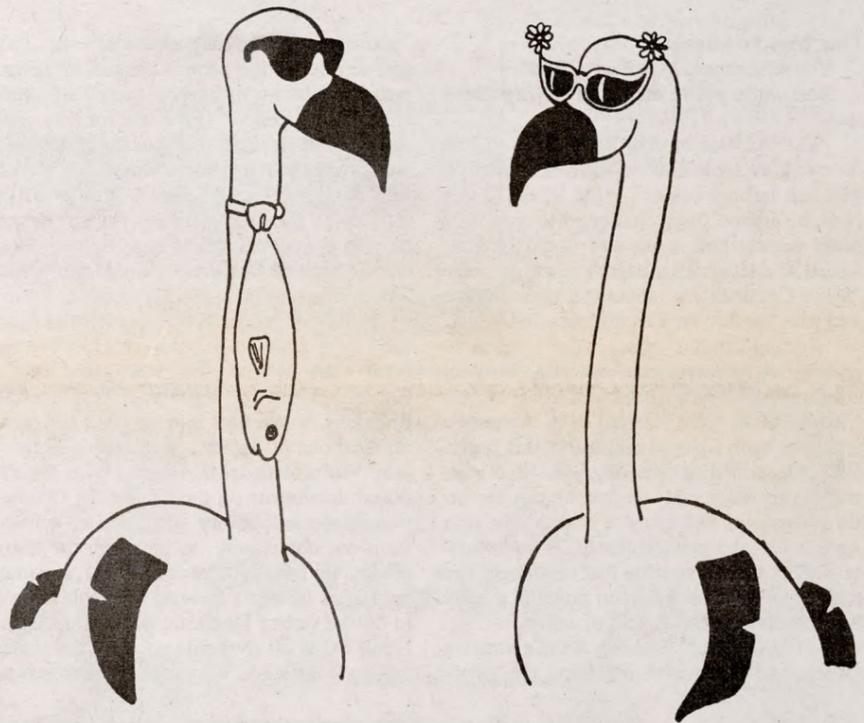
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## Maynard Responds to Queer Nation's Report Card

To the Editor:

I was surprised by the recent letter critical of my administration on gay and lesbian issues. In fact, my administration has stood for gay and lesbian rights since day one and has been working systematically to fulfill our campaign promises.

My platform for the gay and lesbian community contained three central themes: Full inclusion for lesbian and gay Atlantans, enhanced safety and equal justice for lesbian and gay citizens and housing and fair treatment for people with AIDS.

Moving to fulfill those promises, on June 22, 1990, I issued an Administrative Order to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation. To my knowledge, there have been no complaints of harassment by public officials since the Administrative Order.

In addition, I named and meet with Maury Weil, Joan Garner and Jay Neely as Senior

Advisors from the gay and lesbian community, and my staff also is in frequent contact with them. I have appointed a member of your community, Joan Garner, to the License Review Board, which has purview of liquor, beer, wine, entertainment and other licenses under the police powers of the City. I have asked Jeffrey Laymon to study domestic partnership laws and to prepare a report and recommendation to me. My staff continues to notify my Senior Advisors on gay and lesbian concerns and of openings on City of Atlanta Boards and Commissions. The Senior Advisors conduct an on-going search for qualified, openly gay and lesbian candidates for future nominations. We have strived for not only full inclusion, but also for visible inclusion.

On the issues of safety and equal justice, we arrested suspects in the murders of four of the seven known homicides involving gay or

lesbian victims in 1990. While anything less than 100% of crimes solved is unacceptable, it is clear that Chief Eldrin Bell is on the job in your behalf. In addition, Major Julius Derico has been assigned to see that hate crimes are fully investigated, and Cathy Woolard, Chair of the Police Advisory Committee of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, has continued to bring good ideas to us on police training, hate crimes statistics and victim assistance.

At my request, Chief Bell has met with the Police Advisory Committee and has asked the Lesbian/Gay Rights Chapter to prepare a recruitment plan for openly lesbian and gay officers. A committee is working on that plan.

With regard to AIDS, we are enforcing the federal Americans With Disabilities Act, and I have asked a member of my staff, Sue Ellen CrossLea, to look into what can be done about the problem of homelessness among people with AIDS. Scott Carlson, our new Commissioner of Housing, is working actively on a housing plan for PWAs and already has made some recommendations. Our staff has met with AID Atlanta, The Task Force for the Homeless, Jerusalem

House and the Atlanta Housing Authority on this issue, and we are helping.

In addition, my Senior Advisors facilitated a meeting with Senator Wyche Fowler's office to obtain Ryan White AIDS funds for services to AIDS patients in Georgia. Now that these funds are anticipated, my staff and Advisors are participating on the HIV Planning Council committees charged with making recommendations on the allocation of these funds.

We have stood up for the gay and lesbian community in the past, and we will continue to do so in the future. We have made promises, and we are keeping those promises. I have publicly and openly endorsed passage of hate crime legislation and will continue to lobby the General Assembly actively in this regard.

Including and protecting the gay community is not only right, it is good for Atlanta. To be a great city, Atlanta needs the energy and talent of all her citizens, including the lesbian/gay community, in business, professions, the arts, government and in the protection and enhancement of our neighborhoods.

Yours for Atlanta,  
Maynard Jackson

### FROM THE EDITOR

## Southern Voice Replies to the Mayor

Dear Mayor Jackson:

You're surprised? Give us a break.

And while you're at it start paying attention.

The first line of your letter refers to "the recent letter critical of my administration on gay and lesbian issues." What letter? Queer Nation issued their challenge to you in a press release that in no way could be construed as a letter. This paper ran a front page "News Commentary" about that press release and what we felt were its inaccuracies.

Adding insult to injury, your letter to us goes on to repeat the actions taken by your administration on gay/lesbian/AIDS issues. Most of those were referred to in our article and have been covered in detail in this paper. What Queer Nation is telling you—and what our commentary said—is that we can see little evidence of any focus or direction in your agenda for the gay/lesbian/AIDS community. Rather than answering that challenge, you took close to three weeks to produce a reply long on rhetoric and devoid of action.

One of your June 22 Administrative Orders had to do with including the words

"sexual orientation" in places where the city's anti-discrimination code is printed, an action mandated by an ordinance passed in 1986. Has that happened? Have ads for city jobs appeared in lesbian and gay publications? And what about contract compliance, which was dropped from those Administrative Orders at the last minute? Surely seven months is long enough to have figured out a way to include this very minimal protection for our community in the city's codes.

In July of last year, after substantial pressure from a writer for this paper, we were told that Willie Hughes, the city's Commissioner for Personnel and Human Relations, would look into the costs and legal implications of domestic partnership legislation. We provided Mr. Hughes with several dozen documents on the subject. In October you appointed Jeffrey Laymon, an activist from our community, to look into the same matter. (In truth, you appointed Mr. Laymon only after he came forward and volunteered to do the work.) Domestic partnership legislation exists all over this country, the issues are well defined. Why has it taken seven

months to get no action on this important issue?

Your letter says "We have stood up for the lesbian and gay community in the past... we will continue to do so..." Where was your lobbyist when we needed support on Hate Crimes and Sodomy Repeal legislation? Has any action been taken with the International Olympic Committee to try to get an apology for the way they have treated gay men and lesbians, particularly Dr. Tom Waddell? Has your administration spoken out publicly against the callous and overt discrimination of Cracker Barrel restaurants?

Since taking office, Mr. Jackson, have you even uttered the words "lesbian," "gay," or "AIDS" publicly?

We understand from speaking to your senior advisors that you have now agreed to meet with them every month. Good. And we understand that regular meetings between the Lesbian/Gay Police Advisory Committee and Police Chief Bell are in the works. That's wonderful considering the stories we continue to hear about police harassment. (See the letter immediately following for an example.)

Some folks tell us that we are too impatient. That no other Southern is as lesbian/gay aware or active as you. That the glass is actually half full, rather than two-thirds empty. In order to determine how a

larger portion of Atlanta's lesbian and gay community feels about this issue, we have put a small readers' poll in this issue.

We'll keep you posted.

Sincerely,  
Gary Kaupman

## Take Heed Maynard

Dear Fellow Citizens,

After 20 years in Atlanta, I'm mad as hell and I ain't gonna take it any more. I don't know exactly what to do but you can damn well bet the farm I'll find a recourse.

This letter is being sent to my supposed political representatives—the ones elected to help me in my constitutionally guaranteed pursuit of happiness.

I live in Morningside/Midtown on Monroe Drive not far from Dutch Valley Road and have become engulfed in the absolute resurrection of blatant homophobic behavior by the Atlanta Police Department.

To you, Mayor Jackson, I attended

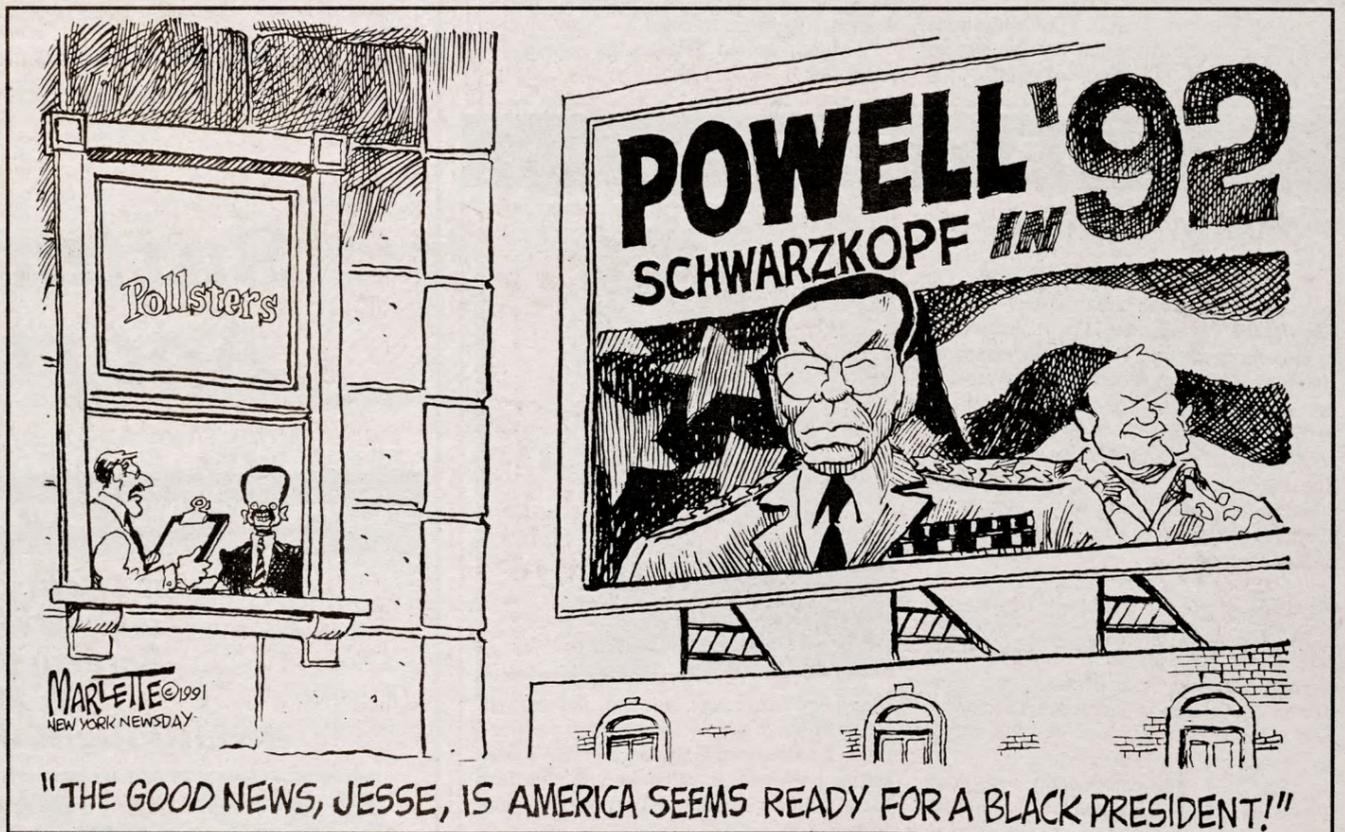
### Talk to Us About the Mayor

Please check one of the answers below and mail this to Southern Voice at P.O. Box 18215, Atlanta, GA 30316. Or call 876-0789 and give us your answer. This number is equipped with voice-mail, so you can call any time. Thanks.

1. Maynard is doing ok on gay/lesbian/AIDS issues. Queer Nation and Southern Voice should leave him alone and let him do his job.

2. You're right. Maynard is dragging his feet. Keep after him. He promised he'd never let us down, make him prove it.

3. Fill in the blank.



# Homoville, GA

Notes from a GWM who lives where the City meets the South

by Al Cotton

## The Lost Boys

by Al Cotton

AIDS has ravaged our society in a way that, except for war, is unique for the 20th century. But some people still say, inaccurately, that it ravages the entire gay community. In reality, it's much more specific. AIDS's destruction is focused primarily on the generation of men who were participating in their gay lives between 1980 and 1985.

That's not me. Afraid of my sexuality and the potential for change it represented, stuck in Alabama and terrified my parents would find out, I ran from my future life for as long as I could. When I finally came out in 1984, I was lucky enough to have already heard the word "AIDS." Unlike anyone in 1981, my choices were made with a knowledge of the dangers and a chance to take precautions.

As for AIDS, I feel like an outsider looking in. Chronologically, I am supposed to be in that generation. But with gay men, when you came out has more to do with what generation you're in than how-old-you-are.

The AIDS generation of gay men were our pioneers. They set out to create a new way of living, to break the molds made by their parents. They experienced the glory of liberation, starting their lives from scratch in Atlanta or San Francisco or Houston or New York. They created their culture—from brunches and clones to bathhouses and last-call-at-the-disco-with-Donna-Summer-and-poppers.

Because of my inassertiveness, I didn't participate in one of the great adventures of the 20th century. Given a second chance, even knowing what I know, I would not waste my young adulthood the way I did this time.

And yet that's why I'm alive today.

If I picked a single word to describe all this, I'd have to choose "fortunate." How else to describe dodging a fatal bullet? Some people try the word "guilty" instead, bending it to fit the situation of survivors of a catastrophe. But it's a guilt that's pretty easy to live with compared to the alternative.

As someone who missed the '70s, I am as confused and unfocused as the AIDS generation is angry. I can never see the world as they saw it. "You can never know..." they say, and they are right.

And if we are lucky, we will never know such suffering so directly. I've lost friends, but not fifty of them, and none who regularly inhabited my daily life. I have friends who are positive, so I know it's coming, but so far

I have been remarkably unscarred by this never-ending house of horrors.

In any war, the survivors are left to ask "Why us?" The only answer I've found is that those left behind are here to tell the stories, to make the world aware of the men who are gone and the courage they showed in creating a place for themselves and all the little faggots-in-training who would come after them.

But I don't want to write their obituaries. Though I'm not a poet, an ode—a poem in celebration of someone—sounds better to me. What I write will be for the people who should still be here to tell me how sleazy Mrs. P's was, what the *Gazette* looked like, how we saved Midtown. I'll tell of their efforts to live their lives with integrity, which is their legacy to us. And I'll try to build upon that legacy and make it worthy of their sacrifice.

It won't be easy. But the boys we have lost in this Mother of all battles deserve no less.

countless rallies and functions on your behalf and worked my tail off to help you get elected. You promised, Maynard! I still have written paraphernalia with your "gay" platform outlined. We were to be "included," not persecuted. Since the mayoral election—and more specifically immediately following the elevation of Eldrin Bell to Police Chief—the behavior of "Atlanta's finest" hearkens back to the early '70s. The clock has been turned back 180 degrees to total harassment of the gay community.

I do not believe organizations such as ACT UP and Queer Nation are the answer to our gaining human rights status. But if conditions continue to deteriorate as rapidly as they have recently, the Olympics will pale in comparison to the second burning of Atlanta.

Shenandoah Kelly

Had we been included in a very long list of all vendors, charities and institutions doing business with Cracker Barrel (*The Atlanta Journal & Constitution*, Atlanta Gas Light Company, Georgia Power Company, United Way, etc.), we'd have understood. Perhaps you might have written: These companies receive money from Cracker Barrel; let them know of your displeasure. But why WABE? And just WABE?

FM90 is a major source for in-depth reporting of gay and lesbian issues. Did you hear our series of national AIDS information call-ins? How about "The Prejudice Puzzle" in September? It was a week-long view of bigotry, with heavy emphasis on gay-bashing. Tune in for "Family Stories" in April. Several episodes deal with gay kids in straight families. We have aired free public service announcements for gay and lesbian services and events. We have done so even when callers threatened to withdraw support. "We'll miss you," we've told them.

Our conscience, however, is only one issue. There is also the factor of logic. WABE received money from Cracker Barrel; we did not give it. The money enabled us to purchase a program enjoyed by thousands in Atlanta, regardless of their sexual orientation. When the money was offered, we did not conduct an investigation into the company's employment practices.

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You've done us a disservice.

Sincerely,  
Reva G. Ezell  
Manager, WABE-FM

*Ms. Ezell is right, WABE is not the enemy; we are sorry that some readers construed our mention of Cracker Barrel's donations to the station in that way. For more info on who to call and what to do about Cracker Barrel, see page 2.—Ed.*

bian community? KC Wildmoon has taken her turn at the helm more than once. While we may not collectively agree with her opinion of the Omni Awards as voiced in the Jan. 31 issue, we must collectively applaud her strength and conviction to make tomorrow's Omni Awards or any other celebration of women a true reflection of the occasion.

Whatever our station in this community we cannot afford to admonish KC and others like her who take risks to insure a better future for gays and lesbians. Like hundreds of thousands of men and women before Stonewall and since, KC went out on a limb to shed her opinion and perhaps change something for the better. ...perhaps make us take a good look at ourselves and our priorities. Like hundreds of thousands before her she is paying the price for freedom and forward movement.

I ask those who condemn her actions to take a good look at their own. Have you done your part or are you relying on others to fight your battles for you, then when they step on your toes you kick them in the shins?

C. Seeger

## Not The Enemy

To the Editor:

We are confused and hurt. Why did *Southern Voice* single out WABE at the end of the article about Cracker Barrel Restaurants? Is WABE the only firm doing business with Cracker Barrel in Atlanta? Are we perceived to be "the enemy"?

## Shin Kicked

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# MAKING DIFFERENT CHOICES

Developing new paradigms  
for lesbian sexuality

by Sabrina Sojourner

*Pussy, Cunt, Crack, Box, Purse, Slit, Hole* are all names for the genital area of the female body. They are often used by men, and some women, as swear words—words to insult one another. Slang words for male genitalia, even the much maligned term *prick*, do not carry the same weight or impact as swear or insult words.

I have been looking at this phenomenon. Looking at the ways we talk and write and speak about sex.

This examination has been prompted by: 1) My having spent the past few months providing information about safer sex primarily to gay men. In doing so, I have found myself reading more literature on sex education, safer sex and unsafe sex. 2) Being 37 years old and unsatisfied with most of what I have been told about sex, sexuality, and sexual orientation, including the resurgence of discussions about roles in the lesbian community. And, 3) as a survivor of incest, it has been very important for me to recognize I have suffered a second kind of sexual abuse at the hands of therapists, and well-meaning others, who want me to question my sexuality and my joy of sex. While it has been important to examine the impact of the incest on my life, including my sex life, I resent ongoing and relentless implications that I can never be happy, healthy, or whole sexually because I am an incest survivor.

I am a lesbian feminist who writes erotica. For some women, lesbians and nonlesbians alike, that, in and of itself, is a problem. In the development of a feminist critique of patriarchal culture, many women took on the pornography establishment—and rightfully so. However, as theory, jargon, and rhetoric have unfolded, it has become difficult to distinguish between an antipornography movement and an antisex movement. To rephrase Alfred Kinsey's definition of "promiscuous," the argument often seems to come down to: "What turns me on is erotica and what turns you on is pornography." Without falling into the trap of defining these terms, I would argue that this problematic stance requires a true dialogue—not a wrestling match of ideologies—among women with the idea of developing new paradigms for sexuality.

I enjoy writing erotica because I believe in celebrating the goodness and vitality of passion and Eros. Like power, passion and Eros are not evil. How Eros, power, and passion are used determines the positive, negative, or neutral effect they have on our lives.

In looking at how sex gets talked about in our society, I have observed that heterosexual men (as long as race or ethnicity is not discussed) are viewed as being sexually active. Women of color and working-class white women—regardless of sexual orientation—and gay and bisexual men are seen as promiscuous. Middle- and owning-class white women and older women are seen as sexually passive. Any woman walking down the street, refusing to hide the offense she feels toward cat-calls, etc., is often called "lesbian" or "frigid." In having these messages stick out in my mind for more than a few angry minutes, I have had to look at my relationship to *pussy, cunt, joybox, slit, clit, labia, dyke, lesbian, butch, femme, sex* in general, and lesbian sex in particular. I have had to look at how lesbians/women relate to their sexuality.

I have discovered that lesbian attitudes towards sex and sexuality are much more informed by heterosexism than we care to acknowledge. Discussions concerning roles are one good example. My biggest objection is the assumptions behind the discussion. The major assumption among lesbian feminists seems to be that roles are a problem whose solution is the creation of identifiable "lesbian clones." The heterosexism informing this opinion assumes that "butch" women seeking "femme" women (and visa versa) are replicating the worst of male/female sex-role stereotyping in their relationships. As one "enlightened" feminist told me, "There's no way these relationships can be mutual [read equal]."

In other words, if I choose to have an outward appearance which identifies me as "femme," which I do, I am expected to be "wifely" and "deferential" to butches the way heterosexual women are assumed to be towards men. If I dress in a manner which identifies me as "butch," the expectation is I will treat a "femme" in the worst ways heterosexual men treat women. Additional assumptions about femmes include they cook, clean house, cater endlessly to the needs of butches, and are passive in bed—the list is endless. Assumptions about butches include they are mannish and tough, don't know what it means to be "real" women, are aggressive in bed, don't like to be acted on in bed, and are into sports—again, the list goes on and on. Underlying feelings further assume it is not possible for women and men to ever have mutual/equal relationships.

If it were not for the pain we inflict on one another as a result of these assumptions, they would be laughable. Clearly, lesbian feminists making these assumptions have brought the entire bill of goods regarding sex and sex-role stereotypes.

For me, being femme means many things. In part, it

means I am capable of doing a lot of things in a competent manner; however, I choose not to do certain things, unless an unavoidable need for me to do them arises. And, when appropriate, I am willing to pay someone well to provide these services for me. Thus, I do not work on my car, though I possess the technical prowess; I rarely build shelving or participate in other such projects, though I possess the skills. Yet, I will refinish furniture or lay tile—in part because I find them erotically pleasing—and I also enjoy performing simple wiring and plumbing tasks. It is also about paying attention to myself, giving myself permission to feel good, to feel pretty—something which is still begrudgingly given to me as a U.S.-born woman of color. The outward appearance of being a femme is about celebrating the feminine and wanting that celebration to be



known. It is also about re-claiming, re-identifying feelings which have ancestral roots for me and about being strong, including having physical strength. "Femme" is a definition of femaleness which goes beyond Webster's heterosexist and white definitions about the feminine. Let it also be known I cook when I please, clean house as necessary, and I could probably blast a dozen more stereotypes. Some of the "butch" women I know are wonderful cooks, much better housekeepers, know less about cars than I, and have never heard of the San Francisco '49ers!

For many lesbians, being butch or femme is about breaking, bending, splitting, and changing the rules, as well as about erotic turn-on and putting a face to the world which is comfortable and enjoyable. It is important to include in this discussion room for women who do not want to identify as butch or femme. Historically, these women were called "kiki" (pronounced *keek-ee*, or *key-ey*). Bottom line: we are all women trying to define and determine our relationships to other women and ourselves; we are attempting to let go of other people's expectations of our behavior; and we are determined to exert who we are in ways which are intrinsic to our being.

This does not deny the existence of women who follow through on the worst and the best of sex-role stereotypes. The less affirming styles we choose may have more to do with the models with which we were raised; the different models we are willing to find, define, discover, and uncover for ourselves; and whether or not we recognize the need to do something different. It is the models that need to be attacked, over-hauled, and raked over the coals—not the people/women choosing to show a particular style as their face to the world.

In recent issues of *Lesbian Ethics*, publishers have posed several forums for discussing butch/femme. I was distressed by the vehemence with which one writer trashed femmes, holding us responsible for butch oppression and "butch-phobia." It is sex-role stereotyping which oppresses all of us. My supposed "privilege" (her word) as a

femme is as long as a man's penis. If I am not connected to that, according to societal myths and realities, I am unprotected and fair game for any male seeking to remind me of my place. That hardly connotes privilege. Nor does it put me in a position to "oppress" butch women.

The notion of femmes "trying to pass" collides with heterosexism to act as a form of oppressing women. This fear of femmes is based on the belief that heterosexuality is preferable and something anyone would choose over being lesbian, that femmes never behave in ways which challenge heterosexism, and that femmes deny their allegiance to lesbianism at every turn.

Butch, femme, or kiki—any woman grappling with identity may follow through on any or all of the above actions. The issue is not other people's behavior but how we allow our assumptions about their motives to oppress us and/or make us feel bad. Butch, femme, kiki, gynogynic, top, bottom, switch-hitter, sexually active, or celibate, we are women who have placed ourselves as unavailable to heterosexual men. That makes us all sexual outlaws.

If being a lesbian is not about accepting a wider range of expression for what it means to be a woman in this world, then I'm ready to find, define, and develop a new term. As I reclaimed *lesbian* in the '70s, I now reclaim the words that our heterosexist and sexist culture have tried to "pervert": *pussy* and *cunt* and *box* and *crack* and *joybox* and *lotus blossom* and *dripping gulch* and *hole* and *split tale* and *purse* and *pudenda*. I use these words in my writing because in the quiet of my bedroom with my sex partner, I do not say, "I want to lick your vagina;" I say, "I want to eat your pussy." I do not say, "I want to put my fingers in your vagina;" I say, "I want your cunt" or "I want inside you" or "I want to fuck you." And since more women respond positively than not, I suspect I am not alone in that use. Like *lesbian, cunt, pussy, crack, joybox, slit, pudenda, dripping gulch*, and *hole* have not always been used negatively. Working-class women in nineteenth-century England sometimes talked about having "hungry cats." It was a polite way of talking about sex. *Cunt* referred to the joys of oral sex, particularly cunnilingus. *Fuck* was originally an abbreviation referring to the English statute which defined "Forbidden, Unnatural, Carnal Knowledge."

I seek to reclaim these words—especially the ones for our body parts. I want to put out to the world my celebration of what it means to be a woman who enjoys sharing sensuality and sexuality with other women. I want a female-centered and -defined sexuality that recognizes the power of surrender and capture, that explores what surrender and capture and power and intensity mean to women—regardless of sexual orientation. I want women—lesbians—to explore the meaning of fantasy, spirituality, penetration (a.k.a. fucking). Let us recognize there is nothing wrong with being or wanting to be a sexually active female—regardless of sexual orientation; that sexually active women are not imitating men—gay or otherwise. I want an examination of how sex-role stereotyping has damaged us all. I especially want us to look at the assumptions we use to judge one another as the result of sex-role stereotyping.

I want recognition of a woman's right to share and express her sexuality in whatever fashion is comfortable for her—without recrimination. Yes, I am including what is currently defined as s/m sex in that statement. This statement does not deny that sex has been used to hurt many women. It is to say that it is time to differentiate between the emotional and physical impact of specific acts with specific people and the joy and ecstasy of sharing our sensuality and sexuality in safe settings. Each of us is entitled to define what our boundaries are and have them respected. Sex in and of itself is not wrong. What is done with sex can be very wrong.

I want to recognize a woman's right not to share or express her sexuality and be able to do so without fear of reproach from heterosexuals or lesbians. Whether the choice be momentary or lifelong, it is a choice that needs to be honored and respected. It can be a place of healing, of intense spiritual growth, or caring and loving oneself sexually—whatever we need and want this space to be, it can be.

Let us begin a new sexual healing. Let us begin the creation of a female-centered and -defined sexuality which honors a woman's choices of sexual expression. Let us begin by affirming our right to be healthy, sane, sexually active women. Let us begin to recognize the wonderful continuum involved in being unabashedly and excitingly and intensely female. Let us affirm this woman in the world and in ourselves.

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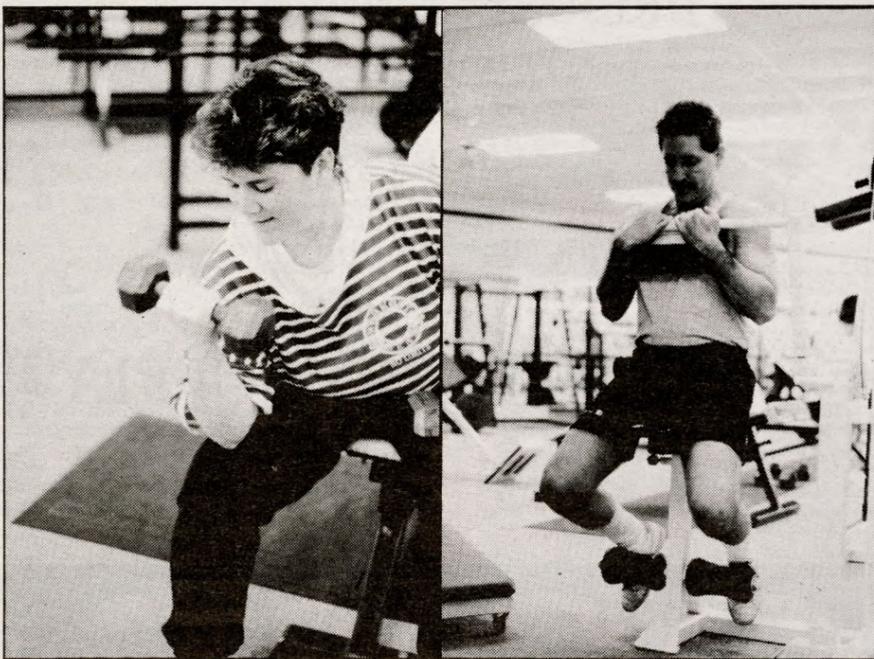
Mary Cahill, 28, thinks of her trips to the health club as a present to herself. Every morning five days a week she goes to the gym to work out before she starts her shift as a nurse at the Children's Hospital. There she does sets on the Stairmaster, sit ups, Nautilus machines and free weights. Afterwards her muscles feel relaxed, and she begins the day with a better outlook than used to have.

"It's healthy. It's good for you," she explains as she does the military press with dumbbells. "It gives me time for myself. So much of my life I have to give to others: going to work, paying the bills, etc. This is my time to do something good for myself."

Michael Linhart, 36, recently ended an eleven-year relationship. He found himself falling into long bouts of depression and suffered from a low self-esteem until he made a resolution to do something to feel better about himself. Now he frequents the fitness center every day after his 9 to 5 job at an insurance company. In less than two months, Michael lost 16 pounds and considers himself to be in the best shape of his life.

"People at work can see the difference in me—in my attitude and my outlook on life," he says as he rests in between sets on the rigorous Stairmaster (a sophisticated machine that duplicates walking up a long arduous flight of stairs), and wipes some of the sweat off his forehead with a towel. "Mentally I'm sharper, working out has gotten me back on top and in control. Physically it's a good feeling when you get that rush of adrenaline."

Mary and Michael represent a growing segment of the lesbian and gay community that is including fitness and sports in



Mary Cahill curls and Michael Linhart pumps.

their busy lifestyles. To them working out is more than putting on a pair of Reeboks and a lycra outfit. It's a way to feel better about themselves, and they're discovering the benefits aren't just physical.

People who exercise regularly talk about how taking care of their bodies has branched off into an entire lifestyle change. They begin to eat healthier and read food labels to know what they're putting into their bodies. They sleep more and get sick less, and they find themselves

being more productive at work. They feel better about themselves, and feel more comfortable with their bodies.

"I've strengthened my self-discipline," Michael explains. "The first week was Hell. I never did this before. But I just kept working at it. Now I see the results—and I feel it was well worth it." Other people are also noticing his results. Michael says that he's recently had a few people at work ask him if he's lost some weight.

"Wait till they see me this summer in my swim suit," he proudly anticipates. Mary increased her independence through her exercise program. She was worried she wouldn't continue to exercise without somebody to push her, so she thought about seeking a workout partner. But she decided she shouldn't have to rely on someone else. Now she enjoys working out by herself in the morning, when the gym isn't crowded.

"My friend started running for the same reasons I started working out," she says, "now others are catching on."

Bill Lansden, the owner of Better Bodies Fitness Center in Midtown says he has seen a steady increase in membership ever since the club two years ago. His aim was to provide an atmosphere where gay men and lesbians would be comfortable working out.

Michael is the secretary of Atlanta Venture Sports, a gay organization of about 185 people who get together for bowling, hiking, swimming and ice skating. Every Sunday he meets with fellow members to play volleyball.

Mary recently added swimming to her training regimen. Before she goes to the gym, she meets with the Master's Swimming Club and swims with a group of people she describes as "older, over the usual college age." She said she always wanted to participate in a competitive sport, and is an adequate swimmer.

"I'm not in any competitive form yet," she explains. "But I'm going to get better."

Both Mary and Michael encourage their friends to go to a health club, or take up a sport. With so many positive changes coming from their exercise, they wonder how anybody can do without it.

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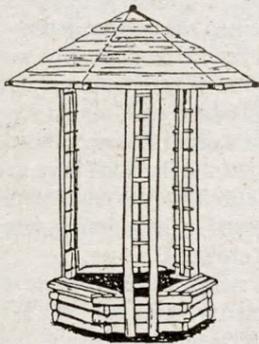


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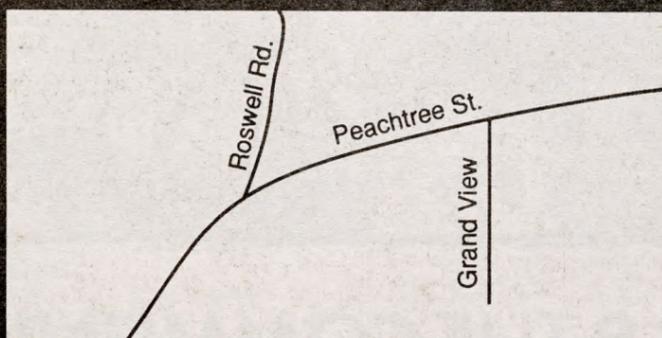
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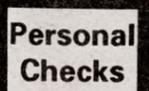
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PURE POETRY: GAY MEN  
LOOK AT LOVE & DEATH

by Franklin Abbott

In the past eighteen months six gay men have published volumes of poetry that are noteworthy. Read as a group they reflect the cautions and concerns of contemporary gay men: love and death predominate as themes. Three were reviewed last issue, three here.

Winthrop Smith's first book of poetry, *Ghetto*, is a collection of scenes from New York's gay ghetto—bars and bath houses, street scenes and porno theatres—that speak like photographs to the observer's relationship with his environment:

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Sunlit patterns  
On the bathroom's  
Ceiling, shower's  
Water, naked,  
Posing for the  
Mirrored door, your

Hand becomes the  
Hand of others:  
Fingers stroking  
Hair, caressing  
Face, exploring  
Stomach, thighs; the

Bar electric  
From a quarter  
Dropped, a pinball  
Spun, awareness  
Of a stranger's  
Indecision.

This volume, the first publication of RFD Press, is well illustrated by Patrick Angus' drawings of the scenes Winthrop Smith describes in his poems. The poems and the sketches are black and white pictures in an exhibition where each stands alone and together they tell a story from the outside in.

Indulgence Press is the publisher of Thomas O'Neil's *Sex With God* described by the poet as poetry on faith, being gay and in love. Many of the poems come out of O'Neil's Catholic upbringing and the conflict that creates for someone who is gay. Unlike some religious people hurt by the church, O'Neil is unwilling to abandon theology, he merely changes the rituals of communion to include his gay sexuality. His writing is campy ("Jesus Is Seen at a Gay Bar"), moving ("A Sexual Apology to My Father") and good advice:

TO YOUNG MEN WHO HAVE  
FELT THE SAME LONGING

Let it go,  
the sadness  
of being gay  
and the fear of the inevitable  
rejection some nights  
in a crowded bar full  
of boys who don't look  
any better than you.

The bathhouses, the bookstores,  
the bonhomie

might just be a rendezvous  
with sexual satisfaction,  
but we accept it and safely so,  
because it's all we've got.

That, and the hope  
that Richard Gere  
might be gay  
and call someday.

*Sex With God* includes fine illustrations in a zen-erotic style by Ty Wilson.

James Broughton is one of the sage gay poets writing today. Perhaps it is our befuddlement over matters of joy that deprives one of its chief proponents of more widespread notice. Pain and suffering have made many poets famous and though Broughton's work is tempered by life's struggles this poet never seems to succumb to despair; after the storm James just makes another pair of wings to fly on. He writes in his "Ode to Gaiety"

Go gloom  
Begone glum and grim...  
its pastime  
to come undone and come out laughing  
time to wrap killjoys in wet blankets  
and feed them to the sourpusses.

Broughton's latest book, *Special Deliveries*, is published in a lovely volume by Broken Moon Press. It includes poems from James' forty plus year career as a poet, many that are in hard-to-get early editions. Editor Mark Thompson also selected some of the best poems from Broughton's most recent books, *Graffiti For the Johns of Heaven*, *Ecstasies* and *Hooplas*. Thirty-two new poems are part of this collection. Broughton who is near eighty has a different outlook on death:

LEAVING THE TAJ MAHAL

Since doubtless I shall have to die  
before you my young Beloved  
promise to construct for me  
a transilluminated bed like this  
of alabaster down and marble fleece  
in an architectural amusement  
where I can wait for you to rejoin me  
while I watch the tourist faces  
being puzzled by my smile.

When at last you catch up with me  
we can abandon the fancy crypt  
to its envious pilgrims  
and set ourselves adrift  
on a flower-flowing barge  
down a very holy river  
burning merrily as we float away  
to the niftiest eternity  
that will let us in.

And on life:

EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED

The egg is in the star  
the star is in the thistle  
the thistle is in the spider web  
and the wind is in the whistle.

The milk is in the cloud  
the cloud is in the puddle  
the puddle is in the bullpen  
and the cow is in the cuddle.

The sea is in the fish  
the fish is chickenhearted  
the chicken is in the henhouse  
and the egg is where you started.

This is a valuable addition to any gay library and a good friend in times of need and over-seriousness.

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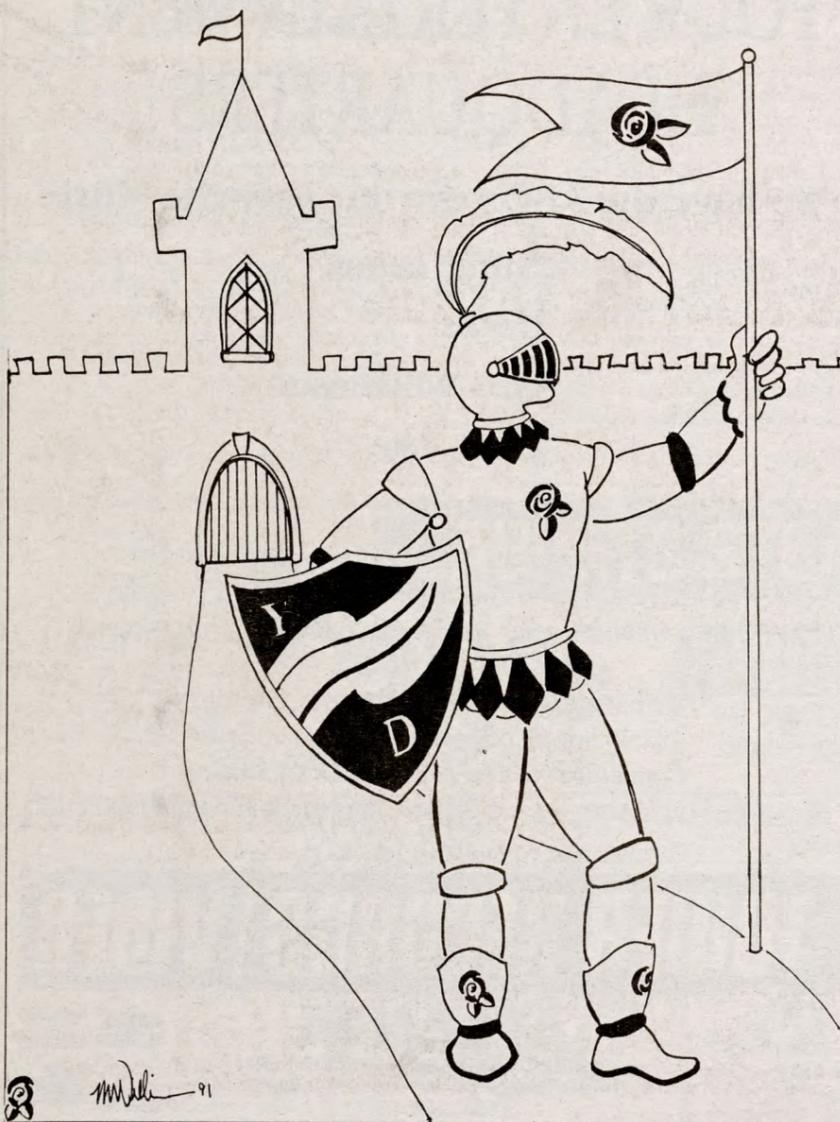
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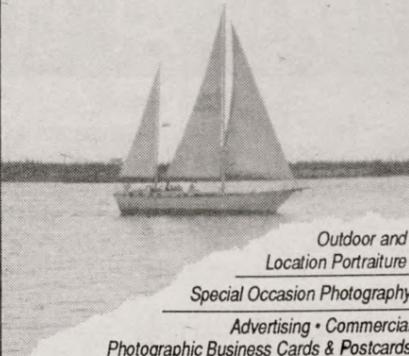
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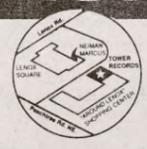
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An Answer of Love's Aaron Weiler.

by Dave Hayward

Outrageously attired as Carmen Miranda, Anita Bryant rhumbas to Bossa Nova choruses of "We don't want our children taught by no fruits!" in a send-up of a cruise ship

**THEATRE** • Dare to Dream tells stranger than fiction tale; An Answer of Love stirs 'em up in Dunwoody

lounge act. Her long-suffering backup band, Los Faggotos, pitch in on "Fruit Punch" as Anita conga lines across the country, squashing gay rights resolutions from Sunbelt to Frost Belt in eagle-eyed holy war.

Anita's just one fruitcake to rise again in a staged musical reading of *Dare to Dream: the Legacy of Harvey Milk*, March 18 and 19 at Actor's Express. Atlanta's aspiring gay Rodgers and Hammerstein, Dan Pruitt and Patrick Hutchison, are rendering a new musical, with Pruitt providing the script and lyrics and Hutchison the music as they did for the gay romantic comedy *Different*. Actor's Express Stephen Petty directs. Chris Coleman (Express Artistic Director) is Harvey Milk. Among the cast of 15, who trill 20 new Pruitt-Hutchison songs, is Coleman's father Wayne, as Anita and several other sweethearts of the right-wing rodeo.

"*Dream* educates a lot of the current audience about who Harvey Milk was," says Petty, flush with indignation. "Younger gay men don't know him." Milk, elected San Francisco's first openly gay Supervisor in

1978, and Mayor George Moscone were assassinated at City Hall in November of that year by fellow Supervisor Dan White, here played by Atlanta set designer Bruce Starr. This stranger than fiction scenario inspired an Oscar-winning movie *The Times of Harvey Milk* and a best-selling book *The Mayor of Castro Street*.

Yet, "our show is more of a mythic/theatrical quality than a straight documentary," emphasizes Pruitt. "It's not absolutely true in fact but it's true in spirit." Thus Milk's various lovers become one: Jamie (Atlanta Opera's Brian Barnett), a young man from Texas who hooks up with Harvey and achieves intimacy with history as well. "There are parallels between Jamie needing someone to look up to and the gay community at the time" offers Pruitt, who seems to make Jamie the audience's alter ego, too content with the excesses of the late seventies.

Women figure prominently in the melting pot too, specifically Jamie's younger sister (Eve Whittle) and a "wild militant straight woman" christened-against type-Heather

(MJ Coveny). Pruitt has also fashioned a "rahhrahh all-American Asian Mr. Straight who happens to be gay" and a black male transvestite. No performers of color auditioned for either role, so Caucasians will play those parts for now. "We are committed to truthful casting, and there is a lot of opportunity for interesting casting when the show opens our season in September" affirms Petty.

However, Harvey Milk continues to carry immediate impact. "We're still living in a repressive Republican regime" states Petty. "The Georgia sodomy law still can't be repealed. What we were fighting for in 1978 we're fighting for again, and we need to work as hard and obsessively as Harvey Milk did for what could be done, what was done. Maybe *Dare to Dream* might help light the fires in us as a group again."

The two readings of *Dare to Dream* are free and open to the public, but reservations are requested. Call 221-0831.

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**VIDEO** • A review of PrideTime Travels' tape travelogue of Provincetown

queens two to one.

As if we needed the encouragement, a Boston based gay and lesbian travel guide company has begun producing video travelogues for the lesbian and gay community. PrideTime Travels' first series of videos includes visual profiles of Montreal, Ft. Lauderdale, Key West and Provincetown. These locations were chosen first because of their popularity among the gay and lesbian community. The half-hour videos were shown on cable in 14 cities in the United States and Canada this past January and February.

The skeptic in me was prepared to dismiss the whole idea of lesbian and gay travel videos. There are, after all, many excellent travel guides in print. You can read all about it, wherever it is. Isn't there enough dreck on videotape?

I feared the worst when PrideTime Travels sent me their two part Provincetown video. I'd been there once with my ex, whom I'll call Tom, because that's his name. Tom and I still get a little giddy reliving a moment during our whale-watching tour when we both realized we'd boarded ship with a dozen cross dressers. That's the kind of thing that happens quite naturally in Provincetown and I seriously doubted this video would capture anything remotely comparable.

Tom and I poured coffee and popped "Provincetown, Part One" in the VCR. Two video hosts, Jim Voltz and Cynthia Pape assured us right away that Provincetown is "festive, historic and a lot of fun all year round." Jim and Cynthia host all the PrideTime tapes and are endearingly ordinary. They dispense with the usual "go here, go there" mentality and provide enthusiastic narration covering gay and lesbian history of the area, transportation tips, and some little known facts. For instance, I learned the beaches and dunes around Provincetown are strictly protected, and that sometimes lesbians shed their tops while sunning. There was no mention of what, if anything, men shed.

The video also emphasizes Provincetown's ambience—gays and lesbians can be themselves there. The PrideTime camera caught honest to God homosexuals holding hands and kissing! Romance is heartily encouraged; tables for two are everywhere.

Guest houses, bars and restaurants are featured and a number of interviews with residents, business owners and visitors are included. I was surprised to find that the video was considerably more than a shallow, taped tour of the city. At the conclusion of part one Tom called it "literate, lighthearted and lesbian-friendly." And he was right. I

had expected another male dominated view of Provincetown, but PrideTime's point of view correctly reflects the well-balanced tourist and residential population of lesbians and gay males. Both persuasions coexist happily.

Now, we've all seen enough movie sequels to know that part two of anything is usually unforgivably wretched. So, we expected little of "Provincetown, Part Two." Fortunately, the producers wisely chose a different approach for the second tape. While part one shows Provincetown by day, part two is devoted to the night. Some of the area's regular lesbian and gay performers take the spotlight. I'm no expert, but the female impersonators here look better than every one of my aunts. And the stand-up comics made me laugh out loud. In fact, one lesbian performer summed up Provincetown best: "I like to think of this place as kind of a gay and lesbian Disneyland."

Exactly. And PrideTime Travels producer Mary Kennedy and her crew have captured Provincetown on video in an accurate, positive way.

For information about the Provincetown videos, other tapes in the first series and upcoming projects, or to order any of the travelogues, contact PrideTime Travels at 1-800-338-6550.

**Cool Medium**

by David Salyer

Apparently, queers love to travel. No less an authority than *The New York Times* had this to say in August of 1990: "Although there are no figures showing the size of the gay market, a survey answered by 4,100 readers of eight large gay newspapers found that they took twice as many domestic trips as the national average, were more likely to fly, and had incomes three times the national average."

Yes, we love to fly...and it shows. Some of us have debt three times the national average. And frequent flyers now outnumber size

**FILM** • Celia Lloyd Makes Her Own Oscar Predictions

Dear Ignorant,

Naturally, I'll help. My own better half, Ardith, and I attended many films last year. Ardith lapsed into a brief coma herself after viewing "Dick Tracy."

In minor categories, look for *Dances With Wolves* to take home the little gold, emasculated statuette. *Dances* boasts fine art direction and cinematography. Of course, sensitive observers will surely concede it takes remarkably ungifted filmmakers to botch up scenery like that featured here. *Dances* may lose to *Total Recall* in the Sound and Sound Effects Editing categories. All in all, *Recall* was much louder. But, *Dances* may win again for film editing because there was so much of it to edit.

Best Makeup is a toss up between *Dick Tracy* and *Edward Scissorhands*. Be attentive now for this will be the only time you ever hear me favor *Dick*. I also predict *Hamlet* as winner for Costume Design because every time Shakespearean drama is filmed, Hollywood feels compelled to honor the clothing involved. Remember, *Henry V* received the Oscar last year. Ardith and I suspect somewhere there exists a very large closet full of Shakespearean period attire that winds up in all these pictures. Who'd know the difference? Certainly not the Academy.

These are, after all, the same people who nominated the *Towering Inferno* for its costume design.

For the Animated and Live Action Short Film categories, I suggest you simply pick an appealing title from the list. Documentary Short Subject? This year's list includes little films about chimps and Rose Kennedy. A difficult choice because we all love chimps and we all feel sorry for Rose. I choose Rose; chimps aren't even endangered. Documentary Feature is no problem at all: *Building Bombs* is timely and topical not to mention the fact that it was written, directed and co-produced by a lesbian who lives right here in Atlanta. (see page 1)

*Dances With Wolves* sounds like a winner for Original Music, but I defer to Ardith on Original Song. She just loves the gutsy "I'm Checkin' Out" from *Postcards From the Edge*.

I do so hope Bruce Davison is named Best Supporting Actor for *Longtime Companion*. His performance was gut-wrenching and the film has been unjustly robbed of any other nominations. And Whoopi Goldberg deserves the Supporting Actress Oscar for *Ghost* because her natural gifts are far superior to this picture's manipulative script and shallow special effects. Incidentally, Demi

Moore sobs through the movie not because Patrick Swayze dies, but because Whoopi steals the show from her.

And I do hope Julia Roberts does not win an Oscar for *Pretty Woman*. With this picture, Hollywood finally went too far in its glamorization of prostitution. The hookers I've seen up close walking the streets of Midtown obviously lead a life very different from the one portrayed here. Roberts' performance is simply deceitful. Give the Oscar to Kathy Bates for her perfect portrait of a psycho in *Misery* or Meryl for making us laugh in *Postcards*.

And Best Actor? I'm told Kevin Costner is quite a sight to behold in *Dances*, but historically the Academy has snubbed pretty actors. Robert Redford's only Oscar is for directing *Ordinary People*. Perhaps this is some sort of cinematic penis envy. Anyway, Jeremy Irons was a wicked delight in *Reversal of Fortune*. I know, I know, some men also find Mr. Irons pretty. Not in this film.

Finally, Best Picture. There is no contest. *Dances With Wolves* will have the coveted title. Why? It's beautiful and long. Just like *Out of Africa*, *The Last Emperor*...

Kisses,  
Celia Lloyd



Dear Celia Lloyd,

Help! My new boyfriend is a film fanatic. I just learned he throws a party each year on Academy Awards night so that he and his movie buff friends can get together and watch the Oscar telecast. What I didn't know is that prior to the ceremony all the guests, myself included, have to complete an Oscar questionnaire requiring us to predict the winners! Unfortunately, I was in a coma most of last year and missed many major motion pictures. Everyone says you really know your celluloid, Ms. Lloyd. Who will win? I love my new boyfriend and don't want to appear clueless. I've fallen and I can't give up!

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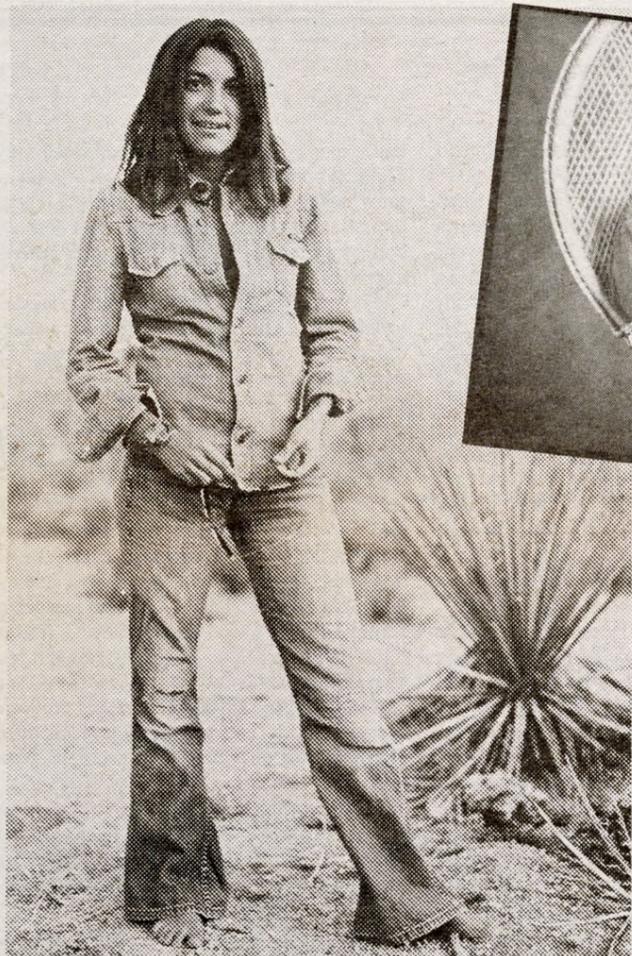


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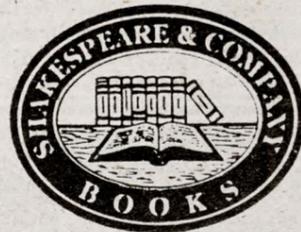
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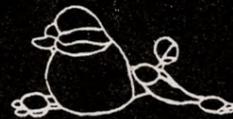
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# Building Bombs

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Du Pont, the plant's operator at the time, and the contamination continued.

Because of his astonishment over the "obscene" level of stockpiling of plutonium and tritium at the plant the other "star" of the film scientist Arthur Dexter quit his job and became involved with the Aiken (S.C.) Peace Movement and with Warhead Watch, a group that tracks nuclear warheads transported on public highways.

The horror-story facts uncovered in *Bombs* go far beyond anything that has been presented the mainstream press. "Perhaps *Building Bombs* received a nomination because it contradicts everything you would expect from its title," says Robinson. "We worked hard to produce a film that entertains and engages the audience rather than alienates them."

In addition to the Academy Award nomination, the film has won 12 major awards and has been screened at 17 international film festivals, including opening for the Atlanta Film and Video Festival in 1989. It has been broadcast on Georgia Public Television, PBS, VH-1, San Francisco's KQED, and on television networks in The Netherlands, Japan, Ireland, and the Middle East. Telecasts are scheduled for later this year in Sweden and the USSR.

Besides continuing her successful business communications career, Susan has new independent film projects in progress. One is feature documentary with co-producer Jill Broniske called *A Second Opinion: Dr. Alice Stewart and Low Level Radiation*. Stewart, 84, is a recognized expert on radiation whose



KAREN DUMIGAN

Judy Stribling and Susan Robinson

1956 study on the dangers of fetal X-rays led to the discontinuation of that practice. *The New York Times*, *The MacNeal-Lehrer News Hour*, and *60 Minutes* have each done reports on Stewart's fifteen year battle trying to force the U. S. Department of Energy to allow independent scientists to look at data on impact of radioactivity on workers in atomic weapons plants. "I'm looking forward to more women-focused work," Robinson says about the project. She is also collaborating on a dramatic narrative film about lesbian relationships "in all their complexities."

Susan and Judy have plans to celebrate their mutual commitment in the fall; Judy's obvious confidence in her partner is unwavering: "I knew when I met her she was a star!"

## FILM

# HAMMER TIME

Hot vision and humor on film and video

by Deborah Monroy

Have your ears been battered by the new "Sisters of Mercy" CD? Weary of the jangle of the latest "Lush" tape, "Gala"? Or, were you unimpressed by the Atlanta Ballet's Pollyanna-ish production of *Carmina Burana*? (Yes, Helen, it was peachy and pink and lovely. But what happened to the erotic parts? So much for high culture among the hetero-sect.)

For an evening of true, hot vision, and humor, come by IMAGE/Film and Video on Saturday, March 16, at 8 PM, for an evening of videos and films by Barbara Hammer.

"My mother raised me to be the Shirley Temple of dykedom," admitted Hammer, unabashedly, during a recent phone conver-

sation. And her films are often impish. In "No No Nooky TV" Hammer dresses up a computer in lingerie to show both taboo and accepted images of sexual stuff.

In "Sync-Touch," music and metaphor, color and lust, all come together to convince the viewer of the primacy of touch, along with vision. The final scenes are especially compelling, as a woman slowly teaches the filmmaker how to speak some French—the literal meaning of her words tells the abstract nature of the French language, but the surface verbal message is overpowered by the tactile rapport between the two women speaking to each other. C'est bien sensuel.

Well, you have to see and hear it to believe. Profits from the screening of Hammer's films and videos will benefit the National Lesbian Conference.

Also at Image at 8pm on Fri. Mar. 22 is "James Baldwin: The Price of the Ticket" a documentary by Karen Thorsen.

## THEATRE

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Quixotically, *Dunwoody* is the setting for another world premiere of a gay-themed show—*An Answer of Love*—opening March 15 at the Stage Door Players two miles outside I-285 on Chamblee-Dunwoody Rd.

"*Answer of Love* shows AIDS impacting a family who loves someone and wants to stick by them" reveals playwright/artistic director Chip Coffey. "Faced with dying from a terminal illness, how do you react?" Coffey's 25-year-old protagonist Mickey (Aaron Weiler) elects to swallow a bottle of pills with his family and lover Matt (Michael Lifshey) encircling him as he succumbs. Whereupon Mickey's estranged Irish Catholic father takes legal action against the clan for their acquiescence.

"I emphasize this is one person's choice, one person's solution" relays Coffey. "He didn't want to go through this process, see himself deteriorate. These are things I felt in my

heart without preaching anything." Yet *Answer* is prescient in its concerns—a friend recently returned from San Francisco reports that some physicians there actively assist people with AIDS in ending their struggles.

"We don't condone this as a means for everyone" reiterates Weiler. "In our previews last year we had an outpouring of letters and cards from our audiences, whether the family and the lover were guilty or not guilty." Weiler sees the essence of the show concerns "relationships and choices and love" over suicide, and that the character's gayness is also incidental—a debatable proposition.

In any event, NAPWA Board Member David Willis is counseling the players in being as authentic as possible. Armed with a Masters in Psychology, former *Southern Voice* contributor Coffey also has coached nurses through the Alliance Against AIDS. Hence, *Answer of Love* should be accurate if not especially explicit or courageous. And its Dunwoody locale amazes.

*Answer of Love* plays through April 6. Call 396-1726 for show times and information.

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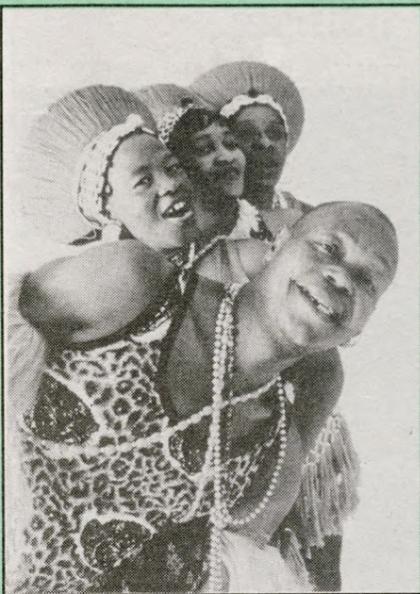
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**Sports**

**FRONT RUNNERS.** Every Wed. at 6:30pm in Piedmont Park. Also every Saturday 9am at the Chattahoochee River off Powers Ferry Rd. Call Shelton Haynie (622-0739) or Lynn Patterson (438-1421) for info.  
**AVS BOWLING.** Every Monday, 8:30pm. The teams are already formed but substitutes are always needed and welcome. So are spectators. Come down and enjoy the most fun you can have with your fingers in public. Express Lanes, Monroe Drive. Call Steve at 361-1286 for info.  
**HOTLANTA SOCCER.** Practice every Sun., 3pm. A game that uses heads instead of hands is looking for a few good thighs for the 1991 spring season. Men and women, beginners or pros are encouraged to participate. You'll get a kick out of it! Piedmont Park, call Steve at 577-0418.  
**ATLANTA TEAM TENNIS.** Every Sat. at noon. Clean up your clay court game and help plan THE PEACH, ATTA's giant fundraiser to be held in March. Fun for spectators and sports alike. Glenlake Tennis Center, call David Black at 399-5010.

**Television**

**OF MOOSE AND MEN: THE ROCKY AND BULLWINKLE STORY.** Thurs., March 14, 10pm. Hilarious clips and interviews with the series' creative team make this a must-see for all fans of the all-American squirrel and his horny sidekick. Natasha darling will be there too. GPTV, Ch. 8.  
**AN EVENING WITH LOU REED.** Sun. Mar. 17, 11:30pm. Greatest hits sung by the man who made them unforgettable memories. GPTV Ch. 8.

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**STEPHEN SONDHEIM'S INTO THE WOODS.** Wed., Mar. 20, 8pm. Bernadette Peters and Joanna Gleason star in this Tony-winning musical. Not nearly as grim as the brothers who told the original tales. An interview with playwright Sondheim follows. GPTV, Ch. 8.

**THE GRAPES OF WRATH.** Fri., Mar. 22, 9:30pm. 1990 Tony-winner for Best Play, this Steppenwolf Theater's stage version of Steinbeck's powerful classic features the original Broadway cast. Steinbeck's widow Elaine introduces the production. GPTV, Ch. 8.

## Theatre

**CROSSING THE GREAT DIVIDE.** Mar. 15 & 16, 8pm. An delightful evening of theatre and music featuring 4 performers from radically different heritages as they cross the divide between east and west, Latino and African-American, Asian and Anglo. 7 Stages, 1105 Euclid Ave. 523-7647.

**HUNGRY TO BED.** Thru Mar. 17. The premiere performance of local writer Steve Murray's comedy about longing, desire, regret and iris beds. The Actors Express, 280 Elizabeth St. 221-0831.

**DARE TO DREAM: THE LEGACY OF HARVEY MILK.** Mon.-Tues, Mar. 18, 19, 8pm. A staged reading of Dan Pruitt's and Patrick Hutchison's (who wrote and scored "Different") new musical about Milk, the man, the myth and the legacy. Free, but reservations are requested. Actors Express, 280 Elizabeth, 221-0831.

**TEA IN A CHINA CUP.** Wed. Mar. 20-Apr. 7. Three generations of Belfast women share their dreams. A tender and funny portrait of Northern Ireland and a tribute to the enduring spirit of women. Presented by Theatre Gael at the 14th Street Playhouse, 14th and Juniper, 876-1138.

**SOUTHERN LADIES AGAINST WOMEN.** Thurs.-Fri., Mar. 21-22. Frances Pici, Carol Tucker, Alice Lovelace, Lori Guarisco, Faybell Ma-Hee and Rebecca Ranson join in a new piece that works its way from Middle Eastern Dancing to social change and women's dreams. SLAW is sure to put life through the Cuisinart of feminist perspective. Reservations and info, 881-0817.

**THE SECRET RAPTURE.** Thru Mar. 23. Fun at the funeral with a family whose values change as often as their alliances. At Horizon Theatre, 1083 Austin Ave. 584-7450.

**GRASS WIDOWS.** Mar. 22-Apr. 14. Zany Southern comedy in the fictional town of Dollar, GA, where avocado appliances in your kitchen are more important than a dead man in your parlor. At Mercer U., 872-3556 or 446-7163.

**MANDRAGOLA.** Thru April 13. A musical comedy adapted from a 16th century farce and directed by Eddie Levi Lee. A tuneful frolic with the age-old themes of lust, greed and love. What else do you need for an evening's amusement? Theatrical Outfit, 1012 Pree St. 872-0665.

**FALLEN ANGELS.** Wed. Mar. 20-Apr. 21. Noel Coward comes to Marietta in the form of a sophisticated drawing room comedy that tells of a gigolo who comes between two women best friends. Sounds like double entendres, double crossing, and double dating lead to laughs. Theatre in the Square, 11 Whitlock Ave. 422-8369.

## Women's Festivals

**GULF COAST WOMEN'S FESTIVAL.** Thurs. Mar. 28-31. A woman-created safe space for love, laughter and healing. Music, moonlight and more dykes than Easter in Daytona. Write GCWF, 250 Cowan Rd, Gulfport, MS. 39507 or call (601) 896-3196.

**SOUTHERN WOMEN'S MUSIC & COMEDY FESTIVAL.** Thurs. May 23-27. The 8th annual SWMCF is happy happening again, just 80 miles from Atlanta. Music and laughter, coming soon to a forest near you. Send self-addressed envelope to SWMCF, 15842 Chase St. Sepulveda, CA 91343 or call (818) 893-4075.

**RYTHMNFEST '91.** Aug. 29-Sept 2. Lookout Mt., GA will ring with music and laughter as the newest of the women's festivals returns to the hallowed hills. Send SASE to 604 W. Chapel Hill St., Durham, NC 27701 or call 919-682-6374.

## Upcoming

**LESBIANS AND HRCF.** Thurs., Mar. 28, 7:30pm. The Human Rights Campaign Fund representatives hold an instructive evening about their lesbian action agenda. Human rights for lesbians sounds like a very progressive idea, come and voice your concerns and hopes. Charis, 419 Moreland Ave. 524-0304.

**DIXIE INVITATIONAL XI.** Fri-Sun., Mar. 29-31. More than half a thousand participants. Singles and Doubles at Express Lanes, team events at Fair Lanes in Chamblee. See next issue of SV for exact times or call Tommy Windsor, 986-8272.

**LARGE GROUP EXPERIENCE.** Mar. 30. Group therapy should be empowering, not overpowering. Learn how to keep your identity and openness while operating in a large group. Atl. Center for Short Term Psychotherapy, 633-3282.

**PASSOVER SEDER.** Sat. Mar. 30, 7p.m. Join Congregation Bet Haverim for a traditional Passover service led by Rabbi Shula Gelhfuss. Free to members; \$18, including a meal, to non-members. Please reserve by Mar. 18. 642-3467.

**11th ANNUAL AZALEA DANCE.** Sat., April 6, 8pm. Dress plain or fancy and enjoy ALFA's spring cotillion with dapper dykes galore. E. Congregation, call ALFA 378-9769.

**SILENT SOJOURN RETREAT.** Apr. 17-21. Get away and get it together with a springtime retreat in the mountains. Reconnect with healing and nourishing energies that abound in the universe with meditation, art, yoga, massage therapy and more. Contact Linda Davis at 584-9134.

**NATIONAL GAY AND LESBIAN FILM TOUR.** Fri. April 19-May 2. The Atlanta Gay Center will host the film tour to be featured at the Plaza Theatre. A fine opportunity to view over 30 selections from the '89-'90 NYC Festival. Gosh, Miss Scarlett, its nearly as exciting as the premiere of "Gone with the Wind." The Lefont Plaza Theatre, 1049 Ponce de Leon, 873-1939.

**NATIONAL LESBIAN CONFERENCE.** Apr. 24-28, 1991. 3000 lesbians from all over right here in Atlanta. The conference needs dollars now, so early registrations are welcome. Write NLC, PO Box 1999, Decatur, GA. 30031, or call (404) 373-0000 for info.

**DANCE 'TIL DAWN.** April 26, 9pm. Non-stop music with dance band, "Yer Girlfiend" and D.J. Join women from all over the country as they dance and delight in each other's company. At the door, \$5-6, National Lesbian Conference attendees, \$3-4. Radisson Hotel Ballroom, Courtland & International Blvd. 373-0000.

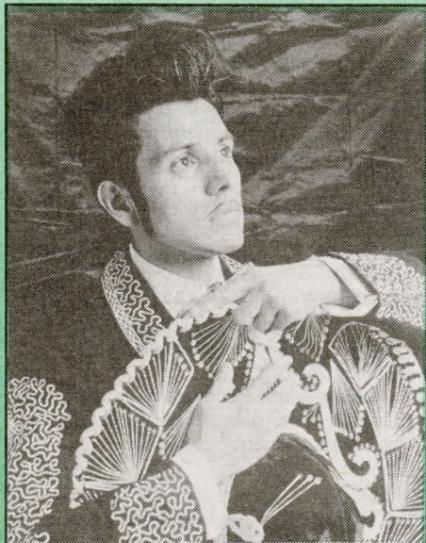
**COME CELEBRATE WOMEN IN SONG.** April 27, 7pm and 9pm shows. Sweet harmonies blend in an evening of special songs from the Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus. Southside High, 801 Glenwood. For info call 876-6347.

**CONFERENCE WEEKEND EXTRAVAGANZA.** April 27, 7:30pm. A festival of entertainment with all the comforts of home: Teresa Trull, Lea Delaria, Washington Sisters with Melanie Monsur, Sue Fink, Alix Dobkin, Karen Williams, the Two-Spirited Thunder People (Native American dance troupe) and Atlanta's own Tammy Why-Not.

**M. BUTTERFLY BENEFIT.** Fri. May 3. Opening night for this widely acclaimed Broadway play will be a benefit for three AIDS outreach organizations, followed by a post theatre party in the Egyptian Ballroom. A Viennese Coffee House atmosphere with fine food and chanteuse Denise DiRenzo will entertain folks in the second benefit of the evening. At the Fox Theatre. Call 256-5209 or 261-8329 for info.

**FOURTH ANNUAL HRCF BENEFIT DINNER.** Sat. May 18. A gala dinner and silent auction to benefit the Human Rights Campaign Fund. Marriott Marquis Downtown, 662-4280.

**GAY PRIDE '91.** June 23. Time to think about floats and signs and making our presence known. Be aware, be there. Last year's entertainment and speakers were great, this year let's double the number of sisters and brothers marching down Peachtree under the lavender banner. For info call, 325-4435.



**EL VEZ-THE MEXICAN ELVIS,** backed by the Memphis Mariachis and the Elvettes at Variety Playhouse on Mar. 15. Photo: Paul Beauchemin.

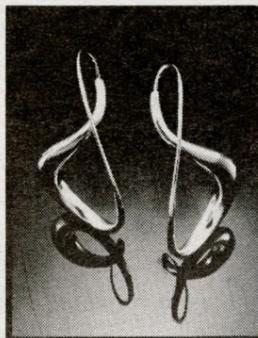


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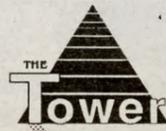


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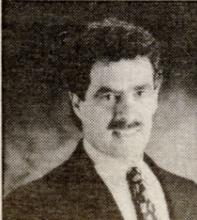
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Sound familiar? Conflicting events don't make anyone happy. Organizations get fewer participants and participants are forced to miss events. In an attempt to minimize the problem, Margot Meeker has offered to develop and maintain the Galendar—a Gay and Lesbian Events Calendar. Here's how it works: Organizations are asked to call Margot (522-2091) before scheduling a public event. She'll tell you if another event is already scheduled for the same date. It's simple and effective, but the process will work only if everyone calls *before* they finalize a date.

**Also, organizations, please note:** Additions, corrections and changes to the listings in these pages should be sent to: Organizations, Southern Voice, PO Box 18215, Atlanta, GA 30316.

#### AIDS ORGANIZATIONS

**AID Atlanta**—Non-profit agency providing services to people with AIDS, families and friends. 872-0600.

**AIDS Info Line**—876-9944 (Atlanta); 1-800-551-2728 (State-wide). Answers about AIDS, referrals, etc., by trained volunteers staffing lines 9am-9pm daily.

**AIDSCHAIM**—Congregation Bet Haverim (Atlanta's Reconstructionist synagogue serving the gay and lesbian community) sponsors a predominantly gay support group for those affected by the AIDS crisis. Meets 1st & 3d Thurs., 7:30pm at AIDS Interfaith Network, 1053 Juniper St. Info 642-3467.  
**First MCC AIDS Ministry**—Spiritual and emotional support for PWA's and Families. 872-2246  
**The Living AIDS Memorial Park Project**—Meets 2d Mon. of month, 874-8969.

**National Association of People with AIDS/Atlanta**—A political, social, and educational organization confronting the AIDS crisis. Membership open to all individuals with AIDS, ARC or who are HIV positive. 874-7926.

**The Names Project/Atlanta**—A National AIDS Memorial. Meets Tuesdays, 6:30pm at All Saints Episcopal Church. 286-6263.

**The Names Project Quilting Bee**—For those interested in creating a panel or helping others working on a panel. Thurs. 7:30pm at First MCC. 872-2246.

**Project Open Hand Atlanta**—Prepares and delivers meals to people with HIV illness. Volunteers needed for organizing, kitchen and delivery. 525-4620.

#### ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT

**Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus**—A community-oriented chorale group of women's voices. Membership open to all women interested in singing. Practice each Sunday. 294-8983.

**Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus**—Community-oriented chorus of male voices. Membership open to all interested singers and non-singers alike. 627-7830.

**"Funny... That Way"**—Atlanta's Gay/Lesbian comedy improvisational troupe. Membership open. Workshops Sunday night. 875-2275.

**Southeastern Arts, Media & Education Project, Inc.**—Arts and media as tools for exploration, education, and change in human rights, especially those of the lesbian/gay community. 881-0817.

#### DIRECT ACTION/POLITICAL

**ACLU/Lesbian & Gay Chapter**—Working for the civil rights of lesbians and gay men in the metropolitan Atlanta area. 523-6201.

**AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power**—Direct action group with the purpose of fighting homophobia, AIDS, sexism and racism. Meetings held Tuesday at 7:30 PM, NAPWA offices at 98 6th St. 286-6247.

**BIAS Crime Hot Line Line**—To report all bias/hate crime incidents and police abuse. 286-BIAS.

**Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation**—Works to lessen public expressions of homophobia, especially in the media. Meets First Mon., 7pm at Peachtree Library. 286-7476

**Greater Atlanta Political Awareness Coalition**—Meetings vary. The gay and lesbian political action committee monitoring and acting in the local political scene. 368-7420.

**Human Rights Campaign Fund**—The nation's largest Lesbian & Gay political + lobbying organization. Field office, 373-6330. Annual dinner committee, 365-8766.

**Legislate Equality for Gays and Lesbians**—A voice for lesbians and gays in the Democratic party. Mtgs. on 3rd Mon. of the month. 7pm at P'tree Library. 286-7476.

**Queer Nation**—Direct action countering homophobia and educating the public. Meets 2d and 4th Mon. at Peachtree Branch Library. 286-2355.

#### PROFESSIONAL

**Atlanta Business & Professional Guild**—A service organization of both gay/lesbian and non-gay professionals and businesspersons. Meets 2d Tues. 355-1800.

**Fourth Tuesday**—A networking organization for lesbian professionals and entrepreneurs. Regular dinner meetings on 4th Tues. Also special events. 662-4353.

**Success Oriented Networking Group**—Structured networking for gay/lesbian and non-gay professionals. Meets every other Weds. 662-4202

#### SPIRITUAL

**All Saints Metropolitan Community Church**—Serving metro Atlanta with positive Christian support for lesbians and gay men. Services 7 pm every Sun. at 575 Boulevard, SE. 622-1154.

**Circle of Healing**—Open to anyone in need of healing, be it physical, emotional, or spiritual. 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. 7:30 PM. at First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Dr. 378-5570

**Congregation Bet Haverim-Reconstructionist Synagogue** serving the Gay and Lesbian community. Services every Fri. at 8pm at AIDS Interfaith Network 1053 Juniper St. Shabbat Seder 2nd Fridays monthly at 7:30pm. 642-3467.

**First Metropolitan Community Church of Atlanta**—A Christian church proclaiming God's love for lesbians and gay men. Counseling available by appointment. Same sex Holy Unions performed. Sun. at 11:00 AM and 7:30 PM. Also Weds. 7:30 PM. 800 N. Highland Ave. 872-2246.

**Gay & Lesbian Mormons**—Affirmation group organizing in the Atlanta area. For info call 570-2561 (dig. page).

**Gay Catholics of Georgia and Friends**—Support group for lesbian/gay Catholics and friends. Meetings and activities vary. 390-0739.

**Integrity**—Ministry of Gay Episcopalians 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. 7:30 PM. All Saints Episcopal Church, 3rd floor of Ellis Hall. 642-3183.

**Lambda Light**—A meditation group for lesbians and gay men. Meets weekly. 872-9088 or 875-4565.

**Lutherans Concerned/Atlanta**—A Christian Ministry for Lesbian and Gay Understanding. 636-7109.

**Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns**—Gays and lesbians gather over light foods to celebrate their Presbyterian heritage. 373-5830.

#### SPORTS/OUTDOOR

**Atlanta Team Tennis Association**—Men and women's divisions. Friday nights and Sunday afternoons at Eastlake Tennis Center. 622-GAME.

**Atlanta Venture Sports**—An association in which the membership enjoys recreational, social, educational, and sports activities. 242-4899.

**Friends Atlanta**—A social, recreational, and educational group for gays and lesbians. 662-4501.

**Front Runners/Atlanta**—A running/walking/social group for lesbians and gay men. Weds. 6:30pm in Piedmont Park and Sat. 9am at Chattahoochee and Powers Ferry Rd. 622-0739.

**Greater Atlanta Naturist Group**—For gay men who enjoy nude outdoor and social activities. Not a sex club. For info send SASE to: GANG, PO Box 7546, Atlanta, GA 30357.

**Hotlanta Soccer**—Practice every Sunday at 3pm in Piedmont Park. Beginners, men and women are welcome. 577-0418.

**Hotlanta Volleyball**—Serious and amateur players are welcome to join. in tournaments and Clinics held to learn and practice new techniques. 875-0700.

**S.E. Gay Rodeo Association**—For cowboys and cowgirls across the south. A number of activities, including a rodeo, are in the planning stage. PO Box 8262, Atlanta, GA 30306. 874-6556.

**S.E. Harlequins**—Women's rugby football team practices every Wed. night and Sun. afternoon. No experience is necessary and new players are always welcome. 659-6916 or 761-8939 for info.

#### SERVICE/SUPPORT

**Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee**—Responsible for annual pride celebration. Meets the 1st Mon. of each month at 2069 The Page (2069 Cheshire Bridge) and the 3d Thurs. at Ponce Library (980 Ponce de Leon) at 7pm. All invited. 325-4435.

# COMMUNICATIONS

**Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance**—A lesbian feminist organization which welcomes lesbians of all races, religions, political orientation, economic status, occupation and degree of openness. 2d Sunday of each month. 6:00 PM. PO Box 5502, Atlanta, Ga. 30307, phone 378-9769.

**Atlanta Pro-Choice Action Committee**—A non-profit, non-partisan, organization created to support the right to reproductive freedom for all people. 239-8016.

**African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance**—A political and social organization for black lesbians and gay men. Meets 1st Sunday of each month. 4pm, Ashby and Gordon Streets. 349-3739.

**Athens Gay and Lesbian Association**—Contact P.O. Box 2201 Athens 30612-0201 or call 404/549-9368.

**Atlanta Couples Together**—Social organization to support positive aspects of gay and lesbian relationships. Events and meetings vary. 365-2455.

**Atlanta Gay Center**. Offers services for lesbians and gays men as well as educational out-reach to society as a whole. 63 12th St., 876-5372; Coming Out Group 4pm Sat; Young Adult Support Group 6:30pm Tues; HIV+ Group Fri. 8pm, Sun. 6pm; Clinic 6-9pm Mon., Tue., Wed.

**Black and White Men Together**—A gay interracial organization committed to fostering a supportive environment wherein racial and cultural barriers can be overcome. 794-BWMT.

**Codependents Anonymous-Lambda**—A 12-step program of recovery from codependency for gays and lesbians. Meetings Tues. & Wed. at 8 PM and Sun. at 7pm. 239-1657.

**The Cobb County Group**—Monthly social and frequent recreational activities for those who live in Cobb. 438-1421.

**Chrysalis Women's Center**—Provides social, educational and informational programs and services for the community. Lesbian discussion group meets 7:00 every Friday; Support group for lesbian mothers meets 6:00 every 1st and 3rd Tuesdays; Support group for married lesbians meets 6:00 every 2nd and 4th Tuesday. 881-6300.

**Delphi**—A fraternity of gay men. P.O. Box 14591, Atlanta, GA 30324.

**Gay Fathers Association**—Support group meets 4th Fri. 296-8369.

**Gay Help Line**—Phone, 6pm-11pm, daily. 892-0661.

**The Group**—Support for gay and bisexual men who are or who have been involved in marital-type situations with women. 892-0661.

**Lambda Group/Narcotics Anonymous**—Addresses unique issues that lesbian and gay drug addicts deal with in their recovery. Meets Mon. & Fri. at 8pm in education building of Grace United Methodist, Ponce de Leon and Charles Allen. 237-6262.

**Lesbians in Fun Endeavors**—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.

**Lesbian Support Group**—Discussion group open to all lesbians. Every Friday. 672-7387.

**Men of Little 5 Points**—Socials and speakers on gay and community topics. Write PO Box 5425, Atlanta, GA 30307.

**Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays**—Committed to help parents of lesbians and gays and too help change attitudes so all gay people can live with dignity and respect. 3d Sun., 3-5pm at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Atlanta. 296-0830 or 875-9440.

**Women of Wisdom**—A social and service organization that aims to facilitate women meeting with women in a comfortable atmosphere. Meets at Chrysalis Women's Center monthly, date varies. 723-1112. or write P.O. Box 451065, Atlanta, GA 30345-1065.

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

## STUDENTS

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

**Gays & Lesbians United for Equality**—Kennesaw Community College's group is in the process of formation. 426-8160.

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

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

**S.E. Alternative Lifestyles Association**—Networking group for lesbian and gay student groups. 634-2524.

**Young Adult Support Group**—For men and women 14-24, meets at Atlanta Gay Center, 63 12th Street, 6:30pm every Tuesday. 876-5372.

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For many, the words 'New Age' evoke feelings of warmth, spirituality and a faint hint of George Winston. For others, these same words suggest trite, outdated pseudo-sensitivity with a faint hint of George Winston. Lambda Light is a self-proclaimed New Age group which is trying to foster the personal and spiritual growth of its members while quieting the pessimistic sighs of its doubters.

Lambda Light, a group for lesbians and gay men, was founded three years ago in Washington D.C. by two gay men already active in a predominantly heterosexual meditation group. Spurred on by their success in the D.C. area, the group has opened a chapter in Atlanta. Fred Thacker is the leader/organizer of the group here in Atlanta. Over bean burritos and guacamole, he and I discussed the group, its aims and its atmosphere.

Thacker says he became involved with the Washington group in hopes of finding like-minded people in an open atmosphere, one more conducive to meeting people than the local bars. But he adds, "Some people come to the group for husband hunting. I tell them right off, if you get a husband from this, that's fine, but your commitment is meditation. That's where we come together, the meditation."

Part of the success of the group depends upon its continuity, of achieving an atmosphere that is familiar, open and accepting. As such, new members join slowly and only after consensus from the group. After attending a meeting, the prospective member will then meet with one or two of the group members to discuss the purpose and the rules of the organization and agree to abide by these laws upon acceptance to the group.

The bylaws include such provisions as regular attendance, active involvement and a willingness to act as leader for some meetings. Each group is limited to twelve mem-

bers, when more are interested, a new group is formed. There are also monthly dues that go to finance a yearly retreat.

These rules, Fred insists, exist to insure the seriousness of participants. The group, he stresses, remains, at heart, a social gathering. Group meetings are rotated among the various members' abodes. Every two months, all the groups get together for a pot-luck, "a metaphysical mixer." At the pot luck, where guests are allowed, the members share food, listen to a speaker and perhaps have a large meditation.

Weekly meetings—which last about two hours—are similar in structure. A designated leader will give a small presentation or talk. The group will respond and then there will be a period of meditation. At times, group members may channel, or they may attempt emotional and physical healings. There may be meetings which include lectures on new aspects of New Age consciousness and practice.

When I asked Thacker if he considered himself the leader of these groups. He shied away from that term, preferring instead 'organizer.'

"Prayer is to ask God. To meditate is to listen to God," he said, adding that each of the messages and each subsequent path is individual. With such uniqueness of experience it is difficult to have a so-called leader; the group's focus is on sharing rather than leading and following.

*For more information on Lambda Light, call Barry at 875-4565 or Fred at 872-9088.*

The recently organized **Unity Midtown** which also focuses on the metaphysical and meditation has moved the location of its 11A.M. Sunday service to the Academy of Medicine, at W. Peachtree & 7th Street. Call 449-1308 for more information.

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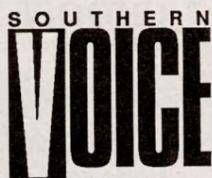
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**Catholic Readers Will Understand:** Students from Archbishop Carroll High School received Holy Communion on St. Valentine's Day, but not in the form of those yummy, crunchy wafers. Ten members from ACT UP passed out free condoms outside the Washington D.C. co-ed Catholic high school as the teenagers were leaving classes for the day. The city's gay tabloid, *The Washington Blade*, reported that a feisty crowd of about 150 potential adolescent carnal sinners surrounded the activists "yelling, jostling, and grappling for condoms." Not surprisingly, the priests and nuns inside did not approve. Dish wonders how long it will take for the starch collars and habits to understand that wrapping your parts in latex really is the Christian thing to do?

**Teacher's Pet:** Dish notes with more than a mite of amusement the following list of suggested acronyms for gay/lesbian/bisexual teachers groups: HOTT—Homophobia Outrages Today's Teachers; POOCH—Perverts Openly Organized to Combat Homophobia; OGLE—Organization of Gay and Lesbian Educators; ITCH—I'm Trying to Combat Homophobia. For a sample of the newsletter issued by the National Lesbian and Gay Caucus of the American Federation of Teachers send a note to Dan Stephen, PO Box 19856, Cincinnati, OH 45219.

**Police Pooch:** Dish notes without comment (which is exactly how the rest of the media treated this) that amidst the havoc under the gold dome last week, the Senate of the state of Georgia voted 48-0 in favor of S.B. 255. "What," you ask, "is S.B. 255?" It's a hate crimes bill of sorts, we answer. "Oh," you reply. "Tell me more." O.K., here's what it says: "Any person who commits the offense of simple battery against a police officer, law enforcement dog (our emphasis), correction officer, or detention officer engaged in carrying out official duties, shall upon conviction thereof, be punished in the discre-



tion of the Court by an *additional* (our emphasis) fine not to exceed \$500 or imprisonment not to exceed 10 days or both."

**Pride's Progress:** Dish is proud to be the recipient of one of the very first of what we understand will be a whole series of Pride T-Shirts. Ours is in basic black—with pink and white print, but its also available in very pink—with black and white print for those desirous of making a more, uh, colorful statement. There's much good news about pride organizing this year. Not the least of which is that the Pride Prom is back, there will be pride related events in Piedmont Park on both Saturday and Sunday (June 22-23) and the fact that the Pride Committee is now officially the Atlanta

Lesbian & Gay Pride Committee. This is the 20th Pride celebration in Atlanta and organizers say they are shooting for 20,000 participants in honor of that anniversary.

**Male Bonding?:** Dish would like to thank the New York Times for publishing the only war-related photo we've seen that actually made us grin. The shot, taken by a French photog wouldn't you know, shows a resident of Kuwait City embracing two G.I.'s and planting a big kiss on the cheek/chin of one of them. The Times caption, alas, refers only to "soldiers getting a hug." Dish suspects that if all men spent more time kissing and hugging, they'd spend less time building and dropping bombs.

**Powerful Words:** Latest word(s) in the ongoing will-they-or-won't-they drama surrounding the ordination of openly "homosexual" priests by the Episcopal Church: a proposed new policy "would neither allow nor disallow" ordination of queers, but "could allow" such action. The quotes are from Bishop George Hunt (Providence, RI) who heads the church's Standing Commission on Human Affairs. Because we are so enlightened, informed, and spiritually empowered by these words from Bishop Hunt and his fellow committee personages, Dish does hereby and forthwith present them with this week's Slippery Syntax Award.

**Potential Lesbians:** Dish has been watching *L.A. Law* religiously ever since Abby and C.J. had their little tete-a-tete on Feb. 7. So far not much has happened on that story line, but we did read recently in the *AJ/C* that the network has received about 100 calls about the potential lesbians, slightly over half negative. Tip the scales the other way, folks. Write *L.A. Law* Executive Producer David E. Kelley at 20th Century Fox Studios, Box 900, Beverly Hills, CA 90213. Let him know we like it, and want to see more.

March 14 - March 27

## RULING PLANETS

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Spring arrives on Wed., March 20 at 10:02pm and the New Moon in Pisces is on Sat., March 16. Join us at the PRIMA MATER earthworks to celebrate the Spring Equinox. Call 264-6219 for info.

**ARIES**—Happy Birthday! The Sun and Mercury moving through your 1st house of personal awareness and instincts can assist with new projects or ideas you've been developing. Info from experts may be the key to success.



**CANCER**—The Sun joins Mercury in your 10th house of career and vocation on the 20th. Be ready for more energy and activity in this area of your life. You may have difficulty finding personal time for the next few weeks.



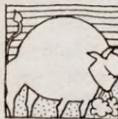
**LIBRA**—As the Sun joins Mercury in your 7th house, be prepared for more activity in your personal relationships and new faces appearing in your life. Be clear about the qualities you prefer in others. Time for fun and frolic.



**CAPRICORN**—As Uranus and Neptune travel close to each other through your 1st house of personal awareness, expect the unexpected; plan on dealing with illusions you have about yourself. Expect inspiring, innovative ideas.



**TAURUS**—With Venus entering your 1st house of personal awareness and appearance, you may want to spruce up your wardrobe, try a new hair style, have a massage. Time to invest in yourself emotionally and spiritually.



**LEO**—Jupiter in your 1st house opposes Saturn in the 7th, so you may build more tension than usual. Keep your sense of humor handy and schedule specific times for relaxation each day. Don't let your life become a war zone.



**SCORPIO**—With Saturn slowly moving through your 4th house of home, parents and roots, you may want to reevaluate your living situation. Parents may need attention. You benefit by passing on unused, worn-out items.



**AQUARIUS**—Saturn in your 1st house opposes Jupiter in the 7th house of relationships, so take care when involved in personal situations that have a potential emotional charge. Be diplomatic and trust your instincts.



**GEMINI**—With the Sun and Mercury in your 11th house of community affairs and networking, this is the perfect time to get personally involved with your favorite cause or charity. Also renew old business connections.



**VIRGO**—With Uranus and Neptune traveling so close together in your 5th house of creativity and play, this is an excellent time to break out of old patterns and perceptions. Rely on your gut response to situations and trust yourself!



**SAGITTARIUS**—As the Sun joins Mercury in your 5th house of creativity, play and self-esteem, you get the green light on fun activities, new projects and love affairs. Don't be shy, the world needs what you have to offer.



**PISCES**—Happy Birthday, Pisces! With Saturn in your 12th house of the unconscious and the unknown, you may have to deal with issues you might prefer to ignore. However, Saturn helps us set priorities and boundaries.



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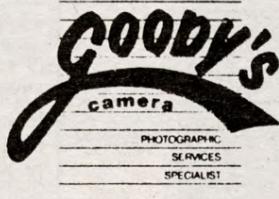
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Jen- To educate the gay and  
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DEBBIE FRAKER

## MP BRESLIN and JEN K.: Leather Lovers

MP Breslin won Ms. Southeastern Leather 1991 at the Southeast Leather Weekend held here last weekend. Last year she came in second in the competition. As Ms. Southeast Leather she will serve as a spokesperson for the Southeastern leather community, promoting a positive image. And, as MP and her lover Jen have discovered, lately leather folks seem to need some help establishing that image.

I met MP and Jen at their apartment, which is small but homey. A well-stocked video library attests to a lifestyle that hasn't always been too busy to spend quiet evenings at home. As we talked, Jen made coffee and MP worked diligently repairing a denim vest she wanted to wear that evening, resewing a seam and trying to remove glue left by a discarded patch. In this very domestic scene, the only signs of leather were the trim on the vest and MP's studded wrist band. Their two cats (mandatory in lesbian households) kept me company on the sofa. The compelling question was, aside from their choice of outerwear, what makes these two women different from other lesbian activists?

The answer may be simply that they have more kinds of prejudice to struggle against. Leather fetishists, as Jen describes herself, have experienced as much bigotry in the gay and lesbian community as gay men and lesbians find in the heterosexual population. In addition to disapproval from the large number of animal rights activists among gay men and lesbians, there is also the assumption that those in leather also practice S/M.

That, Jen and MP say, isn't necessarily true.

Jen says she recently had trouble getting into a local bar because of their "dress code." "I'm a gentle person," she defends herself emphatically. "They hassle us if we just walk in the door in leather, like we were there to make trouble." Although local leather clubs and national leather organizations have always supported gay and lesbian charities, particularly AIDS charities, they are still often not readily accepted into the community. Proceeds from portions of the Southeast Leather Weekend were donated to Project Open Hand and to the Names Project.

MP, who will also go on to compete in the International Ms. Leather contest in San Francisco next week, started competing last year for two reasons. "My club brothers encouraged me to compete," she explained. But there was more to it than that. At the sodomy demonstration last year, MP marched in leather as she has at Gay Pride events. And, as she has at Gay Pride, she turned her face away from cameras to avoid being recognized in her leather. "When it came to the point that people were getting arrested, I saw people going to jail for being proud of who they were and I felt like a coward," MP admitted.

When she decided to be more open and proud of her lifestyle, MP took a more active political role in the leather community. One aspect of leather competitions is acting out a scene for the audience. MP, at the end of her scene, depicts being arrested for sodomy by a police officer. At the International Ms. Leather Competition last year, where she was second runner up, MP's scene was the only one to receive a standing ovation.

Locally, MP and Jen are members of the Panthers Levi and Leather Club, though their activities with the Panthers have slacked off somewhat due to their involvement with national organizations like the National Leather Association. "I wanted to become more involved politically on a national level," MP explains.

The couple has also been trying to start a local women's leather social club called Sisters of the Rose which had its first pot luck supper last summer. "I believe men and women need to work together, but we also need a space that is only women," MP says. Sisters of the Rose produces and distributes a newsletter which it shares with other women's leather clubs as part of an attempt to establish a country-wide network of information with women's leather clubs all over the country. "The hardest place to get people to respond from is the North. But I'm not going to give up. I keep sending them newsletters," MP insists with all the determination of a very competitive leather dyke.

—Debbie Fraker

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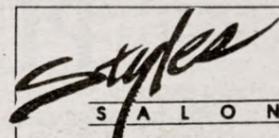
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WM, 27, 5'6", 150, muscular build, relationship oriented. I am honest, sincere, loving and versatile. Enjoy working out, movies, the outdoors, and dancing. Seek similar quality men. SV 2382. (V4,#5)

Young GWM couple seeking single GWM friends 18-24 for weekend & summer fun. Into partying, rock 'n' roll (AC/DC, Stones, Cinderella) and movies. Note, phone #. Photo if possible. SV 2383. (V4,#5)

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GWM, 35, 6'2", Br/Br, 178#, mustache - attractive, intelligent, secure professional, HIV+ (healthy and coping), sense of humor but sometimes moody, private person but will admit to smoking and occasional alcohol - seeks same 32-45, preferably funnier, more aggressive, and a little smarter (sometimes) to check out options. SV 2386 (V4,#5)

GWM, attractive, 32, 5'9", 138, seeks same 24-40 who like me is professional, masculine, quality, in shape. No one nite stands, fems or fats. Atlanta area. Likes music, travel, movies. For relationship. Note, phone, photo. SV 2385 (V4,#5)

GWF - 25, femme, petite, pretty, vegetarian, brunette, social drinker and smoker seeks pretty, butch GWF 18-30 for friendship, possible relationship. Interests include nature, reading, travel, and movies. Please include photo and phone number in letter. SV 2384 (V4,#5)

GWF, professional, 50, seeks mature GWF, preferably 45-50, non-smoker, one who likes movies, dancing, the arts, good conversation, sports, weekend getaways...and all the fun and romantic things life has to offer, for possible relationship. Write and tell me a little about yourself. SV 2371 (V4,#4)

GWM 23, 5'10", 165, Br/Bl, enjoy movies, music, tennis, bowling, travel. Upbeat and sincere. Seeks GWM 22 plus for friendship, possibly more. Boxholder, 2980 Cobb Pkwy., Suite 192-172A, Atlanta, GA 30339. (V4,#4)

GWM 25, 5'7", slim, tan, well-educated, strong-minded, creative, nice-looking, and TIRED of looking for the special GBM who is masculine, handsome, charismatic, and serious. 25-35. Are you out there? SV 2367 (V4,#4)

Attractive GWF Christian, 21, earnestly seeks same fr friendship. Let's take walks, share ideas, and have fun. I enjoy everything from The Beatles to old fashioned courting. Send a not and let's correspond. SV 2373 (V4,#4)

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GWF, 21 "butchy-femme" type. I enjoy writing, movies, nature and good conversation. I'm looking for honest down-to-earth lesbians for friendship. Smoking and social drinking okay; drugs and "headgames" not. (404) 590-8081 - leave message for Tracey. (V4,#4)

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GWF, 23, pleasingly plump, 3yr. old girl, femme - seeks GF, butch, 25-35 for friendship, possible relationship. Love picnics, books, music, dancing, writing & honesty. Send letter and phone number. SV 2370 (V4,#4)

F/M Transsexual Butch seeks Bi/Gay Female for mutually rewarding, no strings relationship. Enjoy outdoors, hiking, backpacking, white water. Seeking light, easygoing fun times. You're feminine, intelligent, articulate lover of natural environment. SV 2376 (V4,#4)

Attractive GBM, 37, 5'5", 160#. New to Atlanta, loving, caring, monogamous. Minister seeking companion 28-40, any race, not ashamed of sexuality, no drugs. Reply with interests, phone #, photo if poss. to Herman, 1881 Flat Shoals Rd., Atlanta, GA 30316. (V4,#4)

GWF, 29, new to Atlanta, solvent, over-educated professional, sensitive, easy-going, non-dogmatic feminist. Hoping to discover friendship with intelligent, humorous, challenging woman 25-40. Flexible agenda. SV 2366 (V4,#2)

GWM, 32, 6'3", 175, HIV neg. alternative artist type, masculine / butch good looks, big mustache, buzz cut. Yet warm and very affectionate seeks similar, secure, versatile butch man into longterm relationships. No sweater / loafer bar queens please! SV 2377 (V4,#4)

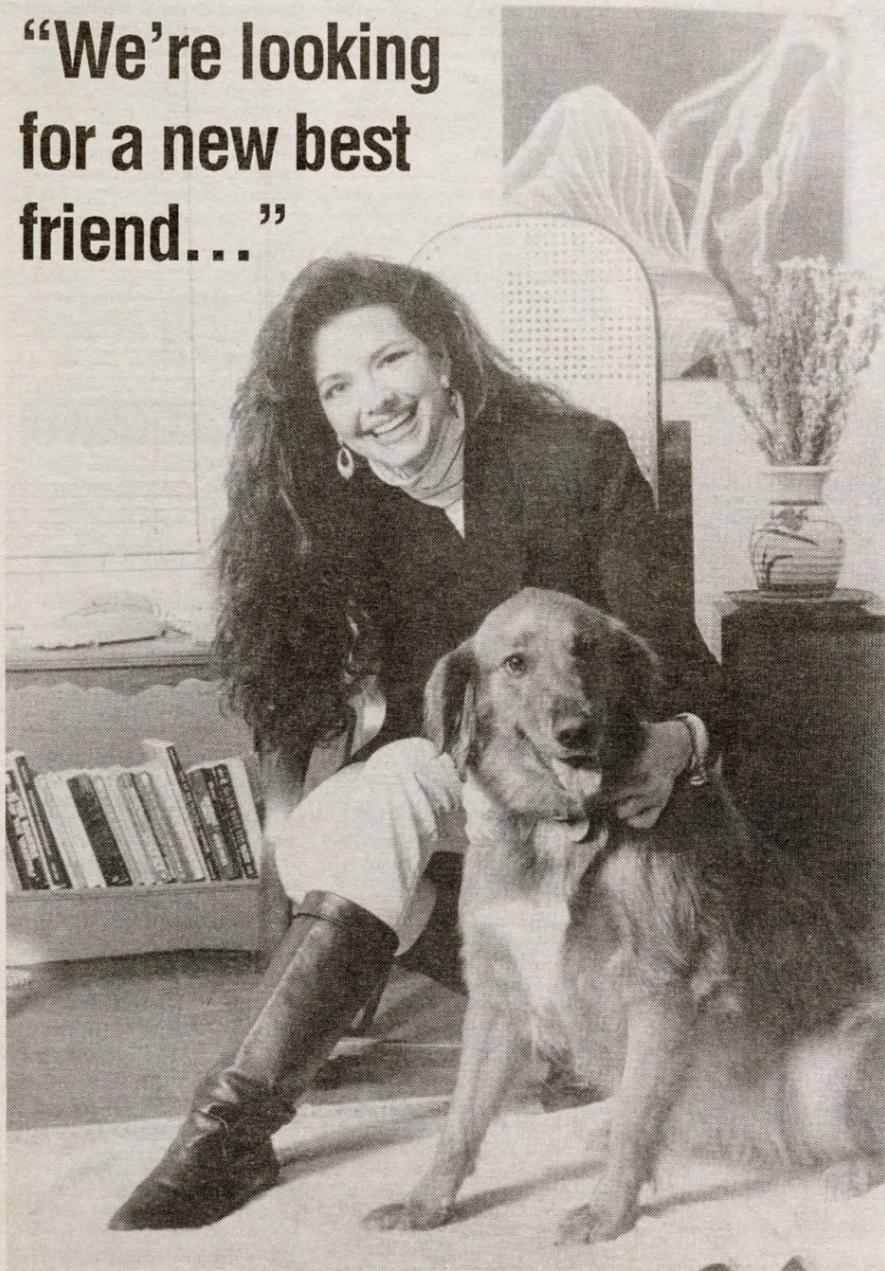
GBF, 28 feminine, friendly, genuine, attractive, seeks same GBF for fun and friendship. SV 2378 (V4,#4)

"Life Goes On" GWM, PWA, 28yrs, considered good looking. Enjoys life itself. Would like to meet someone who realizes love can still happen, and life is not over. Take a chance, I did. Photo appreciated, all replies answered. SV 2374 (V4,#4)

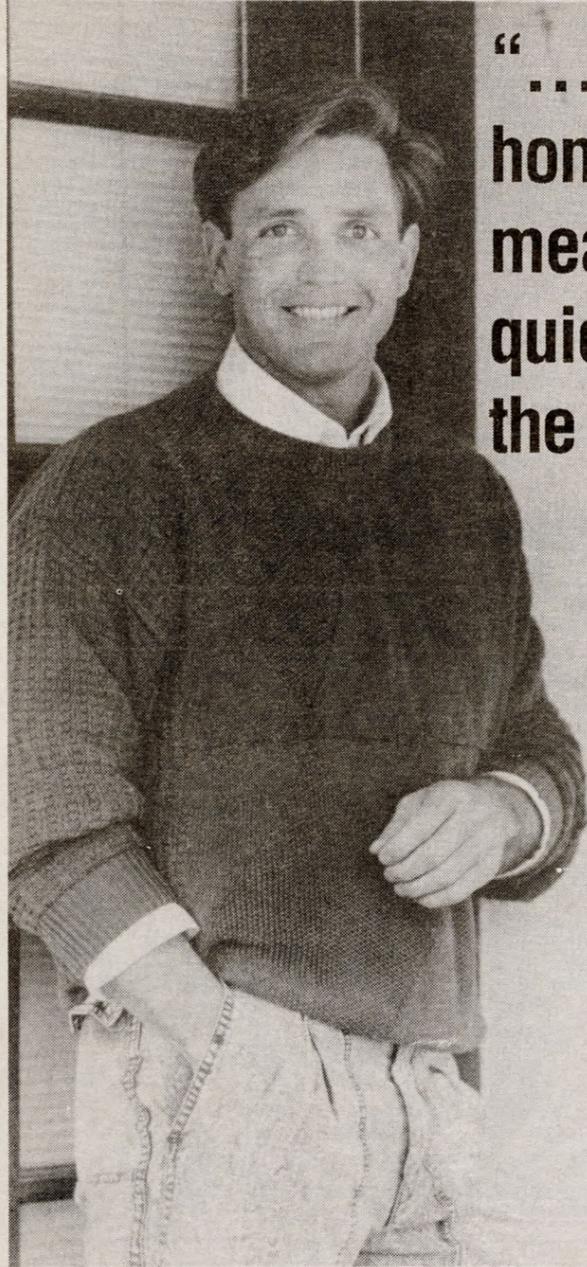
GWF, Blonde, blue eyes. Non-smoker, quiet, discreet, cat-lover desires similar mature GW femme (27-37) for friendship, eventual roommate. Strong, positive outlook is important. No drugs, No drama, No analysis. PO Box 14366, Atlanta, GA 30324. (V4,#4)

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GWF, 26 seeking femm. GWF for friendship, possible relationship. True Romantic. Sensitive, caring. Love walks on the beach and in the woods and trips to the mountains. Write M.C. SV Box 2381 (V4,#3)

GWF seeks GWF (fem) (35-50) honest, sincere, non-smoker must enjoy music, movies, nature, not into bars or excessive drinking. No drugs, get high on life. Recent photo and letter, phone number, "Huggy", PO Box 1451, Buford, GA 30518. (V4,#3)

GWM, 20, UGA student, average looking, seeks GM, 18+, preferably from Athens area, relatively out, caring, and self-respecting. I'm shamelessly skinny, unpretentious, and friendly. Not into "straight-acting," attitudes, or games. Please reply to PO Box 2507, Athens, GA 30612.

GBF, 38, feminine, warm, sincere and honest. Enjoy travel here and abroad, music, theater, candlelight dinners and cozy nights, would like to meet other lesbians. Reply letter and phone to SV Box 2365 (V4,#3)

Cute, kooky, iconoclastic, wild-eyed, Italian boy, 34. Yankee born & recently relocated here from Northern California. Seeking the pleasurable company of spontaneous, self-assured, romantic & passionate Black gentlemen of free will, humor & spirit (18-60). Please leave message 577-4189. (V4,#3)

GWF, 29, pretty, blondish, romantic femme into the arts, music, dance, would like to meet a pretty, sincere femme for a special relationship/friendship. Must be a quality person. Write/send photo if possible - will return. SV Box 2363. (V4,#3)

I am a masculine WM, 45, 6 ft, 170 lbs, attractive and physically fit. I enjoy travel, beaches and good times. Not into bars or stereotypical gay lifestyle. Looking to meet younger guys who appreciate a sane, stable relationship. SV Box 2361 (V4,#3)

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Help! Pretty Princess Dyke, 29, is looking for her counterpart. If you're a pretty, dark-haired femme or butch/femme who thinks she deserves the best-queeny treatment, then let's talk. Write/photo if possible. SV 2362.

GWF 34 new to area wishes to explore friendship in Georgia. Love to dance, read, laugh, sports and talk. Clean, professional, no drugs. Call 984-9978 and make me laugh.

GWF, 25, 5'6" 145 lbs. Brown hair, blue eyes. Sometimes Butch? (YOU: 18-35 yrs.) Love dancing, talking, video's, cats. Lets start with friendship, possibly court into relationship. No drugs, booze or Bi's. Cigarettes okay. I'm a Yankee! Please send picture, phone. SV Box 2357. (V4,#2)

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GWM, 25, 6', 160. Br/Hazel, masculine, intelligent, handsome, versatile. Enjoys sports, travel, the arts, partying 'til dawn, sitting before a fire w/someone special. Seeks compatible, successful, 18-35 year old for friendship...? SV Box 2360. (V4,#2)

GWF, 25, red hair, blue eyes, aspiring bodybuilder. Enjoy outdoors, love animals, music (rock, top 40), movies and photography. Seeking GWF 21-30 with similar interests for friendship. Photo requested, but not required. SV Box 2359 (V4,#2)

GWM - 45, 5'9", 138. Brown hair/mustache, lean, healthy, smooth, masculine. Enjoy travel, movies, photography, sports. Wishes to meet slender GWM. No Drugs. Note/photo. SV Box 2358 (V4,#2)

Distinguished, GBF, 18. Affectionate, easy-going, intellectual. Enjoys the arts/literary/humanitarian/travel pursuits. Needs GBF (18-?) for serious friendship/companionship. Maria, Route 1, Box 134-C2, Flora, MS 39071. (V4,#2)

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GBF interested in corresponding with plump (bigger is better) GWF leading to friendship and fun. Age/looks not important. Romance and fun are. SV Box 2356. (V4,#2)

GWF professional, fitness oriented, likes outdoors. Seeks same (30-50) for friendship, fun and laughter. No Bi's or drugs. SV Box 2355 (V4,#2)

I'm a lesbian studying ASL. Would like to meet deaf lesbians or certified interpreters for friendship and sign practice (No romance, I have a wonderful lover.) Into feminism, food, good literature. Write Karen, PO Box 5545, Atlanta, GA 30307. (V4,#2)

Businessman - GWM, 42, 5'10", attractive, young-looking, healthy, stocky, seeks relationship with man same age or younger. New to Atlanta. Live in Midtown. Recently took a sabbatical year in Europe. Call 881-0397 or write me directly - P.O. Box 56123, Atlanta, GA 30343. (V4,#2)

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Serious Only! GM with solid, good build, sincere, 30+ and single sought by HIV+ GBM, 39, with well defined body. I am into exercise and quiet evenings. Send letter, include name, number and photo if possible. SV Box 2352 (V4,#2)

Young white lesbian seeks mature lesbian for honest friendship and possibly more. 875-0338. (V4,#4)

Miss A. Parker, you're a Pices in Lawrenceville. I'm an Aquarian across from Options. You know how to lie and I know how to forget. You bring the carrots and I'll bring the pickles. (V4,#4)

Masculine Southern guy wanted, 35-45 ONLY, to relocate to Chicago for a permanent relationship. I'm a GWM, 37, 5'6", masculine, hairy and stable. Prefer blue eyes, hairy. Into affection, mutual J/O, oral sex. Not anal. Call weekday evenings (312) 728-7479. (V4,#4)

GWF some-what fem, seeks butch/masculine or very dom female for friendship and progressively more. Race no problem (would like first time experience with Black/Hispanic etc.) I like drinking, camping and all types of music, honest and open. 875-0338. (V4,#4)

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

GWM 22, Cute. Interested in relocating to Atlanta from NC seeks wealthy GWM to assist in relocation and acclimation in exchange for domestic chores, cooking and companionship. Serious replies only to: Randy, 206 South Wake Street, Hillsborough, NC 27278 or call (919) 732-3880. (V4,#3)

Asian male seeks businessmen visiting Boston who are into CTS, Studio-7, and MH tapes. Prefer clean-cut, WM 21-45, healthy, HIV-, Yuppie collegiate, exec types A+. Married, bi welcomed. Photo optional. P.O. Box 1361, Boston, MA 02104. (V4,#3)

Wonderful woman wants to meet same. Write Jan, 1382 Prince Ave., Suite #16, Athens, GA 30606. (V4,#3)

LESBIAN COUPLE 20 and 21, new to Atlanta. Enjoy movies, love animals, progressive music, sight-seeing, and talking. Both smoke & drink. Live in VA/HIGH. Would like to meet other lesbians for friendship. Call 876-6754. (V4,#3)

GWF, 35, intelligent, attractive, romantic, affectionate. Enjoy outdoors, music, movies, candle-light and more. Am looking for person of similar attributes, for quality friendship but my opportunities are limited. Are yours? SV Box #2346, (V4,#3)

WM, 44, seeks "lifestyle" sensitive female to explore new dimensions in intimacy. Educated, kind, healthy; new to opposite sex relationships, but committed to this as best option for me. Seeks same WF. Call 876-8147 (V4,#3)

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

GWM, 45, seeks mature GBM in Rome, GA area for companionship or relationship. P.O. Box 3257, Rome, GA. 30164-3257 or (404) 236-9807. (V4,#3)

Attractive GWF, 57", 135 lbs. 18, yet mature. Blonde/Blue. Easy-going and passionate. Seek same (20-30) for fun and possible relationship. Send letter. (I know you are out there!) SV Box 2339. (V4,#3)

Tired of being lonely? Me too! GWM, 37, 5'7", 125lbs. Swimmer's build, thinning brown hair, hazel eyes, average looks, smooth - seeks WM (18-23) who is precocious, affectionate, dedicated, devoted, and seeking intense friendship / relationship. Steve 426-0182. (V4,#3)

GWM, HIV+, 30 yrs, 150 lbs. 5'10". Considered attractive. Non-working but financially secure. Would like to meet a self-confident man w/same circumstances for an all-around hang-out buddy. Photo/phone/note. SV Box 2340. (V4,#3)

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**Experts Agree**

**NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY A HOME**

The war is over, spring is upon us and the great housing hunt is on. Low interest rates combined with eager sellers add up to a sunny climate for home buyers, according to two expert mortgage professionals.

Mack Beverly, president of Georgia Home Resources and Mary Swinford, president of Rainbow Financial Services agree - now is a very good time to buy a home. "From a mortgage side," explains Mack, "we can do just about anything for anybody - we have over a hundred different programs that we can structure according to income, credit potential and down payment. You don't necessarily have to have a lot of money for a down payment or excellent credit. We can finance people with A, B, C or even D credit."

Mary agrees, "It's not unusual for someone to have a blot on their credit history, what is important is the presentation of potentially damaging information to the lender." "Buying a home," she continues, "is one of the most psychologically and emotionally stressful experiences that a person can go through. We help ease their anxiety, and if someone does not qualify for a loan then we help them do what they need to qualify in whatever time it takes to do so."

Mack also points out that a sincere person with previous credit problems might seek out a loan assumption. "Find a good realtor to help you find what you want, preferably a loan assumption under 10%. The ideal situation is when the owner is willing to do a second mortgage and as long as you are employed and meet certain basic requirements, your credit does not even have to be checked."

Both experts advise you to get a quick credit check first and get pre-qualified. "Sixty - five percent of our business," explains Mary, "comes from the gay and lesbian community and people don't feel comfortable in a banking envi-

ronment disclosing personal information about themselves or their relationships. All people are funny about their money and they get very tense with someone they don't know when it becomes obvious that they are gay or lesbian. They can tell me whatever they want to and I will present it in the very best possible light. I've been in the mortgage business for seven years and I've never had a single company raise an eyebrow about unrelated co-borrowers."

Mack offers some more advice, "Make sure you are looking at houses that you can afford. Use your resources and your friends. Look at your lifestyle. Define it and seek a lifestyle that will accentuate it and make it more enjoyable. You can find a lot of good deals right now if you are willing to roll up your sleeves and do the work."

Mary also says, "The time is good to re-finance or get a second mortgage. The rule of thumb is that if you can improve your rate by two percent plus additional costs to be paid back in three years and if you are going to stay in the house for at least three years, then refinancing might be to your benefit. For second mortgages, the qualifying ratio is generally more liberal in considering credit worthiness." Mary also offers help to out-of-towners moving to Atlanta, "We can make it real convenient by using Federal Express and long distance, there have been cases where I have never met the borrowers in person."

What's in the future? "We're getting mixed economic signals," says Mary. Mack says, "Interest rates are already starting to go back up." Both agree the bottom line is that rates are still below ten percent and now is the time to buy.

For more information call Mack Beverly, GEORGIA HOME RESOURCES. (404) 262-7113 or Mary Swinford, RAINBOW FINANCIAL SERVICES. (404) 634-3383.

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Mr. Spencer is on the ASHI board of directors and has been conducting home inspections in the metro Atlanta area for buyers of new and existing properties for the past ten years. The American Society of Home Inspectors, ASHI, is a non-profit professional organization established in 1976 for independent home and building inspectors. Its objectives include the promotion of excellence within the profession and continual improvement of its members' service to the public. ASHI admits only

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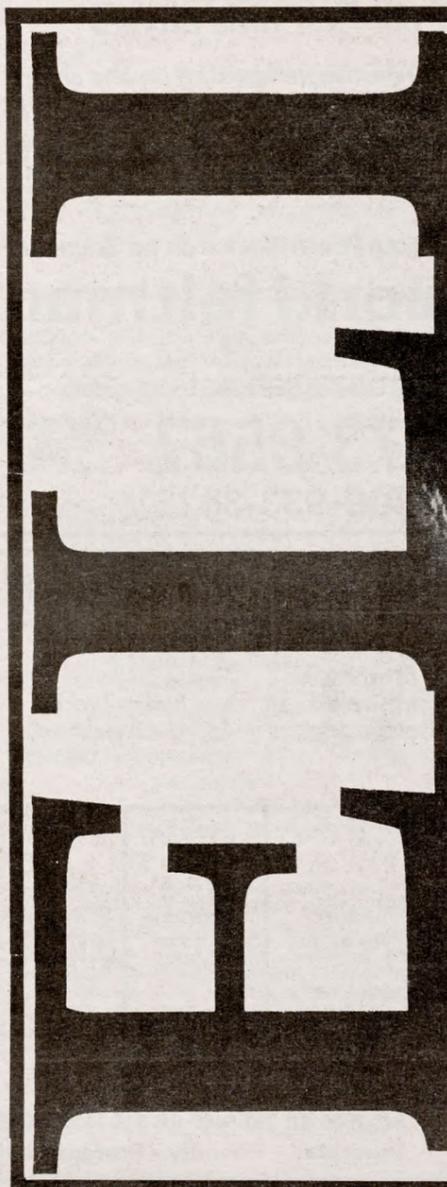
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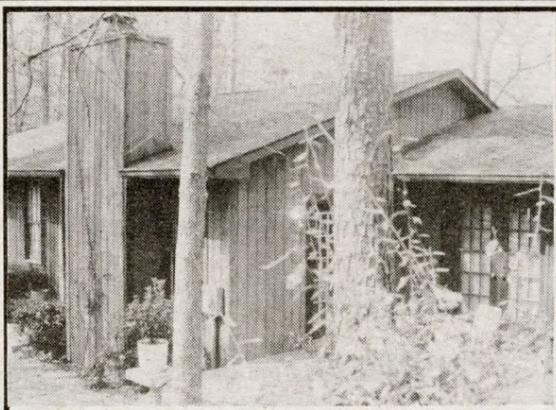
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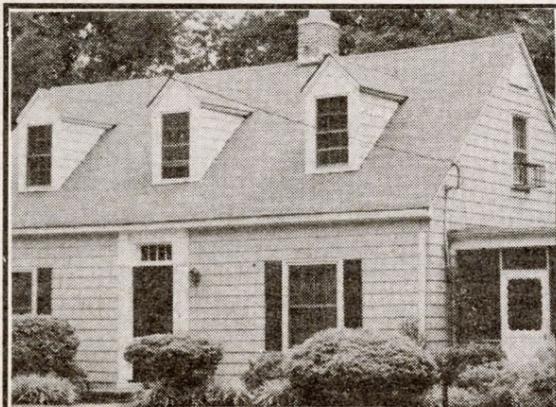
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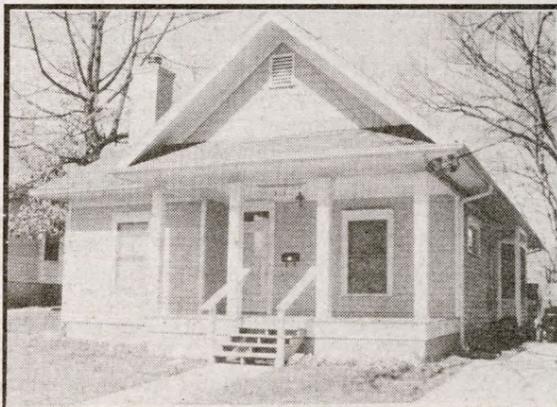
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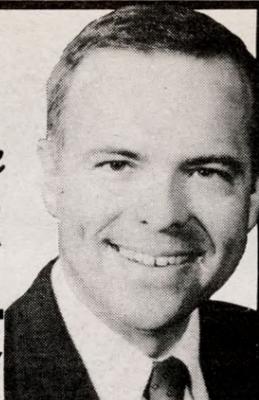
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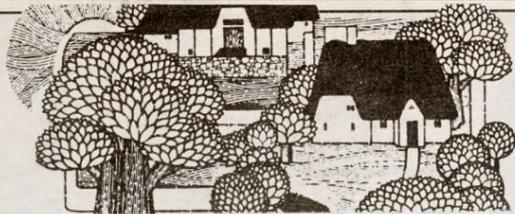


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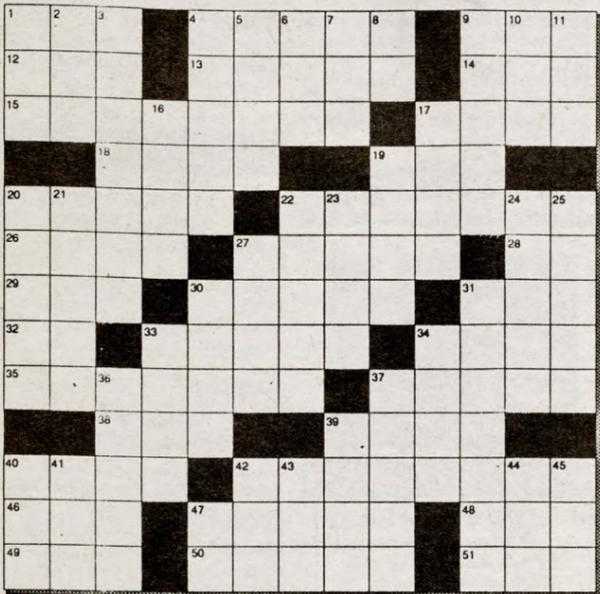
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WORD GAYMIE #3 Deadline for entries April 5, 1991



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DOWN

1. Centers for Disease Control
2. "To An Athlete Dying Young" poet's initials
3. Legendary female warriors
4. Get in one's sights (2 words)
5. Russian river
6. Harvey Milk's murderer, White
7. Extra-terrestrials
8. Nebraska on envelopes
9. *The Celluloid Closet* author, Vito
10. What homophobes don't consider Mappelthorpe's work to be
11. Gay Activist's Alliance
16. Dancer who played title role in *Nijinsky*, George de la
17. Silent screen star Nazimova
20. Pat Califia work, *Doc and*
21. Jamaican hairstyle
22. Fertile spot in the desert
23. Acts or processes (suffix)
24. Sheeplike
25. Billie Jean and family
27. Encore
30. Proper to the point of affection
31. Out, in baseball (2 words)
33. Where gay Parisians enplane
34. Fine-grained mineral
36. Poetic feet
37. Vacuum tube with two electrodes
39. Roman poet
40. Imagist poet Lowell
41. Sally Field film, *Norma*
42. Available (abbr)
43. Dead On Arrival
44. Catch some rays on Fire Island
45. Future rooster
47. Author of *Beebo Brinker*, initially

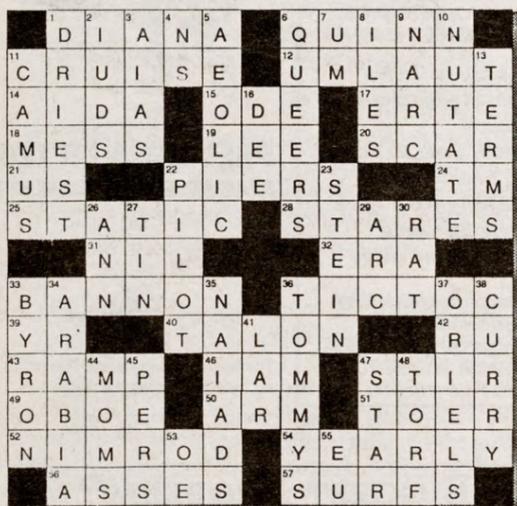
ACROSS

1. Civil Aeronautics Authority
4. "Lay Your Sleeping Head, My Love" poet, Wystan Hugh
9. Feminist periodical *Big Mama*
12. Member of Gertrude Stein or Harvey Milk political clubs (abbr)
13. Angry
14. Urban Renewal Administration
15. Singer Tracy and Monty Python's Graham
17. The Thin Man's dog
18. Fervor
19. Objects of a big bailout (with &)
20. Gay athletic club, The Runners
22. Quarterly gay periodical
26. Movie star Turner (mother of *Detour* author Cheryl Crane)
27. German poet Rainer Rilke
28. Nickname for authors Trefusis or LeDuc?
29. Ship initials

ACROSS (Cont'd)

30. Someone who vogues
31. Diarist Anais
32. Full time
33. Iris
34. Chinese secret society
35. Flora, Fauna, and Merriweather, e.g.
37. Sweet, oblong edible fruit
38. Almond (abbr)
39. Sandalwood and olive, e.g.
40. Military branch that discharged Miriam Ben-Shalom for being gay
42. Biweekly gay periodical (with "The")
46. Queen of the fairies
47. Shun
48. British public school boy who acts as a servant to an older schoolmate
49. Affirmative
50. D.C.'s gay newspaper, for short
51. Chang's brother is strict in Germany

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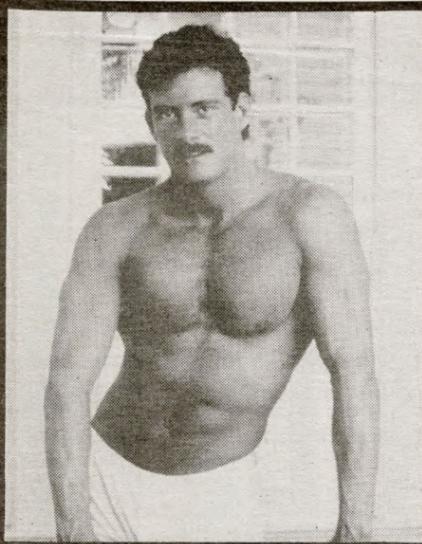
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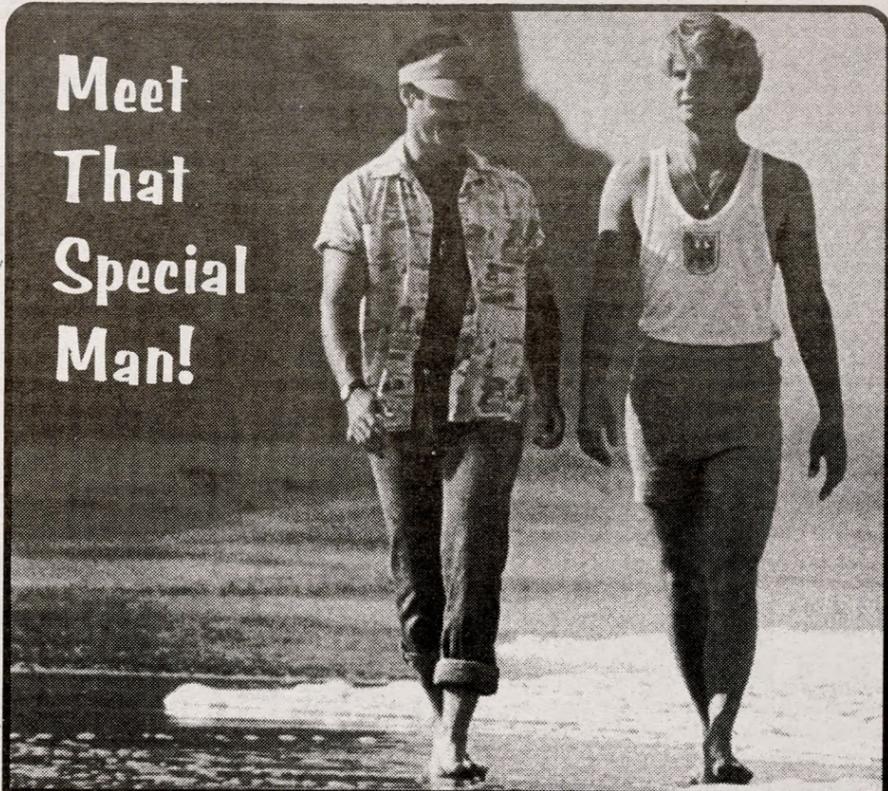
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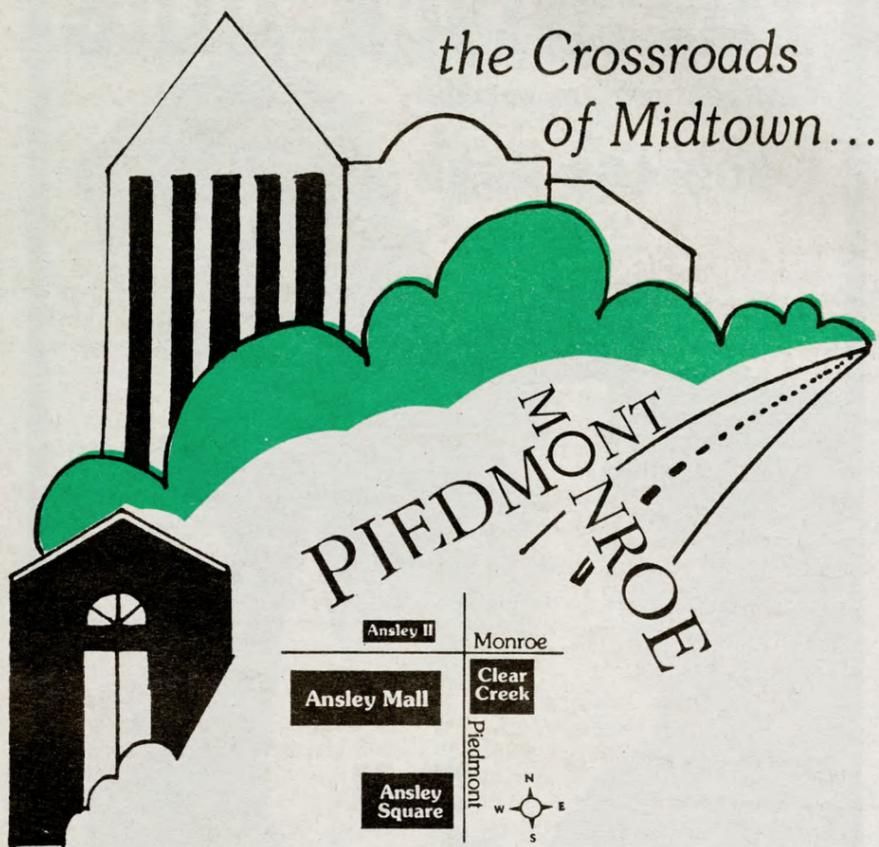
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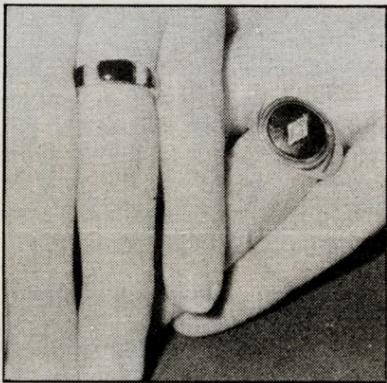
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