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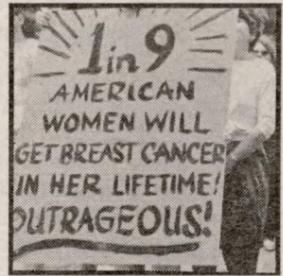
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SHAHAR v. BOWERS

by KC Wildmoon

Atlanta—For the second time in the last five years, the State of Georgia's head lawyer will be in federal court in a case with major impact on lesbian and gay rights. Attorney General Michael J. Bowers first gained notoriety in lesbian and gay communities when he was the prosecutor in *Bowers v. Hardwick*, the landmark 1986 case in which the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Georgia's laws against sodomy were not a violation of the right to privacy.

Bowers is now the defendant in a lawsuit filed by Robin Joy Shahar, represented by the American Civil Liberties Union, charging that the Attorney General violated her constitutional rights when he withdrew a job offer with the state because of "a purported marriage between [Shahar] and another woman."

During the summer of 1990, between her second and third years in law school, Shahar worked as a law clerk with the Georgia Department of Law. Early last fall, Bowers offered her a position as Staff Attorney pending her graduation and passing of the bar exam. Shahar accepted the position, subsequently passing the bar and

Ga. Attorney General Michael Bowers, prosecutor in the landmark sodomy case of Bowers v. Hardwick; finds himself on the other end of the stick

graduating sixth in her class. She was scheduled to begin working on September 23, 1991.

In early July of this year, Shahar received a letter from Bowers withdrawing the job offer. In that three-sentence letter, Bowers said he had recently learned that Shahar planned to marry another woman, and that "inaction on my part would constitute tacit approval of this purported marriage."

Shahar and Fran, her partner of nearly five years, were married by an ordained rabbi in a religious ceremony on July 28, 1991. Both women legally changed their last names to Shahar prior to the ceremony.

In the complaint filed on October 2, attorneys claimed

that Bowers violated Shahar's First and Fourteenth Amendment rights to freedom of religion, freedom of association, and equal protection under law.

Bowers responded that he was upholding state law. "I had to take this action," said Bowers, "given that Robin is holding herself out as acting in contravention of the law. Homosexual marriages are not condoned, recognized or sanctioned in this state."

While acknowledging that Georgia law does not specifically prohibit homosexual marriages, he said that the law indicates disapproval "by saying there is only one kind of marriage recognized, and that is a heterosexual marriage between a woman and a man. That's the only kind of marriage that there is."

"What she did is absolutely not an illegal act," said William B. Rubenstein, director of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. "She and Fran participated in a purely religious ceremony and she was fired on the basis of this religious ceremony."

Noting that laws in the state of Georgia also do not rec-

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Out on TELEVISION

Fall TV Season Promises Gay Offerings

by Brent Hartinger

The Reverend Donald Wildmon, executive director of the American Family Association (AFA) and Christian Leaders for Responsible Television (ClearR-TV), has made the elimination of positive portrayals of lesbians and gays from television his own personal crusade—and he's had a very good year. By organizing letter-writing campaigns against the sponsors of gay-sensitive programming, he prompted Burger King to take out full-page newspaper ads declaring their commitment to "American family values," caused the networks to lose hundreds of thousands of dollars in advertising revenue, and directly contributed to the rescheduling or cancellation of *Lifestories*,

thirtysomething, and *Doctor, Doctor*, all of which featured positive gay characters.

But if the Rev. Wildmon is still basking in the glory of these successes, he doesn't have long to bask. This fall, three of television's highest-rated shows—*Roseanne*, *LA Law*, and *Star Trek: The Next Generation*—will either continue lesbian or gay characters first seen last season or will introduce new ones. PBS may broadcast a discussion series dealing exclusively with lesbian and gay issues. And at least two other shows—*Quantum Leap* and *Northern Exposure*—are slated to devote at least one episode to sympathetic portrayals of gays.

ABC's phenomenally successful



Roseanne may not be the most critically acclaimed show to now feature lesbian or gay characters, but it's probably the most popular. In one episode at the end of the last season, *Roseanne's* boss, Leon (Martin Mull), declined a come-on by a woman, then was picked up after work by another man, Jerry, who was obviously his significant other. It was then clear, to *Roseanne* and to the audience, that Leon is gay.

Leon will be returning this season. In fact, he's already been written into the first few episodes, and his gayness will be dealt with openly. In another promising *Roseanne* development, *Torch Song Trilogy's* Harvey Fierstein (who has a sit-

com of his own in development at CBS) is reportedly writing a script for the show in which he would play *Roseanne's* gay brother-in-law.

NBC's highly acclaimed *LA Law* caused a media stir last February when one of last fall's new additions to the ensemble cast, C.J. Lamb, kissed another of the female characters, Abby Perkins, and then later admitted to Abby that she was "flexible" when it came to the gender of her sexual partners. Though Alan Gerson, Vice President for Program Standards and Broadcast Policy at NBC, flatly told the press at the time, "It would be wrong to

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Jones signs on as sponsor of Lesbian and Gay Rights Bill

by Candace Chellew

Georgia's 4th District Representative, Ben Jones, has signed on as a co-sponsor of the Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Bill.

Jones, through his press aide, commented on the bill. "The Cracker Barrel situation convinced me that there has to be some sort of legal protection for people who are discriminated against for personal private behavior."

The bill, officially known as The Federal Civil Rights Amendment Act (HR 1430), would add the phrase, "affectional or sexual orientation" to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and to the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

"What it would in effect do," says Cathy Woolard, Southeast Regional Field Coordinator for the Human Rights

Campaign Fund, "is prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing, public accommodations and federal programs."

It's not a new concept. The bill has been around for the past 15 years, and it may be a few more years before the Congress will actually vote on it. "What we're trying to do," Woolard explains, "is get enough co-sponsors so we know the bill is going to have enough support from the start."

Woolard says Jones' support is significant to the passage of the measure. "He is one of the more moderate members of Congress that have co-sponsored," she explains. "Most of the people that have signed on are very liberal. So, he is taking a

leadership role among moderates in the House to come onto this bill."

The bill now has 94 sponsors, including one other Georgia Representative, 5th District Congressman John Lewis.

According to Woolard, HRCF will spend the next three to five years wooing Congress members to sign on to the bill. HRCF has been working



Rep. Ben Jones (D-GA)

on getting Ben Jones' signature for a couple of years, sending him messages, and handwritten personal letters educating Jones on how sexual orientation discrimination impacts his constituents. Woolard says there is a big gay and lesbian faction in Jones' district that mobilized to let their Congressman know that they wanted his support.

Woolard feels Jones' support of the bill will help him more than it will hurt him. "We did a study over the fifteen years since the Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Bill was introduced," Woolard says, "and we have not found one member yet, who was a co-sponsor, who has ever lost an election because of that co-sponsorship."

Bell to Public Safety Committee: APD doesn't discriminate

by KC Wildmoon

Members of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia were "less than pleased" with the results of a meeting with Police Chief Eldrin Bell and the City Council's Public Safety Committee last week. Committee vice chair Jabari Simama requested Bell's presence at the October 2 meeting when Cathy Woolard, Keith Stanley and Jack Pelham brought complaints against the Chief and the department to the committee three weeks ago.

Chief Bell answered charges that sexual orientation had been left off the police departments equal opportunity statement, that the department's reporting of bias crimes was full of errors and omissions, and that the department had completely ignored a proposal regarding the recruitment and hiring of openly lesbian and gay officers.



EVETT BENNETT

Major B. Nichols and Chief Eldrin Bell told the Public Safety Committee on Oct. 2 that they would consider a request to recruit gay and lesbian police officers "at the appropriate time."

"We do not now today nor have we ever discriminated against anyone," he said. Lesbian and gay activists in the audience laughed frequently as Bell spoke, and at one point committee chair Thomas Cuffie pounded his gavel and told the crowd that "there will be no demonstrations."

Bell brought newly printed copies of the police officer job description containing the complete equal employment opportunity statement as required by city ordinance.

He told the committee that the department had not had time to replace the old forms until now.

Regarding bias crime reporting, the chief admitted that there were problems in the process. "We have taken steps to improve the process," he said. One such step is to institute "face to face" meetings between intelligence officers and the officers charged with recording bias crimes.

The meeting became most heated when the topic turned to recruitment. Major B. Nichols, head of Background and Recruiting, told the committee, "We haven't recruited since 1989. When we recruit again we will consider the gay community and other communities."

Chief Bell and Major Nichols promised that the Lesbian/Gay ACLU's proposal for recruitment would be considered "at the appropriate time." The chief would not specify when the department might again be actively recruiting.

Committee members suggested to Chief Bell that he consider affirmative action techniques to insure adequate representation from the lesbian and gay community. Committee vice chair Simama said that he was concerned that the chief didn't feel outreach to the gay community was needed "to insure an abundance of qualified gay applicants."

"I heard that 20 years ago as it applied to us [blacks]," said Simama. "I don't want to hear it again."

Activists were not happy with Bell's response. "It was the same response we've been getting from him all along," said Woolard, "only this time there were television cameras recording the event."

Council member Mary Davis, who attended the meeting but is not a Public Safety Committee member, said she was appalled at Bell's response. "It's crystal clear to me that this is not an appropriate response to this issue," she said. "There's a lot more action that is needed."

Davis told the chief during the meeting that she considered his words "a commitment" to a more definite response as soon as possible.

"In the end," said Woolard, "nothing happened. We got no resolution on any of the issues we brought before the committee."

Woolard said the the Lesbian/Gay Rights chapter of the ACLU would be meeting on October 23 to discuss their next steps regarding the police department. "We're open to input from interested community members," she said. "Especially if you're as frustrated as we are."

Winn-Dixie cashier fired after revealing HIV status

by KC Wildmoon

Atlanta—A 22 year old Atlanta man is alleging that he was fired from his job as a cashier with Winn-Dixie because of his HIV status. Chris Hollis told *Southern Voice* that he informed his manager and co-workers on September 27 that he has tested positive for HIV.

"I told them because I thought I needed to," Hollis said. "As a human being, I wanted them to know so that they would not be in a position to be hurt, should something happen to me."

Hollis said his co-workers were not upset by the news, and that he believed there was no problem.

On October 1, he was called into the manager's office when he went to pick up his check from the Sage Hill store where he worked. There, Hollis said, his manager, George Hohenstern, told him that the

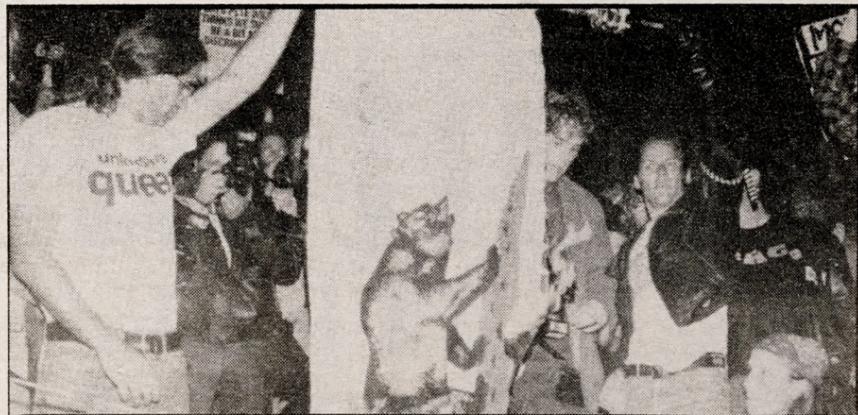
"home office" had suggested that he resign.

"I strongly said I wouldn't do that," said Hollis. "Then he told me 'you'll have to consider yourself terminated.'" But, Hollis said, "He told me he wouldn't put HIV on the paperwork, so that nobody else would find out."

The termination notice signed by Hohenstern states that "health" is the reason for termination. Hohenstern refused to comment when contacted by *Southern Voice*, and Winn-Dixie district manager J.R. Pownall has not responded to phone calls. Beverly Fitch, in the human resources department at Winn-Dixie corporate headquarters in Jacksonville, Florida, said that she was not familiar with Hollis' termination, but added that "We don't discriminate against AIDS people."

Hollis, who first tested positive for HIV four years ago, says that he has not yet decided what to do. "While I was sitting there [in the manager's office], I kept thinking 'how many other people will this happen to?'" he said. "I feel like if it takes me dying, I want to make an example of Winn-Dixie. This is plain discrimination."

Violence erupts after veto of gay rights bill



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California governor Pete Wilson's veto of AB 101, which would have banned job discrimination against gays, resulted in a violent protest on September 29 in San Francisco. After about 7000 gays and lesbians gathered in the Castro district, the crowd marched to the new State Building where some protestors shattered windows and threw fire bombs. A California flag was burned while slogans — "Queers bash back" and "Wilson is a liar" were sprayed on entrances to the building.

In Los Angeles, one protestor was arrested for vandalism of the Ronald Reagan Office Building. And in West Hollywood an effigy of the governor was burned.

Wilson's veto is seen by gays as a politically expedient move. The Republican had gained support of gays in his bid for gover-

nor, and Wilson had indicated earlier he would sign the bill into law. Many believe he caved into ultra-conservative pressure within his party as he garners support for a 1996 bid for the presidency.

Rev. Lou Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition, who mobilized much of the opposition, is angered by Wilson's stated reason for the veto — that it would place hardship on small businesses — and Wilson's disclaimer that "I regret ... any false comfort that may be derived... by the tiny minority of mean-spirited gay-bashing bigots." Sheldon felt Wilson should have vetoed the bill on principle.

A poll on AB 101, released after Wilson's announcement found that Democrats and Republicans statewide favored the bill by more than 2 to 1 (62% to 29%).

NEWS

GA Supreme Court Gets Lesbian Contract Dispute

Arguing that public policy decisions about lesbian and gay relationships "are best left to the legislature," attorney R. Scott Tobin asked the Georgia Supreme Court on Sept. 23 to uphold a Superior Court ruling voiding a joint ownership agreement between two former lesbian lovers. Tobin, who represents Florence E. Crooke in *Crooke v. Gilden*, also asked the court to stop partition action on property owned jointly by Crooke and Mary Patricia Gilden. Gilden's attorney, David Flint, said, "This is one of the most important decisions the court will have all term, maybe ever." The court will issue a decision before the end of the next term in March 1992.

QN And Ralph At The Arts Fest: Members of Queer Nation clashed with WGST's Ralph from Ben Hill last month at the Arts Festival of Atlanta. Ralph, broadcasting live from Piedmont Park on September 20, spotted QN t-shirts and told the crowd to "give them a big hand...right across the face." "He looked at me when he said it," said QN's Tom Payton. "That's when we took it to the Arts Festival staff." Judith Westcott, public relations director for the festival, said that the issue will be discussed at a Board meeting this month. Queer Nation would like to see WGST not return as a sponsor next year. "Our problem is not just with Ralph," said Payton, "it's with WGST and any organization that profits from hate-mongering."

South Carolina Sodomy Sting: A sting operation by the Pickens County, South Carolina, Sheriff's Department late last month netted 28 arrests on sodomy charges, according to news reports. Local newspapers printed the names and addresses of the men arrested, and the Anderson, SC, *Independent-Mail* printed their photographs. Some of the men have resigned from their jobs since their arrests, which occurred at the Twelve Mile Recreation Area near Clemson. At least one man, Larry William O'Neal, charged that the police used entrapment. "I was there walking my dog..." he said. "It was a real set up."

Helms News: The U.S. Senate adopted an amendment to a National Endowment for the Arts funding bill that prohibits funding of artwork that depicts "in a patently offensive way, sexual or excretory activities or organs." The amendment, which was offered by Sen. Jesse Helms, was adopted on a 68-28 vote on Sept. 19. In a related story, it was announced last month that Helms has been diagnosed with prostate cancer, the number two cancer killer of men.



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No, No Boy Scouts: The San Francisco Board of Education voted last month to ban the Boy Scouts of America's In-School Scouting program because the BSA prohibits gays from membership and leadership positions. The resolution, introduced by board vice president Tom Ammiano, passed 5-1. In an interview with the *Washington Blade*, Ammiano, who is openly gay, said, "Any organization that teaches in San Francisco has to abide by our discrimination clause, particularly those that discriminate against sexual orientation." The school board meeting on Sept. 12 lasted for seven hours and had over 50 speakers. Of the board's decision, Boy Scout spokesperson Marty Cutrone said, "The only way that we will admit homosexuals is if the court tells us to do it." Pictured is Robert Crook of Queer Scouts.

Lesbian Wins Primary in Seattle: A black lesbian was the top vote getter in a primary election for Seattle's City Council last month. Sherry Harris garnered 45% of the vote, topping 26 year incumbent Sam Smith's 37%. The two will face each other in the November 5 general election. During the primary campaign, Smith called himself a "moral" conservative, and was a major opponent of extending domestic partnership benefits to gay city employees.

1987 March Organizer Dies: Lee Bush, one of the organizers of the 1987 March on Washington for Lesbian/Gay Rights, died on September 5 of complications associated with AIDS. Bush, who was 38 at the time of his death, was the MOW's first paid staff member. He retired from his position with the HRCF in 1990. Bush was born in Albany, Georgia, and attended the University of South Carolina and California State. He was active in ACT UP/DC, MCC of DC, Black and White Men Together, and Gays United Against Nuclear Arms. He was buried in Albany on September 10.

Ferraro To Speak At HRCF Dinner: Former vice-presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro will be the keynote speaker at the Human Rights Campaign Fund's 8th annual dinner in Washington, DC. The theme for the dinner is "Many Faces, One Vision." Ferraro is considering a run for the U.S. Senate from her home state of New York.

Common Law Extended to Same-Sex Couples In Canada: In British Columbia, Supreme Court Justice Anne Rowles ruled last month that same-sex couples must be included in the province's definition of "spouse." The ruling was made in a case involving a lawsuit filed by Timothy Knodel, who charged in 1988 that his lover, Ray Gameau, should qualify for benefits as a dependent spouse. Rowles agreed that Knodel and Gameau did live "as husband and wife (i.e., that they met the requirements of a couple)." BC government has 30 days to file an appeal.

Anti-Gay in PA: In Lancaster, Pennsylvania, protests against that town's anti-discrimination law have included a Ku Klux Klan march and two bombings of a gay bookstore. The *Philadelphia Inquirer* reported that bombings on June 24 and August 15 damaged The Closet bookstore. During a KKK march a few days later, Klan members chanted "Hey hey ho ho the faggots got to go." Seven KKK members were arrested for disorderly conduct. Lancaster voted for the anti-discrimination measure, which prohibits sexual orientation discrimination last May.

Cracker Barrel Moves North: Cracker Barrel opened its first restaurant in Michigan to the chants of over 150 protestors last week. The Cracker Barrel Protest Coalition blocked the restaurant parking lot during the grand opening of a CB in Detroit's Bellville suburb. At a second demonstration on Oct. 6, six protestors, including the group's attorney, were arrested on charges of breach of the peace during altercations with police clad in riot gear.



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Shahar v. Bowers



EVETT BENNETT

Robin Shahar says Bowers violated her constitutional rights when he fired her for "marrying" a woman.

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ognize baptism, confirmation, and bar mitzvahs, Rubenstein said, "Every citizen of the state of Georgia should be fearful...if the state can make employment decisions based on religious practices."

"Fran and I chose to get married in accordance with our Jewish tradition," said Shahar. "The ceremony was an extremely moving expression of our commitment to each other and to Judaism."

Shahar said that she never intended for the marriage to have any civil significance. "It had nothing to do with Georgia

laws," she said.

Although she said that she was "devastated" by the turn of events, Shahar said that she would work for the state if Bowers were to reconsider his decision. Bowers said that would not happen.

"I can't offer her the job back," he said. "That would be contrary to what this office is supposed to do. But I can tell you that I didn't ask for this and I regret it more than I can tell you."

The Attorney General denied that his action was designed to garner support in more conservative areas of the state for a possible campaign for governor. "I can assure you if I were going to pick something to run for governor on, this would not be it," he said. Bowers also said he had not yet decided whether he would be a candidate in 1994.

The 1986 Supreme Court ruling in *Bowers v. Hardwick* spurred lesbians and gay men across the country to push for legislative reform on sodomy laws and other laws that adversely affect their communities. In that case, Michael Hardwick, at the time a Georgia resident, was arrested on sodomy charges when a police officer observed him engaging in oral sex with another man. The officer had come to Hardwick's home on an unrelated matter.

The 11th Circuit Court of Appeals found for Hardwick in that case, but Bowers successfully appealed that ruling to the higher court. In a brief submitted to the Supreme Court in 1986, Bowers argued that the lower court's ruling "lowered the estate of marriage...to merely another alternative for sexual gratification."

Rubenstein said that Bowers' participa-

Attorney General's office banned from recruiting on Emory campus

News of Robin Shahar's firing became public when Dean Howard O. Hunter of the Emory University Law School informed Attorney General Bowers' office that they could not recruit lawyers on the Emory campus. Nancy Seideman, a law school spokesperson, said that the law school faculty "voted last year to include in its policy that it would not discriminate based on sexual orientation." The Attorney General's office joins the U.S. military as the only agencies banned from recruiting at Emory's law school because of such discrimination.

The faculty's vote came on the heels of a policy adopted by the American Association of Law Schools that asked its members to ban recruitment by firms that discriminated based on sexual orientation. Law schools at Georgia State, the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech also approved that policy.

Emory's Dean Hunter disagreed with Bowers' claims about homosexual marriages. "As far as I can determine," he

said, "the laws of the state of Georgia don't say one way or another. I think the laws are silent on that."

A recruiting session had been planned on the Emory campus for October 3, but that session was moved to Georgia State University when Dean Hunter informed Bowers of the ban. University officials there decided that the recruiting could take place as long as interviews were not held at the law school.

"They decided the attorney general's office could interview elsewhere on campus," said law school placement director Beth Brown. Brown said that some students, including members of GSU's Lesbian and Gay Law Student Association, protested the interviews by putting up flyers and asking students to cancel interviews.

LGLSA members met with College of Law Acting Dean Ronald Blasi, who told the students that he "didn't have enough facts" to bar the attorney general's office entirely.

tion in that case, and his action against Shahar, show a pattern of unfairness towards lesbians and gays. "I don't think there is any doubt that the Attorney General is homophobic," he said.

Bowers has twenty days after being served to respond to the complaint.

Rubenstein called this case an important one for lesbians and gay men. While stopping short of saying the results of this lawsuit could effect sodomy statutes, he said that it would have some say on when

and how governments can "tell lesbians and gay men what to do."

"A victory for Robin in these circumstances will be a victory for the rights of lesbians and gay men to practice their religion," he said. Adding that the state of Georgia itself is suffering because Bowers fired "one of the rising stars in the legal profession in the state of Georgia," Rubenstein characterized what the attorney general did as "just plain stupid."

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OBITUARY

Donald Patrick Coleman 1955-1991

D. Patrick Coleman, managing editor and part owner of *Etcetera Magazine*, died of complications due to AIDS Tuesday, Oct. 1. A resident of Midtown, he was 36.

Pat had been in the gay publishing business for 15 years, first as a sales representative with *Cruise Magazine* and then founding *ETC*.

"Pat was very active and concerned about the community," said Lloyd Russell, owner of the Cove. "He was always thinking of ways to better his community."

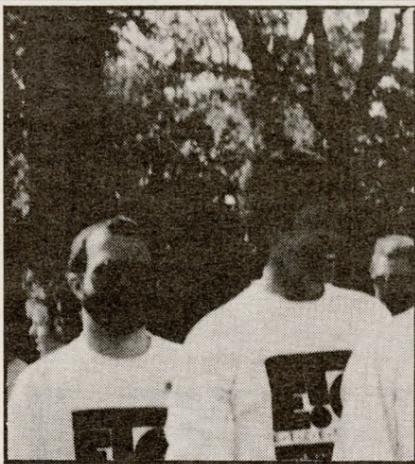
In 1985, *ETC* was formed by Pat, Jim Heverly and Jaye Evans. "We wanted to make a magazine that was responsive to the community, and Pat spearheaded that when we started," said Jaye. I'm real proud of *Etcetera*, and I know Pat was proud of *Etcetera*. It was his child. I think more of Pat as a friend than as a business partner. He was a good friend and a good friend to the community. Pat will be really missed."

For two years, 1989-1990, Pat was also part owner and manager of Blakely Printing, providing Atlanta with a much needed gay owned print shop.

"All Pat's waking hours revolved around *Etcetera*. He was always looking at way to improve things. His genius was downright scary at times," said Jim Heverly.

"*Etcetera* will carry on with his memory as our inspiration. Pat was my co-worker, my business partner and, above all, my friend. I will dearly miss him."

Pat's family and friends remembered him in a memorial service, Oct. 5 at Patterson's Funeral Home and then



Pat Coleman (R) and Ray Kluka at the 1987 National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights

adjourned to the Gallus basement bar for a wake.

Instead of flowers being sent to memorialize him, Pat asked that donations be sent to the AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta; 131 Ponce de Leon Ave.; Suite 220; Atlanta, GA 30308.

He will be missed by his father, D.L. Coleman, brother, co-workers and many friends.

"Having known and worked with Pat for many years, it would be fatuously neat and tidy to sum up his life in 25 words or less," commented Maria Helena Dolan, *ETC* contributor. "It may seem strange, but since I learned of his awful and untimely death, some lines from e.e. cummings keep chiming in my inner ear..."

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The stars and our gay selves

by Al Cotton

Though I can't document it, instinct tells me that gay people are more attuned to New Age teachings—astrology, I Ching, crystals—than society as a whole. If I were to make such an argument, I would start with what I consider to be two of our twin "tribal" traits: our openness to nontraditional teachings and our close attunement to spiritual interests in everything from tantric massage to tarot.

But the fact that we are attuned to New Age teachings doesn't mean that straight New Age people are attuned to us. Even though we may be welcome in New Age workshops and offices, we still can't count on anyone to do our work for us.

Take astrology. None of those sometimes-silly, sometimes-enlightening mainstream "love sign" books deals at all with same-sex relationships. Gay astrology students must either find the meager selections in the "Alternative Lifestyles" section of bookstores, or read between the lines and wonder how being gay might affect the validity of what Linda Goodman says should happen between Taurus and Cancers.

Lately, however, we've been addressing this problem from within our own community. There are now several books on bookstore shelves about gay and lesbian astrology, and some of them even get stocked in the Astrology section. In addition to a revision of the late Michael Jay's classic *Gay Love Signs* (Plume, \$13.95 paperback), there's *Lesbian Love Signs* by Aurora (Crossing Press, \$7.95 paperback), the paperback appearance of *The Knot of Time: Astrology and the Female*

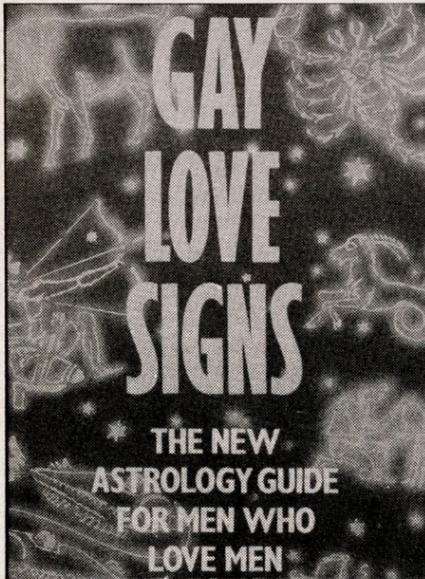
Experience by Lindsey River and Sally Gillespie (Harper & Row, \$8.95, paperback), and 1988's *Gay Signs* by J. E. Kneeland (Hay Press, \$9.95, paperback). Something of a lesbi-gay astro-renaissance, one might say.

Gay astrologers, I've noticed, make the nurturing of relationships a priority. In her introduction, Aurora hopes that *Lesbian Love Signs* "will bring the understanding needed to accept [partners] as they are." In Jay's original introduction to *Gay Love Signs*, he wants to "stimulate thought on the kinds of relationships gay men can form." Both are similar and admirable goals.

Gay Love Signs' greatest strength is its subtle understanding of both sun signs and gay male psychology. Jay is at his best in explaining the challenges inherent in difficult astrological combinations. He is noticeably weaker when dealing with the difficulties that can sour a "good" combination. His book is quite thorough—it describes astrological combinations from each sign's perspective, as well as discussing each sign from the points of view of someone born under it and someone trying to relate to it. Many friends of mine have walked away from *Gay Love Signs* amazed at the accuracy of its analysis.

As a man, I obviously lack the technical qualifications necessary to discuss *Lesbian Love Signs* knowledgeably; nevertheless, I found parts of this book less professional than Jay's.

There is not much in this book other than the author's analyses of relationships,



which are not as thorough or detailed as Jay's. Aurora does a much better job than Jay, though, of pointing out relationship pitfalls, especially in compatible sign combinations. Ultimately I like this book, although I wanted it to be better.

If you're new to astrology and looking for a reliable introduction to nontraditional astrology, *The Knot of Time* is a superb choice. This book is a place to search for astrological herstory, myth and insight while learning how women relate to differing astrological energies. I was especially impressed by the way *Knot* doesn't devalue the male experience.

There's not much profit to be found in

J.E. Kneeland's *Gay Signs*. Not a professional astrologer, Kneeland seems to try to come off as amateurish and simplistic. For example: "Persons born during the day are usually more outgoing than those born during the night." Puh-lease!

Even worse is Kneeland's argument that homosexuality can be predicted by looking in astrological charts for aspects between the Moon (representing feelings) and Uranus (the planet of unpredictability, humanity and esoterica). His documentation is minimal—including examples from less than 200 charts of gay men—hardly enough to make a sweeping claim for discovering a "cause" for homosexuality. Beware—*Gay Signs* can only confuse and misinform.

Most reputable astrologers nowadays (such as *SoVo's* planet reader Mary Bailey-Rule) take issue with deterministic readings of a chart. Instead, they propose that chart analysis should promote individual growth, not point out things that can't be changed.

Astrology, properly used, is well-suited to what I consider to be a basic gay impulse—the quest for self-understanding, which starts when we look in the mirror and decide who we are. In that sense, every gay person has had at least one moment of self-assessment and decision making. It stands to reason that some of us are not going to stop there.

If this describes you, take a look at astrology. If you're not afraid of what you may find, its potential to teach is enormous.

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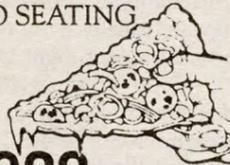
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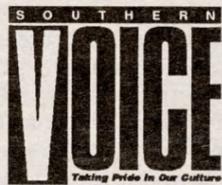
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Van Sant's *Idaho* is a treasure for gay movie-goers

by John Zeh

Venice, Italy—The winner of the best actor award at the prestigious Venice Film Festival September 15 was River Phoenix for his role as a male prostitute in gay filmmaker Gus Van Sant's *My Own Private Idaho*.

The top winner was a tri-lingual Soviet film about a shepherd's search for contraceptives to obey China's birth control mandates. But the talk of the town was Van Sant's chronicle of a pair of youthful street hustlers starring Phoenix and Keanu Reeves.

My Own Private Idaho tells the story of Mike (Phoenix), and his best friend and love interest Scott (Reeves), as Mike searches for the mother who abandoned him as a child. Along the way, their lives are confounded and enriched by a colorful band of companions, johns and lost relatives. Mike suffers from narcolepsy, a chemical imbalance which causes him to spontaneously fall asleep. This device in Van Sant's hands creates a dreamlike mood in the film which adds to its fantasy-like feel. And while Van Sant doesn't condone hustling, he also doesn't judge it. Van Sant is more concerned with telling a story than taking a stand. The strength of the film is in the finely drawn characters who deliver a story that will challenge the definition of love of most audiences, including gay ones.

Said producer Laurie Parker, "People think of a movie about street hustlers as decadent and criminal, but it's more Dickensian. It's unsentimental on the surface, but I think people will be surprised to see how sweet and tender the movie is."

The poignant film's American premiere at the New York Film Festival sold out. Its regular run opened September 29 in Manhattan and will open in Atlanta on October 18.

Van Sant is best known for *Drugstore Cowboy* starring Matt Dillon, which won the 1989 National Society of Film Critics Award's triple crown—best film, best director and best screenplay.

His first widely seen feature was the lower-budget *Mala Noche*, based on Barry Giffor's novel about man/boy love that played in about 40 cities. It won the



Gay filmmaker Gus Van Sant says he's not political but his recent film, *My Own Private Idaho*, is a coup for gay audiences.



River Phoenix is Mike, a narcoleptic street hustler.

Los Angeles Film Critics Award for best independent film of 1987. Lately, Van Sant's been busy working on a movie based on Tom Robbins' classic celebration of lesbianism and hitchhiking, *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues*.

Van Sant is proud that all his films highlight "anti-heroes—not the type of people you usually see spotlighted in films."

Asked by *Genre* magazine's Charles Isherwood if he'd classify *Idaho* as a "politically" gay movie, Van Sant said, "only because it exists. It doesn't really take any 'stands.' Funnily enough, if you asked the hustlers and customers if they were gay, they'd say they weren't. This secret society doesn't really identify itself with the gay movement. They're not even interested in that. They'd rather not think about it."

Van Sant isn't sure if he's politically active. "I guess I am in the sense that I'm openly gay and I'm making a movie like *Idaho*. But that's about it."

And he feels he doesn't have much in common with mainstream gay culture. "That's another thing that leaves me sort of outside the political circles," he told Isherwood. "I'm not a middle-class, well-adjusted, well-groomed yuppie gay. That's the mainstream in both straight society and gay society—lawyers, bankers, doctors. I'm just not there, and I've never been there. My crowd is just the weirdos."

Idaho's origins include Shakespeare's *Henry IV* and Van Sant's experiences on Portland's streets about 10 years ago. He was working on two separate stories, one about a modern day Prince Hal (the hooligan turned heir-apparent in *Henry IV*), and another about a narcoleptic hustler.

"One night I was watching Orson Welles' *Chimes At Midnight*, and I thought that the *Henry IV* plays were really a sweet story," Van Sant recalls. "And I knew this fat guy, named Bob, who had always reminded me of Falstaff and who was crazy about hustler boys. It was then that I decided to combine the two stories."

In a strange sequence in the movie an entire section

of *Henry IV* becomes a part of the action. Van Sant draws parallels between the characters of Scott and Bob (their drunken leader) and Prince Hal and Falstaff. Scott (Prince Hal), who is the mayor's son and about to come into a great deal of money, is forced to choose between the wealth and his low-life friends Bob (Falstaff) and Mike (Poins).

"Keanu is the Shakespearian character," said Phoenix. "And I'm kind of the reality check of the film. Mike, the character I play, reminds me a lot of Herzog's *Stroszek*, but he drinks while I sleep."

"It was great," Van Sant said while working with the two actors. "I had really wanted to work with them. They're amazingly good. They work hard at it. They're like scientists—they work and work on their characters the whole time, reading everything that might relate to their characters."

Halfway through *Idaho*, Mike tells Scott that he is in love with him. And although that love will remain unrequited, as Scott decides to leave the hustler life, Mike gains self-knowledge and strength which Scott will never have. This scene alone is a triumph for gay people in film—a true representation of our lives no matter what our feelings about hustlers or other "fringe" groups.

As for Phoenix he will soon be seen in Nancy Savoca's *Dogfight*. He and sister Rain play in the band *Aleka's Attic*, which is featured on a recent compilation album starring k.d. lang, the B-52s, the Indigo Girls, and Michael Stipe of R.E.M. *Billboard* said the brother/sister team was the disc's "nicest surprise."

The accomplished guitarist often jammed with bassist Reeves after a day's shooting. They became good friends while working on Lawrence Kasdan's *I Love You to Death*, so signing on for *Idaho* together became easier.

"Keanu and I made a kind of blood brother pact," Phoenix said. "I can't imagine who else I would rather have done it with."

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EDITORIAL

The unholy marriage of Mike and Pete

What some people will do to get elected is a topic that gay men and lesbians may be finding out a lot about over the next few years. At least that seems to be the common thread running through some apparently unrelated and especially disheartening news this week both in our state and in California.

Let's start with the lesbian "marriage" controversy that keeps oozing out from under the door of Georgia Attorney General Michael Bowers' office. Bowers, it seems, feels that if a female member of his staff chooses to have a commitment ceremony with another woman, she has shown sufficient disregard for Georgia law to make her unable to enforce the State's laws at all. Could she have kept her job had she chosen to eschew marriage? Who knows, but it all makes sense, I guess, in the mind of a man who doesn't even recognize a right to privacy in a gay person's bedroom. Scary.

But we wonder—might this enthusiasm for "the law" have something to do with Bowers' desire to run for governor in 1994? Even though he told *Southern Voice* he has not decided whether or not he will run, surely he's figured out that there is ground to be gained at the expense of lesbians and gay men and their "lifestyle choices," especially with voters outside metro Atlanta. And his cover is the perfect one for an Attorney

General—he's just doing his job, he says, enforcing the legally passed laws of this State.

As for "just doing his job," let's assume that there's no hypocrisy at all in Bowers' respect for the law on the one hand and his and his staff's personal lives on the other. Let's not even speculate about whether any of Bowers' current employees might be living with someone without the benefit of marriage, or practicing sodomy on his or her own time. Let's assume, as he says, he's "just doing his job."

Bowers' zest for "just doing his job" seems remarkably coincident with causes that are politically popular in the more conservative regions of our state. As the Bowers of *Bowers v. Hardwick*, he was "just doing his job" as he aggressively fought to get a nationwide precedent out of the Supreme Court for the maintenance of sodomy laws. Too bad his job description doesn't include a respect for the individual liberties promised in the Declaration of Independence and guaranteed by the Constitution.

The contemptibility of someone like Bowers, who would use a woman's life as a political football—or even a way to vent his emotional hang-ups about gays and the holy estate of marriage (which some folks feel is

his motivation)—is about as low as it gets. And it's probably safe to assume that we'll see him go lower as his political aspirations go higher.

Then there's Pete Wilson's act of political cowardice out in California last week. Wilson, the Republican governor of California, broke a campaign promise and vetoed a gay rights bill that had passed both houses of the California legislature. Wilson attempted to soften the impact of his decision with a strongly worded veto message, saying that he regretted "any false comfort that may be derived by the tiny minority of mean-spirited, gay-bashing bigots."

Well, the West Coast gay community took no comfort from it. They have an absolute right to feel betrayed, since Wilson's veto came in spite of his promise to sign the bill when he ran for office against former San Francisco mayor Diane Feinstein. His vow to support such a bill caused many gay newspapers and political organizations to endorse him and many to vote for him over the Democrat Feinstein. They was fooled.

Seems that Mr. Wilson also has aspirations to higher office. Seems that when he was supporting the bill, Wilson never really thought about what the consequences of signing a pro-gay bill into law might be for a presidential race. Seems that when Wilson

finally thought about it, he realized that no matter what he actually thought about the merits of the bill or what the majority of Californians thought (they favored the bill, 2 to 1, last week's poll says), by signing that bill he was signing a political death warrant for himself at the national level.

So Wilson couldn't find it in his heart to send anything but the same tired old message that we've heard ever since gay rights legislation was first conceived — not needed, too cumbersome, don't take it personally.

It sounds like we'd better get used to being political footballs, and not just for Jesse Helms. Conservative Republicans will almost certainly continue to see lesbian and gay concerns as hot-button issues that won't be cooling off any time soon. We will always be the "threat to traditional family values" that raises so much money and scares up so many votes among the Far Right. They find it too easy to succeed by shouting "Faggot" and "Dyke" for even the moderate and nice sounding ones like Pete Wilson to surrender that weapon.

As for Democrats, those (like Bowers) who ought to be in the Republican party but haven't left yet will see the success of the Wilson's and may try to get elected by proving they can be as bigoted and queer-bashing as the Republicans. What politician could

GUEST EDITORIAL

Enough Already

Wherein *Southern Voice's* former editor makes some suggestions about clearing the logjam between the lesbian and gay community and the Atlanta Police Department

by Gary Kaufman

Most of us are acutely aware of increased hate crimes against lesbians and gay men. Unfortunately, high profile cases like Atlanta's Handcuff Man and Milwaukee's Jeffrey Dahmer are just the well-publicized tip of a volcano of violence that besieges our community.

On the day that he was appointed, Police Chief Eldrin Bell promised to make crimes against members of our community one of his top priorities. By any measure other than his own, Chief Bell has done virtually nothing to make good on his promise. Aside from the recent foot patrol assigned to the Midtown bar district, the APD's response to bias crimes has been virtually nonexistent.

Bell is a tough taskmaster with a hands-on management style and an unquenchable thirst for publicity. Had he *actually* done anything to benefit our community, you would have seen him and his top officers all over the paper and TV proclaiming the fact. Instead, you have seen images of angry activists demanding answers. And Bell responding with volumes of pablum-like rhetoric. Last week's Public Safety Committee hearing (see story page 2) is simply another episode in the 18-month long stand-off between Bell and the lesbian and gay community.

Meanwhile, the violence continues unabated.

The most obvious conclusion is that Bell is homophobic and simply paying lip service to Mayor Jackson's demands that he take action to stem the tide of hate crimes. But Jackson and Bell are buddies from long ago; the Mayor shows no signs of believing that his friend is a homohater. There's the possibility of help from City Council, but the willingness of its Public Safety Committee chair Thomas Cuffie to let Bell off the hook at last week's hearings offers testimony to his lap-dog relationship with both Bell and Jackson.

If Bell is not homophobic, his lack of action may be related to the fact that the ACLU's Gay and Lesbian Police Advisory Board (PAB) opposed his appointment. Bell has shown open disdain for members of the

board, especially its, Chair Cathy Woolard.

This scenario is further complicated by the contentious relationship between the PAB and some members of the Atlanta Gay Center—particularly its Chair Bill Gripp, who has shown no compunction about launching vitriolic and personal attacks on members of the PAB. Gripp does two hours of sensitivity training for each class of new cadets at the Atlanta Police Academy.

Bell and his officers have got to be confused by this intense antagonism between the two lesbian/gay groups with which their department has the most regular contact.

So what's the answer?

Since Jackson shows no inclination to disbelieve Bell, much less fire him, we've got to shine a spotlight on Bell's homophobia. Or, if that's *not* the cause of his inaction, find a group of lesbians and gay men that he is comfortable working with. Fortunately the route to either destination can be similar—and also lead to some much needed change in the way the lesbian/gay community interacts with the rest of city government.

The Mayor's three Senior Advisors need to become the conveners of a 15-20 member Lesbian and Gay Community Advisory Council which reflects the demographics of the city's gay and lesbian communities as accurately as possible. This Advisory Council should hold regular public hearings where lesbians and gay men are free to voice their concerns and make suggestions on the broadest range of topics that affect them. The Council should use this testimony to create plans and timetables which the Senior Advisors would present to the Mayor and his Special Assistant, Marcia Okula.

This Council's immediate and initial charge should be examining the communi-

ty's relationship with the APD and finding ways to improve and strengthen that relationship. Progressive cities all over the country can offer models; the PAB has already made numerous recommendations based on some of these.

Initial appointments to this Advisory Council should include members of the PAB and representatives of the Gay Center, but both the PAB and the Gay Center need to resign their relationships with the APD and let the Advisory Council create an entirely new process with new people. Thus, if Bell

continues to hem and haw, it will be obvious that he has no intention of fulfilling his appointment day promise to this city's gay men and lesbians.

If that turns out to be the case, Mayor Jackson, Chief Bell and the members of the City Council had best prepare themselves for an escalated epidemic of violence both against and by lesbians and gay men. That's a scenario which the city that is to be home of the 1994 Superbowl and 1996 Olympics can ill afford.

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a monthly column by KC Wildmoon

Multiple Choice

Earlier this year I heard about an article in one of those weekly news magazines that said that our society had evolved into two basic types of people: Crybabies and Busybodies. You know the types, I'm sure. Everything always happens to Crybabies. Place the emphasis in that sentence on the word "to." Busybodies are always trying to

butt in wherever they think they belong (emphasis here on the first "they").

I think that article left out a third type, one I'll call Avengers. These folks are both Crybabies and Busybodies. You know, this Awful Thing (whatever happens to Crybabies is usually Awful) happened to me and now I'm going to a) make sure it never happens to another Poor Innocent Victim or, more personally, b) make sure somebody suffers because I have.

People like that seem to end up being heroes in this culture. What can you say about them? Whatever it was that happened to them was certainly not their fault and now they are out to make the world a better place for us all because of their misfortune.

What arrogance. I mean, first of all, for one measly little human being to have the audacity to think that life ought to happen according to their rules is a supreme manifestation of what I call the Center Of The Universe Syndrome. Do these folks still

think the sun revolves around Planet Earth?

If there's one experiential thing I've learned in the past thirtysomething years, it's that Life Happens. Ain't much I can do about it, except live it the best I know how. And the best I know how does not include excessive whining about things that don't happen my way (Hosea Williams), trying to bully everybody into doing things my way (Jesse Helms), or combining the two and shooting for the sympathy vote (Kimberly Bergalis).

I'm certainly aware that sometimes shit happens. The key here is what I do with the shit. I don't think I could make a career out of whining about it all the time. And strong-arming folks into My Way isn't an option.

Any one of those choices (Avenger, Busybody or Crybaby) requires me to blame somebody else for what ails me. Where I come from, that's called shirking responsibility. And in my book, that's not the stuff from which heroes are made.

But I'm getting the strong feeling that our whole society has lost its collective mind. Nowadays our heroes are victims and bullies. I guess I'll just never be a hero. But then I've never aspired in that direction, so the loss won't have much of an effect.

Some days, though, I don't get my way. It's true. And sometimes I'm so tempted to throw major tantrums and make somebody fix it for me. That is also true. The good news is that I get to make choices about what to do when Life rolls down the pike in the wrong lane. I can honk the horn, pull over and get out of the way, or check the map to see if I'm the one on the wrong side of the road. And that's just for starts.

I've found that there's a lot more choices than A, B, and C. Even None of the Above has a few sub-options. And making choices is what responsibility is all about.

AZT: more dangerous than HIV?

To the Editor:

My attention was drawn last week to an article in your paper (Vol 4, 16) on "The ongoing KS debate" by a Michael Botkin, where the issue of Kaposi's sarcoma in HIV-negative persons is discussed. This issue is of tremendous importance, because it suggests that HIV is not the cause of AIDS after all. Recent reports of cellular immune deficiency and fatal Pneumocystis carinii in HIV-negative persons (12) also support this idea. If KS and Pneumocystis are present in HIV-negative persons, and if the majority of the estimated 1.5 million HIV carriers are in good health, then it is reasonable to conclude that HIV is not the cause of AIDS.

In addition, HIV is dormant and present in nearly undetectable quantities in infected persons; it is difficult to imagine how it could cause a fatal illness under such conditions, years after the initial infection (4,8,15).

Botkin's response to the dilemma of HIV-negative AIDS is smug and embarrassing: HIV is the cause of AIDS because of "the success of AZT" and related compounds. Botkin claims that "these compounds work by attacking HIV;" therefore, HIV causes AIDS. Botkin cites no evidence in support of these claims, and how he gets from his premises to his conclusion is anybody's guess.

Botkin's position, though widely held, is inconsistent with the following information:

a) AZT does not clear HIV from the blood (5,17).

b) AZT does not prolong life or prevent opportunistic infections and malignancies (18); prolonged exposure to it may actually increase the incidence of some cancers, such as lymphoma (19).

c) The increase in T-cell count with AZT is temporary; T-cells often fall to their original low levels with continued treatment (5,14). Such transient enhancement of immune function typically follows exposure to any toxin, even x-irradiation (Dr. Charles Thomas, personal communication).

d) AZT is a nucleoside analogue that directly kills cells, including T-cells, by terminating DNA synthesis (5,14,19). By contrast, HIV itself has never been shown to kill T-cells (7,8), despite widespread popular opinion to the contrary.

e) AZT may cause muscular pain and atrophy, severe anemia, severe headaches, and toxicity to a number of bodily organs; these symptoms disappear when the drug is discontinued (5,6,10,11,19).

f) The original studies that claimed to show that AZT "prolongs lives" (9,14) were neither properly controlled nor double-blind (8,13); they were also terminated prematurely. Approval of the drug took place partially on the basis of these studies, despite dissent (2,13).

g) Many persons have lived with AIDS for many years without AZT, and are still doing well (1). By contrast, persons included in AZT trials have been shown to die before ever progressing to AIDS, if they are the ones taking AZT rather than placebo (3,18).

It is still widely believed that HIV causes AIDS, and that AZT is the best, or only, hope against the disease. These beliefs provide justification for widespread testing, for AZT administration to over 125,000 sick and healthy persons, and for the >\$3 billion annual expenditure on HIV and AZT research. There is, however, persuasive evidence against both of the beliefs (see also 16).

Despite the authoritarian and anti-intellectual climate surrounding AIDS treatment, one should carefully consider both sides of these issues before drawing any conclusions. Deep suspicion of unsubstantiated, ex cathedra responses like Botkin's makes perfect sense. Careful and impartial thought is all the more important for those persons considering submission to the so-called "AIDS test," and subsequently to toxic, immune-suppressing AZT chemotherapy.

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Recent musical releases are fruitful harvest

by B. Moody

Whether the angels are responsible for k.d. lang's success by continuing to shower her with "horseshoes of luck," as is her contention, or it is her own skills as a performer, the Canadian who began her video career on a countrified Lawrence Welk show called Sun Country has offered up over an hour of videos, live performances and appearances on *k.d. lang: Harvest of Seven Years*.

The journey begins in 1984 with a couple of Sun Country appearances and several early videos (all of which are traditional country and western songs, complete with the obligatory slide guitar solo). Although the song styles are similar, her image varies from Buddy Holly in drag to June Cleaver, the music is tight and the performance even tighter.

In 1985 lang won Canada's Most Promising Female Vocalist award and is filmed accepting it in a white wedding dress and doing a jig on stage. This amusing image is followed by a moving live performance of "Johnny Get Angry" that is a must see for any k.d. fan. The video continues to cruise along showing her extraordinary voice and choice of fashion, including a fringed, lime green Hank Snow cowboy suit which k.d. confessed she found in the trash.

These youthful days are interesting but don't do justice to the scope of talent she possesses. These restrictions begin to dissipate as we watch k.d. progress concurrently with the progression of the art of video. This progression is most obvious in the beautiful and unforgettable duet with the late Roy Orbison. The black and white images compliment the singers almost as well as do their voices, which blend masterfully in the moving Orbison classic "Crying." The benefit of professional video direction continues with the remaining videos showcasing the superb talents of Leslie Libman, and Ethan Russel among others.

This definitive collection of k.d. lang videos and appearances is enhanced by the candid conversations she holds with the viewer between clips. The maturity of her music is evident in the last half of the video, as in her career, as she roars through some of the songs from the

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k.d. lang
Video

Be Political Not Polite
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Circle of Friends
Cris Williamson
CD

Shadowland days, including "Trail of Broken Hearts," the moody "Pulling Back the Reins" (shot in mostly reds and blacks), and the colorful "Ridin the Rails" (with the R&B group Take Six performing backup). This video, in its entirety, exhibits k.d. lang's incredible talent, distinctive soulful voice as she breaks out of the mode of country singer and moves into a whole new country.

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Those self professed "professional homosexuals" Romanovsky & Phillips, the "gay Sonny & Cher" (or, if you prefer, the "straight Hall & Oates" or, perhaps more accurately, the male Roches) are at it again with their latest release *Be Political Not Polite*, a collection of songs about love, life, politics and persecution through the eyes of the last minority yet to be legally accepted: queers.

The union of Ron Romanovsky and Paul Phillips occurred in 1982 and has since produced four recordings, three awards in various categories of gay and lesbian music, and invitations to perform throughout this country and others. These two men, together with the considerable talents of producer/arranger John Bucchino, offer up a smorgasbord of musical styles in this latest project which, in all its diversity, still manages to sound like 55 minutes of showtunes. Equally as diverse as the styles are the themes of the songs. Among them are gay parenting, gay dating and dumping, religious intolerance and (my favorite) a song titled "Once Upon A Time" which accurately and amusingly observes the progressions and reversals of the new generation of queers. The list of different styles and themes goes on, matched only in their complexity by their live performance.

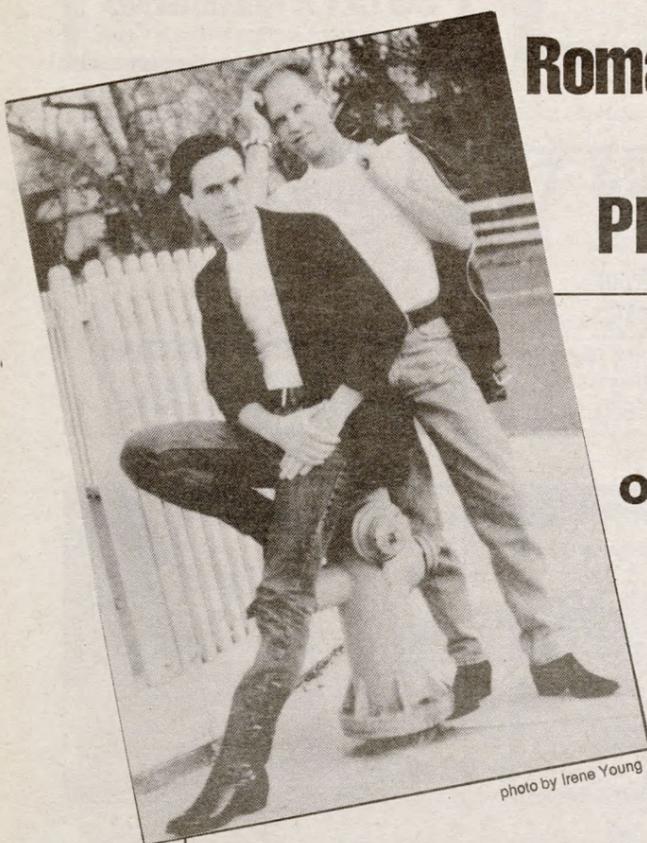
Although the lyrics and harmonizing are reminiscent of the soundtrack to a gay musical, this is an interesting,



often inspiring, showcase of singing and songwriting that is as insightful and powerful as it is unpredictable and full of wit.

Another showcase of talent is to be found in Cris Williamson's latest release *Circle of Friends*. It is a celebration of the fifteen years that have passed since the release of her landmark album *The Changer and The Changed*. The recording is a live, mostly solo, performance that features old favorites, new material and wonderful renditions of classics by such songwriting geniuses as James Taylor, Hank Williams and Leonard Cohen an elite list to which Ms. Williamson truly belongs.

This, her 18th record, reveals not only her talents as a composer but also her emotionally provocative singing style. It is no wonder that rave reviews from innumerable respected publications and celebrities alike continue to pour in. In the words of the female folk "trailblazer" herself, "it's not gay music or straight music. It's just music." Music that has been touching hearts for many, many years.



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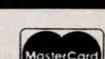
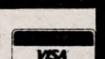
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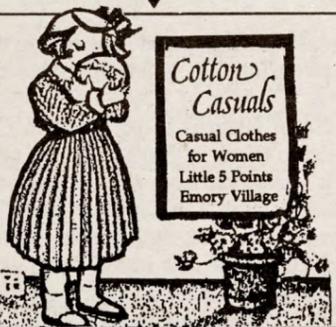
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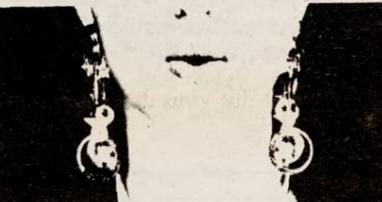
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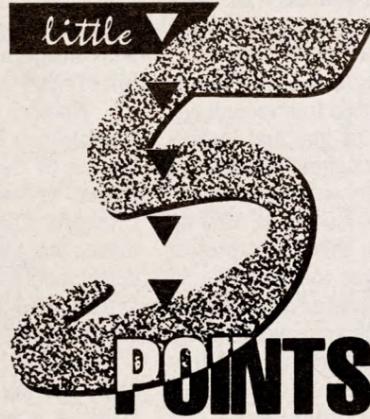


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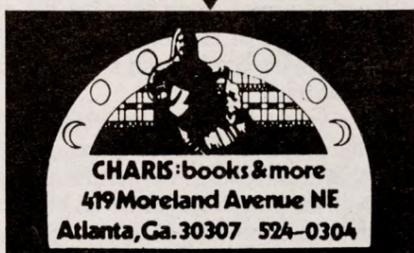
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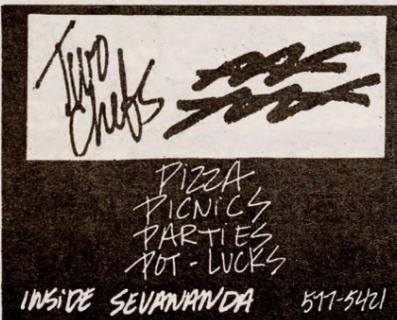
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The Kimberly Bergalis Show

by Dave Salyer

Kimberly Bergalis is the perfect AIDS victim. Female, white, middle class and heterosexual. The 23-year-old declared on national television that she is a virgin and not an IV drug abuser. And apparently she contracted HIV while being treated by her dentist.

After the death of Ryan White, the Indiana teenager who contracted HIV through a blood transfusion, the media needed a new national figure to put a face on AIDS. When Bergalis went public with her plight last fall, she received extensive media attention. Why? Simple. Kimberly Bergalis is the most acceptable, least typical person with AIDS the media could find.

Isn't the message here all too obvious: ten years into the epidemic it remains more significant and newsworthy for heterosexuals to die from AIDS than gay men.

Kimberly Bergalis has been shamelessly exploited. Reporters have produced countless sympathetic profiles of her. Even when the medical mystery of how her dentist, Dr. David Acer, could have transmitted the virus is addressed it is always accompanied by her picture. Hysterical and unbalanced media coverage has resulted in Dr. Acer replacing HIV as this story's villain. Science and the realities of AIDS have been jettisoned in order to bring you bad melodrama. And ultimately, bad journalism.

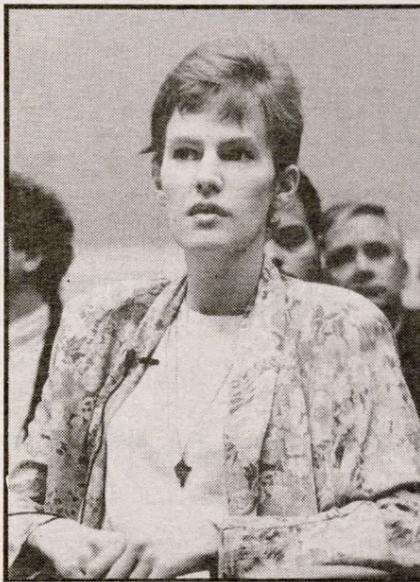
TV news is all about pictures. Kimberly Bergalis' life is not a pretty picture. She has chosen to die publicly. As her condition worsened she became fiercely

bitter and angry, attracting more attention and delivering biting quotes the media lapped up like dehydrated dogs. She called Dr. Acer and Florida public health officials "bastards," and recently deemed Congress a "bunch of pigs." Her pale face and emaciated body have become a recurring image on talk shows, the nightly news and CNN.

Bergalis' appearance is emotionally compelling. Her anger is legitimate. It has been suggested often that her innocence was betrayed and her life stolen too early. After a visit to her home, the governor of Florida said it was like being in the presence of a saint. Small wonder she became the focus of a national debate over mandatory HIV testing for health care workers. And it's hardly surprising that conservative, homophobic Rep. William Dannemeyer introduced an AIDS bill called the Kimberly Bergalis Act or that Bergalis would be asked to testify at a Congressional hearing.

Indeed, on September 26th, Bergalis testified before the House Subcommittee on Health and the Environment. She was wheeled to Congress and spoke for 17 seconds, saying only this: "AIDS is a terrible disease that we must take seriously. I didn't do anything wrong, but I'm being made to suffer like this. My life has been taken away. Please enact legislation so other patients and health care professionals don't have to go through the hell I have. Thank you."

The news media have unjustly propelled Kimberly Bergalis into the spotlight and made her a star witness. Her



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personal anguish has been allowed to overshadow statistics, expert testimony, and common sense. Her appearance in Congress, touted as fulfillment of a "dying wish," has about the same relevance as a cancer-stricken child's trip to Disneyland. Naturally, CNN carried the hearing live. After all, these are the same people who attached historical significance to a little girl's tumble down a well a few years ago, and use the words HIV and AIDS as if they were synonyms.

When *The New York Times* claims Bergalis "has come to personify issues in AIDS as no one has since Ryan White," the assertion rings resoundingly false.

White's message was clear: no one is to blame. But when Bergalis says "I didn't do anything wrong, but I'm being made to suffer like this," the negative implications are undeniable.

Her demands for mandatory testing of health care workers have not been appropriately met with opposing points of view. The press and television networks are dangerously inept at reporting on HIV and AIDS. The precision and correctness needed in this area are appallingly absent. They have inflated the farcically small chance of a patient being infected with HIV by a dentist into a major story.

If Kimberly Bergalis personifies anything it is a lurking fear that just possibly no one is safe. You can bet the press and networks will trade on that fear to sell copies or boost ratings.

The Bergalis case is an aberration; an anomaly. The media imply her suffering is somehow more real than was that of the nearly 119,000 already dead. It only appears more real because we are absolutely never allowed to get this close to the most typical person with AIDS: a homosexual male.

Will the media ever embrace an openly gay, HIV positive man with the same fervor? Will CNN ever allow the anger and rage of a dying queer to interrupt its regularly scheduled programming? Will anyone ever find a tactful way to tell Kimberly Bergalis that many people with AIDS died alone, neglected, shunned, and without the opportunity she had to show America what this virus does to a human being?



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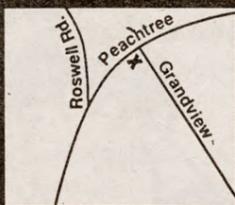
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think of this as the introduction of a lesbian character or relationship" and that "bisexuality will not be an essential part of this character," the storyline was pursued—sporadically, at least—through the rest of the season. Abby decided to enter into a relationship with C.J. only to have C.J. decide, for the time being, that they be "just friends."

Speaking at press conference in July, *LA Law* executive producer Patricia Green confirmed that bisexuality "is an essential part of the [C.J.] character." There was some negative reaction to the storyline, she said, but the stack of negative mail paled compared to the positive one.

"It hasn't been dropped," Amanda Donohoe, the actress who plays C.J., said at the same press conference, putting to rest rumors in the press that the network and producers had gotten cold feet over the storyline. According to Donohoe, C.J.'s bisexuality is "an ongoing situation."

Still, Michele Greene, the actress who plays Abby Perkins, will not be returning this fall, causing some—including one supermarket tabloid—to speculate if the kiss with C.J. and the lesbian storyline was the reason why. "You have to ask Michele," producer Green told the press regarding these rumors, "but I can say with 99% certainty that [the lesbian development] had nothing to do with it." When asked who C.J. will be involved with now that the Abby character will be written out of the show, Donohoe deferred. "Watch and see," she said.

For science fiction fans, the brightest star in the fall television firmament is the recent announcement by Gene Roddenberry, creator of all the various *Star Trek* incarnations, that the syndicated *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, which he executive produces, will now include lesbian and gay characters. "In the fifth season of *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, Roddenberry said in a recent statement to *The Advocate*, "viewers will see more of shipboard life in some episodes which will, among other things, include gay crew members in day-to-day circumstances."

The news is a marked change from Roddenberry's previous stand regarding *Star Trek* and homosexuality ("I've never found it necessary to do a special homosexual-themed story," he had said in a previous press release). According to Ernest Over, Roddenberry's openly gay personal assistant, letters from lesbian and gay viewers were the reason for the change (the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation [GLAAD], and the Gaylactic Network, an organization of lesbian and gay science fiction fans, initiated a pro-gay letter-writing

Star Trek campaign in May). The *Star Trek* office has received "more letters on this than we've had on anything else," Over told *The Advocate*.

Northern Exposure, CBS' surprise and critically acclaimed hit chronicling life in the small, eccentric Alaskan town of Cicely, spent at least part of the past season dealing with lesbian and gay issues. In one episode, it was revealed that the town's dead "beloved founders" had been a lesbian couple. And in another, a character came to terms with his homophobia after selling his home to a gay male couple and discovering how much he had in common with them.

The producers of *Northern Exposure* have decided against bringing back the gay male couple as regular or semi-regular characters. "We considered it," says a production assistant, "but it was decided that the issue of those characters was their gayness, that the characters weren't that strong outside of that."

Still, around mid-season, *Northern Exposure* will introduce a lesbian couple for at least one episode—in part because of the positive, articulate response that the previous gay-sensitive episodes have received from the lesbian and gay community.

Back on NBC, preliminary plans call for *Quantum Leap*'s main character, who each week inhabits a different persona, to "leap" into the body of a gay man. But while the plans call for Sam to experience the discrimination faced by gay men, the episode may not happen at all. The episode, which originally would have Sam leaping into the body of a gay sailor, has now been changed to have Sam inhabit a gay teen contemplating suicide. But NBC, claiming they weren't given enough time to review the script, is balking.

Over on PBS, last June's airing of *Out in America*, a discussion program of lesbian and gay issues, was originally intended to be the pilot for a regular series of the same name, but its future is now uncertain. The official word from PBS is that the show is "pending corporate sponsorship," an increasingly unlikely prospect given that the show has been targeted by the Rev. Wildmon and the AFA. The AFA's objection? "Tax dollars are being used to support the homosexual lifestyle."

Given that psychologists estimate that there are 25 million lesbians and gays in the United States, Rich Jennings of GLAAD/LA wonders "why there isn't a gay or lesbian character in almost every series." Thanks to folks like the Rev. Donald Wildmon, there isn't yet, but the fall television season of 1991 will at least be a step in the right direction.

Brent Hartinger, a freelance writer, is at work on a book about lesbians and gays on television.

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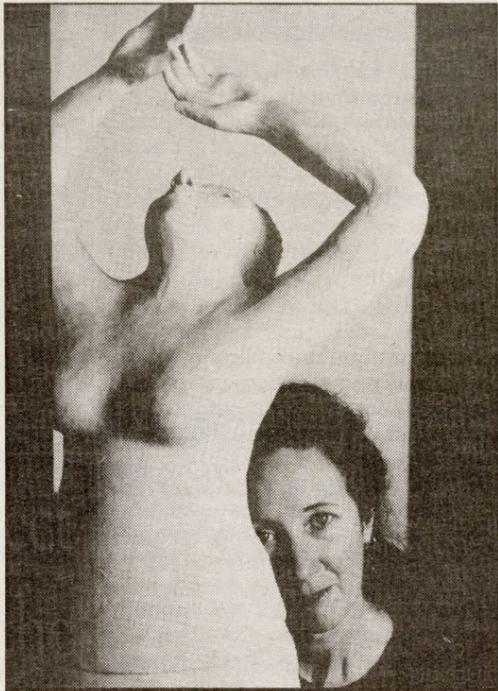
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JILL RUHLMAN

Age: 46
In Atlanta: 14 years
Favorite artist: Frida Kahlo
Last book read: *The Ship that Sailed into the Living Room* by Sonia Johnson.
Heroes: Elizabeth Kubler-Ross and Fred Astaire
Personal goal: to visit women artists all over the world



MONIKA NICORE

Jill Ruhlman has broken a lot of rules in 46 years.

Born and raised in Nebraska and schooled in Iowa, she was always interested in art, but didn't know it could be a career.

"I never saw anybody be an artist in Nebraska," she observed, "I thought they were all dead men in museums."

So, she went on to get her Master's Degree in Special Education and taught school, but her interest in art continued. She decided to take a year off to pursue her art, and never went back to teaching.

Instead, she went back to school at Penland School in North Carolina, and turned pottery into a career. Ruhlman now sells ceramics and drawings, mainly of women portrayed in everyday activities. Two of the symbols she uses in her art are mermaids and women space explorers.

"The mermaid," Ruhlman explains, "symbolizes one who explores the unconscious things that are inside and the space woman explores more outer things."

Ruhlman's art is very personal to her, and she wants it to be special to her customers, too. "I love it when somebody says, 'Oh, I've been using your mug for years, and I won't let anybody else use it because it's so special.'" she says. "Just something that is as everyday as a mug, gives me a lot of pleasure that someone else is enjoying it."

But her work has a more serious vision also. "It's how I would like the world to be," she explains. "Women able to be together, to be strong and to be free."

Ruhlman feels her art can serve as positive images for people. "When I taught children, we couldn't find black dolls," she remembers. "Our kids had to play with white dolls, and that isn't right, kids need images of themselves. So, when I started making art, I made images I wanted to see that I hadn't before."

A lot of her art, in fact, is that of black and white women together, showing the beauty of relationships society may find taboo.

But image busting is nothing new either. Ruhlman cut her feminist teeth in Los Angeles in 1974 at the Women's Building. She remembers all the lesbians there had very short hair and a similar manner of dress. "I consider myself arty," she says, "I like to wear pretty colors and strange outfits."

She says she never felt ostracized because of her femme image and "was adamant about being myself."

In Atlanta Ruhlman was one of the organizers of the first "Take Back the Night" march in the late 70's, lobbied for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment in Georgia, and has sung in the Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus.

Ruhlman is getting ready for the busy holiday season, when she does a good part of her business. Some of her drawings can be seen at the Existential Church in Candler Park, and some of her jewelry is on sale at the Existential Church in Candler Park, and some of her jewelry is on sale at Charis Books and Atlantis Connection. She works out of her studio at home and will give special tours by appointment to show and sell her ceramics. Ruhlman is listed in the white pages for those who are interested.

But even with the busy season upon her, Ruhlman is handling her busy life well. Especially, she thanks one therapist who told her to draw her life.

"I thought that would be an easy assignment, but it's taken a long time," she concedes. "I'll just draw how I felt at certain times in my life and it really releases so much."

She urges even non-artists to draw their lives. She advises everyone to "get out some markers and just put it out. It's very healing."

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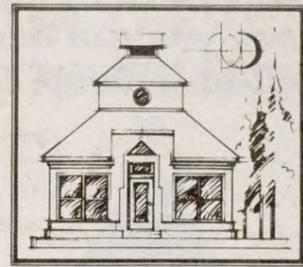
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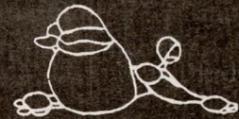
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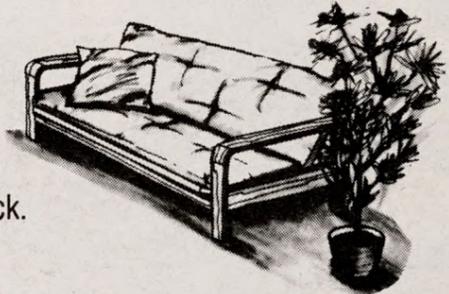
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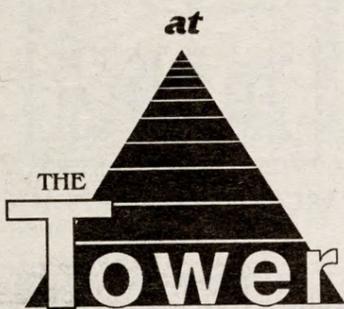
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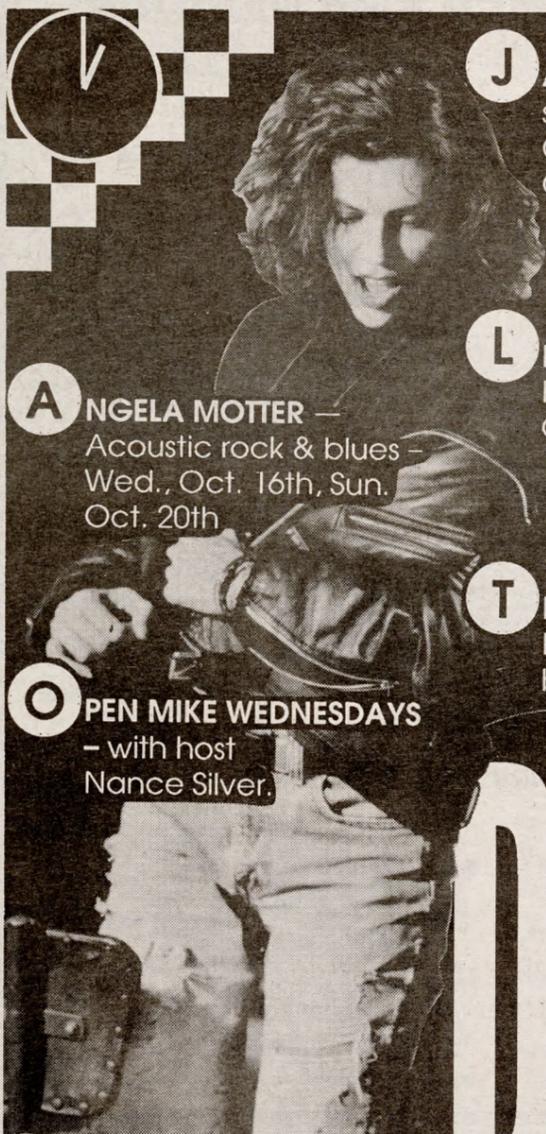


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Art

DAVID FRALEY. Oct. 11-Nov. 19. Recent paintings from the artist whose work sold for the highest amount at Artcare. Fraley was recently listed in Who's Who in American Art. Trinity Gallery. 249 Trinity Ave. 525-7546.

AN AUTUMN GARDEN PARTY. Oct. 11-Nov. 9. Features the dynamic watercolors of local artist Betty Barclay. BurnNoff Gallery. Clear Creek Center. 875-3475.

COMIN' FOR TO CARRY ME HOME. Thru Oct. 12. Tina Dunkley draws inspiration from her recent trip to Lagos, Nigeria to address the complexity of the contemporary African-American self-image in relationship to both African and European history. Hughley Gallery. 142 Stovall St., S.E. 523-3201.

WOMEN'S RITES OF PASSAGE: THE MAZE SHOW. Thru Oct. 27. Peg Morar and E.J. Joiner incorporate their work into poems and other writings of women since WW II into a visual and auditory sensation. Examines turning points in women's lives. TULA Gallery. 75 Bennett St. 351-3551.

NEW DIRECTIONS: BEGIN AT HOME. Thru Nov. 2. An exclusive showing of work of two endangered species of humans — local artists and the women of Nagaland, in India. The artists are jewelry designers and the women of Nagaland are a weaving collective who offer their beautiful shawls for sale to support their community. Illumina Gallery. Clear Creek Center. 875-7617.

THE WORKS OF KATHERINE MITCHELL. Thru Nov 9. A retrospective of Ms. Mitchell's 20 year career as an Atlanta artist. An exploration of the concept and depth of reality through meditative painting and drawings. Chastain Gallery (135 W. Wieuca Rd.) and Heath Gallery (416 E. Paces Ferry Rd.). 257-1804 and 262-6407.

GUATEMALA: LIFE & ART UNDER THE VOLCANOES. Thru Dec. 22. The vibrant traditional craftsmanship of the Highland Indians of Guatemala. A mingling of native and European designs in sacred works and everyday objects. Atlanta International Museum of Art and Design. 285 P'tree Center Ave. 688-2467.

Benefits

PICTURE YOU AND FLUFFY WITH SANTA! Sat., Oct. 12. 10-5. Take the whole family for pix with St. Nick. These family photos will benefit the Humane Society and will make lovely cards to send for the holidays. Atlanta Humane Society. 981 Howell Mill Rd. N.W. 875-5331.

VICKERY'S CUBANLAWNPARTY. Sun., Oct. 13. A tradition in Midtown, this is the 8th year of casino, music and the best of Vickery's fare and more. Lasts all day and well into the night. The \$3 cover benefits AID Atlanta. Vickery's Crescent Ave. Bar & Grill. 1106 Crescent Ave. 881-1106.

Celebrations

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY. Fri., Oct. 11. There are no local events planned, but don't let that stop you from celebrating! You can take your step by reading SoVo in a public place, putting your lover's photo on your desk, con-

tributing to a gay or AIDS organization (in your real name), or shopping with your lover for matching rings.

SO LONG COLUMBUS DE-CELEBRATION. Oct. 11-13. Contrary to everything you learned in school, North America was not discovered by Christopher Columbus. 25,000 years before his arrival, native Americans were doing just fine, thank you very much. Come celebrate the true history of the Americas in music, dance and drama. 7 Stages Theatre. 1105 Euclid Ave. 523-7647.

Conventions

10th ANNUAL P-FLAG CONVENTION. Oct. 11-14. Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays hold their 10th annual convention to help do away with myths and lies, and help those parents having a difficult time understanding their gay child's sexual orientation. A weekend of healing and help. Omni Charlotte Hotel. (704) 364-1474.

Dance

ALL OF YOU ON THE 90th FLOOR. Oct. 18 & 19. 8:15pm. Beacon Dance Company presents a humorous evening set in a piano bar nightclub set to the music of Cole Porter. "Mary, Likes It" which features, shall we say, unique pairings of dance partners should be a highlight. Emory Cannon Chapel. 377-6927.

Festivals

FALL GARDENING FESTIVAL. Sat., Oct. 12. 9am-5pm. A gardening extravaganza for the beginner to the experienced. Demonstrations, booths, music and food. Atlanta Botanical Garden at Piedmont Park. 876-5859.

FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL. Oct. 14-18. This 12th annual festival celebrates Atlanta's folk heritage and traditional Ga. crafts. This year focuses on everyday life of an 1840s Piedmont Ga. farming family. Atlanta History Center. 3101 Andrews Dr. 261-1837.

Literature

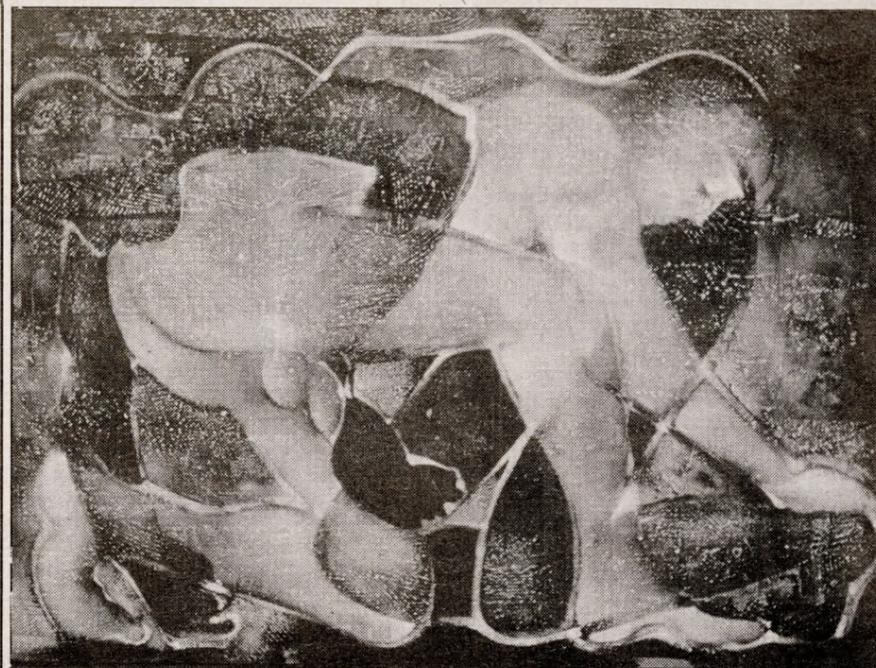
DANCES, DREAMS AND BROKEN GLASS. Sat., Oct. 19. An evening of lesbian poetry and fiction with writers Charlene Ball, Lisa Cottrell, Elizabeth Knowlton, Deborah Monroy and Linda Yates. ALFA House. 64 Clay St. 523-7455.

Music

MICHELLE SHOCKED. Thurs., Oct. 10. 8pm. Is she or isn't she? Well, even if she isn't (and we aren't saying) she's well worth the ticket price. Variety Playhouse. 524-7354.

VILLAGE PEOPLE. Fri., Oct. 18. 9pm. A disco explosion of memories with those 70s queer iconoclasts. The Masquerade. 695 North. 577-8178.

ROMANOVSKY & PHILLIPS. Sun., Oct. 20. 8pm. R&P are simply the best out gay male performers around. Their "Be Political Not Polite" tour comes to town as a benefit for the Lesbian/Gay Rights chapter of the Ga. ACLU. Don't miss them! Variety Playhouse in LSP. 524-7354.



David Fraley, whose work received the highest bidding at last year's Artcare, opens a new exhibit at Trinity Gallery on October 11.

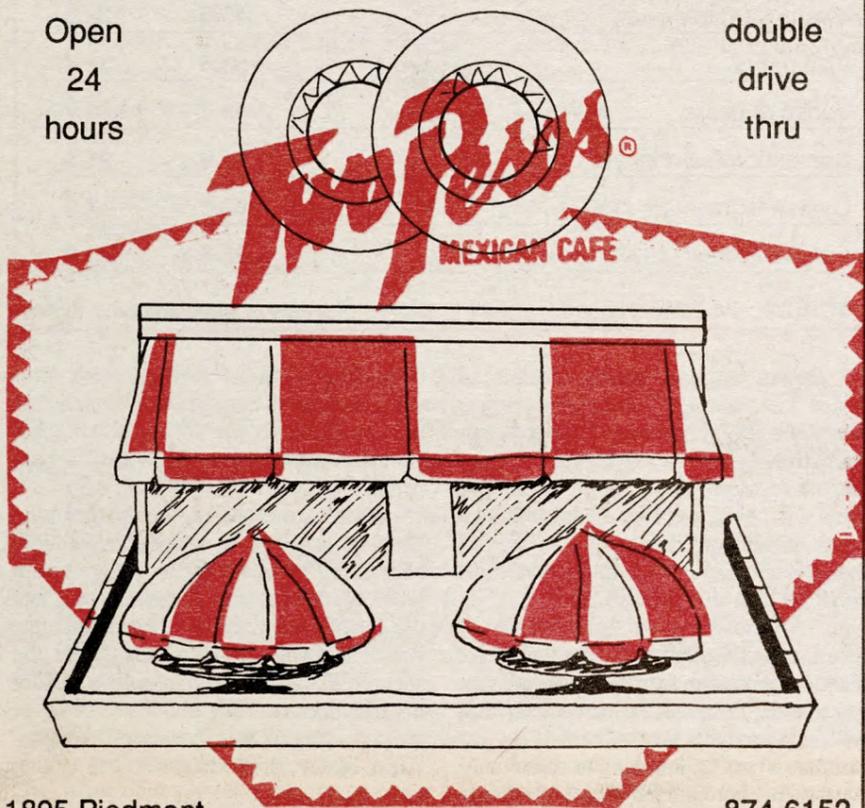
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In 1988 a survey was conducted of the readers of eight major gay publications across the U.S. The Simmons Market Research Bureau, a leading N.Y. research firm, found that gay men and lesbians possess the demographics ordinarily coveted by ad agencies. Gays earn almost three times the national average income and 60% are college graduates. In addition, the survey revealed that gay people are fiercely brand loyal to those products they feel appeal directly to them. You might ask yourself how a market valued at \$359 billion annually can be ignored. You would think that marketing and advertising experts, who would probably sell their souls or at least their mother to make a buck, would be going after the gay market in an aggressive manner. But, surprise — it ain't so. And the reason of course is homophobia, fear that placing their advertising in gay publications will label their products as gay.

GAY HOUSEHOLD PROFILES

	Gay	National
Average annual household income (1988 figures)	\$55,430	\$32,144
College graduates	59.6%	18.0%
Professional/managerial positions	49.0	15.9
MasterCard users	45.0	23.3
Visa users	53.6	31.4
Vodka drinkers	49.7	22.7
Domestic wine drinkers	57.8	21.5
Overseas travelers (1987)	65.8	14.0
Frequent fliers ¹ (1987)	26.5	1.9

SOURCE: *Wall Street Journal*

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One of the most glaring examples of this is the absence of any major condom advertiser in gay papers. Trojan's reason for not placing ads is that they are looking for the "widest" audience of readers so they will only publish in mainstream men's magazines. This in spite of the fact that gay men overwhelmingly buy more condoms than straight men.

According to Jeff Vitale of Overlooked Opinions, a Chicago-based marketing research firm specializing in the gay market, "Ninety-four percent say they will buy products that advertise (in gay magazines) or support the gay community. At present there are no major players in the arena. Someone could enter now and

become dominant." Beyond Jeff's allusions to sexual matters, he's saying that the gay market is ripe for the picking, but we aren't holding our breath until it happens.

There are those big companies who court us in a subtle (read underhanded) way, like Calvin Klein for instance with those tight jeans and gorgeous pecs, and the fairly recent ad from Paco Rabanne which showed a hunky man under the sheets talking on the phone to a gender neutral person. "So, got a secret lover stashed away in San Francisco?" he asks. Right, like we don't know who he's talking to.

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Nike	20%	Levi's 501	14%
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McDonald's	18%	Coke	34%
Wendy's	11%	Pepsi	23%
Automobiles		Stereo Equipment	
Honda	10%	Sony	17%
Toyota	8%	Pioneer	9%
Underwear		Cologne	
Jockey	18%	Polo	5%
Calvin Klein	17%	Drakkar Noir	4%
Business Wear		Pet Food	
Armani	4%	Purina	7%
Brooks Brothers	3%	Hill's Science Diet	6%

SOURCE: Overlooked Opinions, Inc., Chicago

Walker ad that has been splashed on billboards and in papers all over the country. You know the one. Two sweaty guys are sitting on the racquetball court and one tells the other, "He works as hard as he plays, and he drinks Johnnie Walker Red." Hmm. This ad was preceded by a series of ads in which the two people in the ad discussed love interests. New York Magazine's advertising columnist Bernice Kanner told *The Detroit News* (in their feature on how the gay market is shunned) it never occurred to her that it was a gay ad. She thought most people would read the ad as "male bonding." Robert Bray, public relations director for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force,

couldn't swallow that statement. "Come on," he said, "Every other ad in that series focused on a romantic prospect." In a follow-up ad, which featured the backside of a male swimmer, viewers were encouraged to dial an 800 number to learn more. When they did what they heard was a recorded message from "Tom" who confessed his love for musical comedies and summers on Fire Island. Okay, now you tell us who this ad was intended to reach.

Of course, we would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge those companies who do pay attention to us. Like Absolut Vodka and Remy Martin. No comment on the fact that the big companies who do seek us out are selling us alcohol. The ad

agency, TBWA, who places Absolut ads in magazines like *The Advocate* see gay people as "terrific customers in terms of age, education, consumption of imported Vodka, and disposable income." Richard Lewis, senior vice-president, just "doesn't see what all the fuss is about."

Well Richard there is plenty of fuss. People love our money, but they want us to keep our distance. Many companies use the excuse that they fear being placed next to a 900 sex ad. But what about those heterosexual ads in mags like *Penthouse*? There's no fear there it seems.

Joe DiSabato of Rivendell Marketing in New York relentlessly pursued major national advertisers for gay papers up until he died last month. He came up against the problem time and time again as he tried to convince advertisers that the gay market was the most lucrative one around, and that they need not fear their products or company being labeled as gay. "Archie Bunker doesn't read gay newspapers," he told them. In his direct and succinct way Joe told it like it was. "The basic problem is homophobia," he said. "Advertisers don't want their products labeled as gay."

Ever wonder why there are so many 900 ads in so many gay publications? Because they want to spend their money there and they have bucks to spend. And that money will continue to pay the rent and the printing bills for many gay papers until the big guys decide they are foolish to pass up a market that controls \$359 billion.

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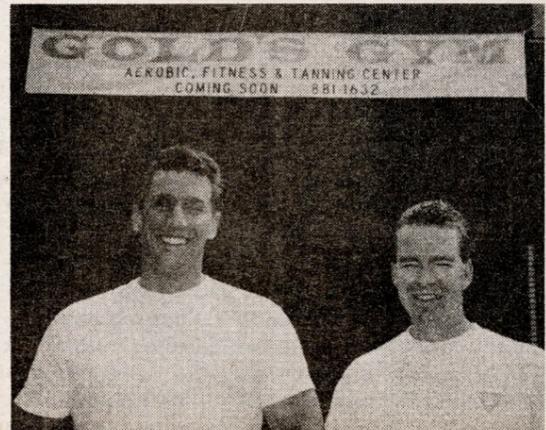
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Opera

THE ELIXIR OF LOVE. Oct. 17-21. A lyrical, bittersweet love story of a country boy who will resort to any scheme in his pursuit of a young city girl. Atlanta Opera. Symphony Hall. 892-2414.

Personal Growth

LESBIAN BATTERING. Thurs., Oct. 10. 7:30pm. Three women "come out" as formerly battered lesbians and share their experiences. Discussed will be the dynamics of battering and how to identify it. Charis Books & More. 419 Moreland Ave. 524-0304.

THROUGH THE GLASS CEILING. Oct. 9-11. Outdoor empowerment workshop for and by women. Learn about the invisible barriers that keep women and minorities from progressing in organizations. 881-6300 or 373-2012.

Political

AIDS & GEORGIA POLITICS: A LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP. Thurs., Oct. 24. 9am-noon. How will the Ga. legislature respond to the AIDS hysteria now running rampant in this country? Learn the issues and the strategies needed to educate the Ga. General Assembly about testing and the need for health care access. The Academy of Medicine. 875 W. P'tree. 881-9800, ext 327.

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Sports

NATIONAL GAY SOCCER TOURNAMENT. Oct. 11-13. Play begins on Oct. 12 at 9:30am at Piedmont Park. 872-6462.

FRONT RUNNERS. Every Saturday 9am at the Chattahoochee River off Powers Ferry Rd. Every Wednesday at 6:30pm at Piedmont Park. Call Shelton Haynie (622-0739) or Lynne Patterson (438-1421) for info.

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Television

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DeAUNDRA PEEK'S ULTRA STYLEBIN. Fri. at 11:30 pm; Sat. at 10:30pm. SoVo columnist David Salyer says DeAundra reminds him "of the time my mother tried to dress herself after major surgery while under the influence of medication." People TV- Channel 12 on GCTV.

Theatre

MADNESS. Oct. 11- 26. A one-woman show starring Kathi Welch who plays six characters caught up in a particularly crazy week in Atlanta. Presented by the Stage Door Players. N. Dekalb Cultural Center. 5339 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd. 396-1726.

TRACERS AND TRAINED FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT. Oct. 23-26. A realistic and frightening look at the Vietnam War. Tracers, developed by Vietnam veterans, shows the conflict of soldiers before, during and after the war. Trained pays tribute to the forgotten women whose lives were permanently altered by Vietnam. The Alley Theatre at Theatre in the Square. 422-8369.

COMRADES AND LOVERS. Oct. 24-Nov. 10. OutProud Theatre's second offering of the season celebrates the life of Walt Whitman. Written by gay author and historian Jonathan Katz, this tale traces the same-sex relationships of Whitman during the poet's long and fascinating life. 14th St. Playhouse. 881-0817.

PRIVATE LIVES. Thru Oct. 12. Fireworks go off in this Noel Coward play as a divorced couple on their honeymoon with their new spouses accidentally run into each other. Neighborhood Playhouse. 373-5311.

WRITES, RITES, RIGHTS. Thru Oct. 13. SAME presents its first OUTPROUD Theatre production featuring music, dance and mystery. Exotic and bizarre experiences happen as five lesbian writers attend a writer's colony. 14 Street Playhouse. 881-0817.

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THE HEIDI CHRONICLES. Thru Nov 3. The saga of Heidi Holland and her friends and lovers as they grow up from those awkward high school dances, to the Eugene McCarthy campaign trail, to 70's encounter groups, to 80's power lunches and beyond. Horizon Theatre in LSP. 584-7450.

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA. Thru Nov. 16. The classic story of obsession from Andrew Lloyd Webber unfolds under the stars in the fall season. Winner of 7 Tony Awards including Best Musical. Fox Theatre. 873-4300.

Upcoming

CREATING CHANGE. Nov. 9-11. A National Conference for Gay and Lesbian Organizing and Skills Building presents 3 days of networking and information for those who want to help change their communities, their colleges, the world, or just themselves. Old Colony Inn. Alexandria, Va. (202) 332-6483.

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AIDS ORGANIZATIONS

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AIDS Legal Project—Free legal services to low income persons with HIV; civil cases only with focus on employment disputes, discrimination and assistance with public benefits (Social Security, Food Stamps, etc.) 688-5433.

AIDSCHAIM—Congregation Bet Haverim (See listing) 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.

Atlanta Buyers Club—provides access to altere treatment for the HIV community in the Southeast. For further information contact us at (404) 874-4845, or PO Box 77003, Atl, 30357.

Childkind—Foster care, day care, and emergency assistance for children with HIV and their families. For info or to volunteer, 936-9655.

First MCC AIDS Ministry—Spiritual and emotional support for PWA's and Families. 872-2246

Georgia AIDS Therapy Information Network—Examines current info on HIV/AIDS therapies. Meets twice quarterly. Call the GA AIDS info-line for info. 1-800-551-2728

The Living AIDS Memorial Park Project—Meets 1st Tues. of month, 633-0634.

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.

Positive Outlook On HIV—A social group for HIV+ individuals. Call 872-9954 for info. Or write PO Box 8569, Atlanta, GA 30306.

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. 987-9832.

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.

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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, 44 12th St. 286-6247 and 605-7458.

Atlanta Committee for the 1993 March on Washington—GA Org. Committee for the March on Washington (GOCMOW). Second Thurs of mo. 7:30 at 118 E. Trinity Ave., Decatur. (404) 662-4199 or GOCMOW, PO Box 5282, Atlanta, GA 30307.

Gay/Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation—Works to lessen public expressions of homophobia, especially in the media. Meets First Mon., 7pm at Peachtree Library. 286-7477.

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.

LEGAL—A voice for lesbians and gays in the Democratic party. Seeking to expand. Help elect gay delegates to '92 Demo Nat'l Conv. Mtgs. on 3rd Mon. 7pm at P'tree Library. 605-7476.

National Organization for Women—reproductive rights, lesbian/gay rights, civil rights, human rights. Located at the YWCA, 957 N. Highland Ave. Call 875-0176 for more info.

Neighbors Network—counters hate crime and hate group activity/threats with information, organizing, and non-violent direct action; to aid communities and individuals victimized by hate-motivated violence and intimidation. 874-5171.

Queer Nation—Direct action countering homophobia and educating the public. Meets 2d and 4th Mon. at Peachtree Branch Library. 605-7396.

STOP Bias Crimes Hot Line—To report all bias/hate crime incidents and police abuse. 605-STOP.

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.

HomeGirls—a business and social networking group designed to encourage entrepreneurial efforts among (but not limited to) women of color. 662-9101.

Nat'l Federaton of Career Women—a connector for professional career lesbian organizations and individuals. Promoting success within the lesbian community. (404) 659-0315.

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

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All Saints Metropolitan Community Church—Serving metro Atlanta with positive Christian support for lesbians and gay men. Services 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. 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 AIDS Interfaith Network 1053 Juniper St. Shabbat Seder 2nd Fridays monthly. 642-3467.

First Metropolitan Community Church of Atlanta—A Christian church proclaiming God's love for lesbians and gay men. Counseling available by appt. Same sex Holy Unions performed. 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. 409-0203.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Lambda Light—A meditation group for lesbians and gay men. Meets weekly. 873-2137.
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.

Roswell Unity—Gay-Bisexual Support Group. Time Square Shopping Ctr., 3000 Johnson-Ferry Rd. For more info call 368-7481.

SPORTS/OUTDOOR

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. 8am 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.

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

Underwater Escapes—Join the community's newest SCUBA Club. Trips and classes ongoing. Call Colleen at 289-0696.

SERVICE/SUPPORT

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

Athens Lesbian Information Line—Athens area lesbians call to find out about support groups, social gatherings, etc. (404) 613-7661.

Atlanta Educational Gender Info Service—Information for persons interested in issues of gender. PO Box 33724, Decatur, GA 30033. (404) 939-0244 (evenings).

Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Comm.—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.

Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance—Welcomes lesbians of all races, religions, political orientation, economic status, occupation and degree of openness. 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.

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 gay men and educational outreach to society as a whole. 63 12th St., 876-5372.

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

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

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.

Chrysalis Women's Center—Provides social, educational and informational programs and services for the community. 881-6300.

Delphi—An ancient, mystic brotherhood. P.O. Box 14591, Atlanta, GA 30324.

Emotions Anonymous—A 12-step support group for those recovering from emotional problems. Sundays at 4pm at MCC, 800 N. Highland Ave. 872-0979.

First Women—support group for women of color in the fashion & entertainment industry. All are welcome. Write G.G. Richardson, PO Box 724711, Atl. 30339, phone 621-9473.

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

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

Georgia Girth & Mirth—Social club for large gay men and their admirers. PO Box 9678, Atlanta, GA 30319. (404) 621-5710.

Georgia Lesbian Ecofeminists—a local chapter of Feminists for Animal Rights. Stimulating conversation, vegan potlucks. 525-9085.

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

Gwinnett Lambda—Newly formed social and recreational group for Lesbians and Gays living in and around Gwinnett. PO Box 464848, Lawrenceville, GA 30246 or call Michael at 266-4566 or Randy at 923-5874.

Lambda Group/Narcotics Anonymous—Addresses unique issues that lesbian and gay drug addicts deal with in their recovery. Meets Mon. & Fri. at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 25 Boulevard, NE. 237-6262.

Lesbian Support Group—Discussion group open to all lesbians. Every Friday. 627-7387.

Lesbians With Children—Social support group forming for lesbians and children. Come plan child oriented outings & participate in monthly get-togethers. 740-1729.

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

Name the Violence—Support group for battered and formerly battered lesbians. No fees. Share experiences, be empowered & empower others. A safe space in our community. 370-1317.

Out Youth—For lesbian, gay, or bi-sexual youth interested in socials, demonstrations, safe space, and/or a support group. For more information call Chance at 688-1954.

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays—Committed to help change attitudes so all gay people can live with dignity and respect. 3d Sun. at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Atl. 296-0830 or 875-9440.

S/M Discussion Group—Leather, S/M, fetish lifestyle group meets Thurs 7:30-10 at The Eagle, 306 Ponce. All welcome. Call 87-EAGLE for more info.

Women In Kahoots—(WINK) Women-only group in the Cobb County area. Support, social, networking. Call 438-1421 for info.

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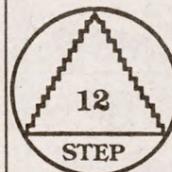


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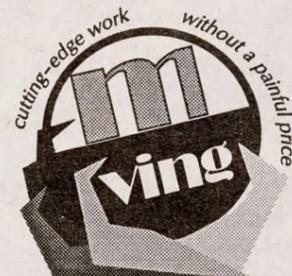
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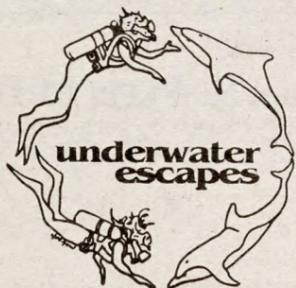
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Breast cancer now strikes

by Gareth Fenley

Thirty months ago, I found a lump in my left breast. A nurse practitioner examined me and said I should immediately make an appointment with a surgeon. Instead, I put it off for a full year. Finally, I made an appointment with my regular doctor, who convinced me to have a needle biopsy and a mammogram.

Like most lumps, mine tested negative. Harmless. I was just lucky, very lucky, because putting off that second exam for a year could have killed me.

Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in U.S. women, and the most fatal except for lung cancer. One out of nine U.S. women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime.

And every woman is at risk. The risk increases with age; two-thirds of all breast cancers occur in women over 50. The risk is also higher if your sister or mother had breast cancer, or if—like many lesbians—you've never had children or had your first child after age 30. However, most breast cancers occur in women with no known risk factors.

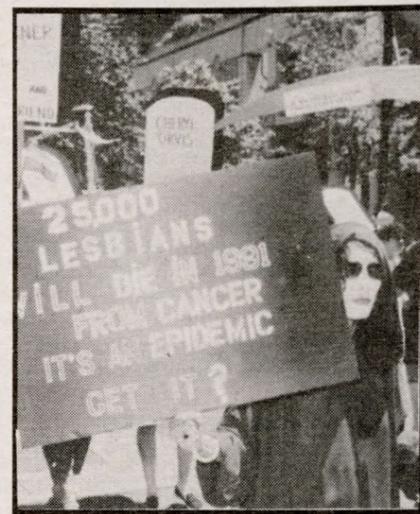
The earlier a cancer is detected, the better the chance to get it out completely. About 90% of women with localized breast cancer are now cured. October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and is as good a time as any to get that exam you may have been putting off.

Diagnosis

Thanks in good part to feminist and lesbian health activists, most women now get much better diagnosis and treatment of breast conditions than our grandmothers did. But there's controversy on which approach is best, and that adds to our natural confusion and fear.

Until we know how to prevent breast cancer, the best we can do is try to catch it early. All women past puberty should do a monthly breast self-examination. The technique is simple, widely known, and universally accepted—except perhaps by some fundamentalists who think it's masturbation. All women should also make a clinic appointment once per year for a breast exam and Pap smear (to check for cancer of the cervix). I pay about \$55 for my annual exam at the Feminist Women's Health Center.

After age 40, women should add the extra screening of the mammogram: a special X-ray that can detect tiny grains of breast cancer years before they grow to lumps. The American Cancer Society and other groups recommend a single "baseline" mammogram before age 40, then one at least every two years from 40



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Lesbian health activists in San Francisco's 1991 Pride march.

to 50, and every year from 50 on up.

During mammography, the breast is supported by a stationary shelf. A second plate is slowly pressed down on the breast, stopping when the breast is slightly flattened and the skin is stretched. It's not exactly fun. Careful positioning of the plates by an experienced technician is essential. The resulting film images (mammograms) are later examined and interpreted by a radiologist—again, someone with special experience and training. A single mammogram costs \$100 to \$150 or more, which may not be covered by health insurance. (Georgia House Bill 538, sponsored by Mable Thomas, would require insurers to cover mammograms and Pap smears too.)

A mammogram is a sensitive test that may cast suspicion, but cancer can be verified only through a biopsy—the study of tissue under a microscope. Tissue is removed either by sampling it with a special needle or by making a small surgical incision and removing the suspicious lump. Fortunately, most biopsies are negative: they find no cancer.

Treatment

If breast cancer is present, surgery is the next step, but not the same surgery that prevailed 25 years ago. Then, the only option was "total radical mastectomy," the complete removal of the breast and underlying chest muscles. Now, this operation is rare; muscles are removed only for the most advanced cancer.

In January 1991, a consensus conference of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) published its findings. The new breast conservation treatment ("lumpec-



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tomy" followed by radiation therapy) was declared the *preferred* treatment for most women with early breast cancer (stage I or II). In a lumpectomy, only limited amounts of tissue are removed. The recommended alternative is "modified radical mastectomy": removal of the breast, which is currently the most common treatment.

Up-to-date, understandable information on breast-cancer treatment is hard to find. Many doctors are far out of touch with today's research and practice. The Georgia legislature mandated that the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners keep us informed by publishing the facts in a pamphlet and distributing it statewide. However, the current (and only) edition of "About Breast Cancer" describes lumpectomy as a treatment "under investigation" and discourages women from choosing it.

"It's been several years since it was prepared," said staff member Judy Strauss. "There's been some discussion of changing it, but we need a panel of experts to make the recommendations." She was not aware of the NIH consensus report. The Board of Medical Examiners subscribes to *JAMA*—the journal that published the report—but throws away the copies each month.

Chemotherapy or promising new drugs such as tamoxifen (still in the clinical-trial stage) are often used to supplement both lumpectomy and mastectomy. If a breast was removed or changed in size and shape, reconstructive surgery is an option.

Support and activism

The American Cancer Society's "Reach to Recovery" program offers peer support to women diagnosed with breast cancer by matching them with trained volunteers who are survivors. Among other things, "Reach to Recovery" aims to provide information about sexual issues related to breast cancer. But lesbians cannot be matched with lesbian volunteers, nor will they find the average volunteer well-informed or sensitive to lesbian sexuality. "We don't get into that. That is not even discussed," said Michelle Jones, who coordinates the program in Georgia.

Southern Voice was unable to locate any group in Georgia that specifically addresses lesbians' concerns about breast cancer. However, lesbians are on the national front lines in political activism, health advocacy, research, and treatment of breast cancer. Recently, national TV and magazines have publicized the link

between breast-cancer activism and the gay movement. ACT UP has been a particular inspiration, and some breast cancer activists have gone to ACT UP members for advice.

A new national Breast Cancer Coalition was formed in May 1991 by eight organizations, including feminist groups and the Mary Helen Mautner Project for Lesbians with Cancer (Washington, DC). The coalition's action agenda includes:

- More funding for research and education.
- Better insurance coverage, especially for screening mammograms.
- Quality-assurance standards for diagnostic equipment and clinical practice—again, especially for mammograms.
- More involvement of breast-cancer survivors in prevention and treatment efforts.

Resources

- National Breast Cancer Coalition: Marcia Watts, 956-0293.
- To support Georgia House Bill 538, which would require insurance coverage of mammograms and Pap smears: Mable Thomas, 656-7859.
- Atlanta's first "Race for the Cure" benefits the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The 5K race down Peachtree will be held Saturday, October 26. Info: 255-0905.
- To find accredited mammography facilities, contact American Cancer Society, 892-0026.
- "Reach to Recovery" program, metro Atlanta, 350-0294.
- Outdated breast cancer pamphlet: contact Judy Strauss, Composite State Board of Medical Examiners, 656-3913.

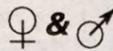
The coalition held a rally in Washington, DC on October 8. The organizers hoped to present 175,000 letters urging federal action, one for each new case of breast cancer that will be diagnosed in the U.S. in 1991. At press time, it was not known how many letters were actually gathered. Atlanta organizer Marcia Watts and a delegation of about eight other women hand-delivered the Georgia letters to members of Congress on the rally day.

And as for the rest of us: to celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we ought to get our breasts examined.

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The agenda will include a discussion of bills expected to be addressed by the Georgia legislative assembly, such as access to appropriate health care, HIV testing of health care workers and patients, and funding for HIV services,

education and prevention. The featured speakers will be Rita Valenti and "Able" Mable Thomas from the Georgia House of Representatives.

The sponsors of the workshop are very concerned about how Georgia legislators will respond to AIDS/HIV proposals given the recent mood of the country and Congress over testing. There is concern that a national agenda is being set based on placating public hysteria rather than what is sound health care policy. The fear is that Georgia legislators will do the same.

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Long-term AIDS survivors report low depression rates

Long-term AIDS survivors have low rates of depression and report more satisfaction than dissatisfaction with their overall quality of life, a study has concluded.

The study involved 53 gay men diagnosed with AIDS between three and nine years, and was presented at the 99th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association in August in San Francisco says the *San Francisco Sentinel*, a gay newspaper.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control defines a "long-term AIDS survivor" as an individual who has lived at least twice as long as the average survival period for those diagnosed with AIDS which was 18 months for gay men as of 1990. All the trial participants are reported clients of the Gay Men's Health Crisis Center in New York City with an average age of 39 years and self-identification as gay.

Many of the study participants attributed their positive outlook or will to

live as important factors in their continued survival. The researcher reported that the men described a refusal to give up or voiced a strong desire to continue living. Overall, the gay men involved in the study were described as informed medical consumers who were actively involved in their own medical care with informed knowledge of recent medical developments.

A majority of the group rated the worst element of coping with an AIDS diagnosis as "physical deterioration and having no energy." The group rated the second worst aspect the loss of friends who had died of AIDS.

Most of the men involved in the study continued to set goals, although many were short term ones. For some participants, these included seeking advanced education, continuing or returning to work and becoming active helping other people in need.

CDC to put procedure list up for review

by Nick Bartolomeo

In its recommendations for HIV-infected healthcare workers released last month, the federal Centers for Disease Control said it would compile a list of invasive surgical procedures that HIV-infected physicians should not perform unless they seek counsel from an "expert review panel." On August 16, CDC announced that it would be compiling such a list in cooperation with professional medical societies. Before publication of the list, currently targeted for

November 15, "societies, expert consultants, and other interested groups" will be able to review and comment on the list, CDC said.

According to CDC spokesperson Chuck Fallis, there will be a series of open meetings in Atlanta before November 15 in which CDC will present the list for review. Dates for the meetings have not yet been set, said Fallis, but should be published shortly in the Federal Register.

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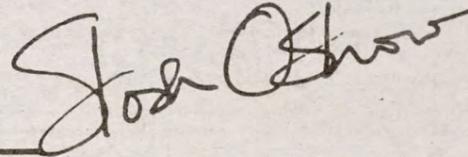
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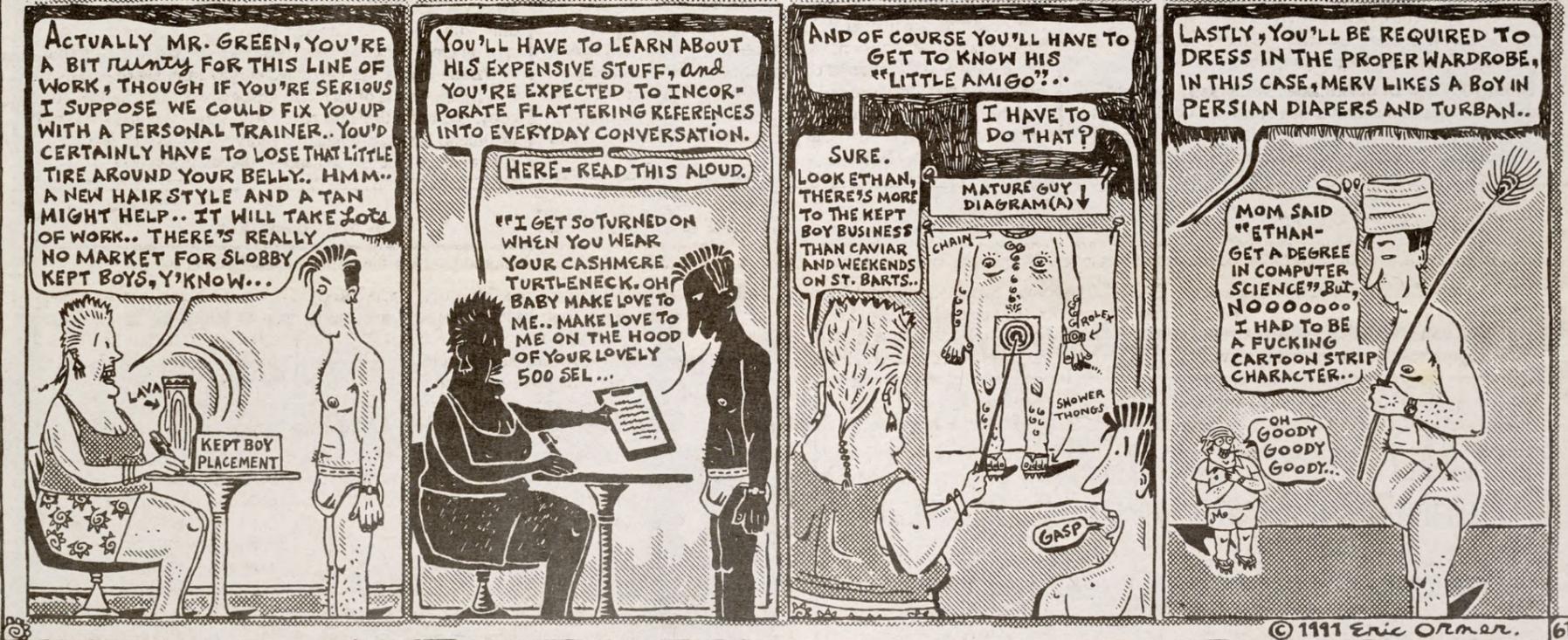
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A Different Kind of Army: George Bush's offer to unilaterally decrease this country's military arsenal has folks talking, once again, of a "peace dividend." Dish wishes this would happen, but—given the fact that the B-2, star wars and other such expensive hetero-boy's toys are still in the budget—fears to the contrary prevail. We did, however, overhear a great idea about modifying the military at the Celebrating Gay Spirit Visions Conference a couple of weeks ago: one man there suggested replacing college ROTC units with LOTC squads. What's the LOTC? The Love Officers Training Corps, of course.

A Different Kind of Mom and Dad: Dish sends kudos to the A-J/C's Keith Thomas for his work on the paper's "Raising Black Boys in America" series. We were particularly moved by his statement that, "Every black man in America... should try to help at least one boy reach manhood." Millions of young gay men and young lesbians (including those who are also people of color) also face the crisis of growing up with either non-existent or abusive parents. One solution (also overheard at the Gay Spirit Visions Conference) to this problem might be summer camps for lesbian and gay kids. Places where they could learn about the history of their people and meet other kids like themselves as well as real, live lesbians and gay men. Sure, it would take work and cost some bucks, but the \$\$\$ spent on such a plan would be far fewer than those wasted on even one B-2.

A Different Kind of Disease?: Dish is no medicine man, but it strikes us as more than a mite weird that medical researchers now think that "chronic fatigue syndrome" (which used to be called Epstein Barr Virus) may be caused by a retrovirus similar to HIV. One of the reasons they suspect this is that the syndrome appears to respond to Ampligen, a much-heralded anti-viral tried (unsuccessfully) on people with HIV a few years ago. The CDC is even thinking of changing the name to Chronic Immune Deficiency Syndrome. Does all this have a vaguely familiar ring to you, too?

A Different Kind of Candidate: Sadie the Rabbi Lady (pictured) is a member of San Francisco's well-known Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. She is also Gil Block, a resident of Concord CA (just north and east of S.F.) and a candi-



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date for a seat on that city's council. Much of her campaign is based on opposition to one Mark Zapalnick (also a candidate) who heads the Traditional Values Coalition, a group trying to remove "sexual orientation" from Concord's human rights ordinance. One of the coalition's complaints about lesbians and gay men is that they "practice sodomy." Dish suspects that Mr. Zapalnick wouldn't be such a grump if he would just practice some sodomy of his own—and perhaps hire Sadie to advise him how to improve his hair.

Honey, Our Son Likes...Broccoli: My, my, but television has changed, thinks Dish. Our Significant Other suggested last week that we watch ABC's *Dinosaurs*, a Muppet-like show we assumed was for kids. Since we consider ourselves kids at heart, this was not a problem. Was Dish ever surprised when the young teen reptile, Robbie Sinclair, began to suspect that he might be a, gasp, herbivore. What followed tickled our funnybones. Robbie's carnivore father goes ballistic about the "Green Menace" in the household ("Like, the old dinosaur is totally herbophobic"), Robbie's friend comes out as an "herbal" and tells him about sneaking out to the bar across town...sound familiar yet? By the time Robbie's dad told him about experimenting with peas and beans and the like when he was younger, we were sold. When, oh, when will the shows with human families take steps like these?

Almost Speechless: Dish can hardly find printable words to comment on the fact that Sen. Jesse Helms has prostate cancer. But we will repeat the two following overheard observations: "Maybe if he'd just gotten it massaged occasionally..." And "Karma, karma, karma."

Frankly, Mary: Dish has been amused to note the way that customers purchasing copies of "Scarlett" (the much ballyhooed [and booed] sequel to GWTW) seem prone to sneak their purchases to the cash register—almost as if they were buying porn. Our favorite comment about how the sequel might have gone comes from Erica Jong who said that she could imagine Scarlett running off with another woman. But what about Ashley...?

Equal Opportunity: With the increased (if sometimes slightly kinky) coverage that the J/C is giving lesbian and gay issues (and the Constitution's continued strong editorial support on our issues) you gotta wonder how Lewis Grizzard gets away with crap like equating Robin and Fran Shahar's wedding with "cross-dressing Satan worshipers" trying to get a spot on Oprah or Donahue. Friends at 72 Marietta tell us that Grizzard's contract prohibits J/C editors from altering so much as a comma in his often racist, misogynistic, and homophobic copy. Ok, but if that's the case, Dish demands equal time (and treatment) for a tart-tongued, openly gay or lesbian feature columnist. And it just so happens that we know one.

October 10 - October 23

RULING PLANETS

by Mary Bailey-Rule

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Happy Birthday Libra! The Full Moon occurs as the Sun enters Scorpio on Wednesday, the 23rd. This is an excellent cycle for meditation, telling the truth and small dinner parties.

ARIES - Now that Uranus and Neptune are moving forward in your 10th house of career and vocation, you may find obstacles vanish from your path and it is easier to communicate new and innovative solutions to others.



TAURUS - With Venus joining Jupiter in your 5th house of passion and creative energy, it may be time to loosen up a bit, take some risks, and try your hand at some form of creative expression. Ever grow mushrooms in your closet?



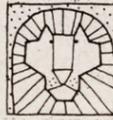
GEMINI - Still don't know what you want to be when you grow up? Well, Saturn in your 9th house of personal values may insist that you focus on marketable skills developed through real life experience. Valuable, but often hard to define.



CANCER - As the Sun, Mercury and Mars move from your 4th house of home and family to your 5th house of passion and creative energy, find new ways of expressing your creativity and vision. Indulge your inner child a little.



LEO - Venus has joined Jupiter in your 2nd house of personal income and material resources. You can improve your financial situation with careful planning and long-term investments. Take a realistic look at income, out-go.



VIRGO - With Venus joining Jupiter in your 1st house of personal identity and awareness, this is the perfect time to assess your strengths, talents, abilities, gifts and last of all, your limitations. Don't be shy, your ego won't get out of hand.



LIBRA - Happy, Birthday! As Mercury, Mars and the Sun move from your 1st house to your 2nd house of personal income and material resources, you may discover opportunities for increasing your material worth. Keep your eyes open.



SCORPIO - The Sun, Mercury and Mars are all shifting from your 12th house of the unseen and unknown to your 1st house of personal identity. You may feel empowered one minute, baffled by new awareness and sensitivity the next.



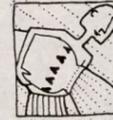
SAGITTARIUS - As Mercury and Mars activate your 12th house of the unknown and higher self, you may experience a cycle of personal growth being motivated from deep within. Rely on your trust in the universe and your intuition.



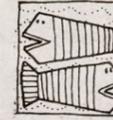
CAPRICORN - With Venus joining expansive Jupiter in your 9th house of metaphysical studies, foreign travel and higher education, you may want to explore new ideas, ways of perceiving and experiences in faraway places.



AQUARIUS - With the Sun in your 9th house of higher learning, foreign travel and personal ideals, you may be more restless than usual or you may want to explore new avenues for spiritual experience and expression.



PISCES - Venus has joined Jupiter in your 7th house of close personal relationships, so you can expect new and interesting people to be circulating through your life. Also a very good time to renew old friendships.



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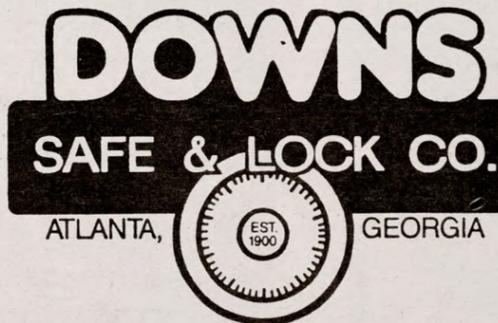
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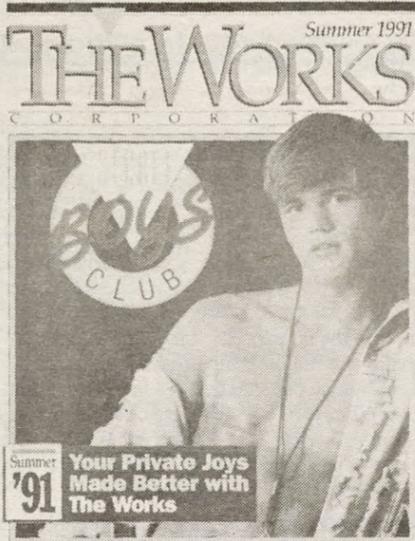
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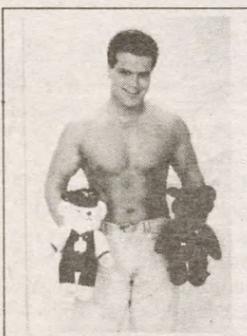
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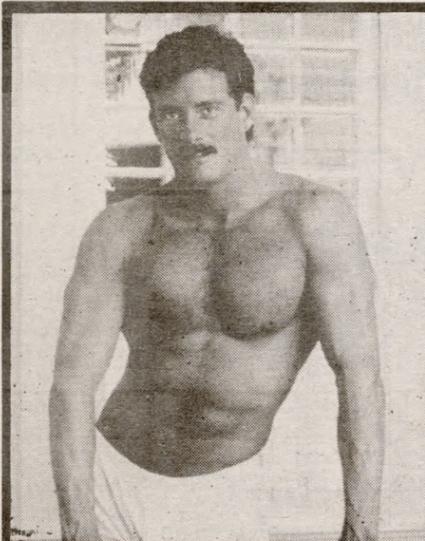
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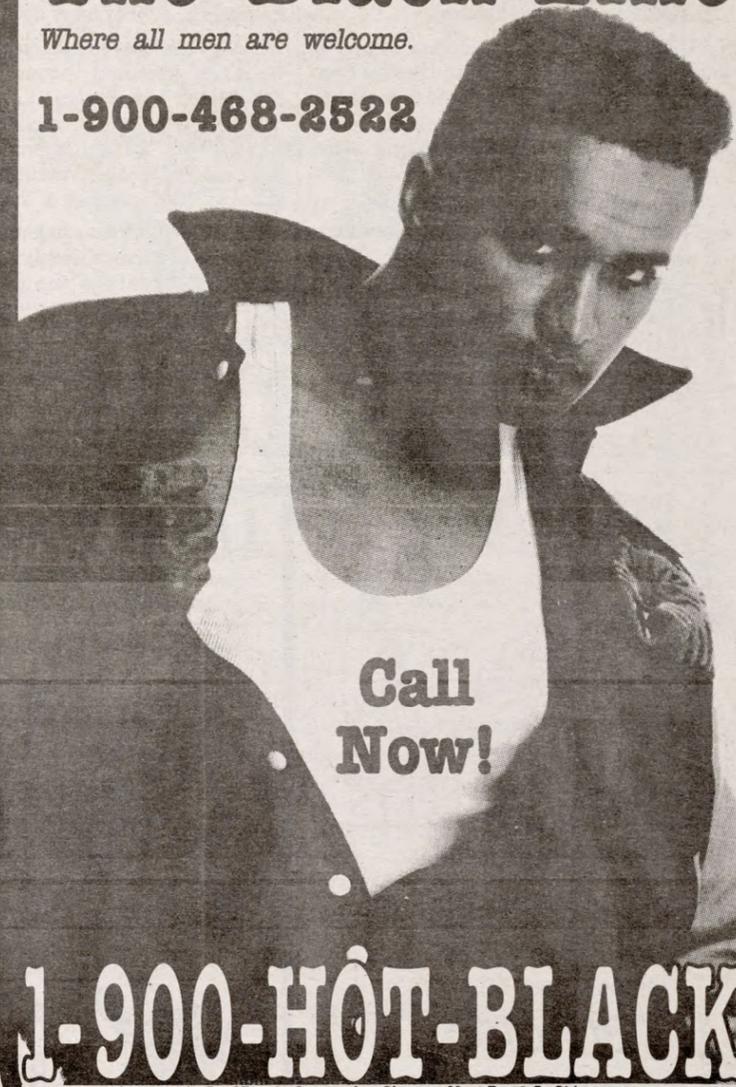
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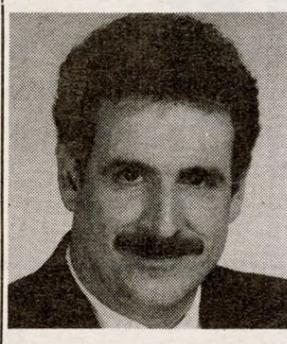


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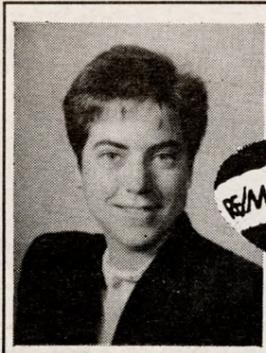
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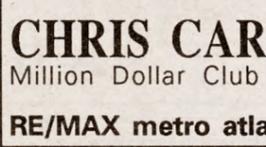
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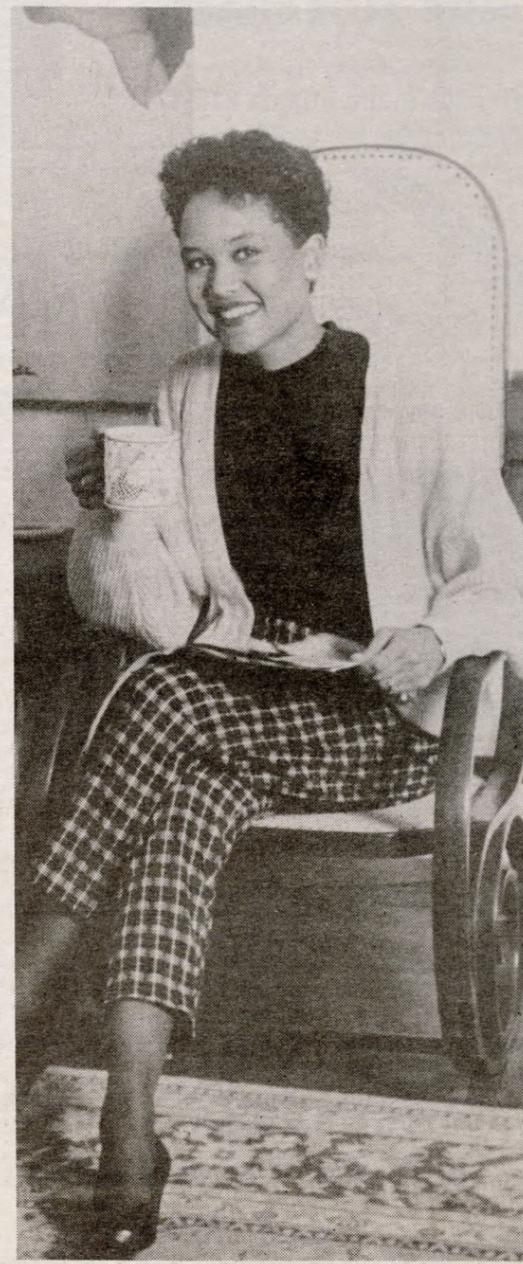
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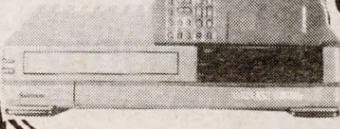
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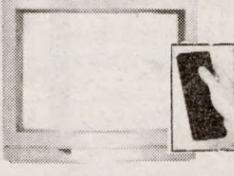
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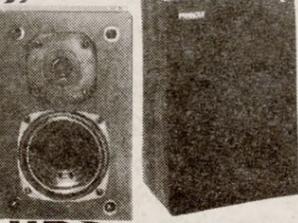
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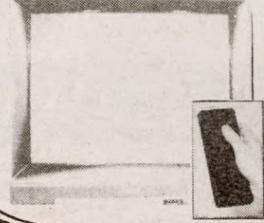
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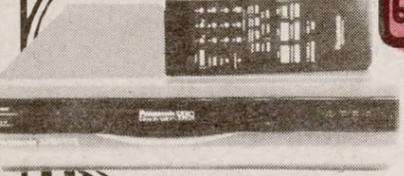
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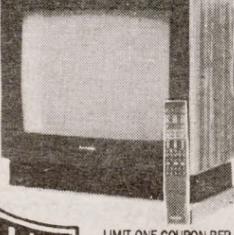
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