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Bowers blasted over lesbian lawsuit

Court refuses to dismiss case brought by lesbian attorney

Atlanta—Federal District Judge Richard C. Freeman blasted Georgia Attorney General Michael Bowers and denied a motion to dismiss filed by Bowers in a job discrimination suit brought against him by a lesbian attorney. In a 13 page ruling issued on March 9, Freeman cited "several inaccuracies and inconsistencies" in Bowers' motion, as well as "misinterpretations of both fact and law."

In the suit filed against Bowers last October, Robin Shahar claimed that Bowers violated her constitutional rights to freedom of religion, freedom of association, due process and equal protection under law when he revoked a job offer to her after learning that she planned what he termed "a purported marriage [with] another woman."

"I'm very excited about the decision," said Shahar. "It's time to get on with it. And it's nice to start off on the right foot."

Freeman's ruling was hailed as an important decision for lesbian and gay rights by attorneys working on the case.

"The court's decision carefully demonstrates that constitutional claims on behalf of gay people are deserving of serious treatment," said William Rubenstein, director of the ACLU's National Lesbian and Gay Rights Project and one of Shahar's attorneys. "Claims for lesbians and gay men cannot be laughed out of court."

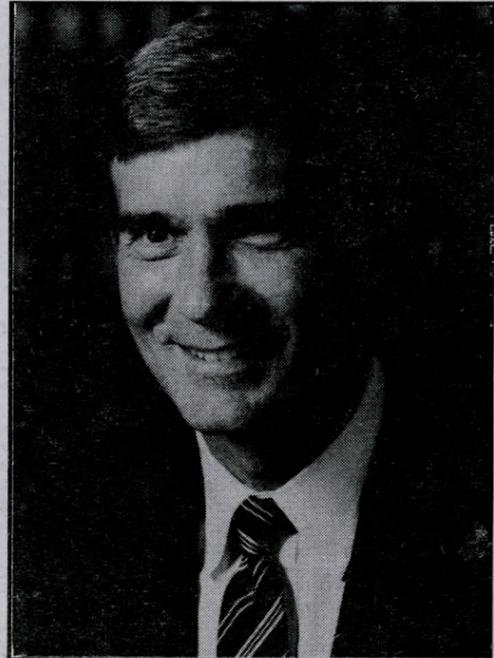
"We think Judge Freeman has decided every legal issue correctly," said Ruth Harlow, staff counsel to the ACLU's lesbian and gay rights project. "The most striking thing is that he rejected every single argument that Bowers made to dismiss."

For his part, Bowers said that he was disappointed with the ruling.

"But we're prepared to litigate this to its final resolution," he said. "I think I did what the law required [by revoking the job offer], and I still believe so."

Bowers added that he and his attorneys had not decided whether or not to appeal the ruling. "More than likely we'll proceed with litigation," he said.

Shahar, who had worked in the attorney general's office between her second and third years at Emory University's School of Law, was offered a job as State Attorney pending her graduation and passing of the bar exam. She did both,



and was scheduled to start work on September 23, 1991.

Bowers learned of Shahar's plans to be married by an ordained rabbi in a Jewish wedding ceremony from an employment information sheet, where Shahar wrote that she was "engaged to Fran" under marital status. Bowers later said of his decision that Shahar was "holding herself out as acting in contravention of the law."

Judge Freeman ripped the attorney general on several counts, saying "If the court were possessed of a greater amount of time and/or patience, it would endeavor to outline each impropriety in detail." Among the items he did outline was a complaint that Bowers "over cites and misconstrues" *Bowers v. Hardwick*, the landmark sodomy ruling involving Bowers in 1986. In that case, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Georgia's sodomy laws do not violate a right to privacy.

Bowers used the 1986 decision, inferring that Shahar broke Georgia's sodomy laws by marrying a woman, to argue for dismissal based on homosexual conduct. Freeman, while agreeing that to

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Pictured: Georgia Attorney General Michael J. Bowers

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Task force solves problems, moves ahead

Atlanta—Atlanta's new lesbian and gay public safety task force held its second public meeting last week, electing officers and putting the finishing touches on the structure of the organization. The task force will be led by co-chairs reflecting gender and racial parity, instead of the single chair originally set up by City Council's Public Safety Committee.

The task force had gotten off to something of a rocky start last month, when questions arose regarding the appropriateness of Chris Hagin as chair of the group. Hagin was appointed, as were the other members of the task force, by Banks, but after a flurry of concerns from community members and negative publicity generated when Hagin was arrested on a DUI charge on the night of the first task force meeting, he tendered his resignation both as chair and as a member of the task force.

On March 10, task force members met in a closed-door session and voted to accept Hagin's

dual resignation. Members would not comment further on the situation, except to acknowledge Hagin's contributions in getting the force off the ground.

At the organizational meeting on March 11, Joan Garner was elected co-chair, Carolyn White, vice chair, and Ricky Wilson, secretary, and Larry Pellegrini accepted appointment as acting co-chair until a permanent co-chair could be found.

The newly elected officers were scheduled to meet with Public Safety Committee chair Carolyn Long Banks on March 12, but that meeting was cancelled because of an illness. The officers were told, however, by City Council representative John Meckley, that Banks supported their decisions on how the task force is to operate.

"Everything appears to be a go," said Pellegrini. "We were told to proceed the way we want to."

Pellegrini said that the task force is "triple happy."

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No guaranteed housing for HIV+ at Walton House

Atlanta—An SRO project in downtown Atlanta will not have set aside rooms for people with HIV as was originally announced. Walton House will be operated by Antioch Baptist Church North as a 128-room facility for the working poor, but following fierce opposition from downtown business leaders, plans for the set asides were dropped.

"We agreed that we were not going to indicate that we will screen in or out any percentage of people," said Joe Beasley, a spokesperson for the church. "We will house people with HIV—there has been no retreat from our original commitment to do that."

The commitment to housing people with HIV will be satisfied by "luck of draw"—an assumption that in any given population, some of the people will be HIV+.

"It's my understanding that there will be no set asides," said Lewis Holland, president of Central Atlanta Progress (CAP), the downtown development organization that led the opposition to the facility. "There will be no screening—it will be like any hotel in town, anyone can go into that location."

Local advocates for people with HIV were disappointed with the shift in focus, saying that not screening applicants for housing is not the same as insuring places for people with HIV.

"I have grave concerns about the change in plans for Walton House," said Sherry Siclair, who coordinates AID Atlanta's housing program. "It's imperative that there be set asides in projects like Walton House."

Holland said that CAP opposition to the set asides stemmed from two areas.

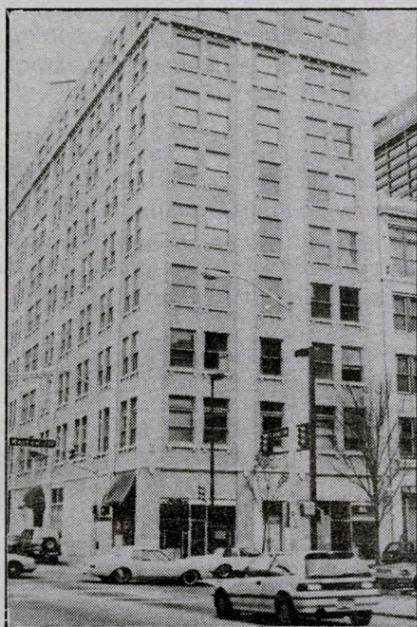
"One is that it is purely an emotional issue, and not a realistic one," he said. "It's a matter of perceptions, and we cannot let anything become a stumbling block to the development of the area."

Redevelopment plans include adding shops, restaurants, grocery stores, and other amenities of in-town living. Holland said that business leaders also envision the Fairlie-Poplar district (where Walton House is lo-

cated) as a cultural district, with galleries and theatres. This, he said, precludes housing people with HIV, because there will be no services nearby for their needs.

"That's the second point," he said. "For the working poor, it will be close to jobs and services that they need. But for HIV purposes, it's not close to anything. That's just not the best location. There's no logical reason [to house people with HIV] other than a building is available."

Holland said that CAP has agreed to help Antioch locate another building that would "have HIV as a focus."



Siclair disagrees with Holland's idea.

"We've got to stop warehousing people, stop segregating them," she said. "Not only people with HIV, but the poor, the disabled, the elderly, anybody who is 'different.' It smacks of leper colonies."

She said that integration of these varied communities, making services available to all groups, is crucial to society.

"If we keep doing it this way, we'll just have a whole culture of 'segments,'" she said. "We keep thinking of social services as being about 'helping' people rather than including them in society. The fact is, many people in these 'segments' are productive. That's especially true of people with HIV, many of whom are healthy, and can and do contribute a great deal."

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photo by EAGLE

Bill forbids talk of condoms, safe sex

A sex education bill that made it out of committee with severe restrictions removed had those restrictions returned in an amendment from the House floor last Thursday. Language in HB 1837, passed by the House education committee on March 5, gave teachers discretion in what to teach in sex education classes, but the bill that passed the House 150-1 decreed that teachers could not teach anything illegal.

"That includes discussions of safe sex, condoms, adultery, sodomy, anything," said Nick Danna, lobbyist for the Georgia AIDS Coalition. "Basically all a teacher can say under this bill is that sex is only possible between a man and a woman in the missionary position after they get married. Anything else is hellfire and damnation."

Danna said that the fundamentalist Christian lobby led the efforts to have the restric-

tive language returned to the bill, and that representatives passed it without debate late Thursday afternoon. The bill now goes to the Senate, where activist hope to stop it in committee.

"If it gets out of committee, it'll pass," said Danna, "because the senators will be afraid to vote against it. But if we can stop it in the Senate, we'll have a major victory."

Danna said that he and other concerned lobbyists are talking to Lt. Gov. Pierre Howard to enlist his aid in putting the bill in a committee considered more friendly than the senate's education committee. He said that the rules committee also could help stop the bill by simply ignoring it.

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"We need to stop this bill," said Danna. "It does not protect children. It protects fundamentalists."

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Conservatives angry over Bush, NGLTF meeting

A meeting between gay rights advocates and George Bush's campaign manager has set off a backlash of complaints from conservatives across the country.

Representatives from the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force met with Robert Mosbacher last month to discuss gay and lesbian issues as they pertain to Bush's campaign. Right wing conservatives, including Republican presidential candidate Patrick Buchanan, have gone on the offensive with anti-gay rhetoric and complaints against visibility of lesbians and gays in campaigns.

"I would like to see at least a statement from Mr. Bush that Mr. Mosbacher doesn't represent us," said Buchanan at a campaign stop in Mississippi.

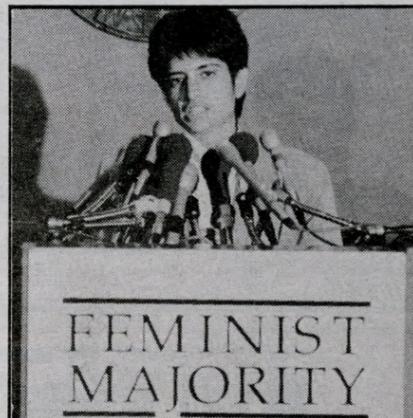
"The invitation and meeting was a slap in the face to every voter who affirms the traditional family," read a letter to Bush from conservative Congressmen, including William Danne Meyer (R-CA) and Newt Gingrich (R-GA). "The NGLTF agenda is not the Republican agenda and should not become part of your re-election bid."

The president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. Morris Chapman, joined other conservative Christians in condemning the meeting. He wrote, "Having the highest-ranking member of your re-election campaign met with the homosexual lobby is a direct contradiction to your

attempts to portray your administration as pro-family. We call upon you to personally disavow any support or sympathy for the homosexual civil rights agenda."

Urvashi Vaid, executive director of NGLTF, called those who opposed the meeting "extremist groups" and "undemocratic."

"Gay people have every right to meet



with representatives of our elected officials," said Vaid, who attended the meeting with Mosbacher. "In a panic because of increasing gay political organizing, they are striking out at our visibility."

Bush has not commented publicly about the meeting, but the White House issued a statement saying that the meeting was a "personal decision" by Mosbacher, whose lesbian daughter Dee helped arrange the meeting. Mosbacher denied that he held the meeting to appease his daughter.

Pictured: Urvashi Vaid
photo by Jim Marks

Task force

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"We're pleased that Council member Banks and the council understand our need to organize in a certain way," he said. "We're pleased with the cooperation we've gotten from all the divisions of government we've dealt with so far, and we're pleased that the organization process is over and we can get on with our work."

In other business, the task force nominated Margaux Schaffer, public relations director of American Educational Gender Informational Service (AEGIS), to fill Hagin's vacated slot. Her nomination is expected to be confirmed by the Public Safety Committee at their next meeting on March 23.

The purpose of the task force is to hear complaints from the gay and lesbian community regarding public safety matters, including police, corrections, fire department and court issues. To that end, representa-

tives from the police and corrections department attended Wednesday's meeting.

Tom Pocock, director of the city's office of corrections, told the group that either he or a member of his staff would attend every task force meeting to answer questions, and that his internal affairs department would investigate any charges of misconduct at Atlanta's jail.

"We're fully committed to work with this task force," he said.

Task force meetings will be held every third Tuesday of the month, at 7 pm at City Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for April 21. Later this month, the task force hopes to have procedures in place for community members to contact the group about public safety concerns.

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Pictured: (left to right) Ricky Wilson, Laura Bevins (behind Wilson), Sherry Siclair, Carolyn White, David MacDonald, Venus Landin, Patrick Bell
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Gay district may wait until next year

With all the spit and thunder coming from under the Gold Dome about ethics and state reapportionment, it's easy for smaller items to go unnoticed, or become forgotten. That's almost the case for Rep. Cynthia McKinney's Atlanta City Council redistricting plan, which calls for consolidation of the city's most gay-and-lesbian-heavy areas into one district.

“We think it will give us a shot at a gay or lesbian city council member,” said Rich Jones, president of Legislate Equality for Lesbians and Gays (LEGAL), who worked with McKinney on the plan.

“We did demographic studies on census data and voter records to try to determine which neighborhoods were the gay and lesbian ones,” he laughed, “although we could have put 10 people in a room and say draw us a map and they would have done what we did.”

McKinney's plan is based on one drawn up by City Council staff with the help of the Secretary of State's office and Georgia State University.

“The only difference,” said Jones, “is one precinct in midtown.”



The McKinney plan takes Precinct 7P, which lies between North Avenue and 10th Street and Peachtree and Piedmont, out of District 2 and places it in District 6, along with Candler Park, some of Little 5 Points, Midtown, Virginia-Highlands, Poncey-Highlands, the Ansley area, and a good portion of Morningside.

Mary Davis, council representative from District 6, said she hadn't seen the map of McKinney's plan.

“I wouldn't want to lose any other part of my district to gain that,” she said, “but adding it would be fine.”

Davis said that talking about city redistricting, however, may be premature.

“I believe that before we change that,” she said, “we should have a complete charter review.”

Charter review is being discussed at City Council, Davis said, as well as on the state level. Any review of the city's charter would also include a look at the structure of City Council.

McKinney agreed with that assessment. “The need for redistricting of the City of Atlanta, and also a charter review, provides us an opportunity to make certain that things are



done correctly.”

One of those ‘certain things,’ McKinney said is to help all segments of the city have better access to city government.

“We want to make sure that everyone who is a citizen of the city has an opportunity to cast a meaningful ballot,” she said. That means ensuring fair representation whether or not an openly gay or lesbian person is elected.

“We want to keep communities of common interests together in one place so that votes count more,” she continued.

All of this may be moot for this year, however, as the 1992 Georgia General Assembly session draws quickly to a close. Continued difficulties with state and Congressional reapportionment have kept legislators busy, and kept local issues on a back burner.

The latest plan for state reapportionment has been submitted to the U.S. Justice Department. Legislators are not hopeful that this plan will be accepted, and that means more work, and possibly a special session, to finish.

Nevertheless, McKinney plans to pursue her plan. “We're all still hooked up on state redistricting,” she said, “so I really don't know how or when we'll focus on this. Since we have to deal with the state first, we'll probably hold off.”

Regardless of when the work on creating a “gay and lesbian district” gets under way again, Jones is hopeful of its success.

“We think we have a pretty fair chance,” he said. “especially since our plan is so close to the one City Council drew up.”

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Pictured: Rep. Cynthia McKinney, left, photo by Evett Bennett
City Council member Mary Davis, right

Bowers blasted

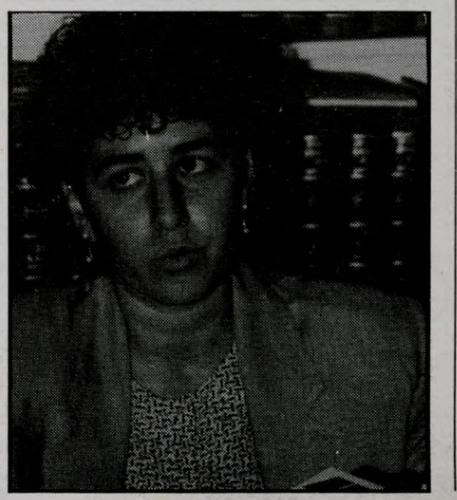
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date there is no “constitutionally protected right for homosexual conduct,” said that nowhere in Shahr's complaint did she argue for such a right. Bowers' “insistence on this point,” wrote Freeman, “has been tiresome.”

Freeman's ruling means that both parties may proceed with the litigation process. Attorneys for Shahr and Bowers will provide documents and depositions about the case, following which both parties will ask the judge to rule on the case itself. The process is still expected to take several months.

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Pictured: Robin Shahr
photo by Evett Bennett



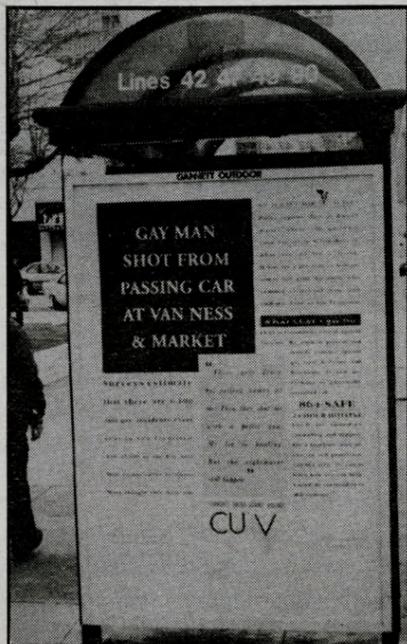
Researchers Aim To Include Gays In Holocaust Museum:

Researchers for the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum are looking for possible exhibits about gays for inclusion in the museum. Currently, the museum houses only two pink triangles to represent the estimated 15,000 gay men who were killed by Nazis. Michael Bernbaum, project director for the museum, said that lesbians are not featured because the Nazis did not persecute them because they could still bear children. Recent research, however, indicates that many lesbians were imprisoned and killed. These lesbians were forced to wear black triangles as social outcasts.

A Real Surprise: Louisiana Governor Edwin Edwards, who defeated ex-KKKer David Duke last November for the office, signed an executive order last week banning anti-gay discrimination in jobs and services at state agencies. The order also applies to contracts and contractors on a state level.

Bennett In Solitary Confinement: Robert Lee Bennett, Jr., convicted of drugging and burning three men in Atlanta and Tampa, began his 17 year sentence in solitary confinement in the Hillsborough, Florida, County Jail. Bennett, the reputed "Handcuff Man," is in solitary confinement because he fears other inmates, according to his attorney, Guy Notte. Bennett will be transferred later this month to the North Florida Reception Center in Lake Butler.

Anti-Gay Bashing Posters In SF Bus Shelters: Community United Against Violence, a gay advocacy group, has launched a bus shelter education campaign against gay bashing. Posters in the shelters graphically describe anti-gay violence, as well as explaining the issue of gay bashing. Most posters also include words from victims of homophobic attacks. Mayor Frank Jordan has praised the campaign, and Gannett Shelter Posters of San Francisco is contributing \$60,000 worth of advertising space for the posters. "It's a shock therapy approach and I like that," said Kim Lodge, a gay man whose experience is presented on one of the posters.



More On Irish Parades: In Boston a judge rejected a ban on a gay group for that city's St. Patrick's Day Parade, but he did impose limits on how the group may participate. The gays agreed to limit their number to 25, carry only one banner, and not distribute any materials along the parade route. Meanwhile, in New York City's on-going St. Patrick's Day controversy, a judge refused to issue a decision in a suit brought by the Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization against parade organizers who have barred them from marching. The judge in that case said that he felt uncomfortable ruling on such a suit because he thought it should have a full trial.

Texas Sodomy Law Found Unconstitutional, Again: The Texas's Third Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling striking that state's sodomy law. The 113 year old law, which makes sodomy a misdemeanor, was ruled unconstitutional last year by a state judge.

Gay Man Wins Primary In Texas: Openly gay legislator Glen Maxey won the Democratic Party's nomination to represent Austin in the Texas House of Representatives. Maxey won the seat in a special election last spring. Republicans have targeted Maxey for defeat this year, and he is expected to face a stiff battle against Dick Mallory in November.

DC Report Condemns Halloween Police Action: Two captains were reprimanded for their actions against a crowd of gay revelers on Halloween night in Washington, DC, as a result of a police internal investigation of the incident. The report said that Capt. Julia Reid and Charles Moore used poor judgment when they ordered riot police to clear a gay business district. Chief of Police Isaac Fulwood said that the crowd was not threatening, and that use of riot police was unnecessary.

DC OKs Domestic Partnerships: The City Council of the District of Columbia unanimously passed an ordinance allowing unmarried couples to register as domestic partners. The ordinance now goes before the US Congress, which must approve all ordinances passed by DC City Council.

NC Agency Says Gays Aren't Victims: The North Carolina Division of Victim and Justice Services withdrew last month from the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA), saying that NOVA puts too much emphasis on gay and lesbian crime victims. According to *The Front Page*, Art Zeidman, director of the NC agency, told the *Charlotte Observer* that NOVA has made its definition of "victim" too broad. "There are people—and gays and lesbians are but one example—who perceive themselves to be victims of discrimination," he said. Zeidman also said that people who engage in "immoral and illegal behavior" should not be afforded the same services as "innocent victims of crime."

Gay Chaplain At Harvard Under Fire: Rev. Peter John Gomes, minister of Harvard's Memorial Church, is under fire from conservatives following his voluntary admission that he is gay. Gomes came out last November, after a conservative student newspaper printed a 56-page issue condemning homosexuality. Students and alumni have requested Gomes' resignation, but so far Harvard officials are supporting the minister.

Episcopal Church Performs Gay Wedding: Two gay men were married at All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena, California, last month. Mark Benson and Philip Straw were married by Rev. George Regas, who said that when Straw and Benson asked for the church's blessing, "it only seems natural for me to say yes." A lesbian couple will be married in the church later this spring.

No Benefits For Lesbian Couples: A Wisconsin appeals court ruled on February 13 that a state agency did not discriminate when it refused to grant family health coverage to the partner of a lesbian employee. Circuit Judge Angela Bartell had earlier ruled that Jerri Linn Phillips and Lorri Tommerup were treated no differently than any other unmarried couple, and therefore anti-discrimination laws did not apply. The appeals court upheld that decision, saying that "whether to allow or disallow single-sex marriages... is a legislative decision, not one for the courts."

Lesbian To Head Working Assets: Sophia Collier, an open lesbian who founded one of the nation's first natural soda companies, now heads the investing arm of Working Assets Management Company. Working Assets is a money market fund which uses how well a company treats its gay and lesbian employees as a criterion for investment. Collier, 35, started Soho Sodas 14 years ago, and lead the company to \$25 million in annual sales before selling it.

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David Kamens, AIDS lecturer, dead at 21

Washington, DC - AIDS educators and activists mourned the passing of pioneering HIV lecturer David Kamens, who died here Feb. 18 at the age of 21.

Despite—or because of—his HIV-positive diagnosis four years ago, the award-winning peer educator toured the U.S. to tell young people about the dangers of risky behaviors and advise adults on how to best reach those most vulnerable.

"He spoke for a very particular dimension of this problem—people who are young," said Jim Graham, who heads the Whitman Walker Clinic, a DC AIDS service center. "To see so much talent shut off is a very special tragedy."

Kamens assisted several AIDS and gay groups, including Whitman-Walker's Youth Service Task Force, Children's Hospital's clinic, Lifelink's board, and a metro area consortium promoting HIV prevention among kids.

He worked through the system by lobbying Congress, but also joined gay and AIDS direct actions here, including ACT-UP's dramatic protest outside the White House last October.

"I'm here to show the country that I don't live this alone," he said in a recent interview. "Everyone lives with this disease, not just activists. Everyone else around."

His comments echoed militants' cries to Congress and the president. "I'm angry, I'm sad, and I'm scared," he said. "My friends, my peers are dying. There's no reason why I should be living with this alone. I'm not. George Bush needs to wake up. We need leadership. We need him to take a stand, and it hasn't happened."

Kamens starred in a cutting-edge videotape that helps elementary school children and mentors learn about HIV disease. "Double Dutch-Double Jeopardy" combines rap music, exciting jump rope action, plastic-bucket go-go percussionists, and Kamen's safer-sex messages. He gives kids critical facts about the virus thought to cause AIDS.

Oscar nominee and Emmy award winner Ginny Durrin's produced the video, which was billed as "the first peer-peer HIV/AIDS prevention video" for fourth through sixth graders.

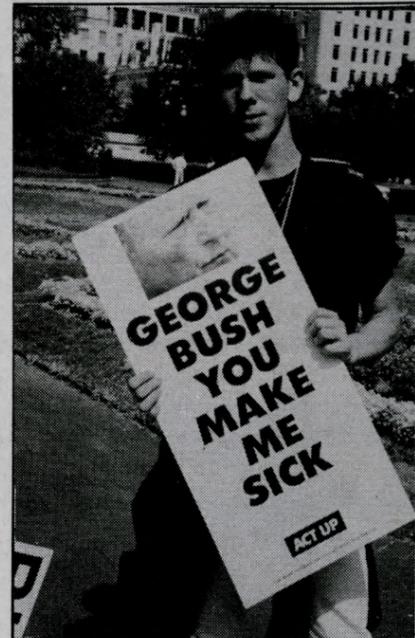
"Children in the film are able to ask questions all children would like to ask about AIDS," said DC teacher Anne Sheraton, a world champion jump rope coach.

"And they get honest answers from Kamens, someone who knew."

Kamen's articulate and informed manner won praise from educators who previewed Durrin's video. "This film effectively demonstrated the powerful role that peer education plays in HIV prevention efforts," said Judith Senderowitz, director of the Center for Population Options in Washington.

"It's very powerful," said Dr. William Kane of the American Alliance for Health Education. "It masterfully blends science, emotion, and rational advice and should be seen by all sexually active teenagers and adults—yesterday."

"Double Dutch-Double Jeopardy" extends children's AIDS awareness. "There is a dearth of materials designed to reach younger students," said Constance T. Cordovilla, AIDS education coordinator at the American Federation of Teachers. "This video speaks to youth in grades 4-6 through



their own actions, questions and curiosity."

Kamens was born in Hartford, Conn. and lived in Wheaton, Md., before his family moved to Arlington, Va. He studied at the Corcoran Arts School here and the Washington School of Ballet.

"He was entertaining, at times blunt, and sometimes in somber reflection," remembered Barbara Powell, an editor at UCC's Office of Communications in Cleveland.

A San Mateo, Ca., teen at the Richmond UCC convention also praised Kamens. "I liked the fact that he was blunt," said Brian Torres. "It was refreshing to hear that AIDS doesn't have to be something secret, or in the shadows."

Kamens' ashes were interred at a Virginia cemetery. Contributions in his name may be sent to Lifelink, 1413 K St. NW, Washington, DC 20005.

JOHN ZEH
photo: John Zeh

Increase In Hepatitis A Reported In Gay Men

The Centers for Disease Control reported that several U.S., Canadian and Australian cities had seen an increased number of gay men with Hepatitis A during the first six months of 1991. The report listed three possible reasons for the increase: 1) more gay men having sex with more partners; 2) an increased return to unsafe sex practices; and/or 3) misperceptions on the part of gay men about the relative safety of certain practices as they concern transmission of sexually transmitted diseases other than HIV.

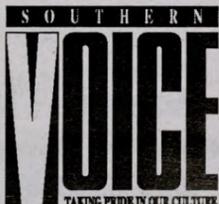
The CDC also reported that education may play a part in early detection of Hepatitis infection. An education program in Denver, Colorado, put flyers about hepatitis infection in areas frequented by gay men, and also disseminated information through local media. In interviews, hepatitis A patients told doctors that they recognized the early symptoms of the disease as a result of the education campaign, and sought medical attention.

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Teens Aren't Being More Careful About Sex

A survey by Educational Communications, Inc., indicates that teenagers are being no more careful about safe sex practices now than they were before the publicity surrounding Magic Johnson's announcement that he had contracted HIV. Before and after Johnson's announcement, 45% of students surveyed said that they would not have sex without a condom. A frightening forty-two percent of 3000 high school seniors from the latest survey, however, said that they would have sexual intercourse if a condom were not available.

The Truth About Acyclovir

A British study designed to study whether high doses of acyclovir slowed development of cytomegalovirus (CMV) revealed no significant data to support that claim, but a preliminary analysis of the data showed that a combination of AZT and acyclovir could slow death in AIDS patients. Since the study was not set up to look at that combination therapy, researchers say that no definitive claims can be placed on it. Burroughs Wellcome, which manufactures acyclovir (Zovirax), said that the findings "warranted further analysis."

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More Troubles For Gallo

Dr. Robert Gallo, already under investigation for alleged inaccuracies in his claim to have discovered the AIDS virus, is again under investigation. Three government agencies are investigating Gallo's claims that his work on the test for AIDS owed little to similar work done by French scientists. The National Institute of Health is already looking into Gallo's previous claims that he discovered the AIDS virus independently of scientists at France's Pasteur Institute. Gallo and the French researchers currently share the claim of discovery, and split royalties from the test.

Link Found Between Warts And KS?

Researchers in Great Britain and the U.S. have found evidence that human papillomavirus (HPV—manifests most commonly as warts) may be related to Kaposi's sarcoma (KS). The researchers found that two strains of HPV, associated with genital warts, have been found "with increased frequency" in gay men with KS. The researchers said that more studies are needed to determine whether or not a direct link between KS and HPV exists.

Haitians With AIDS Detained at Guantanamo

Haitian refugees infected with HIV will be kept at the U.S. Naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, while they apply for political asylum. Refugee rights activists condemned the U.S. government's decision, saying that the HIV-infected Haitians would be denied proper medical care for their conditions. The detained Haitians also have no access to attorneys, according to Cheryl Little, an attorney for the Haitian Refugee Center in Miami.

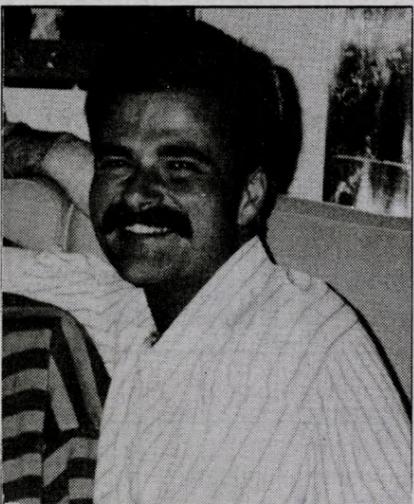
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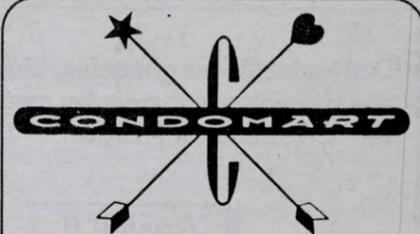


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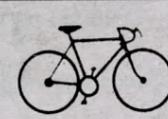
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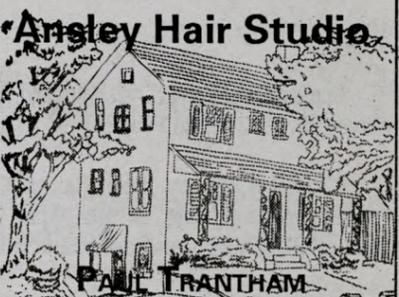


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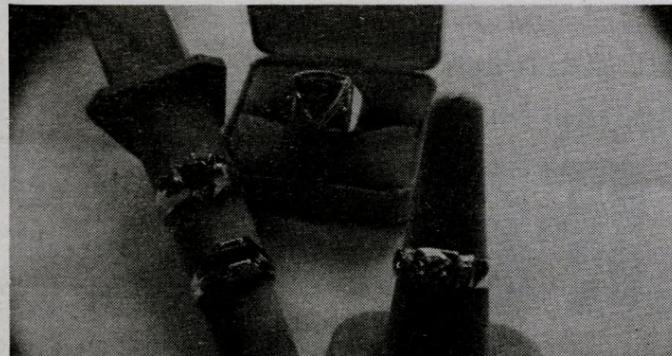


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k.d. lang. The velvet-throated androgynous singer in her first movie role.

We'll give you a sneak preview of "Salmonberries" which screens April 1 at the High Museum.

SOUTHERN WHAT?

To the Editor:

First of all, I want to congratulate you on a terrific new look for Southern Voice, and thanks for going weekly! I enjoy the Voice; it reminds me sometimes of The Washington Blade, the gay and lesbian paper in D.C., my hometown.

I was glad to read recently about the Atlanta Lambda Community Center. Where can donations be sent? I haven't really been moved to get involved with anything in the community here.

To tell the truth, I was not out in Washington, and am just starting to come out here, the last year or so. A couple of times I attended meetings of the Coming Out group at the Gay Center, but didn't feel comfortable. The group was almost all male, and some stuff going on in another part of the

Center really turned me off the place. A group of men were sitting around making nasty remarks about people in another room. I heard someone refer to this paper as the "Southern Vulva," and that did it. I wasn't about to come back to a place where they feel free to make such sexist, anti-lesbian remarks.

I rarely look at the Gay Center News, but I did pick up a March issue to see the article on Don Farmer. Unfortunately, the end of the article was ruined by putting it on the same page as an attack on the Lambda Center and the community at large. They say that nobody can speak for the whole community, and they don't try to, but what's so noble about that if an organization's key people make it clear they hate the community?

I can't believe Bill Gripp teaches police sensitivity training, when he was one of the pigs sitting around that day making snide

remarks. If a lot of gays and lesbians in Atlanta have had similar experiences with him, no wonder so few people believe anything that comes out of his ugly mouth.

It's too bad people with Gripp's attitude have ruined the Center's reputation. I hope those who are putting the Lambda Center together learn from this, and don't let a few poisonous people ruin a good thing.

As for The News—I've had it. I'm taking this issue, crossing it out with a big red X, and tossing it back to the Center. Anybody with me?

Sincerely,
Chris H.

Editor's note: Thanks for your letter and your interest in the Atlanta Lambda Community Center. You can reach them at PO Box 15080, Atlanta, GA 30333 or at (404) 662-9010.

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Mr. Art Zeidman, Director
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Dear Art:

During the short time that we were associated through Wishart, Norris, Henninger, and Pittman, I learned to appreciate your sound legal reasoning and your ability as an attorney. Thus it is with great dismay that I read the quote attributed to you in the February 27, 1992 edition of the Atlanta Journal/Constitution regarding the withdrawal of your agency from the National Organization for Victim's Assistance. You are quoted as stating that "[Gays] choose their lifestyle; the woman who is raped on the street does not choose to be a victim." With respect, I must differ both with the premise of your statement and the inferences to be drawn therefrom.

Being same sex oriented is not a chosen lifestyle; rather, it is a fundamental, life shaping sentiment of which one is aware from the earliest moments of one's recollection. Being gay, the acting out of a life consonant with that ontological fact of being, is a step which

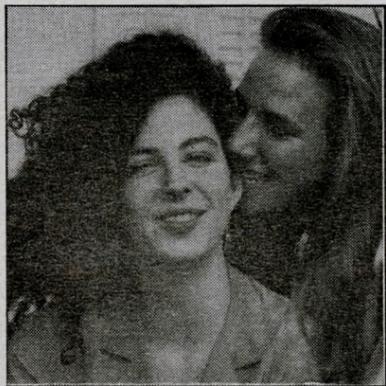
demands great courage in the face of powerful and often violent social sanctions. Gay sex and the so-called gay lifestyle are not in and of themselves of a quality so much better than the alternative as to warrant opening one's self up to being shot, beaten, stabbed, having one's genitals and legs burned off (the Handcuff Man), being fired (Cracker Barrel Restaurants, Domino's Pizza, WalMart), denied housing, or being excluded from your community of worship. That which you dismiss as a matter of choice can only be understood as an existential decision to live with integrity and wholeness in light of the facts of one's own being. Among our own Jewish people we can point to those assimilationists who escape social sanctions by blending in as opposed to those Jews who hold fast to Halacha, choosing to live with integrity in accordance with their self understanding, regardless of the social cost. I suggest to you that one's sexuality is certainly no more a choice than how one chooses to worship God.

I also must take exception to the second part of your quote as to the logical and necessary inferences which derive from it. First, your statement implies that one who is gay,

because he has chosen this particular lifestyle, is entitled to less protection and aid from his government. However, perhaps you mean only that only certain gays deserve less protection. Is it possible that you are referring only to those gays who are "out" or public, such as the one's who parade and call for gay rights? Or, is it the ones who hold hands or kiss in public? Perhaps you distinguish between those gay men who go to gay bars and the quiet gay couple who live their lives unobtrusively in an old neighborhood. What about the gay bank president, gay clergy person, gay senator, or gay attorney? Each one of these has been the victim of crime arising out of their sexuality but do any of them feel pain any less, bleed any less, ask "Why?" any less than a person who is not gay? Do any deserve protection less than any other human being? If this indeed is what you believe, I commend to your reading Act III, Scene II of William Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice" wherein Shylock, the Jew, asks:

I am a Jew. Hath not a Jew eyes? hath not a Jew hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions? fed with the same food, hurt with the same weapons... If you prick us, do we not bleed? if you tickle us, do we not laugh? if you poison us, do we not die?

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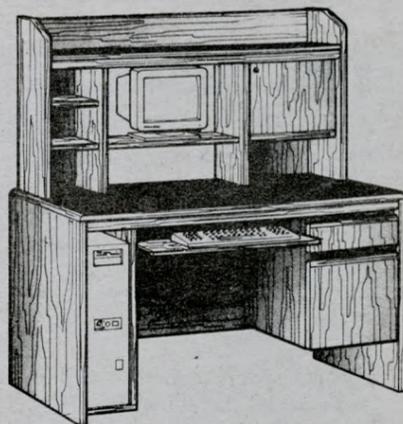
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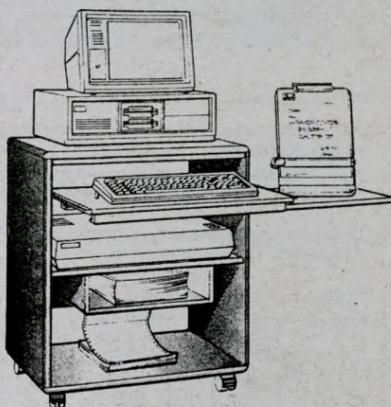
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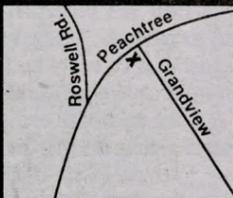
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Oh, well... my WTW (what to wear) decision is especially important as I will be among the glitterati assembled at the Fox Theatre on March 19 for the Atlanta Coca-Cola Music Awards. It will be a Who's Who of local music talent with confirmed appearances so far of those prepubescent boyz in the playground, Another Bad Creation, along with Indigo Girls, Trisha Yearwood, Drivin' 'n Cryin', P.S. Jonah, Big Sky and the man who made it all possible, Little Richard. There are 90 nominees for the 35 categories. Just to name a few who are up: REM, Elton John, Ellen James Society, Kristen Hall, Indigo Girls, Travis Tritt, Joyce & Jacque. Tickets are on sale at all Ticketmaster locations. It should be an evening to remember... but should I wear a suit? A tux? A smoking jacket? Or should I attempt an oh, so casual approach as if this were just another assignment?

Black leather will be the appropriate attire at the 14th St. Playhouse on Saturday, March 21 as Lynn Lavner brings her unique blend of music, comedy and satire to her Atlanta admirers. Lavner looks at herself and the world around her, takes careful aim, and fires a verbal volley sure to bring shouts of recognition and laughter from the crowd. My favorite Lavner line? "I am an adult survivor of heterosexual parents." Tickets available at The Boy Next Door, Charis Books and Brushstrokes and by calling Bet Haverim at 642-3467.

On Friday, March 20 at 8 pm IMAGE Film and Video Center will present Marlon Riggs' "Color Adjustment." Documenting the television industry's treatment of black entertainers over the past 40 years, the film demonstrates how TV has both reflected and helped shape this country's attitudes about race relations. Part One, "Color Blind TV?," features Diahann Carroll and producers Hal Kanter and Sheldon Leonard. Kanter produced the groundbreaking 60's series "Julia" which featured Carroll as a widowed nurse raising a young son. The film makes the point that "Julia" although black, was strictly white

AFTER HOURS

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bread. Hollywood was only willing to serve up images of black people which were "acceptable" to white audiences.

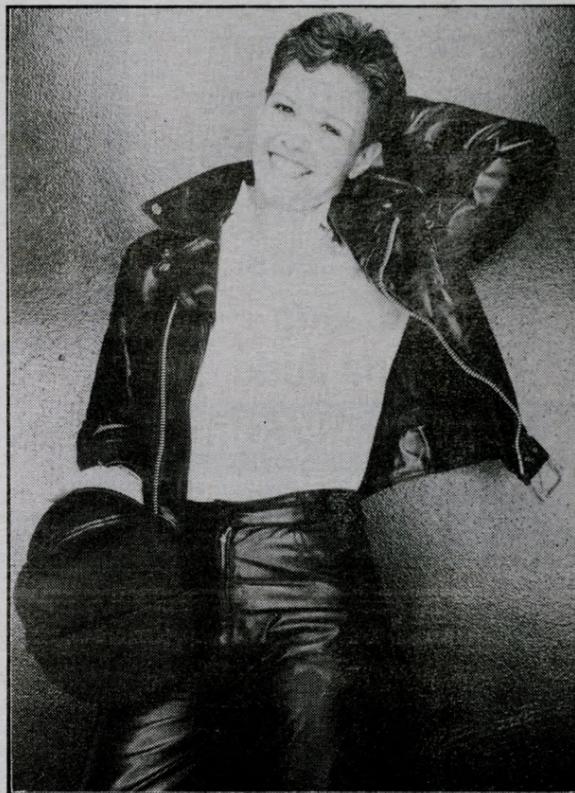
Part Two features Norman Lear in "Coloring the Dream." Lear, who gave us "All in the Family," discusses his then controversial use of more reality-based black characters and social situations in the hugely successful series.

Marlon Riggs is best known as the writer and producer of "Tongues Untied," a film which explored the double stigma borne by black gay men. The language, nudity and forthright discussion of sex in the age of AIDS caused many PBS stations across the country to cancel its showing or move it to a late night time slot.

More recently, a portion of the film was used (without permission) by right wing homophobe and Presidential hopeful Pat Buchanan in a campaign ad which blamed President Bush for the perceived sins of the National Endowment for the Arts. Interestingly enough the film was produced during the Reagan administration (and we thought *those* were horrible years). Hopefully, Riggs will take legal action concerning the unauthorized use of the film. IMAGE is located in the TULA complex at 75 Bennett St.

The large number and diverse make-up of the crowd was astounding as transsexual model Tula signed copies of her autobiography at the Oxford Bookstore on March 6. The tremendous turnout accurately reflects the popularity of this barrier-breaking spokesperson for transsexuals. Many people brought cameras and posed with Tula after she signed their copies. Celebrities in line included Morgan, a young and very natural looking transsexual entertainer, and Rosser Shymanski. Rosser came with cameraman in tow to film Tula signing his book for his distorted mirror image, DeAundra Peek.

The party continued at Petrus where Tula held court in the glass walled VIP room high above the pounding beat of the dance floor. She patiently signed more books and chatted with



an array of admirers. Spotted in the crowd were Amber Richards and DeNeicia, a slim, black beauty-about-town. The aforementioned Rosser Shymanski had gone home after the book signing and metamorphosed into DeAundra Peek, resplendent in gingham dress and fuzzy shoulder bag shaped like a pig. DeAundra told me she had gotten an emergency call from Lurleen Wallace of Eleganza who desperately needed an entertainer of DeAundra's status to save the show at the Metro later that night. Perhaps "blacktress" Super Chick had to meet with producers concerning the upcoming movie version of the 70's series, "Get Christy Love."

pictured: LYNN LAVNER

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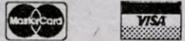
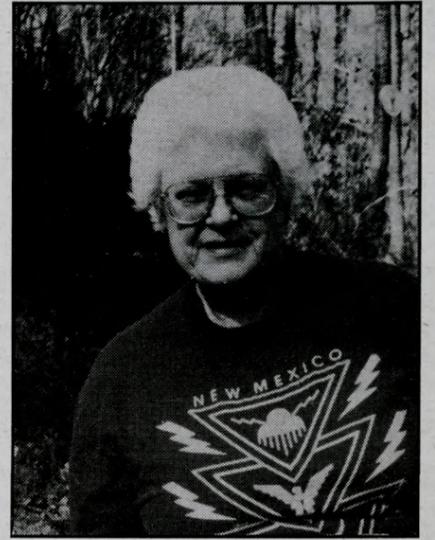
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by Irina Ratushinskaya**Pot Peeve:** Being forced to listen to AM
radio while on telephone hold

Shirley Brown calls herself a "crone of all trades" on her business card. At sixty-three years of age she may be involved with a dizzying amount of activities but crone she is not. But it is typical of her self-effacing humor and forthright honesty. Shirley's face is at once lined and friendly. It is dominated by a shock of white hair. Her blue eyes engage your attention because they never waver in their focus. And there is a definite pride in her voice as she speaks about her past and current life.

"I came to Atlanta because I decided I didn't want to spend the rest of my life shoveling snow," Shirley explains about her move to here from East Lansing, Michigan, where she lived for most of her adult life. "And Atlanta seemed a logical place to make a fresh start not only because it was a vibrant city, but because it was halfway between Chicago and New Orleans" (she has a daughter in each city).

Under a microscope certain aspects of Shirley's life seem routine. She married, raised a family, and recalls that she was in some ways a conventional middle-aged housewife. But her frustration with the boundaries of marriage and her own exploration of herself as a woman led to her involvement with several women-oriented organizations in the late 1960's. "It wasn't until a couple of years later," she recalls "that I realized that a lot of the women in these organizations were lesbians, with whom I felt comfortable." Her eventual divorce from her husband, "was all part of my own coming out process, which continues," she says, "to evolve and develop."

While Shirley was raising a family she was also raising women's consciousness in the East Lansing area. Since the 1950's she has been a member of NOW. "I think I'm a charter member," she jokes. "But I wanted to be more directly involved with working with people so I began volunteering in one of the country's first crisis centers, called 'The Listening Ear.'" She also was and is a staunch supporter of abortion rights. Shirley channeled her interest and energy about pro-choice issues into early immersion in the women's health movement, working in a reproductive health hospital in Lansing.

Yet it was her interest in working with people that spurred her return to college. "Actually," she remembers with a grin, "East Lansing is a college town because of Michigan State University. So I began a typing service for faculty and students. After seeing so many mediocre papers I decided, 'I can do this better' so I went back to school." After a year of "useless work" in the social sciences she changed her major to counseling. "It was what I really wanted to do," she states. Shirley went on to receive her Master's in counseling from Michigan State and was a practicing psychotherapist in East Lansing. She continues to see clients on a limited basis here in Atlanta.

"I now have a full-time job as an editor for a publisher—another career change," she chuckles. Shirley has always been "interested in playing with words." But to focus just on Shirley's career would not do her

justice. As a volunteer she is involved with many different women's organizations.

She is part of "media-watch" for NOW. "That means I read the Journal/Constitution and scan for women's issues," she details. "I am also a member of Women of Wisdom, a social-service organization that does such things as work at the Atlanta Food Bank." She volunteers to help with SAME productions. Shirley's keen interest in women's reproductive health issues is represented in Atlanta by her involvement with the Georgia Abortion Rights Action League. "And I have been singing with the Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus for almost the entire ten years it has been in existence," she states. Shirley was one of the first members of the Friday Night Support Group. "It's an alternative to bars," she explains. We meet in different homes and the meetings are so well attended now that there is barely room for all the women who show up!" And the list goes on.

To leave out Shirley the "festie" is to diminish another dimension in her life—her love of women's festivals. One of the first festivals that combined women's issues and music was in Michigan. "It's hard to describe the sense of freedom you get when you are at these festivals. They provide a safe place for women to celebrate our culture and womanhood." Shirley recalls with a fondness one of her early experiences at a women's festival. "We were walking on the sand dunes to Lake Michigan at night, naked with no fears—it was a powerful, moving moment." But mainly Shirley attends festivals, "just to be with other women and since I have been going to festivals so long, I have a lot of friends."

Shirley is out and proud to her family and co-workers. She lives in Avondale in a comfortable town-home she purchased last summer with her lover Carol Ann Padgett. Her face glows at the mention of her lover. "I am surrounded by a lot of love—Carol Ann is a wonderful friend and lover," she proclaims. They share a love of the outdoors, she adds, "so I kind of combined business with pleasure at our cabin near Cleveland, Georgia." Shirley and Ann run a lesbian and gay-friendly retreat with cabins in the North Georgia Mountains called: "Our Place." One of her other interests includes classical music. "I'm trying to find out as much as I can about current women composers."

But most of all, Shirley doesn't want anyone to think of her as "a little old lady." With her dynamism and compassion, she's going to be sixty-three years young, for a very long time.

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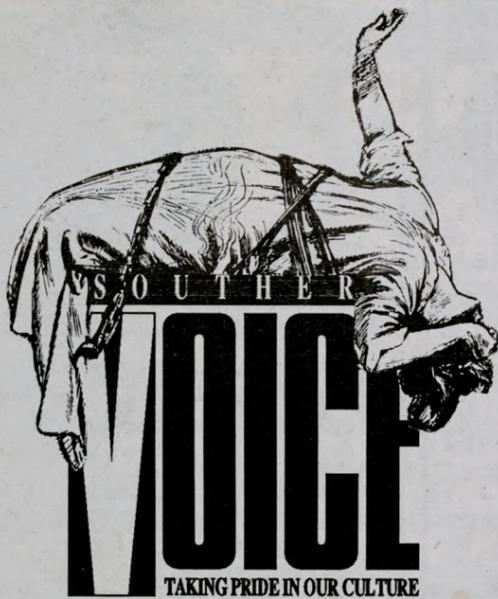
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Cards and Letters: Maven to the lovelorn Ann Landers says she has decided to "settle this question once and for all." The question in question? Are gay people (we assume that she is including women who identify as lesbian) happy being gay, or would they rather be straight? Ms. L. says that she doesn't want term papers on the subject, just a postcard that says, "Yes, I'm glad I'm gay" or "No I'd rather be straight." Dish wishes that anything in life were quite this simple, but still suggests that you send your cards to Ann Landers, PO Box 11562, Chicago, IL 60611-0562. Do it soon.

Your Tax Dollars at Work: Jesse Helms might not like it, but Dish is elated that our tax dollars are being spent to determine exactly what percentage of male sheep are queer—something far more important than how to make smarter bombs, we think. Not surprisingly, a study by the US Sheep Experiment Station and the University of Idaho Sheep Experiment Station (sheep are big business in Idaho) has determined that about 8.5 percent of the rams that they observed were sexually attracted to other rams. This excluded so-called "Dud Studs," those boy sheep judged to be simply lacking in libido. Predictably, no mention was made of ewes who love ewes. Not so predictably, we found this not in some arcane scientific journal, but in Parade Magazine a few weeks ago.

Banned in Utah: Late last year the publishers of BLK (the national magazine for black lesbians and gay men) began sending their publication to all the members of the US House and Senate in order to allow the legislators to "keep up with what is happening among your black lesbian and gay constituents..." Dish bets that raised Jesse Helms blood pressure at point or two. But it wasn't the bloated good ol' boy from NC who bitched about his complimentary subscription. Nope, Rep. William Orton (D-UT) had the post office department issue a "Probationary Order" to BLK, essentially forbidding the company from sending BLK to his

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office. Dish, in turn, has stricken Utah from our list.

Heard it on the Grapevine: Word is that musician songwriter Cris Williamson will appear here with the Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus this December. Williamson—one of the mothers of women's music and a founder of Olivia Records—will do several solos as well as some numbers in concert with members of the AFWC. Dish has it on good authority that Cris looks better that ever, but whatever you do, don't make any comments about her hair...at least not while she's performing.

Wake Up and Smell The Coffee: Is this the South? Are these (Southern) Baptists? A majority of the members of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh, N.C. have agreed to permit a service that will bless the union of two gay men who are members of the church. ...And the Olin T. Binkley Memorial Baptist Church in Chapel Hill is considering granting a ministerial license to an openly gay ministerial candidate. ...And, in Texas and Kentucky, Baptist groups advocating equal rights for gay and lesbian people are popping up like so many pansies in spring. In response to all this good news, R. Albert Mohler Jr., the editor of the Southern Baptist newspaper "The Christian Index," has this to say: "Wake up Southern Baptists, we are in this battle until the Lord comes." Dish thinks that with news like this coming in at this rate, that event might just have already happened, Mr. Mohler.

k.d.'s Controversy: Never one to calm the turbulent waters of controversy, political or artistic, k.d. lang has caused quite a stir by telling London's "Capital Gay" "If you march around screaming 'I'm a lesbian!' what good is it? I'm much more involved with animal rights than gay rights....Lesbians have been the rudest to me on the road....I've been to lesbian and gay conferences. I've worn a pink triangle. Where did it get me? I admire gay activists, but I'm an artist." The Washington Blade responded by running a multi-page feature examining the dilemma of whether queer media should review the records/performances of singers who are not open about their (homo)sexual orientation. Sounds good, but it sure would cut down on the number of tunes we get to hear about.

Shirley's Support: A week or two after k.d.'s snub in London, actress Shirley MacLaine showed her support for gay and AIDS activists who were protesting a film awards ceremony presented by the London Evening Standard. MacLaine, while presenting an award, greeted "my lesbian friends, my gay friends, my protesting friends" and later refused to attend a party from which an openly lesbian award winner and her lover were barred.

March 19–March 25, 1992

HOORAY! Spring officially arrives on Friday, March 20, but we already know that because nearly every spring bush and tree is already in bloom. Mercury is still moving backward, so wait until April 10th to sign contracts and important documents. Although the sky won't fall if you aren't able to wait that long.

ARIES, Happy Birthday to you! It's time to stretch those leg muscles and move into new territory and new adventures. If life is a little dull and boring then you need to find a personal challenge, not just another conquest. Dear sensuous **TAURUS,** the sky is blue, the grass is green and you need an affair of the heart, truly, you do. At least take a day off to lie in the grass or go fishing and soak up spring. Meanwhile our wonderful and friendly **GEMINIS** are looking for any excuse at all to hit the road and get a change of scenery. With Mercury, your ruling planet, retrograde, just be sure your car is tuned and running smoothly and you'll have a great trip.

CANCER folks all get an honorary patience award for having to put up with so much change in the world and aggravation from the rest of us who need nurturing and support right now. But, you do need



some personal time, so take it while you can. All **LEOs** to the parade ground, please. Your leadership abilities, your courage and warmth of heart are sorely needed. So, lead with your heart and let your wonderful intuition guide your decisions. A word of caution to **VIRGOs** not to take on too much. With all the energy surges and shifts in your 5th house of creativity, you may feel like you can reorganize Russia. Be sure you have fun and play time.

LIBRA, if you have been inside a lot during winter, then you definitely need a change of scenery, especially if you have a grumpy boss or partner. Also an excellent time for taking on any project that requires creative organization or restructuring. **SCORPIO,** now that Spring is here, you definitely need to express your creative sensual-

ity or express your sensual creativity. Have fun! Meanwhile, back at the ranch, it's time for **SAGITTARIUS** to check out their options and take a small risk or two. However, don't be too upset with folks who can't seem to keep their word, just avoid them like the plague. It is definitely their problem.

CAPRICORN, you may have a career crisis or turmoil at work that looks awful, but you can handle it and actually turn it into a very productive and profitable experience for all concerned. Trust your instincts. And we know we can count on our dedicated **AQUARIANS** to keep things moving through all kinds of weather, turmoil and trouble. Just don't let people take you for granted or take credit for your excellent efforts. Dear Prophetic **PISCES,** if you are spending too much time and effort concerned with the difficulties of others, then you need to check and re-establish your boundaries. Respecting and taking care of yourself is your first priority!

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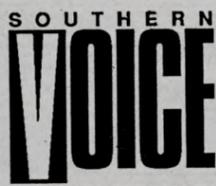
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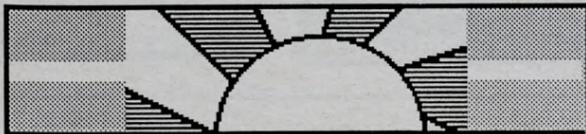
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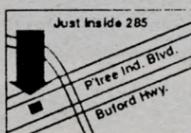
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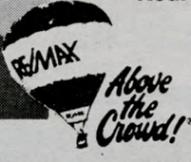
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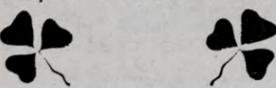
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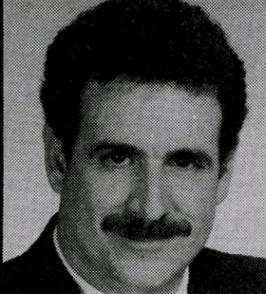
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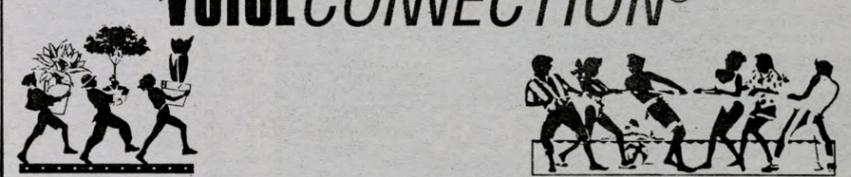
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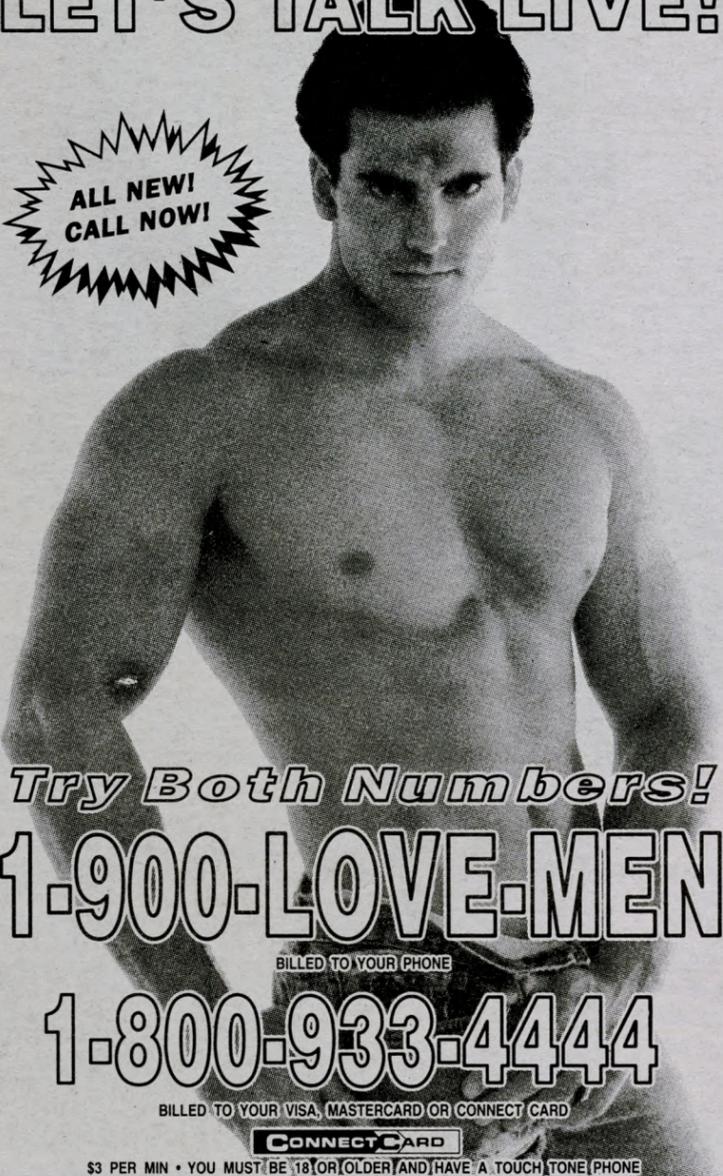
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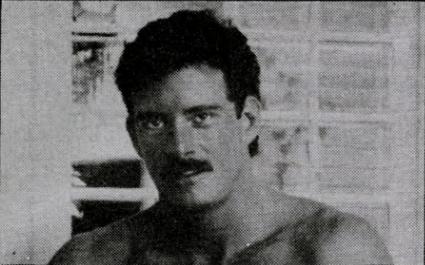
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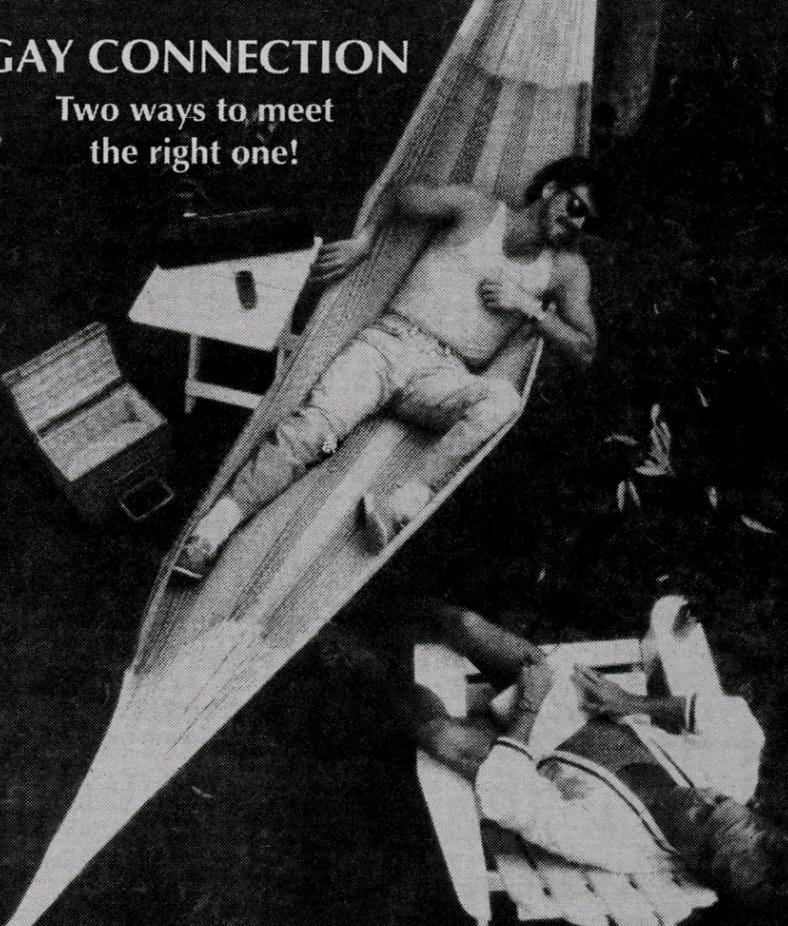
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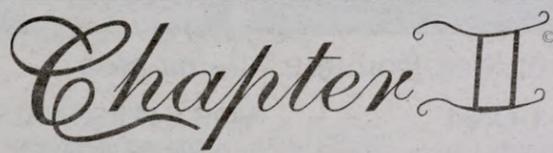
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