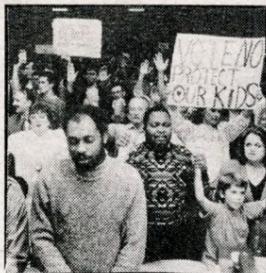


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Lesbian employees plan lawsuit against Domino's Pizza

by KC Wildmoon
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Atlanta—Two lesbians are preparing a lawsuit against Domino's Pizza Inc., charging the Ann Arbor, Michigan-based pizza delivery company with harrasing them because of their sexual orientation.

Eleanor Wiley, 27, and her partner Joanna Camper, 31, say that their area supervisor, Mike Measells, began the harassment a month ago when he learned that the two were lovers.

"He wrote me up," said Wiley, who is the manager of a Domino's store in Austell, "because Joanna and I worked at the same store."

Camper was an assistant manager at the store managed by Wiley. Domino's company policy states that "Employees are not permitted to work in a position where their supervisor and/or the supervisor's supervisor is a relative or spouse."

Measells gave Wiley a written evaluation on November 27 stating that she and Camper, as well as a former roommate of Wiley's, violated company policy because "Eleanor and Joanna are married." The roommate was never involved with either woman.

"If we're married, then I want the benefits that go with it," said Camper. "I want the insurance, the tax breaks."

"We can't legally be married," said Wiley. "And nothing is ever said when heterosexuals who work in the same store have a relationship."

After three paragraphs about Wiley and Camper's "marriage," the evaluation lists several areas relating to Wiley's job performance stipulating that these items must be improved within 30 days. Wiley refutes the charges of poor job performance, saying "It's just a smokescreen to get rid of me because I'm gay."

"We have goals to reach that no store in this area is reaching," she said, "but I'm being told to reach it or be fired."

Camper was transferred to another store and subsequently resigned, but the harassment escalated. Wiley was told that

Pizza-delivery chain says two violated company policy because they are "married" and work in same store

Camper was not permitted on the store's property for any reason, including dropping her off or picking her up from work, or to pick up a pizza.

"We only have one car," said Wiley. "And last week [Measells] came in and said I couldn't be a manager without a car on the premises, meaning that Joanna can't use the car. But managers aren't supposed to leave the store. So why do I have to have a car there? It's harassment."

Wiley has collected a number of statements from her employees testifying to her professionalism on the job. She also says that she and Camper are not the only targets of this kind of harassment. She cited several other lesbians employed by Domino's who have also been told that their lovers are not allowed on store property, and at least two other managers fired under similar circumstances.

Southern Voice has located two other lesbians who say that they endured the same type of harassment three years ago when they and a third partner were attempting to buy a Domino's franchise.

Dace Park and Lois Schwarze operated a Domino's store on Columbia Drive in Decatur.

"One day the area supervisor came in and said 'You need to lighten up your store,' meaning we had too many blacks and needed to get rid of them," said Park. "I said no, and he got huffy and said 'we'll see about that.'"

Park said that management then started the same type of harassment reported by Wiley and Camper—ridiculously high goals and questionable complaints about how the store ran.

"But our people were so good that we were able to meet their goals," she said. "The better our store ran, the more pissy they got with us."

According to Park, one of the partners bought a pink filing cabinet for the office. The pink filing cabinet spurred what she termed "a reaming" of her partner by Bob Davis, the supervisor, and sharp accusations that all three were gay.

"The final straw," she continued, "was when we had gotten permission from our previous supervisor to run an ad in the Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus program."

Park said that after getting permission to run the ad, regional management was reorganized, and Davis was named area supervisor. When he learned about the ad, he told Park and her partners that Domino's doesn't support "these kinds of people," and that they should "pull the ad or get out."

"We got out," she said. "We lost a lot of money, but we still have our dignity. That doesn't pay the rent, but I don't think you can put a price on integrity."

Park said that she believes Davis is no longer with the company.

Neither Measells nor anyone else at the Domino's regional office returned phone calls to *Southern Voice* in time to be included in this article.

Camper and Wiley are suing to draw attention to the discrimination.

"We're going to court to try to make things better for all of us," said Wiley. "It's becoming widespread. They're worried about who you're sleeping with. If you go to work and do your job, you shouldn't be bothered with what somebody thinks of you."

Park agrees. "It's happening all over the place," she said. "I met women during the National Lesbian Conference planning who told the same stories. People need to know. This is typi-

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AN INTERVIEW WITH

Dick Sargent

by Mark Chesnut

Derwood, Dum-Dum, Darrin—however you knew him, Dick Sargent made news when he became Darrin Stevens on Bewitched in 1969. Now he's the talk of the lesbian and gay community, since he recently came out. Dick Sargent—whose real name is, believe it or not, Dick Cox—took some time out to talk with Southern Voice.

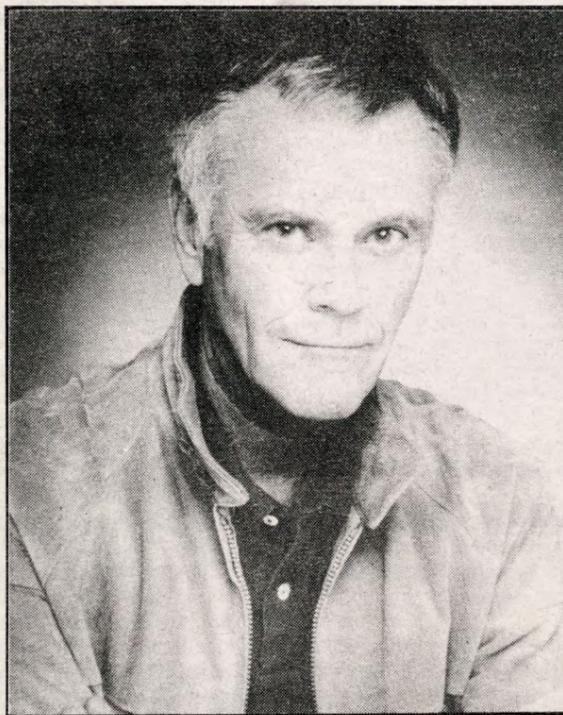
Mark Chesnut: Why did you decide to come out publicly?

Dick Sargent: Well, I'd been thinking about it a couple of years, and then I was kind of outed by *The Star* in April. They did an article about me and my ex. But I'm suing them for a follow-up they did that said I had been evicted by the police from a bungalow I had been sharing with my ex for trashing the place, which is absolute lies. So I'm really pissed with them. Anyway, that also helped, and National Coming Out Day was coming up, and I thought, 'screw it!' It just seemed to be time.

MC: What kind of response have you been getting?

DS: Absolutely marvelous. There are some people who've shied away. But I've walked into a gay bar and gotten standing ovations. I made an appearance at The Duplex, where they were having a campaign to bring *Bewitched* back on Nick at Night.

MC: How does the Nick At Night Campaign make you feel?



Bewitched star comes out of the Hollywood closet

DS: Most of the time they've been showing Dick York shows, I think. I said, 'do a campaign to get my shows back!' I don't make any money anyway, I don't get residuals on that show, not for about 18 years. My last check was \$13.75.

MC: How did you spend that?

DS: Freely. Anyway, the reaction I got on *Geraldo* was incredible. They kept on applauding and applauding. I was practically moved to tears. When I sat down, Geraldo said 'does anybody think any less of him because of this?' And not one hand went up, which really shocked the hell out of all of us. You'd think there would be lots of Bible thumpers or something. The main reason I've done it is because there are no role models. We never had any, except dead people. And I think I'm a fairly presentable human being. I would like to see the time come when we can sit down with people at dinner and if it comes up, you say, 'yes I'm gay, pass the salt.' Because it shouldn't be that important.

MC: Were you out at all when you were on *Bewitched*?

DS: Well, not publicly, no. I had a lover at the time. Liz Montgomery and her husband, we all would play tennis together, or see them for dinner in Palm Springs, or whatever. And they would come to the house for Christmas. They knew, but we never talked about it. Of course, now I deal with Liz, and she couldn't be more supportive, she's a beautiful lady. My lover of 20 years dropped dead of a

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AIDS housing project will fall through without Mayor's approval

by KC Wildmoon

A proposed Single Room Occupancy (SRO) project in downtown Atlanta's Fairlie-Poplar district, which would provide some space for AIDS patients, may be dead in the water this week if City Council and Mayor Jackson do not take action. Both appear to be leaning toward the downtown business community's opposition to the project.

Antioch Urban Ministries, an arm of Antioch Baptist Church, is poised to open Walton House in February or March, provided the Atlanta City Council approves use of some \$200,000 provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for SRO housing development. The vote is scheduled to take place on December 18, the last city council meeting of the year.

Activists for the homeless say all that is needed for the council to okay the project is Mayor Maynard Jackson's approval. Anita Beatty, director of the Task Force for the Homeless, fears that is unlikely.

"He says he's still studying," she said, "but all he has to do is study for another week and it's dead."

Jackson's objections appear to stem from opposition by members of Central Atlanta Progress, who want to upgrade the

Fairlie-Poplar district and fear an SRO in the area will retard the district's growth.

"Like it or not, the perception of this facility is that it will be another SRO with all its attendant problems," said Paul Kelman, vice president of Central Atlanta Progress. "If this SRO were in another, more stable neighborhood, fine. We supported the Bedford-Pine project, for example. We didn't feel it would be a problem."

Kelman said that plans for Georgia State University to move some of its facilities into the area might be stopped if the proposed Walton House goes through.

"We have been trying to change the character of the area," said Kelman. "Georgia State wants to move its school of music in, and maybe some other buildings. We think [the SRO] will stop them from moving in."

Beatty counters that Georgia State is not ready to move, and the plans for Walton House would be advantageous both for the residents and the area. She said fears that the facility's occupants will push the Fairlie-Poplar district further downhill are unfounded.

"It's simple low-income housing," she said. "The only set-

asides in the facility are for AIDS patients. A healthy mix is workable."

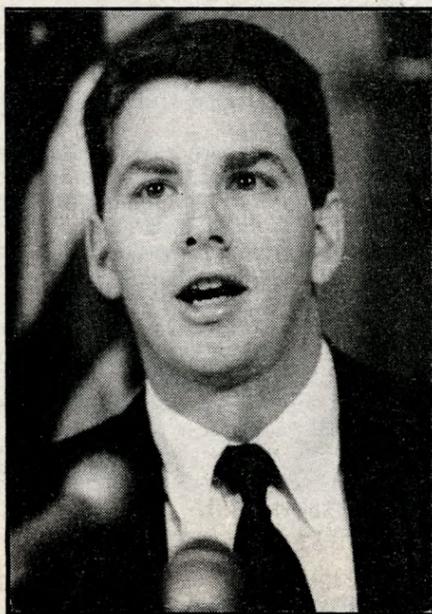
Those set-asides have given Mayor Jackson cause for concern about whether AIDS patients can live successfully together with other low-income populations.

"The mayor raised those questions with me," said Marcia Okula, special assistant to the mayor on lesbian and gay affairs. "I told him that it's happening successfully all over the country, that there is a precedent."

Beatty, who also represents the Task Force for the Homeless on the Mayor's SRO Committee, is upset with Jackson's reticence to support the project.

"[Fulton County Commission Chairman] Michael Lomax is supporting it. Governor Miller is supporting it," she said. "It's getting close to the wire for [Jackson]."

The HUD money for Walton House would come in the form of \$2,000 per unit subsidies for SRO development. Walton House will have between 88 and 128 rooms when completed. The city must approve use of the funds by December 27, the deadline for closing the deal with the Maryland Deposit Insurance Fund, which currently holds the title to the building.



JIM MARKS

Navy Midshipman Joseph Steffan will appeal ruling.

AIDS used to defend military ban on gays

by John Zeh

Washington D.C.—Lawyers for ex-Naval Academy Midshipman Joseph Steffan will appeal a U.S. judge's verdict here Dec. 9 that the threat of AIDS justifies the Pentagon's ban on homosexuals serving in the military.

The former honor student sued after "forced expulsion" from the Annapolis, Maryland academy six months before graduation in 1987. He seeks his diploma and a Naval commission.

The court's ruling is "absolutely outrageous," said Paula Ettelbrick, director of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. The New York City-based firm represents Steffan, the first student denied graduation from a service academy for being gay.

"The military already tests for HIV," she said, "and they can just exclude those who test positive. It sweeps with a very broad brush."

Steffan's landmark civil rights case seeks to overturn controversial Department of Defense (DoD) policy barring gay men and lesbians.

Other courts have upheld DoD's ban in numerous decisions, but U.S. District Judge Oliver Gasch's 35-page opinion is unique in its reasoning. Neither the Navy nor Steffan's attorneys had raised AIDS as an issue in the case.

Gasch ruled that "implicit in the power to support armies is the power to make rules concerning their health and welfare. The power to protect the armed forces from venereal disease is ample to sustain the power to protect them from what is now known to be a

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Grady IDC expansion behind schedule

ACT UP protests delays

by KC Wildmoon

Under fire from ACT UP and other AIDS activists, Grady Hospital officials admitted that they are behind schedule on expansion of their Infectious Disease Clinic (IDC), saying that unavoidable delays prevented the IDC from moving into renovated space in August as originally planned. The IDC is the main source of health care in the area for AIDS and HIV patients who cannot afford care elsewhere.

About 20-25 angry activists demonstrated in front of the hospital on December 12, protesting continued lengthy delays for new patient appointments at the clinic. Protestors wrapped themselves in red tape at the end of the hour long demonstration, symbolizing their frustration with what they see as bureaucratic inaction on the part of hospital administrators.

"We were reminding them that they are being held accountable for delays in expanding the IDC," said ACT UP's David Lowe. "The delays are obstructing access to health care to people who are dying."

New patients to the clinic must wait for as long as 6 months for an appointment. According to hospital authorities and activists, the delays are due to overcrowding in the clinic space and lack of personnel to offer services. As part of the renovation project now underway at Grady, the IDC was scheduled to move into a newly renovated space in the Hughes-Spalding building annex in August, but "unexpected code violations" have put the renovation at least four months behind schedule.

"They are the epicenter of AIDS treatment in this state," said Kathleen Brockel, executive director of the Atlanta chapter of the National Association of People With AIDS (NAPWA). "They have a responsibility to do the best job they can. And they're not."

Hospital officials now give March 1992 as the target date for the move.

"I've toured the annex," said Brockel, "and as far as I can tell nothing has been done since May."

Curtiss Morriss, unit manager at the IDC, said that the March date is not unreasonable. "I'd hate to say it's realistic and then come March find out we're not in there," he said. "It could be done by then. But I know we've missed deadlines before."

Morriss acknowledged that the delays are problematic.

"We are undoubtedly behind schedule," he said, "and I'm not going to offer excuses. I'd like it to be a higher priority in administration. We need to be held accountable by the public."

Morriss praised ACT UP for calling attention to the bureaucratic difficulties "in a way we can't."

"Their goals are our goals," he said. "I think they're doing a good job at what they have to do."

Morriss also said that Grady is very near to finalizing a deal to purchase an off-site building for the IDC.

"The hospital should be in a position to make a public announcement [about the purchase] in about four weeks," said Morriss. "We will have title to a building and can begin renovations."

Midtown neighbors oppose AIDS hospice

by KC Wildmoon

A privately funded hospice for AIDS patients is under fire from neighbors of the facility, who have filed suit in Superior Court to deny a certificate of occupancy to the operators. In addition, the protesting neighbors have appealed the zoning of the building. A hearing on that appeal is set for December 20 with the city's Board of Zoning Adjustment.

Metta Johnson, along with her husband and two other people, has spent much of the last year creating Haven House in Midtown, located near Colony Square.

"It surprised me," she said of the neighbors' objection. "They claim that the hospice will cause parking and traffic problems. I don't understand that."

Johnson said the building housing the hospice, which will contain beds for ten patients, has been zoned commercial since the 1940s. It is currently zoned for office and institutional use. In the past six years, it has housed a telemarketing company with 25-30 employees, the Michael Lomax campaign office, and local headquarters for the Robocop 3 motion picture.

"I don't see how they can say parking is the issue," said Johnson, "given the previous use of the building."

Paul Lane, one of the neighborhood residents opposing the project, said that his opposition was strictly "a zoning and land use thing."

"They were a short term thing," he said about the previous uses of the building. "You don't like them, but you could see the light at the end of the tunnel."

Johnson, a former radiation and oncology nurse at Georgia Baptist Hospital, said that she and Kathryn Middleton, another nurse, envisioned the hospice as an alternative to high cost hospital settings. She said that costs at the hospice would run about 65% of typical hospital costs.

Johnson said that legal battles with a handful of neighbors are endangering the project however.

"I'm sure we will have spent \$20,000 to \$30,000 extra because of legal fees," she said. "We don't want to say that the people of Midtown are bad," she continued, "because they're not. 99% are supportive. But we can't go on alone."

Domino's

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EVETT BENNETT

Eleanor Wiley and Joanna Camper plan to sue their employer, Domino's Pizza, charging that the company harrassed them because of their sexual orientation.

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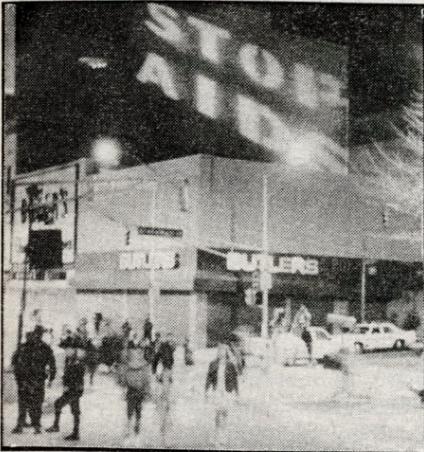
With over 5,000 establishments nationwide, Domino's has been the target of protests before, most notably from the National Organization for Women (NOW). Since 1989 NOW has sponsored a boycott of the largest pizza delivery company in the country because of owner Thomas S. Monaghan's stance on abortion rights. Monaghan has donated thousands of dollars to anti-abortion groups, and the Ann Arbor chapter of Operation Rescue is headquartered in a building he owns.

In late 1990, the company narrowly averted a national boycott by the 25,000-member National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) when Monaghan refused to meet with members of the Detroit chapter of the NAACP to discuss their "Operation Fair Share" project. After a public outcry, Domino's president David Black agreed to work with the Fair Share committee on providing more opportunities for the hiring and promotion of blacks.

The 53-year old Monaghan, who also owns the Detroit Tigers baseball team, stepped down as president of the company in 1989 to devote more time to "spiritual affairs." He heads up a group of Catholic executives called "Legatus," which is devoted to encouraging Christian ethics in the corporate world. Monaghan still owns 97% of Domino's, and efforts to sell the company since 1989 have failed.

Gareth Fenley contributed background research for this article.

Rich's tree lighting turned political



EVETT BENNETT

Viewers of the Rich's Christmas Tree Lighting received a bonus lighting on Thanksgiving evening when members of ACT UP/Atlanta projected "STOP AIDS" onto the nearby Rich's and Kessler's buildings. The AIDS activists also distributed leaflets and condoms to the estimated 60,000 tree-lighting watchers. "This is everyone's issue," said Jeff Graham of ACT UP/Atlanta. "We chose the tree lighting because it reached people we don't normally reach. We hoped our simple message, our flyers and condoms got people to thinking about AIDS in a nonsensationalist way."

The 20-foot tall projection started at 6:30 and stayed on for 30 minutes until Underground Atlanta officials and Suite Hotel at Underground executives sent Atlanta Police to tell the activists to shut off the projection or face arrest. Graham said Rich's executives and

Underground officials agreed to permit the projection after the tree lighting but Jay Small, general manager of the hotel, found the message "personally offensive."

Queers On TV: The Cracker Barrel story made national television twice in a week when ABC's 20/20 ran its long awaited piece about the restaurant's discrimination on November 29, followed by fired employee Cheryl Summerville and Queer Nation's Lynn Cothren on CNN's *Larry King Live* on December 2. Summerville was joined in the Washington, DC, studio by Ed McAteer, an official with the Religious Roundtable. McAteer, who said he was "a marketing man" with Colgate-Palmolive Company, claimed that gays should not work in restaurants because they all have what he termed the "gay bowel disease." He said this disease was not AIDS, and was widespread among "sexual deviants." Ronald Martin, director of employee relations with Colgate-Palmolive, said that McAteer was a salesman with the company and that he resigned in 1976. Martin said he was "sorry for any confusion" created by McAteer's statements.

Anti-Gay TV Commercials in NC: Four of five television stations in the Charlotte, NC, area have aired an apparently anti-gay ad for the Furniture Factory Outlet World, according to NC lesbian/gay newspaper *Q-Notes*. The commercial features printed text of a Biblical passage condemning homosexual acts, while an off-camera announcer reads the same text. Lesbian and gay activists, led by Charlotte's First Tuesday association, have complained to the four stations airing the ad. A fifth local station refused to run the ad because it was in poor taste. The station lost the Furniture Factory Outlet World account as a result of that decision.

Black Caucus Splits From Gay SF Political Group: The Black Caucus of San Francisco's Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club has split from that group and formed a separate political club. The move followed months of feuding with Milk Club president Jean Harris. But newly elected co-chairs Kerrington Osborne and Randy Miller stressed that the change was "due as much to a need to concentrate on the agenda of African-American lesbians and gays" as to any problems with the Milk Club as it is now. The newly formed group has not yet decided on a name, and are in the process of writing by-laws.

And They Say He's Racist, Too: Former KKK Grand Wizard David Duke is now officially on record opposing the "gay lifestyle." During a press conference where he announced plans to oppose George Bush in the Republican presidential primary, Duke said, "Frankly I don't endorse the gay lifestyle. I don't think that's good for the country. I don't think that's good for my children and I resent it presented as a normal lifestyle for my people in the national media and to my children in the national media." Duke went on to say that gays and lesbians should not be allowed to serve in the nation's armed services. Gay and lesbian and Jewish activists interrupted Duke several times during the press conference, while other activists protested outside the building.

100th House Co-Sponsor For Gay Rights Bill: On Nov. 21, U.S. Rep. Ed Pastor (D-AZ) signed on as a co-sponsor of the House version of the lesbian/gay civil rights bill. "I don't think that anybody should be denied their civil rights," said Pastor, who became the 100th co-sponsor in the House. On the same day, U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) became the Senate's 14th co-sponsor. Lobbyists for the bill have now set their sights on reaching 109 House co-sponsors, which would represent one fourth of the House members.

Homoerotic Artist, Tom Of Finland, Dies: Finnish artist Touko Laaksonen, 71, died last week of a stroke brought on by emphysema. Laaksonen, better known as Tom of Finland, was famous for what he called his "dirty drawings," drawings of masculine, muscular men, often having sex. "I work hard to make sure they are proud men having happy sex," he said recently. His work first appeared in a 1957 issue of *Physique Pictorial*, but he was not a full-time artist until 1973. Contributions in his name may be made to the Tom of Finland Foundation, P.O. Box 26658, Los Angeles, CA 90028.

The "Innocent" Die, Too: Twenty-three year old Kimberly Bergalis died on December 8 of complications from AIDS. Bergalis, who allegedly contracted HIV from her HIV-positive dentist, and her family made a distinction between what they called "innocent victims" of AIDS, like Kimberly, and "guilty" ones, who spread the disease to the innocents. Bergalis testified in front of a Congressional committee in support of mandatory testing of health care workers to protect those "innocent victims." Fight AIDS, not people with AIDS.

Drug Shows Promise Against PCP: A preliminary study by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Burroughs Wellcome Co. shows that the experimental drug 566C80 appears to be effective and safe in the treatment of *Pneumocystis carinii* pneumonia (PCP). 566C80 is apparently less toxic than either pentamidine or TMP/SMX, drugs currently in use in the treatment of PCP. "We look forward to the completion of ongoing clinical trials that will further define the role of 566C80 in the care of patients with PCP," said Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at NIH. "This new drug shows great promise as a therapy for this deadly pneumonia."

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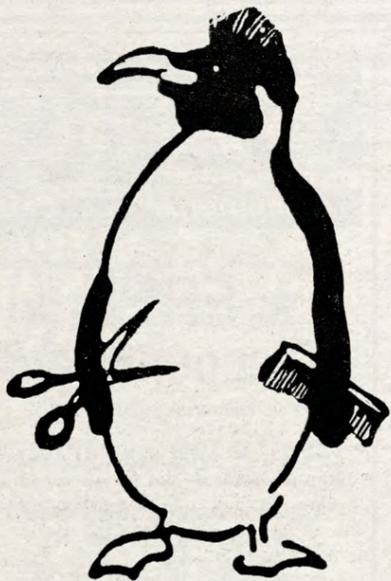
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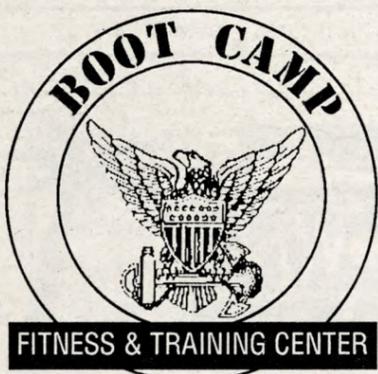
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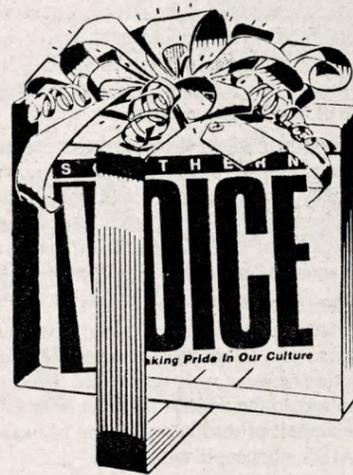
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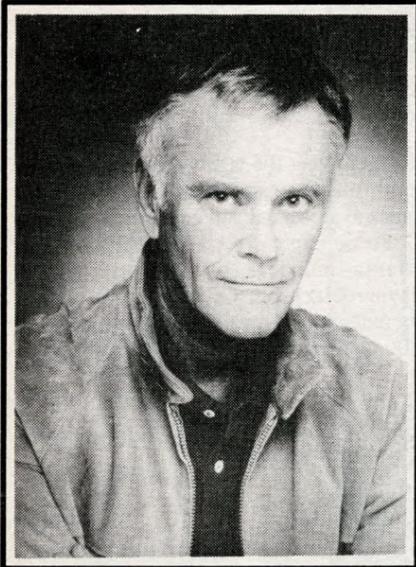


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Dick Sargent

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cerebral hemorrhage 12 years ago. It's something you just don't get over very easily.

MC: That must have been rough.

DS: You never get over it. You just live with it.

MC: Were you aware of homophobia on the set of *Bewitched*?

DS: Oh sure. You always are, like when someone tells an offensive gay joke.

There's always going to be that inference. But from now on, there's going to be a different reaction.

MC: How do you feel the Darrin switch was handled?

DS: Very well. They didn't make a big deal about it. The funny thing was, I was supposed to do the part originally but I had signed to do a Universal series called

Broadside, so I couldn't do it.

MC: You were originally cast as Darrin before Dick York?

DS: Yeah, isn't that weird? I never used to talk about it, because it sounded like me saving my face or something. But then I decided 'oh, the hell with it,' because it is a fact and anybody would attest to it.

MC: Are you friends with Dick York?

DS: I've never met him. He lives in Detroit with his in-laws and he doesn't have a dime. It's very sad. He's dying from emphysema, I understand.

MC: Did they have a certain look in mind for Darrin, since you two look similar?

DS: Yes, but of course, if you put us side by side, there isn't really a similarity.

There is a similarity in that we have high foreheads, the same kind of hairline, and a prominent chin. It was that WASP kind of look I guess. And Liz loved me, and still does. And I'm mad about her. So when I was on the show, we did a lot more kissy-kissy than they did before.

MC: How did you get along with Agnes Moorhead?

DS: Very well, after I made it a point to make her like me. She was a tough old bird. She used to come to the rehearsals with *The Bible* in one hand and the script in the other. During the third show, she said in front of me with some visitors, 'they should never meddle with success,' meaning Dick York shouldn't have been replaced. She thought it would kill the show, which it didn't. She was very self-directed and self-involved, but I made it a point to make her like me, and by god, she did.

MC: I heard rumors about her and Debbie Reynolds...

DS: I heard those rumors, but I never saw anything to back it up. In fact, the few times I was at Agnes' house, Debbie was never there, so I have no idea. That's one

of those Hollywood stories you always hear, but I don't know.

MC: I also heard Hollywood stories about Paul Lynde, who played Uncle Arthur.

DS: That's not Hollywood, that was in the papers. He was in all sorts of trouble all the time. He had a lover fall out of a window in San Francisco I think it was, and there was a question of whether they'd been in a fight and whether he'd fallen or not. He was a man that shouldn't have smelled the cork on a bottle. He became a madman when he drank.

MC: Has there been any talk of a *Bewitched* reunion show?

DS: I'm sure there has been, but Liz wouldn't do it because she wants to be known as an actress who does other things. I've faced the fact that I'm going to be known for that more than anything else I've ever done.

MC: Have you attended any gay pride parades?

DS: Well, not the parades. Actually, before I came out I joined the protest against our governor's veto of AB 101. That was another reason I think I came out. All of a sudden, the unity in the gay community was so enormous, and there is a lot of power there. And it's time we used it, to get some bills passed and more care for AIDS and all those things. I want people to know that we're everything. You cannot categorize us. We are in every echelon of society.

MC: How will coming out affect your work?

DS: I could be wrong, but I don't expect to work that much now. I know it's going to hurt, but it's much more important to give encouragement and identity to people and do some good in life. I never thought I'd be a gay activist in my old age, but I am and I'm proud to be it.

MC: Why do you think *Bewitched* was so

popular?

DS: Well, a lot of reasons. Liz once said it's about prejudice. It's about someone who's different trying to fit in and be accepted. Of course, it's also about wish fulfillment and beating the odds. It's having some magic powers that can lift you above everybody else and beat the problem at the last minute. It's kind of the "Rocky" of metaphysics, I guess.

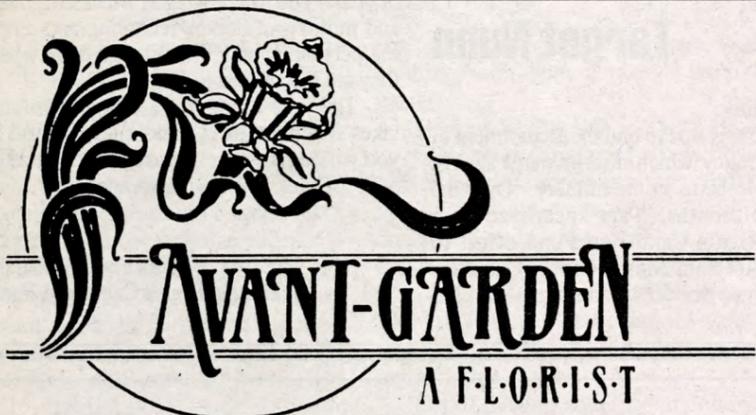
MC: If there was a gay remake of *Bewitched*, how would it be different?

How would a gay or lesbian use his or her powers differently?

DS: I don't think any different. I don't think we should fall into thinking about gay thinking being any different from straight thinking. We all want the same things, to love one another. There isn't a human being that's been born that hasn't wanted to love and be loved. It all gets thwarted and twisted and changed. In our circle, of course, it gets changed by the church first of all, and the family—you have to raise babies to be accepted. And we're told we're third class, rotten, shitty people. The suicide rate among gay and lesbian teenagers is three times what it is for straights. And, again, that's something I hope I can alleviate, to give some encouragement to somebody. As Pollyanna as that sounds, that's what I'm doing, or trying to.

MC: Do you think more actors will be coming out?

DS: I hope so, but I don't think so. I don't think they'd ever hire a known gay or lesbian to portray the father or mother in a series. There's some people—like Lily Tomlin, I don't know why the hell she doesn't. She says it but she doesn't say it. It makes me angry because they're afraid they're not going to have the audience that they have. But after the reaction I got on *Geraldo*, I wonder.



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GUEST EDITORIAL

Transgendered persons easy targets for hate crimes

by Dallas Denny

The murder of three transgendered persons in Atlanta in one month is a matter of grave concern. Whether or not the killings are related, they must be stopped. We hope and trust that law enforcement officials will take immediate and thorough action to find the perpetrator(s) and put a stop to these tragic deaths. We urge Mayor Maynard Jackson to make a public statement deploring the slayings and promising prompt action by the police.

Atlanta is not the only city where transgendered persons have been killed in number, nor were these the first murders in Atlanta. The sad fact is that murders of

transgendered persons—crossdressers and transsexual people—are all too common. And there will be more unless our society learns that transgendered persons are people, too. One need only substitute words for other members of society for "transsexual" or "crossdresser" to see just how our society devalues transgendered persons: "Three Children Murdered in Inner City!" "Another Dentist Found Dead on Interstate!" Would the police take immediate action if those were the headlines? Of course.

Transsexual people are particularly vulnerable to hate crimes. Due to their often

ambiguous appearance—attributable to their transition process—many present easy targets for ridicule or abuse. It is difficult for them to change their victim profile, for their body habitus is often at odds with their gender identity and their social role. Unlike the case with other sexual and gender minorities, transsexualism provides visual stigma which pervade every waking moment, even if the individual is trying to blend in.

We must increase vigilance on the part of our community. Transgendered persons must learn to look out for themselves. But we must also press law enforcement offi-

cial to protect the rights of transgendered persons and to speak out against hate crimes to all sexual and gender minorities.

Please express your concern about the Atlanta murders by writing Mayor Maynard Jackson, City Hall, 55 Trinity Avenue, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30335-0300, or by calling him at (404) 330-6532.

Dallas Denny is the executive director of AEGIS (American Educational Gender Information Service).

We deserve better

To the Editor:

It's clear you took no delight in publishing the disgusting truth about the sad state of affairs at the so-called Atlanta Gay Center. Thanks for having the journalistic integrity to provide specific information, to name names, and to tell the truth without malicious intent. Atlanta's Lesbian and Gay community deserves it.

Briefly, I'd like to add a personal anecdote to the massive body of indictments against the Gay Center. Some years ago (1985), I was asked to serve on a membership recruitment committee of the Center. The committee chair felt my professional experience in fund raising might be an asset, and I, being human, was flattered.

From the first meeting I attended, Michael Wilson was on hand to shoot down virtually every idea. Usually, he rejected each idea on the dubious basis of its similarity to the methods of the Atlanta Business and Professional Guild. (Interestingly, the Guild at that time was in a particularly successful position in the community, which made it a logical target for Wilson and his crew.)

I became frustrated rather quickly with Wilson's obstinance and negativism, and I resigned from the committee. Soon thereafter, I was invited to attend a brainstorming meeting at AID Atlanta by then executive director Ken South. What a contrast! Each idea was greeted with interest, with enthusiasm, and with positive criticism. In a matter of weeks, we had formed a campaign committee to reach thousands of Atlantans with life-saving information about safer sex.

Dozens of volunteers came forward. Most of them were put to work immediately, or within weeks. Thousands of Atlantans bought T-shirts bearing the "Play Safe" logo, and many more attended safer sex parties, hosted them in their homes, and even became trainers in the program. AIDS organizations in more than 35 U.S. cities purchased the AID Atlanta program. Locally, other groups used it as a starting point for developing AIDS prevention programs targeted to their own communities: women, African-Americans, Hispanics, people of color and, yes, even straight people.

AID Atlanta has had its problems. At times, in my zeal and conviction, I've been both a part of the solution and a part of the problem. But at all times, I have been not only welcomed there, but encouraged to join in the challenges.

Atlanta's lesbians and gay men deserve a community center to serve their needs and utilize their tremendous talents. Gifted people abound in our community. They (we) deserve a much better opportunity than the misnamed Atlanta Gay Center can ever provide. So long as Bill Gripp and Michael

Wilson are allowed to rule by their own sense of divine right, our community's efforts must be focused elsewhere.

Sincerely,
Ken Kimsey

Buy Cracker Barrel

To the Editor:

Early this year Cracker Barrel restaurant chain issued a memo stating the company would not employ people "whose sexual preferences fail to demonstrate normal heterosexual values." It is reported the company has fired at least 17 people on the basis of their sexual orientation since that memo.

To Queer Nation's credit they have been in the vanguard of trying to right this injustice and insult to our community. They have organized and led "actions" at Cracker Barrel restaurants, formed picket lines, experienced arrest, taunts and threats of physical violence. Through Queer Nation's efforts other organizations, including religious bodies and trade unions, have expressed support.

It is time for individual lesbians and gays across the United States to help in this action to stop employment discrimination based on sexual orientation. It is time for each of us to purchase a (one) share of Cracker Barrel Inc. stock. It is the goal of this writer to have thousands, hundreds of thousands of single share owners of Cracker Barrel stock. This will create some serious problems for the company. It is required to have certain mailings and at present they have a three cent a year dividend, paid quarterly.

This action, on a nationwide basis, will have an impact on the business and political leadership of our country. It is a strong message that gays and lesbians are not going to tolerate continued discrimination based on sexual or affectional orientation.

The "Buy One" campaign can be a remarkable empowerment for our community. It can be a vivid example of our presence and power. (It should be noted the "Buy One" campaign can have the effect of raising the cost of a share of stock but this will be offset by the popular perception of the company being bought up by lesbians and gays.)

Every gay and lesbian person needs to contact their stockbroker at the earliest moment and buy one share of Cracker Barrel Restaurants, Inc. and ask to have the stock certificate sent to them. With some brokerage firms there may be some resistance on the part of the stockbrokers because of the paperwork. Also the charge for processing the paperwork may vary. For instance this writer's broker, with a nationwide firm, tells me a flat charge of 10% of the cost of the share on the day of

transaction is made. Other companies may charge more.

If a person has an account it is as easy as a phone call, or if one has a friend who has an account they can purchase a share for you and have it ordered out in your name. To have a share ordered out the broker needs a name, address and Social Security number. To open an account requires a few additional questions such as occupation and bank, etc.

When our campaign succeeds we can donate our individual shares to the endowment of a watchdog organization such as Lambda Legal Defense Fund.

I hope you and your readers will join in this extension of the Cracker Barrel action. The potential for effecting change in this way is enormous.

Sincerely,
Carl R. Owens

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To the Editor:

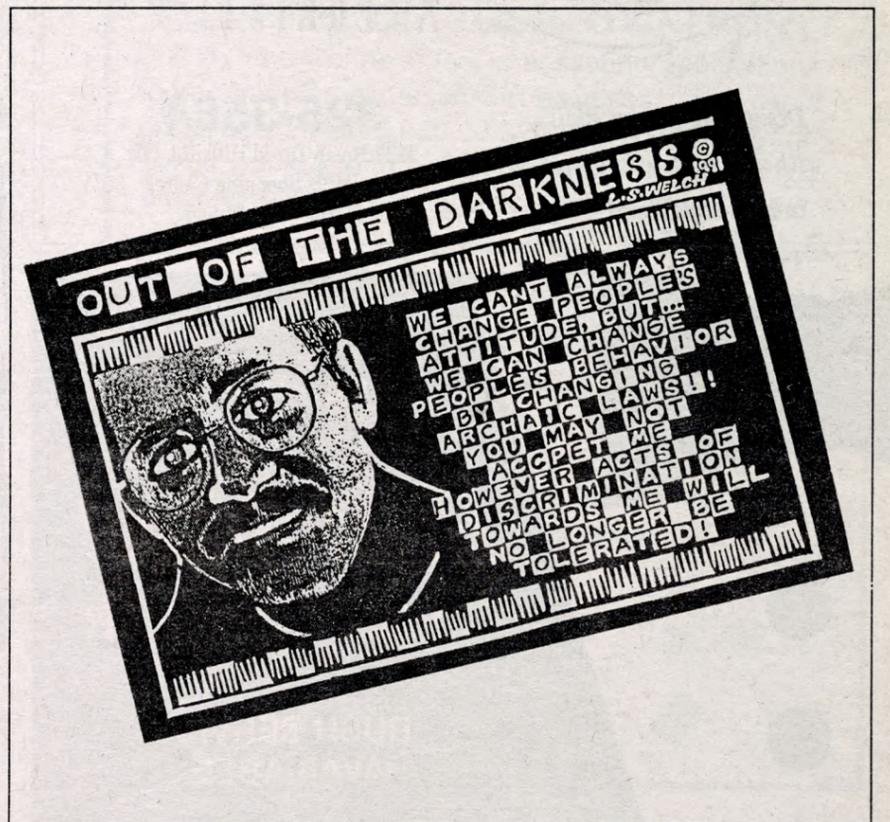
The time is ripe to end the Department of Defense policy which discriminates against gays and lesbians in the military. Over the next few months, I am spearheading a Human Rights Campaign Fund effort to blitz Senator Sam Nunn's Office (Chairman of the Armed Services Committee) with let-

ters to get him to change his position on this issue. I ask anyone owning a pen and some paper to write to Senator Sam Nunn, U.S. Senate, Washington DC 20510, urging him to support SR236 which calls for an end to the military's anti-gay and lesbian policy. Please feel free to use any one (or more) of the following points in your letter:

1. The independent polls consistently show that the American public overwhelmingly opposes the Pentagon policy when made aware of it.
2. Internal Pentagon studies (the PERSEREC studies) repeatedly conclude that there is no legitimate reason to exclude lesbians and gays from the military.
3. The traditional "security risk" argument has been debunked by these internal studies as well as by Secretary Cheney's "old chestnut" remark.
4. The "hurts troop morale" objection uses the exact same language the military tried when opposing blacks. It proved false. (Besides there already are gays and lesbians in the military).
5. Each year the Pentagon wastes millions and millions of dollars recruiting and training personnel, only to discharge them when they are discovered to be gay.

The time is ripe for a change. It only takes five minutes to write a letter. And if you would like to help even more, call 231-5479. Thanks. We will succeed!

Don George
Atlanta Field Associate
Human Rights Campaign Fund



Homoville, GA

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

by Al Cotton

From the Inside Out

"Internalized homophobia? Not my problem. I'm a healthy, happy gay man. Sure, I'm not in a relationship right now. No, I don't have many lesbian or black friends—we just don't run in the same circles. And yeah, I yelled at that pissy queen at the office last week—if he weren't so nelly, things would go a lot easier for him. But that's not my fault."

Sorry, Charlie—it's not that simple, as Franklin Abbott pointed out to several dozen of us at his latest inquiry into our collective community health—the Our Right to Love conference. We spent a beautiful November weekend holed up in Colony Square thinking

about how internalized homophobia and heterosexism impact our lives, relationships and community as a whole.

First some definitions. Internalized homophobia, in a nutshell, is the hatred we have for the part of us responsible for our homosexuality. Heterosexism is the presumption that anything not like the rest of society (i.e., "straight") is by definition inferior. Together, these "ism's" can torpedo the efforts of people with the best of intentions to help our community.

One difficulty in addressing this stuff is that the people who show up to discuss it are unlikely to think they have much of it. Take me, for instance. I'm as P.C. as P.C. can be. I consciously try to be as non-racist, non-sexist and politically correct as a white male can be. And I'm egotistical enough, as an esteemed *SoVo* columnist, to write about it and expect you to congratulate me for doing it.

But keynote speaker Kennedy Shultz (Atlanta's Church of Religious Science pastor) didn't show up that weekend to congratulate anyone. Instead, he asked questions, like "Why are gay people so nasty, bitchy and unsupportive of each other?" and "Why do gay-supportive organizations have so many problems with the gay people they support?"

Shultz says that during his 10+ years as a gay-supportive religious leader in Atlanta he has experienced much more grief from gay gossip than from right-wing bigots and Baptistsians. Hmmm.

It's internalized homophobia, Shultz says, when we bash our friends (gay or straight) because we're angry and they're the only ones willing to interact with us. "If you acknowledge me, then you must expect abuse as much as I do, so you'll understand if I abuse you." Sound familiar? Counterproductive?

Now, for someone not expecting to actually find my own shit as much as help others find theirs, I was taken aback. "Yep, it's in here, too," my Little Voice says. "I have parents who hide me from my extended family, employers who would ignore any spouse I might come up with, Republicans over here, Maynard over there, and I just put up with all of it. Could *The Newlywed Game* be any more heterosexual that I feel right now?"

Then I remembered *SoVo's* recent editorial about problems at the Gay Center. I'd always seen internalized homophobia as the perpetual monkey wrench in the engine over there—it'll never run right until you get it out. And along with many, I applauded this newspaper's decision to finally speak out about the

decade of ongoing, community-wide abuse we've experienced.

But now I rethink—does it really make sense to get down in the lime jello and wrestle with the Gay Center, or does it just underscore community divisiveness? In this specific case, the community consensus generated over the years is so monolithic that revisiting the issue only uncovers more evidence. Still guilty as charged, I fear.

But reaching the right answer without asking the right questions doesn't improve our chances of getting it right the next time. We'll never have a healthy, functional community if we continue to ignore the self-destructive forces that have collectively haunted us for as long as society has been discriminating against us. And I for one am glad to be on the side that is asking questions.

Dr. Shultz's benediction left us with a task. Amidst all the noise and abuse and bigotry and hatred, and everything that dishonors and devalues our existence, we must create a love that doesn't ask for permission, one that simply asserts its own truth and honors our selves. From that source will spring lives of such integrity that no one would dare challenge our right to love. But it has to happen from the inside out.

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We at *Out In Atlanta* would like to wish all of you a Happy and Gay Holiday season, and remember whenever possible, be OUT IN ATLANTA.

Sincerely,
Leif Eric Spivey
Producer

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Mr. Eric Seidel
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Dear Mr. Seidel:

Last night I phoned talk show host Freddie Mertz to discuss a recent court ruling on lesbians and gay men serving in the military, a topic that he introduced at the top of his show. In the initial minutes of our conversation, Mertz asked me if I am a lesbian. I replied that I am and he made several inane jokes about his lesbianism (sic), our mutual sexual interests and so on. Then he asked me to hold for a news break and traffic report. I waited on the line for 15 minutes, looking forward to the opportunity to make my points on the issue.

I am an employee of the Human Rights

Campaign Fund, a national lesbian and gay lobbying and advocacy group with a connected PAC. We have recently assisted Congresswoman Barbara Boxer and Senator Brock Adams in introducing resolutions in Congress to overturn the ban on lesbians and gay men in the armed forces. We also commissioned a nationwide poll of 1,000 people on this very issue and found some surprisingly positive results. I thought, in phoning Mr. Mertz, that I had information which would lead to some interesting conversation on this timely subject.

When we came back on the air, Mr. Mertz' first question was regarding the last time I had sex with a man. I told him that I did not wish to discuss that and I wanted to discuss the military issue. He persisted in questioning me about when I had sex with men, how it was and would not allow me to discuss the military issue without answering him. At some point, he made a comment about it (sex with men) being a joke or something. In hope that he would move on, I remarked that it was pretty much a joke or was humorous or something. He refused to stop pressuring me to discuss my sexual activities and, at that point, I just stopped talking and he cut me off. Never, in my lifetime of confronting jokes and innuendo relating to my sexual orientation, have I ever felt so humiliated and harassed by an individual.

Later, on the air, he made several boasting remarks about insulting me and cutting me off the air. He also asked a subsequent heterosexual

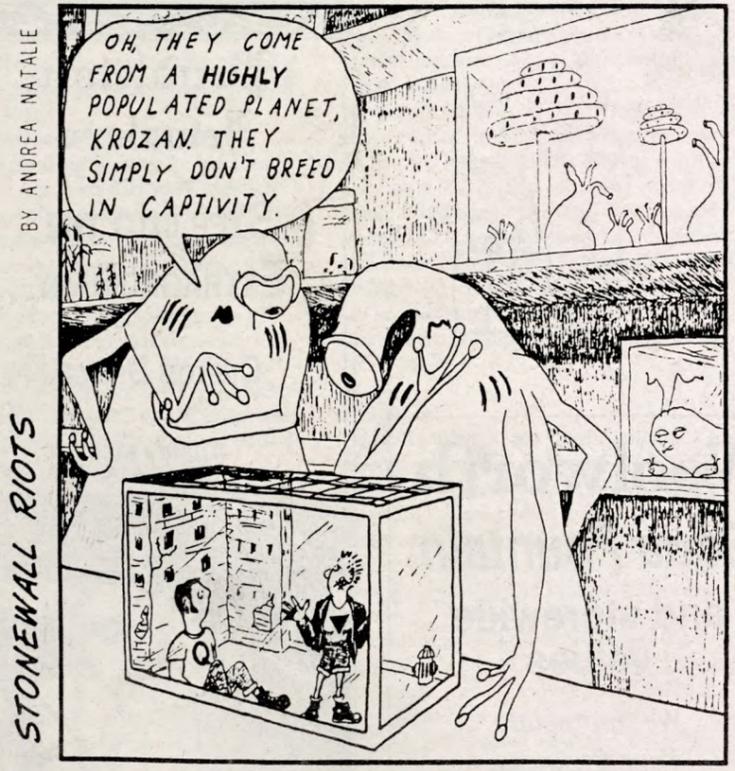
woman caller about her sexual activities, demanding to know whether she engaged in oral sex or not. When she refused to discuss her sexual activities, he insulted her and cut her off as well.

This line of questioning is quite simply sexual harassment of the purest kind. Silencing women's views by attempting to force them to undesired intimate sexual conversation defines this issue for me. Enduring sexual harassment on the radio obviously magnifies the humiliation enormously. The public response to the Anita Hill testimony (not the eventual outcome, unfortunately) reflects a nationwide community standard in opposition to verbal and/or physical behavior that degrades women by intimidating and nonconsensual sexual conduct.

I would ask you, as Station Manager, to very clearly draw the line with Freddie Mertz about his on-the-air conduct with regard to forcing his callers to speak about sexual matters before allowing them to discuss the issue at hand. I would also ask that you contact me about when and where you draw the line on this matter. Firing Mr. Mertz summarily during the Holiday season would bring thousands of offended listeners Scrooge-like delight—so go ahead, make our day!

Thanks in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Cathy Woollard



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Holiday events can be quiet, traditional—or a drag

by Danny Roble

Well, kids, here we are deep in December, and as usual I am desperately seeking diversion from the ho ho ho and the ho ho hum of this recession riddled holiday season. But where to turn? What to do? If I have to endure another crowded mall with piped-in Muzak carols, I can't be held responsible for my actions.

One place you won't be exposed to such clatter will be the Oxford Book Store on Pharr Road. This remodeled luxury car showroom has been taken over by a universe of books, cards, videos, and something for everyone on your list including yourself. And the truly well informed shopper will be aware of Acoustic Music Nights in the circular cafe.

On Sunday, December 22, the guest artist will be Shawn Mullins, followed by De De Vogt on the 23rd and the O-Tones on the 24th. So arrive early for the 8:30 performance in order to get a good seat and a hot cup of coffee.

If your musical tastes run along more traditional lines, you may be interested in The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's upcoming concert, "A Night in Old Vienna." Conducted by William Fred Scott, the music will consist of waltzes and other offerings evocative of that faraway time. I wonder if DeAundra Peek will be there whipping up Vienna Sausage Daquiris? Call the ASO at 898-1182.

Another offering of classical music comes to us from the Atlanta Bach Choir which will present "The 11th Day of Christmas Concert" on Sunday, January 5 at 3:00 pm at the Druid Hills Presbyterian Church on Ponce de Leon. Selections will include the wonderful Gloria in Excelsis Deo. Ticket information can be obtained by calling 872-BACH.

In entertainment news of another sort, I was in atten-



Sable Chanel, Miss Gay USA 1991, appears December 26 at Petrus.

dance at Petrus on November 26th when Atlanta favorite Tina DeVore was crowned Miss Georgia USA making her eligible for the coveted title of Miss USA to be held here in Atlanta in the Spring of '92. Tina sang in her own voice while first runner-up Ashley Kruiuz vogued as Madonna, and Leah Stetson led two-stepping

dancers in a country hoe down and placed as second runner-up.

Spotted in the crowd was jewelry designer Kevin Russell along with the lovely Flame Monroe who is the current Miss Chicago Continental. I had a chat with Flame who tells me she has relocated to Atlanta from the Windy City. Also seen was Lauren LaMasters who is working in North Carolina this month, Motion, Sable Shepard, China Fox, and Miss Georgia '91, Shawna Brooks. Of course, no USA preliminary is complete without the current Miss Gay USA, blonde goddess Sable Chanel. Sable has proven to be the most professional of all the entertainers to wear the crown of Miss USA and has never failed to provide audiences around the country with breathtaking costumes and show-stopping talent.

Speaking of Sable, we will have a rare opportunity to see two current national title holders at the same time at Petrus on Thursday, December 26th when the newly crowned Miss Gay America Tiffany Bonet will share billing with Sable. Also appearing will be Cezanne, Miss USA '90 and Lauren Michaels, Miss World '91. This night of glamour will also allow us to compare the subtle (and not so subtle) differences between the two major pageant systems.

I hope you will find plenty of pleasurable things to occupy your time this Christmas. If not, you can always follow the advice of Lucy, the 5 cent psychiatrist, who told Charlie Brown, "You need involvement!" Do something for someone who needs a helping hand. And if you really want to feel like Santa, buy a sack of groceries for a needy PWA and leave it on the doorstep anonymously. Santa never waits around for a thank you.

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OFF THE BEATEN PATH. Thru Dec. 21. Holiday open house at 8 galleries featuring unique quality gifts at affordable prices and special events. Call 524-5223 for more info.

STILL LIFE. Thru Dec. 21. Instead of an opening reception, there's a closing one (Dec. 21 at 4pm) for this unusual installation piece by Stan Sharshal. TULA Gallery. 75 Bennett St. 351-3551.

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 Peachtree Center Avenue. 688-2467.

CALDER, APPEL, HAYSLETTE AND HARUYO. Thru Dec. 27. Works on paper. 11 am-6pm. Burnhoff Gallery. Clear Creek Center. 1529 Piedmont Ave. 875-3475.

LAMAR SMITH. Thru Dec. 31. Oil on canvas figurative paintings, reminiscent of Chagall, based on legend and classical mythology. Anthony Ardavin Gallery. 75 Bennett St. 352-8738.

WILLIAM PARTRIDGE BURPEE: AMERICAN MARINE IMPRESSIONIST. Thru Dec. 28. Burpee was a New England painter who was the first American to adopt the title "Impressionist." Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art. 424-8142.

PRESENT PERFECT. Thru Jan. 7. The holiday show at Ariel Gallery offers jewelry, ceramics, prints and more for holiday buying. Ariel Gallery at Tula. 75 Bennett St. 352-5753.

ART AT THE EDGE: JORGE TACLA. Thru Jan. 31. In the 8th of the High Museum's on-going series of one-artist exhibitions, Chilean-born Jorge Tacla explores isolation, alienation and the stark loneliness of urban life. High Museum at G-Pacific. 577-6940.

Benefit

LET IT SNOW. Thurs., Dec. 19 10 PM. A Midtown Christmas to benefit AID Atlanta with special guests. Club AKA at Petrus. 14th & Peachtree St.

PWA CHRISTMAS FOOD BANK DRIVE. Thru Dec. 20. Hollywood Hots and Morningside Chase Apts. ask you to donate non-perishable items, canned goods and other items to help PWA's during the holiday season. Drop donations at Morningside Chase Apts. leasing office, 1445 Monroe Dr. 875-5622 for more info.

Drag

CELEBRATE USA 91. Thurs., Dec. 26. 10 PM & Midnight. A star-studded evening starring Sable Channel, Miss Gay USA 91; Cezanne, Miss Gay USA 90; Lauren Michael, Miss World 91; and Tiffany Bonet, Miss Gay America 91. Club AKA at Petrus. 14th & Peachtree St.

Holiday events

WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION. Sun., Dec. 22. 5 PM. Celebrate the Winter Solstice at the Prima Mater earth sculpture near Grant Park. Refreshments following. Reservations appreciated. 261-9343.

KWANZAA CELEBRATION. Sat., Dec. 28 2-7 PM. The Arts Exchange celebrates Kwanzaa on "Ujima," the third day of the African American holiday. "Ujima" honors the commitment to collective work and responsibility, and building and maintaining community. The day of collective participation by the resident performing and visual artists will include dance, capoeira, pottery, crafts and theatre. Free admission. 750 Kalb St. Off I-20 near Zoo Atlanta. 624-1572.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDEN. Dec. 21 & 22. Carolers perform four times a day at 2, 4, 6 & 7 PM. The Garden and Conservatory are decorated with thousands of white lights, hundreds of poinsettias and traditional greenery. A great place to relax from shopping. Atlanta Botanical Gardens in Piedmont Park.

CAROL SING AND CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE. Sun., Dec. 24 7 PM. All Saints Metropolitan Community Church. 575 Boulevard. 622-1154.

Literature

KAREN LEE OSBORNE. Dec. 19 7:30 PM. Osborne, author of the lesbian romance novel, Hawkings, reads from and autographs her book. Hawkings rises above the genre to a higher level of insight without losing the romance and mystery. Charis Books & More. 419 Moreland Ave. 524-0304.

Music

HANDEL'S MESSIAH. Dec. 19 & 20. The ASO and Chamber Chorus perform the complete Messiah. Symphony Hall. 892-2414.

A NIGHT IN OLD VIENNA. Dec. 28, 29 & 31. Ring in the new year with the ASO in grand Viennese style with a program of favorite waltzes, polkas and arias from great Viennese operettas. Complimentary champagne after the performance. Symphony Hall. 892-2414.

MICHELLE MALONE & KRISTEN HALL. Sun., Dec. 29. Two of Atlanta's finest musicians take the stage for this New Year's special. Variety Playhouse. 1099 Euclid Ave. 524-7354.

KANSAS. Dec. 31 8 PM. The "Dust in the Wind" boys help you blow in the new year. Center Stage Theatre. 1374 W. Peachtree St. 249-6400.

ATLANTA BACH CHOIR. Sun., Jan. 5 3 PM. All the major events of the holiday season will be celebrated in the Bach Choir's "11th Day of Christmas" featuring Christmas Cantata 191, New Year's Cantata 143 and Epiphany Cantata 65. Druid Hills Presbyterian Church. 1026 Ponce de Leon. 449-7570.

Political

LOBBY TRAINING. Sat., Jan. 4. 10 AM. The Gay and Lesbian Rights Chapter of the ACLU invite you to join them for training in effectively lobbying members of the Georgia General Assembly during their upcoming session. The training will be conducted by Mary Hickey, lobbyist for Georgians For Choice. 284-1347 for more info.

Sports

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



Lamar Smith exhibits his work (oil on canvas) at Anthony Ardavin Gallery through December. Pictured is "Continental Drift."



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AIDS Info Line—876-9944 (Atlanta); 1-800-551-2728 (State-wide). Answers about AIDS, referrals, etc., by trained volunteers staffing lines 9am-9pm daily.
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 The Friends Meeting House, 701 Howard St., Decatur. 1/4 mi. West of E. Lake Marta. Info 642-3467.
Atlanta Buyers Club—access to alternative treatment for the HIV community in the SE. (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 & emotional support for PWA's, 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 Assn of People with AIDS/Atlanta—A political, social, and educational org. confronting the AIDS crisis. Open to all individuals with AIDS, ARC or who are HIV+. 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. Thurs. 7:30pm at First MCC. 872-2246.
Positive Outlook On Health—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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The Pear Garden—11 Luckie St. 659-4055
Petrus—1150 Peachtree St. 873-6700
Phoenix—567 Ponce De Leon. 892-7871
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Tin Lizzie—Ford Factory Square. 874-3961
Tower Lounge—735 Ralph McGill. 688-5463
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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.

ACT UP—Direct action group with the purpose of fighting homophobia, AIDS, sexism and racism. Meetings held Tuesday at 7:30 PM, 44 12th St. 874-6782 (Office) and 605-7458(info).
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.
GAPAC—Greater Atlanta Political Awareness Coalition—Meetings vary. The gay and lesbian political action committee monitoring and acting in the local political scene. 368-7420.
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 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.
Straight But Not Narrow—Working with gay groups for the rights of gay men and lesbians. 875-6563 (Emily).
STOP Bias Crimes Hot Line—To report all bias/hate crime incidents and police abuse. 605-STOP.
PROFESSIONAL
Atlanta Business Networking Assoc.—Gay and lesbian oriented networking group—meets twice a month for "Lunch & Leads." Call: 621-5032.
Bar Owner's Assn—1874 Piedmont Rd., NW, Suite 211-B/102, Atlanta, GA 30324
Fourth Tuesday—A networking organization for lesbian professionals and entrepreneurs. Regular dinner meetings on 4th Tues. Also special events. 662-4353.
Georgia Assoc. of Physicians for Human Rights (GAPHR)—892-6165
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
SPIRITUAL
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 Sundays. 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.
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.
Oakhurst Presbyterian Church—S. Decatur, a multi-cultural community of faith, open to all. Sunday School (all ages) 10am, Worship at 11am. Call 378-6284 for information.
Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns—Gays and lesbians gather over light foods to celebrate their Presbyterian heritage. 373-5830.

SPORTS/OUTDOOR

Atlanta Team Tennis Assn.—Atlanta's tennis and social group for gay men. 621-2699.
Atlanta Venture Sports—An association in which the membership enjoys recreational, social, educational, & sports activities. 242-4899.
Atlanta Women's Social Tennis—Social activities as well as competitive outlets for tennis players of all levels. 662-GAME
Friends Atlanta—A social, recreational, and educational group for gays/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.
Hotlanta Volleyball—Info at 621-5062. Fridays 7-10pm at Mercer Univ.
S.E. Gay Rodeo Association—For cowboys and cowgirls across the south. PO Box 8262, Atlanta, GA 30306. 874-6556.
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 St. 349-3739.
Atlanta Couples Together—Social organization to support positive aspects of gay/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 interracial 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.
Coming Full Circle—African American Lesbian/Gay Network. Created to address poverty, political, emotional and health needs. Call Sai (Sa-E) 997-6871 after 9pm or Venus 294-1423.

Delphi—An ancient, mystic brotherhood. P.O. Box 14591, Atlanta, GA 30324.
Emotions Anonymous—A 12-step support group for gays & lesbians 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 612-9473.
Gay Fathers Association—Support group meets 4th Fri. 296-8369.
Gay Help Line—Phone, 6pm-11pm. 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.
Interact of Atlanta—A social group for professional gay men and women interested in travel, nights on the town, weekend getaways, and dinner with friends. Jerry 455-6795.
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.
Women of Wisdom—Aims to facilitate women meeting with women in a comfortable atmosphere. Meets at Chrysalis Women's Center monthly, date varies. 723-1112. or write P.O. Box 451065, Atlanta, GA 30345-1065.
Wordsmith Society—A Gay/Lesbian literary group. Seeking members. Open meetings every 4th Sat. thru Feb at Peachtree Library. 1-3:30pm. Call Ron at 892-2815 for info.
Young Adult Support Group—For men and women 14-24, meets at Atlanta Gay Center, 63 12th Street. 6:30pm every Tuesday. 876-5372.
ZAMI—Women who work together as friends and lovers, a support group for women of color. Meets 3d Sun. of each month at Charis Books. 315-7684.

STUDENTS

Emory Lesbian & Gay Organization—Meetings every Wed., 6:30pm, Room 355, Dobbs Univ. Center. Emory Univ. 727-6692.
Gays & Lesbians United for Equality—Kennesaw Community College's group is in the process of formation. 426-8160.
Georgia Tech Gay and Lesbian Alliance—Meet every Wednesday during school quarters for discussion/speakers/activities. 497-0684.
Ga. State Gay and Lesbian Student Alliance—Support, political and social org. for the lesbian, gay and bisexual GSU community. Meeting/activity times vary, call 264-2079.
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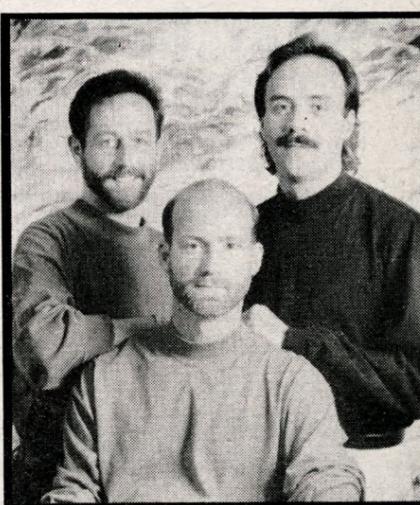
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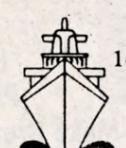
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group's roster, none are here tonight. "Unfortunately, the ladies have not taken to the idea as much as the men," Michael says.

The meeting begins promptly on time with announcements. A new activities chairman proposes camping, bowling, and Tupperware parties. "You pop mine and I'll pop yours," somebody comments. Men are urged to sign up for games night, Thanksgiving dinner, a membership directory, a cookbook, an Old English madrigal dinner at a Methodist church, and a trip to Mardi Gras in Mobile.

After dinner there's a pitch for Project Open Hand and a guided meditation. Everyone stands in a circle holding hands, imagining they hug special people. There's a break and men step outside for fresh air and a smoke by the pool, talking about psychic energy. The police officer still sits quietly in the car as I head home.

Since my visit, members of Gwinnett Lambda have organized Route 30 for Project Open Hand—its first outside the perimeter—to deliver 14 meals a week to three HIV-positive clients in Loganville and Lawrenceville.

—Gareth Fenley

In the Life is an occasional column which highlights an Atlanta metro area gay, lesbian or HIV/AIDS organization.

Gwinnett Lambda is a new alternative for suburban gays who want to socialize close to home. Started by two men who met in a therapy group, it has grown from 14 to 120 members in five months. "We are purposely trying *not* to get organized, political, and expensive," says Michael King, one of the instigators. "Once a month we provide a very informal covered-dish dinner. Other events just happen when people want to do something."

I arranged to attend the November 8 dinner at a Post apartment complex off I-85, a few miles past the Norcross Cracker Barrel. Inside the security gate in the rec-center parking lot, an officer sits quietly in a parked police car. There are no bumper stickers, no rainbow flags, no clue that I've arrived until I step into a warm room where 50 gay men are laughing and talking. They're single and coupled, of ages from about 30 to 70, all but one white. It's "cocktail hour" but nobody's drunk and most aren't even drinking. Although 12 women are on the

Center opens for HIV+ recovering addicts

Recovering addicts and alcoholics who are also infected with HIV are welcome to attend meetings at "A Place For Us," a new storefront drop-in counseling center and meeting space located at 3030 Campbellton Road, S.W. It is served by MARTA's bus number 83, connecting with Oakland City station.

Operated by Outreach, Inc., an AIDS prevention agency based in the African-American community, the new facility will be staffed by peer counselors who are themselves recovering addicts. Many counselors also are living with HIV infection.

Peer counselors are on hand during daytime business hours for drop-in visitors seeking a safe space to talk about their HIV status and addiction recovery efforts.

A special Narcotics Anonymous meeting is held every Wednesday at 7:00. The group is intended especially for people with AIDS or HIV infection. Additional meetings will be scheduled as needed, including the possibility of daytime meetings.

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Personal goal:
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At first blush, it's my idyllic dream of a long term relationship. A nice house in Candler Park, a successful business run with your partner of ten years, two kids, a dog, a cat, and plans for the future that include all of them. But Laura Bevins, who lives in my dream world, brought reality into the picture.

"I don't want to say it's been this terrific relationship for ten years," she laughs, "but it has never been a dull moment. That's a better way to describe it," Bevins explains, seated on the comfortable couch in her well lit living room.

Bevins felt a great calling to social work when she was 17, the same year she came out. The native Minnesotan moved to Montana and worked with battered women, rape victims and child abuse investigations.

"Unless everybody starts saying 'I can make a difference,' and start with the small things around them you won't make change and you'll feel that you can't," she says. "But if you take it in small increments, and move toward what you want, you'll get there."

Bevins wants to use her social work skills in the political arena to call attention to the issues a diverse gay and lesbian community face. "Health care, retirement, domestic partnership, sodomy laws, parental rights; these are issues that we all share and need to be unified around," Bevins points out, "not the issues of 'We all need to be alike,' because we are not, and if we were it would be very boring."

If the gay and lesbian community cannot unify on these issues, Bevins feels the progress of our issues will be slowed, but the diversity of the people in the community should not be sacrificed in the process.

While she works toward her Masters she is helping her partner, Lynn Manning, run HLM Services, an accounting firm with offices behind their home. Ninety percent of HLM's clients are gay and lesbian, which suits Laura and Lynn just fine. "I really enjoy working with the community," Bevins states, "they are great clients."

Speaking of clients, that's how Bevins and Manning met in Missoula, Montana. "Lynn owned a restaurant called, Captain's Fish and Chips, and I didn't have any money at the time, so I used to go there and she would give me a meal," Bevins remembers. "She was pregnant at the time, and very cute."

Ten years later, Bevins and Manning are raising two daughters, 13 year old Mercedes and 11 year old Tasha. "We have co-parented the entire time," Bevins

says. "Consequently, they haven't had as hard a time as other kids experience in school, feeling they need to hide this or you can't talk about that. That's never come up."

Bevins brags about the girls, who are straight-A students and involved in many activities outside of school, including community events such as Cracker Barrel protests and the Lesbian and Gay Pride March. "I think kids in lesbian and gay relationships are probably less prejudiced than other kids raised in conventional American families."

Raising children in a gay or lesbian relationship has not been easy by any stretch of the imagination, but Bevins and Manning have found a lot of support, even from friends of their children. "A lot of friends that they do talk to," Bevins says, "say, 'At least you've got two parents,' and they wish their parents would do things with them like we do (with our kids)."

Besides having two mothers, Bevins says the problems faced when raising kids is no different than a conventional family. "You always have the talks about drugs, sex, and alcohol, just like any parent faces," Bevins explains. "And all kids go through their different phases." Right now, their oldest daughter wants to drive, and Bevins and Manning are dealing with that issue.

But, if dealing with the children wasn't enough, Bevins and Manning must work on their own relationship. I was a little let down to know that there is no magic formula for a long lasting relationship, only a four letter word, "work."

"I think you realize the grass isn't greener on the other side," Bevins says, "and if you really want to be with somebody you've got to work, and realize the relationship is just fun in the beginning, but then you've got to get back to life. It's not always easy, but you work on it."

Bevins encourages those in same sex relationships to really communicate and let one another know what's going on inside so you won't grow apart. At the same time, Bevins says the community should support and nurture long lasting relationships. "We don't acknowledge or recognize each other's relationships," Bevins notes.

It's sad, Bevins points out, that a lot of long term same sex relationships are not more revered or talked about. For those like me—searching for the key to a relationship that includes kids, pets and long term goals—Bevins and her world are a fine role model.

—Candace Chellew

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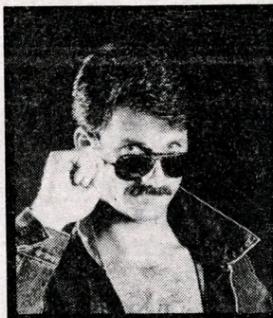
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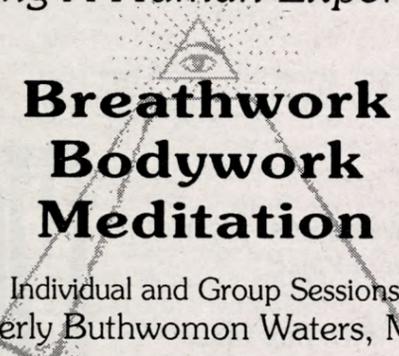
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by Reid Hamilton

If you were in an automobile accident and wound up in the hospital in a permanent coma, would you want to stay on a respirator indefinitely? Does your partner know what your wishes would be? Does your family? Would your partner and your family agree on what should be done? If so, are you confident that any hospital you happen to be in would honor their instructions? Would you like for a judge that you don't know to make the decision?

The AIDS crisis has raised awareness of the issues of terminal health care within the lesbian/gay community. But AIDS is not the only reason that young and otherwise healthy men and women should think ahead about what they would prefer if for any reason they became unable to direct their own health care. An accident of any sort, heart attack, stroke, or the sudden onset of any serious illness could result in temporary or long term incapacity.

person's desire that his or her life not be prolonged in the event that he or she is in a "terminal condition" as defined by the statute. The Living Will is designed for use by persons who have made a decision that they do not want to be maintained indefinitely on artificial life support; the statutory form is not an appropriate alternative for a person who does wish to be kept alive under all circumstances. You should be aware that a Living Will does not authorize the withholding or withdrawal of nutrition and hydration.

A second option, less familiar but more flexible than the Living Will, is the "Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care." This very useful Power of Attorney authorizes one or more of your chosen representatives to make health care decisions for you in the event that you are unable to do so. You may set forth specific guidelines concerning the exercise of this power,

"AIDS is not the only reason that young and otherwise healthy men and women should think ahead about what they would prefer if they become unable to direct their own health care."

Congress has recently passed the "Patient Self-Determination Act," which requires nearly all hospitals to inform every patient "at the time of the individual's admission" to the hospital of his or her right under state law to determine the course of their own health care. Ideally, you should discuss these matters with your personal physician before you ever need to be hospitalized. Unfortunately, many people do not have a personal physician, and the matter is never addressed in advance of hospitalization. Moreover, being informed of your right to direct your health care "at the time of admission" to the hospital, as required in the Patient Self-Determination Act, may be a case of too little, too late. If you are admitted to the hospital unconscious or severely ill and under stress, the Federal Act may be of little benefit to you.

Now, while you are healthy and your judgment is clear, is the time to consider two very helpful options available in Georgia that can help you maintain control over your own care even after you are incapacitated.

One option, already familiar to many, is to execute a "Living Will." A statutory form of the Living Will is found at Section 31-32-3(b) of the Official Code of Georgia, Annotated. When properly drafted and executed, including the signatures of proper witnesses, the Living Will serves as a memorandum that states in advance a

including varying degrees of efforts to sustain your life. In addition, you can provide for organ donation and for the disposition of your remains.

This Power of Attorney is "durable" because, unlike most powers of attorney, it is not automatically revoked when you become incapacitated; indeed, the power does not even take effect until that time. Thus, you maintain control over your own health care (and may revoke the Power of Attorney) until you are no longer able to make decisions for yourself. A statutory form, Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care, is found at Section 31-36-10(a) of the Official Code of Georgia, Annotated.

If you are in a committed gay or lesbian relationship, a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care can insure that your partner will not be "frozen out" of decisions about your care if you become incapacitated; hospitals and doctors will not be forced to favor the wishes of your immediate family, or worse, a court of law, over those of you and your partner.

Tomorrow is not the best time to think about what will happen to you and to those who care about you if you become incapacitated; the best time is today. Your attorney will be glad to help you in drafting and executing a Living Will or a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care.

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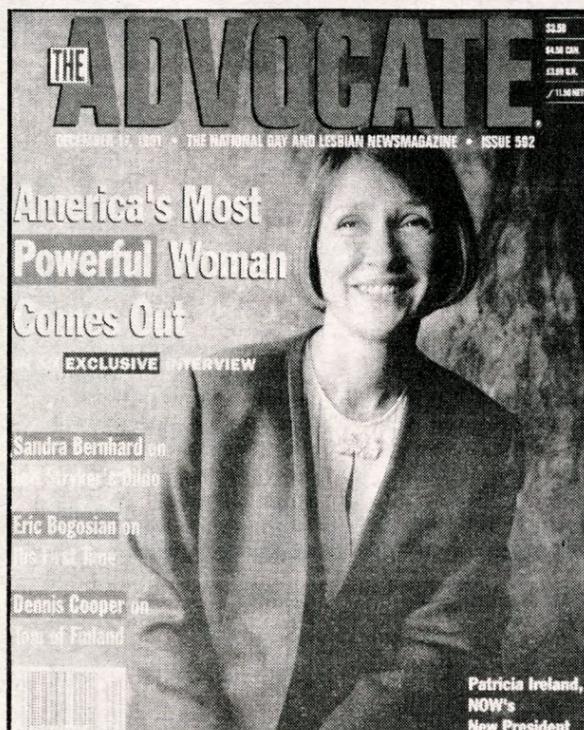
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Coming Attractions: Fresh on the heels on the announcement that an L.A.-based group will run a full page pro-gay ad in "People" magazine comes the announcement of a similar program from Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. It seems that P-FLAG is producing a TV public service announcement with "families of gay men, lesbians and bisexuals proclaiming their love..." Sounds like a good idea to DISH, especially since so much of what we see on TV has little or nothing to do with people even liking, much less loving, each other. Local P-FLAG chapters will put together teams of volunteers who will approach TV stations. If you're interested in helping to get the spot aired in Atlanta, call Atlanta P-FLAG at 296-0830 or 875-9440.

Refreshing Honesty: Could it be really be? Truth telling in the White House? On the surface it looks like the good news is that John (Baby Adolph) Sununu is gone from his position as second-in-command at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. But notice that Bush advisor Charles Black Jr. (himself not exactly known for a particularly progressive or compassionate take on the needs of the body politic) says that Sununu's departure will "end the finger pointing and the controversy [inside the White House]." When was the last time you heard such a candid admission of truth from a Republican administration? When Richard Nixon resigned? Maybe now Sununu will join Pat (Big Adolph) Buchanan and David (Baby Benito) Duke in opposing Bush for the Republican nomination. Can you imagine a Duke/Sununu ticket? Kinda' makes Bush/Quayle look kind. Well, maybe... NOT!

Just in Case You Missed It: National Organization for Women President Patricia Ireland has come out as a bisexual; she is married to a man and has had a female "companion" of four years. Several days after that announcement was buried somewhere in the first section of the A-J/C, Georgia NOW President Samantha Claar (an avowed homosexual and self-defined "common sense militant" for some years now) was the feature of an extensive piece that ran (complete with a large color photo) on the front page of Dec. 7 Metro-State section of the big paper. Kudos to Holly Morris for her article about Samantha. And to Sam for that fab hairdo!



More Kudos: To Leif Eric Spivey, Producer of "Out in Atlanta," and to John Ishmael, Director of the show. OIA (which we think is far better than NYC's Gay Cable Network, but then we may be a bit biased—SoVo editor Christina Cash does the news on the Atlanta show) has received a \$4000 grant from the city's Bureau of Cultural Affairs and will be back on Cable Channel 12 with 13 completely new shows starting January 20. Check the calendar of our January 17 issue for complete details.

Speaking of Patriotism: Remember Stealth Condoms? And the big brouhaha about the fact that the Air Force didn't want a

Texas condom manufacturer to market his (red, white and blue) product using the same name as the military's big bomber. Well, now comes news that the US Trademark Office is refusing to give their approval to the Old Glory Condom Corp and its logo—a flag shaped like an unfurled condom. The Trademark dudes say that the name and the logo would "scandalize or shock the conscience" of the American public. As if the government's handling of most of its business—especially the AIDS epidemic—hasn't already done that!

Wrap in a Rubber, Brother: Have you ever wondered about about the folks who make up the messages that go on those movable letters signs out in front of churches? Talk about reductive reasoning. (Our all-time fave—from one summer back in the middle '50s: Open the doors of God's sanctuary and find...Air conditioning.) Some unfortunately are not so funny. Like the one at Clairmont Hills Baptist: "God's prescription for AIDS prevention is one man for one woman for life." Out at Pine Lake Presbyterian the testimony du jour is: "The Real Magic is HIM+." If someone has not already festooned these wicked words with condoms (preferably red, white and blue ones from the aforementioned Old Glory Condom Co.) then we hope they'll do so soon.

Lust at the Cirque: If you missed the Cirque du Soleil's extravagant exhibition on Spring Street, well you missed the finest piece of theatre to come down the pike in many a year. Unlike most circuses this one attracts mostly (85%) adults. After watching the show we think we know at least one reason why—gorgeous performers in very tight costumes. Dish was especially taken with the drummer, the tight rope walker, and the young man who escorted us to our seats. Talk about a Nouvelle Experience!

Take Note: Both the Wall Street Journal and Fortune magazine have recently run articles on the new breed of gay/lesbian entrepreneur: women and men have tired of being forced to stay in the closet as they climb the corporate ladder. Dish knows what you mean, honey!

December 19, 1991– January 1, 1992

RULING PLANETS

by Mary Bailey-Rule

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Happy Birthday to organized Capricorns! Happy New Year to everyone. Mercury went into direct motion on the 18th, Jupiter goes retrograde on the 30th, Venus moves into Sagittarius on New Year's Eve.

ARIES—Your 9th house of long-distance travel and higher education is really humming with Mars and Mercury, so take advantage of the situation and use this time to improve your skills and broaden your horizons.



TAURUS—Venus in your 7th house of close relationships and Jupiter in your 6th house of physical health may mean some changes. Especially a good time to eat better, sleep better, get a massage and be affectionate with friends.



GEMINI—You may find this a great time to travel across the country, seeing old friends and playing St. Nicholas to those with a less than optimistic view of life. Remember, there is genius lurking in the wings, so be confident.



CANCER—Home for the holidays with family and friends and hopefully not too much sugar will probably be the most satisfying for you. Travel may be trying for you, especially before the 18th, so be prepared for delays.



LEO—Your 5th house of creativity and originality is activated by Mercury, Mars and then Venus on the 31st. Give original and unique gifts to friends and loved ones. That will impress them more than expensive stuff.



VIRGO—With the Sun in your 5th house of creativity, you can really make a hit with friends and family with your original creations and delightful goodies from the kitchen during the holidays. Just don't overwork yourself this year.



LIBRA—Have you taken any time for yourself lately? This is not the best season for quiet time, but try to have a little bit each day to collect your thoughts and choose your priorities. Especially important before '92.



SCORPIO—With your 2nd house of material resources and personal income activated, this is the time to consider ways to consolidate your finances and generate income rather than spend it. Use your intuition rather than cash for gifts.



SAGITTARIUS—Mercury is still moving through your 1st house of personality and self-awareness, making this a good time for writing in your journal, communicating with old friends and possibly taking a short trip out of town.



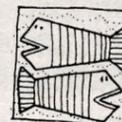
CAPRICORN—More activity and change with the Sun moving into your 1st house on the 22nd. Neptune and Uranus keep things busy, but the Sun will give you energy and focus for winding up the year and beginning a new one.



AQUARIUS—Life might be a little easier with Saturn somewhere besides your 1st house of personality and self-awareness, but you may be the most well-organized and focused. Be easy and gentle, especially with yourself.

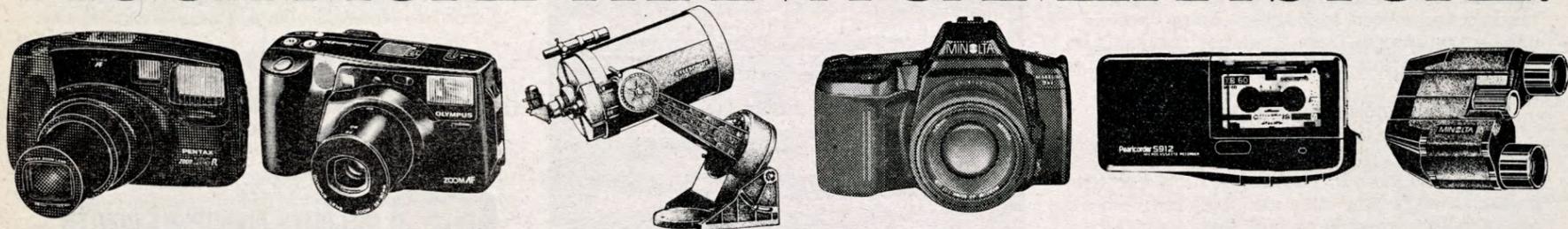


PISCES—As we move into the Winter months, family and friends may be in need of your deep inner faith and strength. Remember to give yourself time to nourish your own inner life and spirit as well as expressing your needs.



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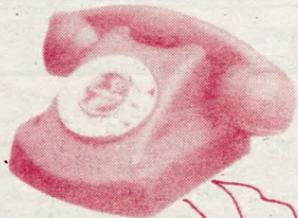
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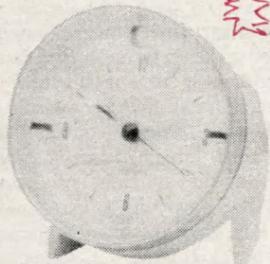
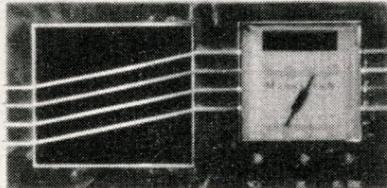
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Ask for Pete, Chris, Doc, Gary, or Ray

by Jonathan Mitchell

Gay and lesbian leaders say that "something in the air" tells them the general attitude toward homosexuals is starting to move in a more positive direction, albeit it slowly, in this country. That bodes well for a gay community facing some major milestones in 1992 and beyond.

To take full advantage of this time leaders say the gay community must begin organizing now and in a manner that is unmatched in previous history.

Recent victories for the gay movement, when viewed in a collective sense, are impressive. An increasing number of states and communities are enacting gay rights legislation. Public opinion polls show a growing acceptance of homosexuality both in the military and in the workplace. Recent articles in the *Wall Street Journal* and *Fortune* magazine on corporate and entrepreneurial gays, just to name a few, indicate that the mass media is not only paying attention but covering the issues in a fair and in-depth fashion.

Soviet gays enjoyed their first Pride celebrations this year. Amnesty International, the major global human-rights watchdog, has agreed to amend its governing mandate to police abuses against gays and lesbians.

As an election year, 1992 will bring a host of victories and defeats for the growing gay movement. While the progress may be slow and gay leaders wrangle over the scope of their achievements, they do agree that the general trend is a positive one.

Politics

The defeat of anti-gay Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-CA), says Gregory King of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, is the most important political goal for the national gay community.

Arch-conservative Dannemeyer challenges only Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) as the most homophobic and dangerous person in Congress. "His defeat is clearly the most important political issue of 1992," King said.

King said California Democrats will probably field former San Francisco mayor Diane Feinstein to challenge the Republicans for this seat. Feinstein, who has a long history of supporting gay rights, is said to have a "very good" chance of defeating Republican opponents next year.

The recent election of Democratic Sen. Harris Wofford over former Attorney General Richard Thornburgh in Pennsylvania bodes well for political gains by the gay movement. Wofford has been a strong supporter of gay rights, King said, while Thornburgh's record was dismal.

Increasingly, candidates who come out in favor of gay rights are not finding it the political liability it once was.

Other contests that will get a close watch include:

- A chance to make political history will be presented in California as well in 1992, King said. Openly-gay politician Tom Nolan will make a bid for Congress. If elected, Nolan would become the first openly gay non-incumbent to be elected to a national office.

- Referendums both pro- and anti-gay will appear on the ballots across the country, including Oregon and California.

Members of AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power plan to gather in force for the Democratic and Republican conventions next summer. "We're going to be at both conventions," said ACT UP/New York's Betsy Lenke. "You will see ACT UP in the news."

ACT UP will press for the "decriminalization of choice" in AIDS treatment throughout 1992, she said. She hoped that candidates would address this issue in their campaigns next year.

Because of the presidential campaign in 1992, many issues will be brought into public debate, King said. The prohibition of gays and lesbians in the military, as well as the growing movement toward gay "family" rights will be pushed by the gay lobby.

"These elections are more important than any other in the last decade," King said.

Legal

Some tough legal battles loom on the horizon for the national gay community in 1992, according to leaders on the forefront in this area.

Across the nation, gay and lesbian leaders expect rough times for local and state gay rights legislation, especially in light of the California rights measure that was vetoed by Gov. Pete Wilson. According to Penny Perkins, public education coordinator for the New York-based Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the fight for civil rights will intensify because of that loss.

"That (the California veto) has stirred up an immense amount of activity in the gay community," Perkins said.

Clamor in the streets of California over this issue will continue, she said, and will spread. Illinois gay activists are also gearing up for another try at pushing through a gay rights bill in that state. Only a handful of states across the country currently have gay rights legislation on the books.

National gay leaders are also increasingly optimistic that the long-standing ban on homosexuals in the military will finally fall next year. The recent ruling in the Steffan case, in which the judge used AIDS as justification for banning gays from the military, will just "add fuel" to the campaign against the ban, says Urvashi Vaid of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

At an October fundraiser for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, keynote speaker Geraldine Ferraro called for an end to the discrimination.

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recruit and train volunteers, when we need to have the most effective, high-morale armed forces, it goes after people like Perry Watkins, Miriam Ben-Shalom and Joe Steffan," Ferraro said. "They wonder why people call military intelligence an oxymoron?"

In early November, California Rep. Barbara Boxer (D) introduced into the House a resolution that called for the ban to be ended. The initiative is historic in that it is the first such Congressional measure to specifically use the terms "gay, lesbian and bisexual" in its text. The result of much behind-the-scenes lobbying, the resolution would give President Bush a way to rescind the policy without any specific legislation being passed by Congress.

Other issues, like the continued fight for domestic partnership legislation, gay parental custody, and a push by PWAs for a national health care system will receive substantial efforts from gay legal groups like Lambda in 1992.

Events

Perhaps the most symbolic and emotional event affecting the gay and lesbian community next year will be the return of the NAMES Project AIDS Quilt to the nation's capitol on Oct. 9-11, 1992.

The Quilt's return is a massive undertaking that will be done largely with the help of volunteers, according to Project Executive Director David Lemos. By 1992, the group estimates the Quilt will include 20,000 panels and cover 13 acres of land.

"Our commitment is for nothing less than an historic event which will remind our country and its leaders of the urgency of the HIV epidemic," said Lemos.

Another Washington event, planned for 1993, will be the focus of gay attention next year, as planning continues for the next National March on Washington. The Interim-Coordinating Committee for the march will control the event's planning until January '92. At this point, the 17 regions drawn up by the ICC will take over and organize gay communities at the local and state level.

Organizers point out that to be a success, the March must reach across gender and racial boundaries to include all gay people. To this end, planners have adopted goals of at least 50 percent participation by women and people of color in all aspects of the March.

ACT UP/NY, like its sister chapters elsewhere, does not have a master plan for protest in 1992. "We don't work like a business with a calendar or agenda," Lenke said. She promised that ACT UP's actions would be visible in equal, if not greater, force in the year ahead.

And who knows what other groups such as Queer Nation will do. The continuing protest against Cracker Barrel, spurred by Queer Nation/Atlanta, has now gained national media attention and is likely to remain in the spotlight until some type of response from the restaurant chain is forthcoming.

Entertainment

Gays and lesbians were given increased exposure on television in 1991 and sources who watch the entertainment industry say to expect more of the same in 1992.

Indeed, sensitivity toward the gay community seemed the rage in Hollywood this year, making homosexuality almost a *cause celebre*.

We saw men across the TV dial searching for their "deeper masculinity," when the men on CBS' *Murphy Brown* went to a male drumming session. On Fox *Roc* and family were dealing openly with a favorite relative coming out of the closet and marrying his lover. On NBC's celebrated *L.A. Law*, viewers were tantalized with lesbian overtones in the relationship of two female characters on the show, including a same-sex kissing scene. Meanwhile, ABC's *Roseanne*

played down her boss' sexual orientation as if it were no big deal. Trekkers were told to expect gays to beam aboard the Starship Enterprise soon. The list grew with every ratings sweeps period.

While this out-pouring of generally positive portrayals of homosexuals is welcomed by the gay community, many remain cautious of what Hollywood will do next.

According to Ellen Carton, spokesperson for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation's (GLAAD) New York office, 1991 has not been a banner year for gays and lesbians in the media, but it was better than 1990. "It was not exactly a major step forward," she said.

GLAAD warns the gay community that while gay and lesbian characters were more frequent and positive on television, other areas, especially the motion picture industry, retain dismal records on their handling of gay issues and themes. Movie audiences still see gays as serial murderers, child molesters, or social outcasts.

Carton called movie depictions of gay characters "disastrous" in 1991 and sees little improvement next year. "For every one positive portrayal, there are probably 10 negative ones," she said.

Writer/Producer Arnold Margolin, best known for the campy *Love, American Style* and *Growing Pains*, told the *Los Angeles Times* that even in the land of make-believe it isn't safe to leave the closet. "For all the public demonstration of gay and lesbian lifestyles in our community, the entertainment industry closet remains crowded," he said.

"Significant numbers of even the most powerful members of the entertainment community—from stars to CEOs—can't acknowledge their homosexuality without fear of personal or economic reprisal," Margolin said.

This is important because this homophobia taints the scripts that Hollywood generates each year. Sensitive stories like AIDS or outing will not be told by Hollywood in 1992, he said, because of this climate.

Opponents of increased gay visibility in the media orchestrated massive campaigns against advertisers and broadcasters which they felt promoted homosexuality in 1991. Carton feels this could become an even greater threat in 1992.

To combat this, GLAAD has started its own Mediagram campaign. For \$4, GLAAD will send overnight messages of praise or protest to advertisers and media outlets who deal with gay issues.

"We are alerting advertisers that they need to listen to gays and lesbians because of the dollars that are there," Carton said.

Individual gays and lesbians can do simple things to convince producers and editors to give gay stories more and better play, she said. The gay community must call local station managers to voice their opinions on programs, and support advertisers that are gay-friendly.

The onset of 1992 will not see great changes for gay and lesbian exposure in the media, Carton said. Still, she remains cautiously optimistic. "There is some movement," she said.

What can you do to see that '92 is a better year for your self, your friends and family? According to Gregory King of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the best things a gay person can do in 1992 are:

- register to vote and then vote in the elections.
- join a national or local gay rights organization.
- come out to at least one person.
- begin to save money to make the trip to Washington in 1993.

"We must see increased involvement in the political process," King said, for gays to make significant gains. The time appears to be right.

Said King, "We are on a wave and it hasn't peaked yet."

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Reclaiming tradition, and dealing with holiday leftovers

by Gary Kaupman

The very words "holiday tradition" give me hives; they conjure up images of the methods that my nuclear family used to make merry: spend too much money; drink too much alcohol; tell too many lies; and watch too much TV.

But despite my dismay, the holidays continue to come—one right after the other. I've barely finished freezing the leftovers from Thanksgiving and already friends are asking about what they should bring to *our* annual Christmas tradition, dinner at my house on the night of December 24th. That's when a bunch of us who marched together in D.C. in 1987 get together to share food, stories and memories. As friends invite new friends, the group keeps expanding. Even a married hetero couple has merged well. One member's mom attended last year. Alas, she found our family a bit odd and has decided to feast elsewhere from now on.

OK, so there is *one* holiday tradition that I do like, but there are still those damn leftovers to deal with.

Recycling the Turkey

Instead of using leftover bird for an interminable parade of sandwiches, try recycling it into chili. Turkey remainders tend to be a mess of schnibbles anyway, so chop 'em up, pack them in a plastic bag, and sling it into the freezer. Retrieve them in time to whip up your favorite chili as New Year's approaches. (I don't know about you, but I absolutely cannot watch the Bowl games with a bowl of chili and a slab or two of cheese toast in hand.)

If you're ready for a bit of change to your usual chili, try the following modifications: add some inch-square chunks of red and green bell pepper to the onions as you saute them. Stir in a couple of tablespoons of unsweetened cocoa as you add the chili powder and other spices to the onions and peppers. Add a quarter cup or so of tarragon vinegar along with the tomatoes. When all that's well-blended, stir in the turkey.

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And finally, use black beans rather than kidney's or pinto's.

Still feeling adventurous? Serve it over basmati rice and garnish with a dollop of plain, low-fat yogurt. Tastes great and the fat saved by using turkey and yogurt allows for more cheese toast!

If you use the turkey in chili, then what do you do with the left-over dressing and gravy?

Easy.

Make the dressing into patties. Saute the patties until crisp on the outside and serve them topped with poached eggs and gravy. If your taste buds are as bent as mine, a little salsa atop the gravy makes for perfection. And it's equally scrumptious for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Speaking of Stuffing

Several of our Christmas eve group don't eat meat. Usually they're content to feast on veggies, but, if your non-carnivore's eat fish, here's a better idea. Add some oysters (and/or scallops) to some or all of your stuffing. Saute them for a minute or two with the onions, celery and whatever other veggies you are using as a base. Use clam juice (and/or a white wine, heated to drive the alcohol off) rather than chicken broth to moisten the dressing before baking.

And there's absolutely no reason why vegetarians can't have gravy for their potatoes and stuffing. Just make a medium-dark roux and add a little wine and the water that you used to steam one or more of your veggies.

Come to think of it, using the same roux as a base for your turkey gravy will make it smoother and richer than trying to thicken drippings with raw flour.

Last Minute Gifts

Another tradition that I generally eschew is gift giving—unless I run across an item that simply demands to be given to a particular friend. Several things have caught my eye this year. Not surprisingly, they're all edible.

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Chocolate is the easy answer for my sweet-toothed buddy F., but he's one picky queen likely to snub any offering that's not equally pleasing to both eye and palate. Usually he gets naught from me. This year he gets lucky with a box of Joseph Schmidt's new "Slicks" chocolate truffles. They taste like heaven and look like avant garde art. Prices range from \$1.95 for one to \$22.50 for a very spiffy black gift box that holds a dozen assorted flavors. At Maddix de•luxe, 1046 N. Highland Ave. (892-9337).

Poppy seed cake is the ultimate aphrodisiac for my friend S. And what may well be the the ultimate poppy seed cake can be found at The Easy Way Out, 2449 Peachtree Road (262-9944). It's made by a company called PattyCakes and part of the packaging is so Junior League that it would make the Queer Nation logo look subtle. But once you get it out of the Mason jar in which it was baked, this golden manna is worth each penny of its \$6.95 price tag. And it's very chocolate cousin is equally as good.

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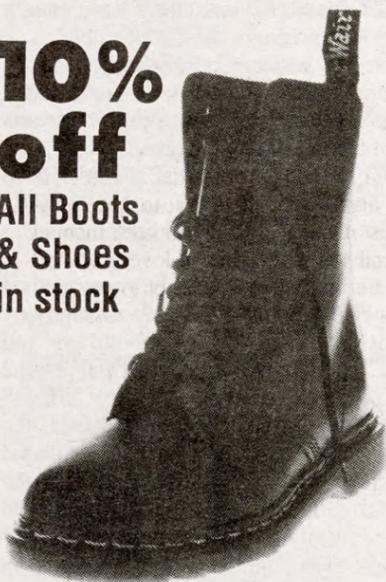
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by Maria Helena Dolan

"Certain it is that the winter solstice, which the ancients erroneously assigned to the 25th of December, was celebrated in antiquity as the Birthday of the sun, and that festal lights or fires were kindled on this joyful occasion. Our Christmas festival is nothing but a continuation under a Christian name of this old solar festivity; for the ecclesiastical authorities saw fit, about the end of the third or the beginning of the fourth century, arbitrarily to transfer the nativity of Christ from the sixth of January to the twenty-fifth of December, for the purpose of diverting to their Lord the worship which the heathen had hitherto paid on that day to the sun."

—Sir James Frazer, *The Golden Bough*

Most holidays in this country have few, if any, plant phylum representatives in close association. Christmas, however, has a host of green traditions: including but hardly limited to holly, mistletoe and evergreen trees.

What I find most interesting about these little outdoor beings brought indoors for a spell is their distinctly pagan origins. Pagan?? Oh, quite.

Long before the Christian era, holly was sacred to many peoples. The Romans, for example, would customarily send it with a gift to friends, during their Saturnalia (a week-long festival of ritual debauchery which took place around the Winter Solstice).

The Druids believed that "holly was the plant of death and regeneration, sacred to Mother Holle, or Hel, the underworld Goddess. Red holly berries showed the female blood-of-life color, corresponding to the white mistletoe berries associated with male elements of semen and death. In the divine marriage celebrated at Yule, they were displayed together.

"The 'holy' holly was linguistically linked with Hel's yonic 'hole' (Germanic Hohle, a cave or grave). It was the most sacred of trees...

"In the Dionysian cult, female holly was paired with the god's male symbol, ivy. Green boughs of both were used to adorn doorways at the solstitial festival. (*The Woman's Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets*, Barbara G. Walker, p. 406.)

No less venerated was the tiny but magical mistletoe. Sir James Frazer cites the "Gallas of Africa" and the "Walos of Senegambia" amongst the peoples who regarded mistletoe as an extraordinary provider of great luck.

In Europe, the seemingly ubiquitous oak cults especially saw mistletoe as sacred. It "is used to bring fertility, for either a child-to-be, or for a personal project of creativity. The berries represent sexual potency, serve as an Aphrodisiac, and are used with frequency in amulets for heightened sexual experiences.

"An herbe of Immortality, Mistletoe, is seen as a symbol of rebirth, its energy containing the secrets of life

beyond this, carrying the soul far into the future. It is traditionally hung over a doorway with red thread or cord to bring harmony and protection to the home.

"Mistletoe banishes all evil and negative energy, and brings good fortune and joy to the user." (*The Master Book of Herbalism*, Paul Beyerl, p. 224.)

Indeed, the mistletoe was known to contain the "seed or germ of the (solstitial) fire, which was elicited by friction from the wood of the oak...(Hence), the sun's fire



This quite ancient custom of decorating evergreens was brought to England by the German Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, in 1841. Germanic immigrants to these shores likewise had begun to spread the custom here—and of course the anglophiles felt that, if the Queen and the Prince decorated a tree in Buckingham Palace, they should do the same in their homes.

was regarded as an emanation of the mistletoe." (Sir James Frazer, p. 692.)

Interestingly, "Sacred-oak cults continued throughout the Christian era. As late as 1874, an ancient oak-tree shrine in Russia was worshiped by a congregation led by an Orthodox priest. Wax candles were affixed to the tree, and the celebrants prayed, 'Holy Oak Hallelujah, pray for us.' A drunken orgy ensued. Modern customs of kissing under the mistletoe are pale shadows of the sexual orgies that once accompanied the rites of the oak

god." (Barbara Walker, p. 661.)

As might be supposed, the good fathers tried to suppress the carnal rites of Solstice for over a thousand years. The story of Saint Winfred, who missioned to eighth century Scandanavians delineates this pretty clearly.

"As he (Winfred) hewed down a great oak tree, a young fir tree miraculously sprung up in its place. Saint Winfred then proclaimed the tree holy, saying it was symbol of endless life because its leaves are ever green. 'Take it up and carry it to the Chieftan's hall. You shall go no more into the shadows of the forest to keep your feasts with sacred rites of shame. You shall keep them at home with laughter and songs and rites of love, gathered around the green fir tree to rejoice in the birth night of the Savior.'" (*The Book of Religious Holidays and Celebrations*, Marguerite Ickis.)

None other than Martin Luther brought an evergreen tree into his home in mid-December, decorated with (astonishingly pagan) candles, to demonstrate to his offspring "how beautiful the stars looked through the high branches of the fir forests as they winked in the sky." (Margaret Ickis, p. 52.)

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Not everyone was so favorably disposed, however. "A young pastor by the name of Schwan, in Cleveland, Ohio, created a furor in 1851 by bringing a lighted Christmas tree into his church. The town's decent people would not tolerate such a pagan practice!" (Margaret Ickis, p. 52.) (After Schwan presented an exhaustive case, the townsfolk relented. Christmas trees adorn many churches nowadays.) Christian symbols—angels, trumpets, the Star of the East, etc. made acceptance more palatable.

Indeed, stories began to circulate about evergreens and their early relationship to the Son.

According to one, "when the little Christ child was born in Bethlehem, not only did Wise Men come to offer gifts; the birds, beasts, and plants came, too. Each had something to offer the little Jesus, excepting the pine tree. It had nothing to offer except its needles, and they would only prick the Baby and were not at all suitable.

"But God saw how disappointed the little tree was, and told some of the stars to go down and rest on its branches. When they did, the little tree was covered with such radiance that when the Child saw it, He stretched out His arms toward it in happiness. From that time forth, at Christmastime, the little pine tree always bears lights which we place there in memory of the night it gave pleasure to the Christ Child." (Ickis, p. 75.)

Whether you celebrate nothing, Solstice, Christmas, Three Kings Day, Hanukkah, Kwanza, Saturnalia, or whatever, perhaps we can all agree that having plants in the house as the seasons change makes life more pleasant.

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Star Trek VI:

The Undiscovered Country—★★★
Prince of Tides—★★
Strangers in Good Company—★★★1/2

by Terry Francis

Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country—A back to the basics installment in the series of *Star Trek* films begun in 1979, this time directed by Nicholas Meyer, whose *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan*, remains the most enjoyable of the lot.

This newest film, apparently the final voyage for the crew members of the original television cast, is a simple parable lifted from our own, present-day political theatre: the collapse, owing to the wrecked economies of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, of the Berlin Wall and the Cold War.

The Klingons' problem here is even worse: a mining accident on their planet will evaporate their oxygen supply within fifty years, extinguishing their entire species. Beyond that, because they have always spent a disproportionate share of their wealth on weaponry, they now lack the funds necessary even to finance the recovery of their own planet.

Kirk and his familiar crew—Spock, Bones, Uhura, Scotty, Chekhov—are dis-



The crew of the starship Enterprise battle the Federation's sworn enemy, the Klingons, in *Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country*.

patched on a fragile diplomatic mission to offer the Klingons a way out: resettlement elsewhere in the galaxy.

But when the rowdy Klingons' vessel is fired upon during tenuous negotiations, sabotage—from which side?—is suspected. Kirk and his crew must unravel the mystery, or face certain galactic war.

Everything here—directing, acting, writing and visual effects—is conventional but fine. It's an honorable and good-humored conclusion to this part of the *Star Trek* saga, as we await the next generation.

The Prince of Tides —A failure of courage. Barbra Streisand's film is certainly better than the Pat Conroy book on which it is based. The Conroy work is

shameless. It raises any number of grievous and serious issues, and then backs down from dealing with any of them—trashes them really—beneath a purpled veneer of profoundly second-rate hyperbolic prose.

Despite being ruthlessly selective in its adaptation, Streisand's movie, like the book, is essentially a paean to male ego: superficially, a straight white male high school football coach named Tom Wingo (Nick Nolte)—that ultimate role model for us all — leads us by the hand into the light of wisdom and onto the path of recovery and enlightenment.

Why, he's not even prejudiced against his sister's stereotyped flaming queen next-door neighbor, who gazes longingly in Tom's direction even after the coach has walked out of a room.

And what can you make of the character Streisand plays in the movie, a psychiatrist named Susan Lowenstein, who forbids her clients to use certain words in her office during consultations? Huh? One instantly questions her competence.

Apart from a few commonplace touches, such as the zillionth skyline of New York used as an establishing shot, the film is smoothly made. Finally, though, it serves up the usual ham about forgiving one's parents for every sort of abuse as the key to mental health. Merely remembering and crying about your victimization in a psychiatrist's office at \$150 an hour is the cure here—a diminution of authentic psychic anguish.

During its last quarter, the film seems to want to become *The Way We Were*, as Streisand and Nolte intrude upon the film's thematic concerns to treat us to a view of their joint sexual reawakening.

Yet the movie is memorable if only for one scene. Nick Nolte, in the sequence in which he recalls a brutal and traumatic event in his life, is prodigious. This big hulking man, so brash and discordant to

himself and to everyone around him, in a quicksilver flash of memory reveals his shattered central self, and it is the most emotionally complex passage of acting by an American actor since Sean Penn's performance in *Casualties of War*. Nolte does practically nothing, and he lacerates us.

Strangers in Good Company — From Canada, a ravishing group portrait has arrived. A handful of women set off by bus to visit the childhood home of one of their number, perhaps the eldest of the group, who now appears to her friends to be sleeping her life away.

But they and we catch her in her finest moments, standing in contented silence before the rapturous beauty of the Canadian wilderness, contemplating her life.

When the bus used to transport them suddenly breaks down, they are stranded nearly twenty miles from the nearest help. And we watch them as they draw on the resources accrued over the course of their long lives in order to provide for themselves until one of them can walk the distance and summon assistance.

The assembled women reveal themselves quietly. One of them is fussy about her wig and wishes she had completed her education; another is shy about sharing the fact that she is a nun; still another, of Mohawk heritage, devises a trap to catch fish for their dinner; and one of them matter-of-factly discloses that she is a lesbian.

Sentiment, not sentimentality, is what this film imparts. It follows trail after glittering trail of pain and happiness left by lives nearing completion with honesty and simplicity. Director Cynthia Scott honors her subjects by permitting them to stand distinct in the radiance of their individual natures. That she does so without the phony histrionics of say, a *Prince of Tides*, is a measure of the director's own poise, which here is an example of quite phrasing in the arts.

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English Cottages and Castles in photographs by Lowell Franga that are irresistibly storybookish; and *365 New-Words-A-Year Calendar* for those who seriously wish to expand their mind and personal vocabulary.

If someone's suffering wanderlust, there are several calendars devoted to countries of the world that will either satiate their travel bug or force them to buy a transatlantic plane ticket! In *The Irish Countryside*, Ric Ergenbright lensed the verdant beauty of its many hills and dales and includes Irish holidays, too. Rivaling Ireland for rugged coastal cliffs and lush meadows, Ergenbright lensed *Scotland* in an exquisite series of photographs. *English Country Life*, another Ergenbright enterprise, delights the devotees of stately manor houses with enchantingly British country gardens.

For the historically-minded, *The Medieval Woman: An Illustrated Calendar* recaptures women's lives from this fascinating period in images from 14th and 15th century manuscripts to the Uni-

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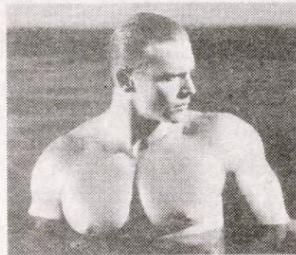
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For anyone who harkens back to "the good old days" even if only momentarily, there are calendars galore to please the feelings of nostalgia. This year's claims to the past include *Meet the Beatle/Album Covers*, *Star Trek/25th Anniversary*, *Elvis*, *James Dean*, *I Love Lucy*, and *Hurrell's Hollywood*, the stars of yesteryear captured by "the look" photographer himself, George Hurrell.

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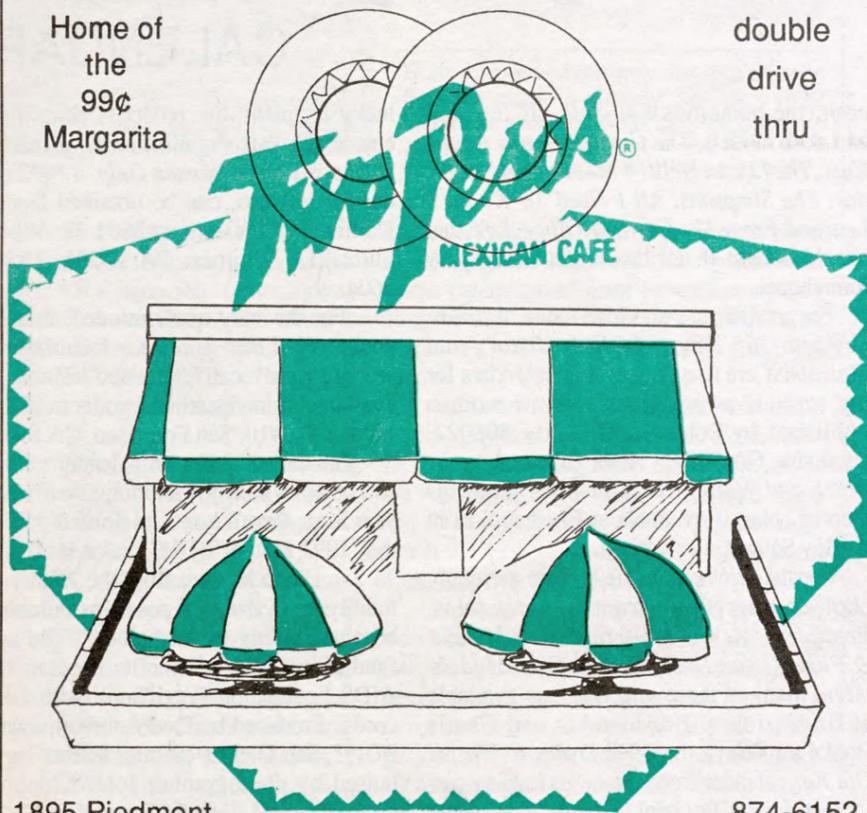
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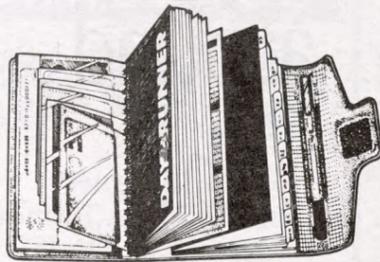
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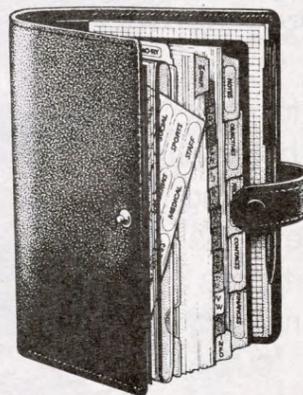
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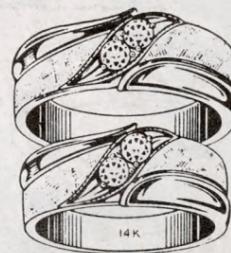


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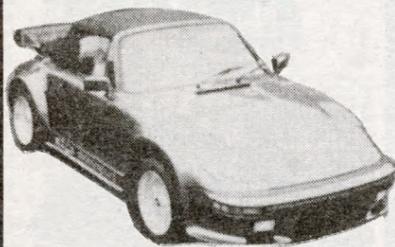
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craft, the humorous *Far Side* off the wall and desk models, *The Garfield Truth About Cats*, *The Life in Hell* 16 Month-Fun Calendar, *The Simpsons*, *All I Need To Know I Learned From My Cat* and *Office Life* that should delight if not downright tickle your funnybone!

For an African-American focus, *A Journey into 365 Days of Black History* and *Malcolm X* are two outstanding calendars for the actively-aware black man or woman published by Pomegranate, Box 808022, Petaluma, CA 94975. Also, *Expressions in Black and White*, which features gorgeous men of color, is available at Brushstrokes in Ansley Square.

For the provocative taste, there are many choices, everything from *Chippendales*, *Breathless*, *Men in Uniforms*, *Men/Muscle & Fitness*, *Skin Deep*, *Denim*, *Ford Models /Men*. Many of these selections are available at Brushstrokes. Brushstrokes and Charis Books also carry the 1992 *Dykes to Watch Out For* calendar from infamous lesbian cartoonist Alison Bechdel. *Female Focus*, the 1992 Women's Health Care Benefit Calendar, featuring the powerful, erotic photography of Kasey Scott, will not only thrill the

lucky recipient, but proceeds benefit women's health care organizations—a fast seller at Charis Books. *Women Only*, a 1992 calendar for lesbians, can be obtained from Nur Damen Productions, 13601 E. Whittier, Suite 212, Whittier, CA 90605. 213-698-5604.

For the very queer-minded, there's the pocket-sized *Blue Calendar* featuring recent works by provocative gay and lesbian artists available from Herrlich Productions, 2336 Market St., #10, San Francisco, CA 89414.

For those passionate calendar collectors and others who enjoy adorning their walls all year long, there's a special limited edition of the "1992 Men of BULC" calendar featuring 14 San Diego he-men from the leather community in a variety of poses, from leather to beach to hiking to "at home." The annual fundraising project benefits the San Diego AIDS Foundation Food Bank with all proceeds. Produced by Fred Acheson, owner of BULC, San Diego's premier leather bar, and lensed by photographer John Kleppinger, order by mail directly from BULC, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92101.

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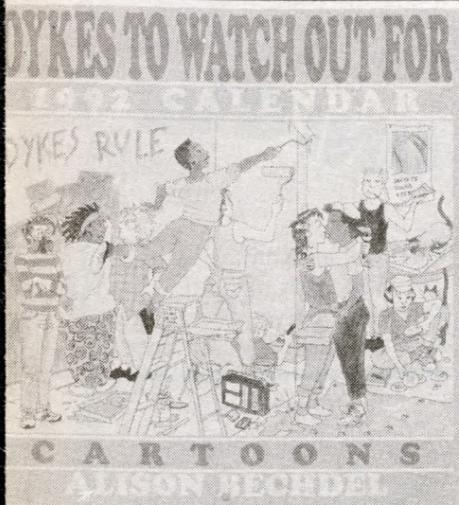
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And *Art Against AIDS*, featuring works by famous (like Keith Haring) and not-so-famous PWAs, is also a benefit calendar. You can find it at Brushstrokes.

For the erotic taste, there are the always popular annual editions of Colt Studio, which is celebrating its 25th silver anniversary. Their calendars have become classic among collectors of male erotica. This year is no exception with *Colt Classics* featuring superstars from their own hall of fame, *Weather! Colt 1992* which celebrates raw sexuality of the male animal, *Star-Fire Man Calendar* showing the works of Joachim Frederick, a well-known celebrity and body-builder photographer. The works of Jim

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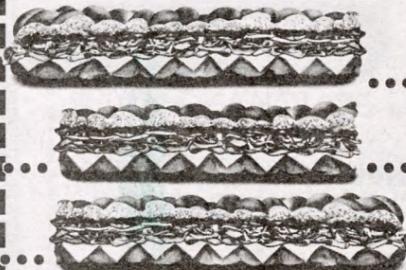
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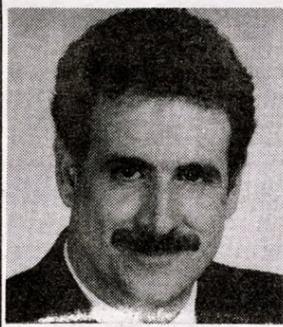


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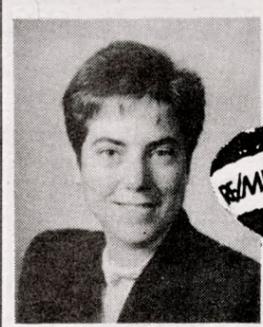


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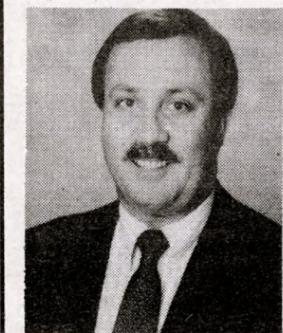
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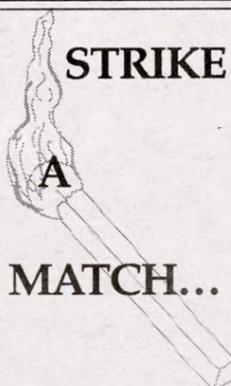
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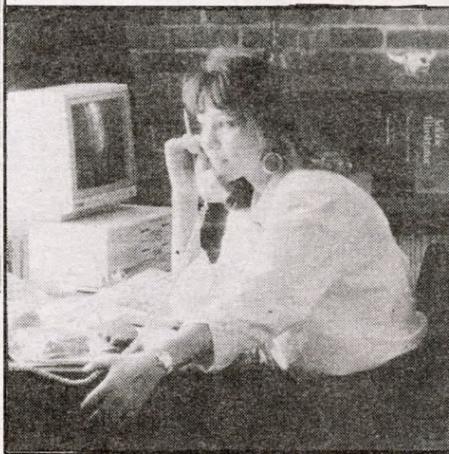
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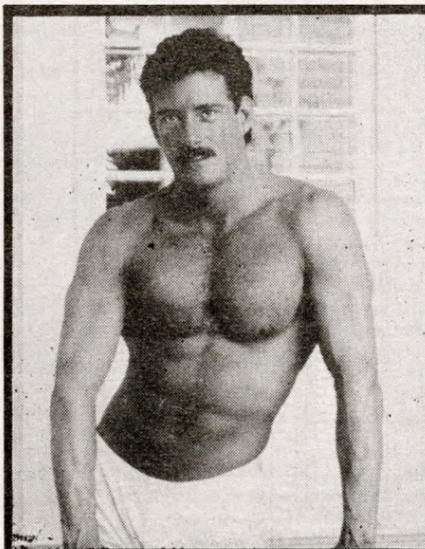
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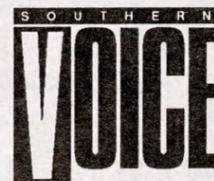
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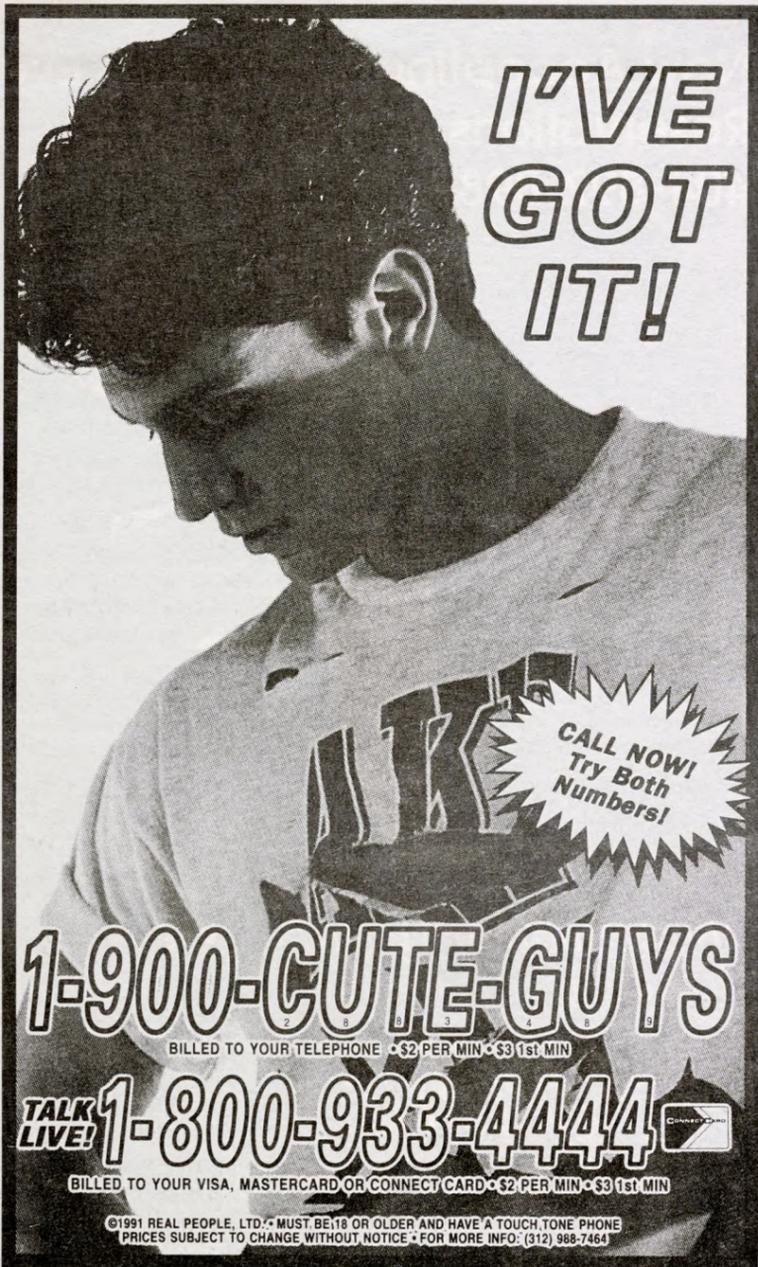
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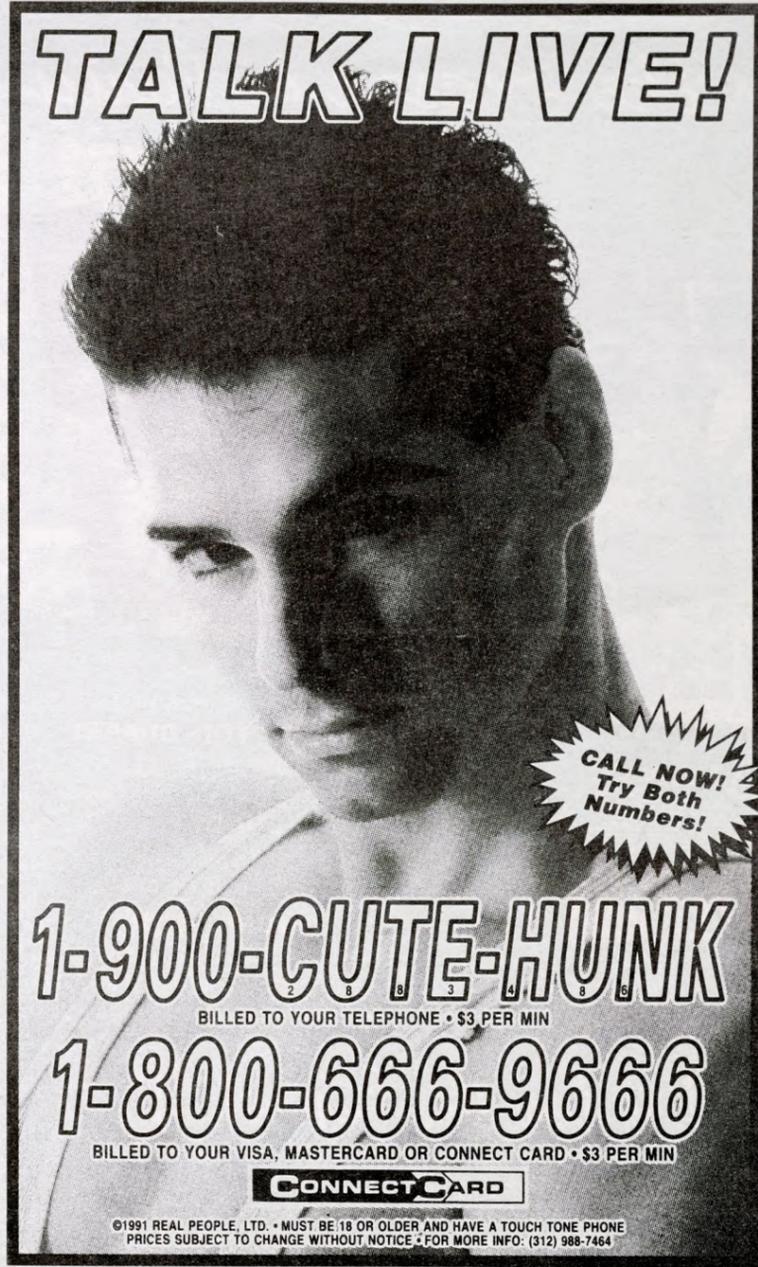
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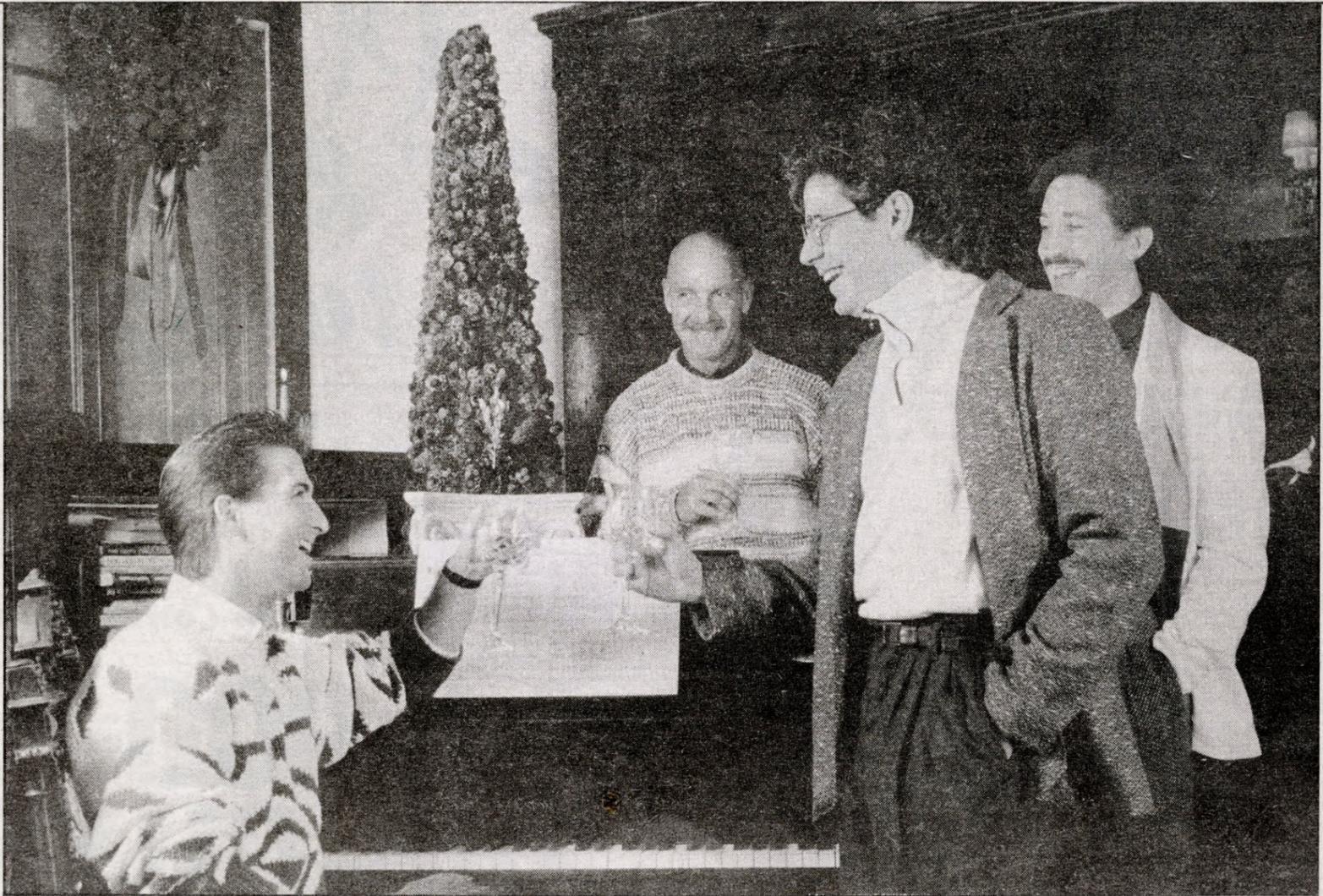


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