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Rebecca's Lover...NOT!

an interview with Harvey Fierstein by Steve Warren

Harvey Fierstein, the gay actor-playwright, will guest star on "Cheers" on April 23. In the episode, "Rebecca's Lover...NOT!," his character, Mark Newberger, who was Rebecca's high school sweetheart before he came out, "has moved to Boston," Harvey says, "and Kirstie doesn't have many friends," so Mark could return in future episodes. The role is Fierstein's first comedy television appearance.

"I think lesbians will like it most," Fierstein predicts about the "Cheers" episode. "There's a part when I say, 'Life would have been simpler if I'd been attracted to women,' and she says, 'Me, too.' I didn't want to say that, but there was no way Kirstie could say her line if I didn't; so I said, 'I have to do this for the sisters!'"

In a single telephone interview a few days ago, Fierstein talked about gay empowerment, speculated on Arsenio Hall's sexuality, reported on the status of his own television series and the film version of "La Cage aux Folles—The Musical," and had quite a bit to say about gays not supporting "Torch Song Trilogy."

He also indulged in a bit of nostalgia, triggered by an April 27th benefit for New York's La Mama E.T.C., the off-off Broadway theatre where "Torch Song Trilogy" got its start. He is scheduled to co-host with Estelle Getty and Robert De Niro.

Fierstein believes the biographies in playbills should contain a personal note rather than just a list of credits. "In the late '60s and early '70s," he says, "they put in what sign they were. Mine said, 'He is available for the price of a cheap drink.'"

After a few minutes of mock-kvetching that no one ever took him up on his offer, he notes that last year when he was performing in Robert Patrick's "The Haunted Host," someone sent him a nude photo of himself. "The note on the back showed where he was coming from: 'I was really stoned when I did this.' So the '60s live on."

Today his bio reads: "Fierstein lives in Connecticut with his handsome lover and three beautiful Abyssinian cats." That relationship is nearing the four-year mark. Both men travel—together when they can—in their professions. His lover is a journalist and Harvey, besides being bicoastal, has been entertaining on some RSVP cruises. "I've done four of them this year, and Bruce came with me on two of them." Bruce also went with Harvey the third time he appeared on "The Arsenio Hall Show," another relationship that seems to be going well.

"We haven't exchanged rings or anything," the trademarked gruff voice quips, "but I like it there. I like the way Arsenio is with me. Not that I don't like the way he is with other people, but he's different with me. He likes my jokes. He treats me with a lot of respect."

It was Arsenio's fondness for gay humor, Harvey believes, that got the talk show host in trouble with gay activists who tried to out him while protesting the absence of openly gay guests on his show.

"My personal opinion," Fierstein says, "is I don't think he's gay. He has lots of gay friends. When Queer Nation protested him he was genuinely hurt, because in his mind he simply told gay jokes the way his friends tell gay jokes and he thought he was being cool with it."

Johnny Carson, who "leads a sheltered life," Fierstein says, opened this season's anniversary show with "an anti-gay joke: 'One hundred hairdressers are burning (California governor) Pete Wilson in effigy.' I got on the phone and got as far as a page behind the rainbow curtain, but he was scared and didn't know what to do. This was in New York and they had three hours to cut the joke before the show aired on the West Coast, but I couldn't get past that page."

The next day "Tonight Show" producer "Freddy (de Cordova) called back and apologized... You can't get real mad at them if they don't know. Once you've educated them and they do it again, you get mad."

Not everyone has to have his celebrity or persistence to have an impact with a call to a network or local television station, Fierstein believes. "Now with voice mail crapolas the networks have you can just push buttons and register your opinion. You can write letters. They count every letter and phone call as 20,000 people. They figure if one person calls or writes, 20,000 out there are thinking the same thing. It's like being able to cast 20,000 votes with one ballot. That's very powerful."

Of course the most immediate and direct benefit will be to Fierstein if the voice mail indicates a strong favorable response to his appearance on "Cheers."

Fierstein's last movie experience left him with bitterness, some of it toward the gay community, when "Torch Song Trilogy" grossed only \$5 million.

"It's incredibly disappointing," he says. "I say all the time that when "Torch Song" was released it got incredible testing in small towns. New Line (Cinema) thought they had this huge hit on their hands, but the support wasn't there for it."

"It only cost about \$3 million to make so it did all right, but if everyone who's told me they saw it really bought a ticket it would have grossed over \$100 million." In every studio in Hollywood there was a gay script at that time, but after the high-profile "Torch Song" fizzled, none of the others got produced."

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Pictured: Kirstie Alley and Harvey Fierstein

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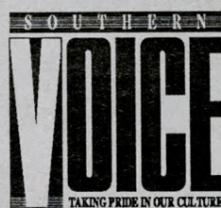
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Delay of ddC delivery angers local activists

Atlanta—Activists gathered in front of a home health care office of Hoffmann-La Roche here on April 8, protesting that company's missing of an April 3 deadline to provide ddC to Atlanta area physicians for use by HIV+ people.

ACT UP/Atlanta, Atlanta NAPWA, and the Atlanta Buyers' Club (ABC) sponsored the demonstration, which drew about 50 protestors. After chanting and marching on the sidewalk near the office, the protestors moved to the front doors of the office. There they placed jars containing about 60,000 capsules of ddC.

"At the lowest dosage, 60,000 capsules is enough to supply one person for 54 years," said ACT UP member David Lowe. "We did that to symbolize their failure to release ddC to people who need it."

was due to a large amount of paperwork "required by the federal government and La Roche internally."

The New Jersey-based pharmaceutical manufacturer finally shipped ddC to four physicians—three in Atlanta and one in San Francisco—on April 10.

"The community feels that we're withholding drugs," said Darien Wilson, a La Roche spokesperson. "We're not trying to do that. We're trying to get it out as quickly as we can. But there are certain guidelines that we do have to follow in order to get drug out there."

Wilson said that 39 physicians, in addition to the four shipped to last Friday, have been enrolled in the program and will receive ddC shortly. The program will provide ddC to symptomatic HIV+ patients with CD-4 counts of less than 300, and asymptomatic patients with CD-4 counts of less than 200. The initial four doctors will provide ddC to over 200 patients, according to Wilson.

Advocates and activists in Atlanta applauded the shipment announcement, but said

more was needed, both in terms of ddC shipments and definitions of who receives the drug.

"It's a start, but it's not enough," said Dennis Davis, executive director of the Atlanta Buyers' Club. "There are people with CD-4 counts of 600, and their question is 'Why should I wait until I'm very sick before I can have access to a drug that may prolong my life?'"

"That they're shipping to three in Atlanta and one in San Francisco is really great to hear," he continued, "but we need to hear more news from them. And that news is the release of the drugs to all the physicians and all the patients they promised it to six weeks ago."

KC WILDMOON

Pictured: Activists protesting in front of Hoffman-La Roche offices



The ddC capsules used in the protest, Lowe said, were out of date or otherwise unsuitable for use by HIV+ patients.

Activists and advocates have been sharply critical of Hoffmann-La Roche for what they see as stalling access to the antiretroviral drug through its much publicized expanded access program. On February 20, ten days after the Federal Drug Administration pulled ddC from buyers' clubs, La Roche promised to provide the drug to symptomatic HIV+ people "within two weeks." Concurrently with that announcement, La Roche also announced development of a program to provide access to asymptomatic patients.

La Roche told AIDS activists that the drug would be delivered by Friday, April 3, but that deadline passed, spurring Wednesday's demonstration. Company officials say the delay

Buckhead businesses balk at sale of condoms

Atlanta—Selling condoms is not allowed outside Buckhead's popular nightspots. That's what Condomart owners Chaz Lazarian and Brett Teilhaber learned a week ago when Buckhead business leaders pressured the city and a parking lot owner into rescinding permission for the pair to park the Condomobile at the corner of Bolling Way and Buckhead Avenue.

Lazarian and Teilhaber, who own the Poncey Highland store specializing in safe sex paraphernalia, applied for and received a street vendor permit for their repainted post office delivery jeep, dubbed the "Condomobile." The pair planned to sell their wares last weekend outside some of Buckhead's more popular, and primarily heterosexual, nightspots.

"The city told us we needed to supply a letter stating where we would be parked," said Lazarian. "We contacted Atlanta Valet, who has the right to the property for most of the parking lots at night. We told them what we were going to do, and they gave us the letter. We were issued a permit."

After a brief mention in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution's Peach Buzz column on Friday morning, Buckhead business leaders phoned the city, and then Teilhaber and Lazarian, to complain.

"We got a call from a Mr. Taylor," said Lazarian. "We thought it was a joke, somebody calling us up saying we were crazy, we shouldn't do this."

But a half an hour later, Lazarian learned the complaints were no joke when Frank McCloskey of the Buckhead Business Asso-

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QN/NY stages Cracker Barrel demo on Wall Street

New York City—Almost 100 Queer Nation/New York members gathered outside the World Trade Center on March 31, part of a week-long chain of national protests against Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores and its anti-gay employment policy. Wearing barrel-shaped signs reading "Crack the Barrel," the protestors stormed Wall Street, asking Cracker Barrel shareholders to pass a resolution demanding that the company rehire the fired employees with back pay and put an end to Cracker Barrel's discrimination against gays and lesbians.

The gay activists marched through the narrow, winding canyon of New York City's conservative financial district to the steps of George Washington's inaugural site, across the street from the New York Stock Exchange. There they brandished a blow-up of the pink slip Cracker Barrel gave Georgian Cheryl Summerville and chanted to the suit-and-tie clad onlookers "Wall Street's got to know, homophobia's got to go." Summerville's ter-

mination notice spells out that she was fired for "violation of company policy. Employee is gay."

At a shareholders' meeting last November, the New York City Employees Retirement System, which owns over 80,000 shares of Cracker Barrel stock, introduced a shareholders' resolution demanding back pay for the fired employees and an end to Cracker Barrel's discriminatory employment policy against lesbians and gays. The Philadelphia Municipal Retirement System and TIA-CREF, a pension fund for university professors, back the resolution. Queer Nation is calling for all Cracker Barrel shareholders to support the same.

After performing a "kiss-in" on the steps of the George Washington inaugural site, Queer Nation dispersed, leaving the statue of George Washington alone but with a "Defy Homophobia" sticker plastered on his crotch and a "Crack the Barrel" sign hanging from his wrist like a handbag, declaring to Wall Street that "We're here, we're queer and we won't disappear."

CARMINE RED

Photo by Carmine Red



March for Women's Lives draws record number

Lesbian and gay groups strongly endorse cause

Washington, D.C.—National gay and lesbian leaders helped open and close the historic pro-choice "March for Women's Lives" here April 5, hailing lesbian and gay inclusion as dramatic testimony to both movements' strength, depth and diversity.

Some 69 gay, lesbian, and bisexual groups endorsed the rally, one of the largest turnouts in the capital city's long history of hosting protests. March officials claim 1,000,000 participants while D.C. police maintain there were 500,000 in attendance.

"Fundamentally, the issue today is not an issue of choice," National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) executive director Urvashi Vaid said at the rally's conclusion. "It is an issue of power."

Vaid, an attorney of Indian descent who worked AIDS issues in the early '80s before joining NGLTF, quoted George Bernard Shaw, who said "power does not corrupt men, (but) fools, if they get into a position of power, corrupt power."

"We have a lot of fools in power today," Vaid charged, "and we have a lot of corruption."

"It is a corruption of power to seek control over women's wombs," she continued. "And to enforce one form of sexuality on all people."

Vaid blasted the Bush administration for

... policies on abortion and AIDS, saying, "It is nothing short of foolish to silence doctors from counseling their patients about abortion, while at the same time gagging doctors trying to do AIDS research by not giving them enough money to conduct research that will save millions of lives."

Living in the White House is "a foolish power...who caves into every mean-spirited and bigoted uttering of the Neanderthals on the far Right, while ignoring the voices of sanity and freedom we represent," Vaid said.

She called Supreme Court justices "unqualified, sexist henchmen of the new world order [who] corrupt the U.S. Constitution with their biased and idiotic interpretations."

Pennsylvania Avenue marchers shouted "Shame" as they passed the White House, and then turned their anger on the FBI, which has refused to prosecute abortion clinic harrassers, and the Justice Department, which will argue *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey* April 22 in the high court.

U.S. Solicitor General Kenneth W. Starr filed a brief the day after the march to clarify that states may outlaw abortions. Pro-choice activists hope that the tribunal's pre-election decision may not completely erode *Roe v. Wade*, but they fear an eventual overturn of the ruling.

Besides NGLTF and HRCF, other major rally endorsers included Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, and Physicians for Human Rights.

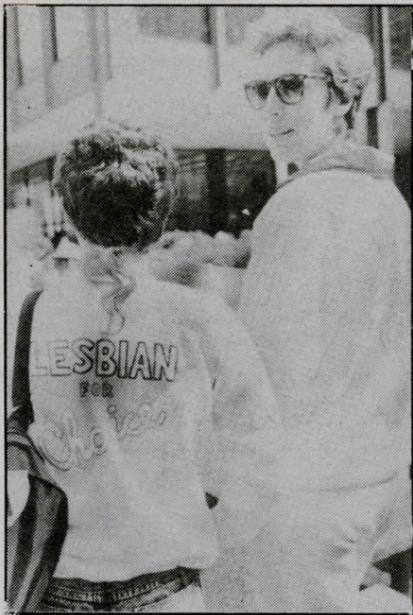
The pro-choice protest was coordinated by the National Organization for Women, whose new bisexual president Patricia Ireland noted challenges facing advocates of personal liberties.

"All of us," she told Southern Voice when asked about the significance of gay, lesbian and bisexual groups endorsing the march, "stand together for reproductive choice in the greater context of freedom and self-determination, of keeping government out of our bedrooms and the most intimate areas of our lives."

"Abortion is just the opening wedge for a major right wing attack on individual freedom generally," Ireland warned. "It's a question of whose rights will be on the chopping block next."

Other endorsers included New York's Gay Men's Health Crises and Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center; Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Veterans of America; Johns Hopkins University Bi/Gay/Lesbian Alliance; Naiad Press, National Center for Lesbian Rights; Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus; Children of Gays; Dykes, Disability, and Stuff; Carolina Lesbian and Gay Association; metro DC's Lammas and Lambda Rising bookstores; and WPFW-FM's premiere lesbian/feminist show "Sophie's Parlor."

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After the rally, NOW and National Abortion Rights Action League provided activist training and lobbying experience on Capitol Hill.

"With the days of safe and legal abortion in America numbered," said NARAL's Kate Michelman, "the time has come for our nation's pro-choice majority to act more forcefully and boldly than we ever have before."

Participants agreed that abortion is not an option welcomed by anyone, "pro-life" or pro-choice. DC Gay Men's Chorus member Rick Rosendall said that whether abortion is right or wrong is not the issue. "Government should not interfere in fundamental issues of self-determination," he said. "The issue is whether

it's appropriate for the government to intrude into our sexual lives and decisions."

He helped institutionalize a pro-gay Traditional Values Coalition here to prevent conservative homophobe Rev. Louis Sheldon from opening a base here for his Anaheim, California, TVC.

"The ugliness of the nutty fundamentalists and the self-righteousness of reactionaries must be fought, so I'm showing my solidarity," he said. With choice rights being so eroded by the high court, "people must wake up and start participating in democracy," he said. "Hatemongers are well-organized, and are not going away."

JOHN ZEH

Photos by Liz Steger

Handling of Savitz case creates AIDS hysteria in Philadelphia

Philadelphia—In the case of Ed "Uncle Ed" Savitz, two wrongs have made a disaster.

Savitz, a 50-year old businessman, was arrested March 25 by the sex crimes unit of the Philadelphia Police Department. He was charged with involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, sexual abuse of children and other assorted sex crimes in relation to his activities with teenage boys.

The arrests created a flurry of sensation when Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham called a press conference two days later to announce that Savitz had AIDS and to ask his past sexual contacts to come forward for HIV testing. News accounts focused on Savitz's fetishist behavior and HIV status, only later reporting that because of this behavior, the teenagers were rarely at risk for infection.

The DA's handling of the March 27 press conference combined with the media's sensationalized treatment of the story has turned attention away from the story's important issues, said local health care officials, activists and civil rights leaders.

Larry Gross, a communications professor at the University of Pennsylvania, said he was not surprised by the media coverage but was discouraged at the apparent sensationalism of the case was given.

"[The media] could have framed it in a lot more careful way," said Gross. "But they were set up by the district attorney and the police. They were manipulated. The main thing they created was an AIDS/sex hysteria. The details [in all the stories] is a foot fetish and underwear, not about AIDS education."

Gross, who is also a member of a citizens' independent review panel that released a report highly critical of the Philadelphia Police Department, said he is suspicious of the timing of this arrest and press conference. The report, released March 19, charged police with being homophobic and AIDS-phobic.

"To my mind, the coincidence that a week after we released that report, this happens...is suspect," said Gross. "There was no emergency issue here. They arrested him at their leisure. It was obviously handled in a way calculated to get the most coverage out of it."

Marla Gold, assistant health commissioner, said the gory details could have been eliminated and the important facts of the story still been reported.

"How much information do we need to arm the nation against AIDS," said Gold. "What does the public need to know? Where do dirty socks and underwear fit in?"

Gold said the initial calls coming into her office reflected people's concern about their own safety. Now, she said, the calls are from the curious wanting to know more details about Savitz himself.

"Do we really need to have talk-show spots about this man's life?" she asked. "Every day

we have the opportunity to teach people, nationwide, through the media about AIDS. Instead we use infamous, crisis cases like this one and the death of famous people to do it. We are not getting the message out, obviously, young men are still willing to put themselves at risk for HIV transmission."

In a March 31 press release, ACT UP/Philadelphia accused Abraham of misleading the press and creating an AIDS hysteria.

"Abraham is maintaining bail at an absurd level [\$20 million] simply because of Savitz' HIV status. This is shameful," according to the ACT UP statement.

"I am furious that Lynne Abraham called a press conference without consulting anybody. It seems reactionary, alarmist and poorly planned," said Rita Addressa, executive director of the Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force. "I would have felt more comfortable if she had at least consulted with the directors of AIDS-related social service agencies prior to the press conference."

An official with the Philadelphia Public Health Department, who asked to remain anonymous, agreed with Addressa.

"There should have been a lot more thought than what went into this," the official said. "A [press] release like this should never have been made available on a Friday afternoon at 3:30 pm when most city AIDS services were about to shut down for the weekend. We missed a great opportunity to teach people about AIDS."

Abraham said her office did not have the time to notify the AIDS agencies. She also said neither she, nor anyone in her office, could predict the media interest this case would generate.

"We were trying to get the information out in a quiet dignified way," said Abraham.

Abraham said she was forced to release the information March 27 because information was being leaked to the press by the Police department's sex crimes unit.

"We had not choice but to go with the news," she said.

Since the March 27 press conference, radio and television newscasts have been filled with accounts of Savitz's sexual history.

Philadelphia Health Commissioner Robert K. Ross, who attended the district attorney's press conference, has released a statement that said the original estimate that hundreds of young men may have been exposed to HIV were exaggerated and have proven to be false.

"This past weekend hot-line calls came form as far away as Florida. Well over 100 callers referred specifically to encounters with Savitz. Hot-line operators say that those counseled by phone did not report incidents of anal penetration by Savitz," the statement said.

Unprotected anal sex is considered by health care workers to pose the greatest sexual risk of becoming exposed to HIV.

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PHILADELPHIA GAY NEWS

Southern Baptist Church Licenses Gay Minister:

A Duke University divinity graduate was licensed to preach on April 5 by a North Carolina Baptist church. The Olin T. Binkley Memorial Church in Chapel Hill made the decision to license John Blevins, despite expectations that the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) would revoke the church's membership. A representative of the SBC said Wednesday that his organization would probably refuse to accept donations from Binkley, "which amounts to withdrawing their membership." At a press conference on Monday, Blevins said that he hoped "the church would be able to come up with structures which would allow lesbians and gay men to express their sexuality and to express those kinds of social roles."

Gay Bashers in NC Are Murder Suspects: Four men charged in the beating and robbery of a gay man in Gastonia, North Carolina, were already charged in the shooting death of a Gastonia bondsman. A fifth man charged in the gay bashing was not charged in the murder case. According to Charlotte's Q-Notes, one of the gay bashers picked up the victim at a local nightclub and drove him to a secluded area. The other four men followed them to the spot, where the victim was beaten and robbed. One of the suspects called this practice "ganking," according to Gaston County police.

NC Lesbian Activist Hired By HRCF: Mandy Carter, a well known lesbian activist from Durham, North Carolina, is moving to Washington, DC, to become HRCF's Southeastern Political Director. Carter created Senate Vote '90, a coalition of lesbians and gay men working for Harvey Gantt's senatorial campaign against Jesse Helms. Carter was also involved in the organization of the National Lesbian Conference, is a producer of RhythmFest, and was a founder of the North Carolina Lesbian and Gay Political Action Agenda.

125 March in Norfolk: Protesting the shooting of a bartender by a 14-year-old boy last week, 125 people marched from Norfolk, Virginia City Hall to the door of a gay nightclub on March 27. The juvenile was part of a group of boys, one 8 years old, who went to The Anvil on March 25 to "mess with some gays." The 14 year old was charged with malicious wounding and felonious use of a firearm. The bartender, William K. Keppel, is in good condition at Norfolk General Hospital.

No Jail Time For Virginia ACT UPers: Three members of ACT UP Charlottesville received 30-day suspended sentences and 30 hours of community service for charges of trespassing pressed by the Albermarle County Attorney. Charges were dismissed against a fourth member. According to the Washington Blade, the four were arrested two days after they handed out condoms and safe sex literature at an Albermarle County high school. Prior to the court date for the four, Commonwealth Attorney James Camblos held a press conference, during which he announced that he would press for jail terms for the ACT UP members. The activists pledged to go back, but said they would stay "right on the edge" of school property.

Brown Opposes Gay Marriages, Too: The Washington Blade reports this week that a campaign worker for Democratic Presidential candidate Jerry Brown incorrectly answered an HRCF campaign questionnaire, writing that Brown favors federal legislation recognizing gay marriages when in fact he does not. Tom Pier, Brown's deputy press secretary, said that Brown does support domestic partnership legislation. Democratic candidate Bill Clinton wrote simply "no" in answer to the gay marriage question on his questionnaire. Clinton has made no statements about domestic partnership.

Navratilova Still in Court: Tennis champion Martina Navratilova's days in court aren't over yet, despite settlement of a 10-month long legal battle with former partner Judy Nelson. Navratilova is suing her former lawyer, Jerry Loftin, claiming that he did not look out for her best interests during the palimony suit. A grievance hearing was scheduled in Fort Worth, Texas last week.

Domestic Partners in Minneapolis: In the year since domestic partnership legislation passed the Minneapolis City Council and became law, 179 couples have registered with the City Clerk. While the city does not record whether the registrants are gay or straight, names provided to Minneapolis gay newspaper Equal Time indicate that 59% of the couples are lesbian, 30% are gay men, and 11% are heterosexual couples. The Clerk's office also said that they have recorded seven "partners' divorces."

Suit Filed Under CT's New Gay Rights Law: The Lambda Amateur Radio Club, an organization for lesbian and gay ham radio operators in Connecticut, has filed suit in that state against the American Radio Relay League, charging the league with violating Connecticut's newly enacted gay rights law by refusing to print an ad for the group in the League's monthly magazine. The Lambda Legal Defense Fund and the New York law firm of Brown, Raysman & Millstein will represent the Club in the complaint.

Diamond And Magic: Singer Neil Diamond has donated \$25,000 from proceeds of a recent tour to the Magic Johnson Foundation for AIDS education and research. On behalf of the people his foundation benefits, Johnson told Diamond, "All those people thank you from the bottom of their hearts." Diamond presented the check at a ceremony last week in LA.

ACLU Changes Clipping Service: The American Civil Liberties Union recently changed the company they use to provide news clippings because the company refused to clip from lesbian and gay publications. According to The Advocate, the ACLU pulled it's \$10,000 account from Luce Press Clippings after a representative told ACLU media relations director Phil Gutis that it was not "economically feasible" to clip from the lesbian/gay press. The ACLU awarded its contract to Newsclips in Chicago, which promised to clip from the the lesbian/gay press.

Wisconsin Man Pleads Guilty To Murdering Gay Man: Twenty-two year old Stuart Ellanson pleaded guilty to first degree intentional homicide in Superior, Wisconsin last month. Ellanson was charged with the stabbing death of Kevin Dutcher on June 2, 1991. Ellanson told police that "My whole life is devoted to killing faggots and child molesters. They spread AIDS." Sentencing for Ellanson is scheduled for later this month. Under terms of an agreement reached by attorneys for Ellanson and the prosecution, Ellanson will receive a life sentence, eligible for parole after 17 1/2 years.

Anti-Gay Harassment On Wisconsin Campus: Student members of a University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire lesbian and gay group report that they have been the targets of increasing anti-gay harassment, including two women injured in recent attacks. Members of the Gay-Lesbian Or Bisexual Equality (GLOBE) organization say that gay students have been targeted for verbal harassment in addition to the two attacks. Members who have spoken to classes or participated in campus panel discussions have received harassing phone calls. Student government and administration officials have voiced support for the 40-member organization, and GLOBE advisor Sharon Knopp says that the group has received much support in light of the recent attacks. "If it's a battle," she said, "GLOBE is winning it."

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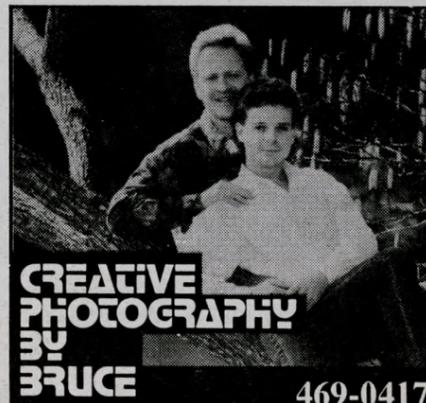
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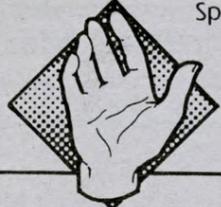
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Government's AIDS education campaign under fire

Washington—Federal officials on March 27 unveiled their most ambitious AIDS educational campaign ever—a multi-media, multi-million dollar effort that AIDS activists angrily condemned because of the project's denial of basic HIV social and sexual issues.

"Once again," charged Maggie Reinfeld, education director at the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR), "the Centers for Disease Control have released a public education campaign that is totally oblivious to the lessons AIDS educators have learned the hard way during the first decade of the AIDS epidemic. If the CDC can't level with the American people about condoms and clean needles, our families, friends, and neighbors will continue to be reduced to grim statistics."

AIDS education must be clear, frank, and aimed at groups most at risk, AIDS activists argue. "Don't tell people to get the facts about AIDS," said Ernesto Hinojos of New York City's Gay Mens Health Crisis (GMHC). "Tell them what the facts are. Use condoms and a water-based lubricant. Clean needles with bleach if you share."

"That's the information that saves lives," he said.

Other activists blasted the project's reliance on a toll-free telephone number to give out specific facts about safer sex and HIV threats. "You don't sell laundry detergent by saying, if you're concerned about dirty laundry, call 1-800-DETERGENT," said Jeff Levy, legislative director at AIDS Action Council.

Federal officials defended the ads' omissions of hard-core words as deliberate appeals to broad audiences. The public ser-

vice ads for television feature a country porch, basketball net, and cotton print dress on a clothesline while youthful voices off camera talk about AIDS. This approach, said Public Health service head James O. Mason, "will drive the message home, emotionally, with impact, with a wallop."

Controversy over the new CDC campaign reflects an ongoing battle between AIDS activists and public health officials over how federal HIV-prevention campaigns have been conducted.

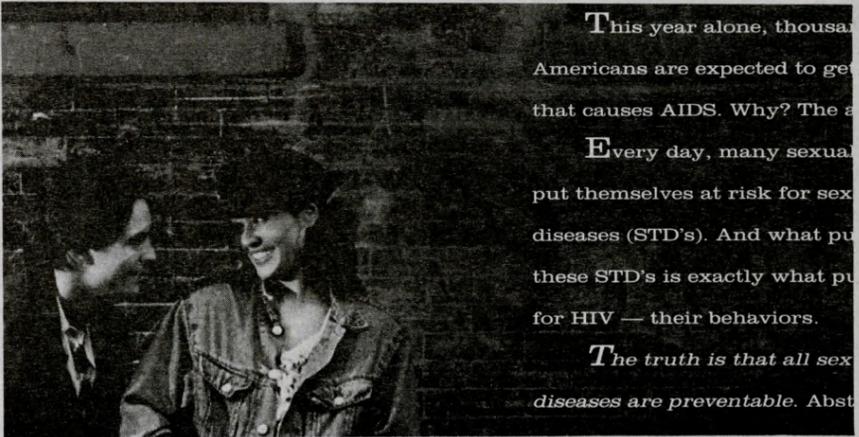
"Politicians have been playing teacher in AIDS education without ever checking with their students," said AmFAR's Reinfeld. "Federally-funded AIDS education efforts are often so filled with vague euphemisms that they go wide of their targets."

In a nationwide poll conducted for GMHC by the prestigious Roper Organization last June, 90% of Americans surveyed said they could use more information about the proper way to use a condom. Over 80% said that "some pretty explicit sexual material" is necessary to fully inform teenagers about AIDS. Less than half felt the feds were doing enough to educate people about AIDS.

The new campaign, said Health and Human Services secretary Louis W. Sullivan, stresses the risk of HIV infection to women, youth, and small-town Americans. "Our urgent message is that this disease is not confined to the big cities," he said.

"Americans of all ages need to understand that if they engage in high-risk sexual or drug-use behaviors, regardless of who they are or where they live, they can become infected with HIV."

JOHN ZEH



This year alone, thousands of Americans are expected to get AIDS. That causes AIDS. Why? The answer is simple. Every day, many sexual partners put themselves at risk for sex transmitted diseases (STD's). And what puts them at risk is exactly what puts them at risk for HIV — their behaviors. The truth is that all sex transmitted diseases are preventable. Abstain from high risk sexual behaviors.

New definition of AIDS on hold

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) failed to meet its goal of April 1 to issue its redefinition AIDS, a change that would have given an AIDS diagnosis to anyone with a helper T-cell count under 200, regardless of symptoms. The number of Americans living with AIDS would have tripled as a result of the new definition.

The CDC has been working for the past two years to revise its current AIDS diagnosis. An individual now receives that diagnosis by contracting one of a list of distinctive opportunistic infections. Addition of the helper T-cell standard to the list was supposed to go into effect last November, but has been delayed twice to gather further public comment, according to the agency.

Some AIDS activists believe, however, that the revised definition is being held up by Bush administration officials who are eager to avoid stressing an on-going health

crisis in the election year. Carisa Cunningham of the AIDS Action Council disagrees. "A lot of things have slowed down this year," she said. "The CDC delayed in response to complaints from lots of AIDS organizations. We are suggesting that the CDC hold public meetings to try to resolve the issue."

The concerns raised with the CDC include confidentiality problems involved with reporting lab tests, and the continued omission of several AIDS-related conditions common in women or IV drug users. Another concern was that the government had not set aside funds to cushion the effects of the new definition. An AIDS diagnosis is bound to encourage more requests for services from agencies who already are short on resources, particularly in the area of housing. In this atmosphere of scarcity, competition for resources will be fierce.

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tion for funding is fierce.

Dr. Sandra Hernandez, director of San Francisco's AIDS Office, said, "The big change is in reporting. The number of AIDS cases a community has determines how much outside funding it gets. We need to be prepared to quickly implement the new defi-

inition when ever it is put into effect. Our hardest ask is going to be to get medical labs to report low helper T-cell tests. Surveillance of hospital patients will no longer be sufficient to count the people with AIDS."

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Project Inform gets grant from Burroughs-Wellcome

Project Inform, the nation's leading HIV treatment information and advocacy organization, has been awarded a project grant of \$149,500 from Burroughs Wellcome Co., a research-based pharmaceutical company.

As a result of the grant, Project Inform can more effectively manage its ever-growing international mailing list.

Project Inform will purchase computer equipment and network software for the organization's Constituent Database and Hotline Access Link ('HAL'). These systems will serve over 75,000 people.

"This project grant provides a much needed opportunity to upgrade our organizational capabilities. It will allow us to respond more effectively to the treatment information needs of the people we serve," said Robert L. Elkins, Director of Development and Finance.

The funding will help to meet the challenge of an increasing volume and complexity of HIV and AIDS treatment information. It will facilitate the delivery of this information to the increasing number of persons across the country who rely on Project Inform's publications, the "Treatment Information Packet," "PI Perspective," and "Briefing Paper."

Martin Delaney, Executive Director of Project Inform, said "It is entirely appropriate that companies such as Burroughs Wellcome, which profit from the sale of drugs in the AIDS epidemic, put money back into the community from which the profits came. We and other community organizations simply cannot continue raising every dollar from the segment of the public which has so long supported services to people with HIV infection. They have given until it hurts. We are confident that this money comes with no strings attached and it will not in any way influence our attitudes or the information we distribute. Nor will it prevent us from being a

critic of the company in the future, should it be warranted, as we have been in the past."

Project Inform provides HIV/AIDS treatment information free of charge to more than 75,000 people and their health care providers through a toll-free hotline, publica-



tions and educational forums called Town Meetings.

The Project Inform hotline numbers are: (415) 558-9051 in San Francisco; (800) 334-7422 in California; and (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the United States. The hotline's hours are 10:00 a.m. til 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m. til 1:00 p.m. Saturday (Pacific Time).

Pictured: Martin Delaney
Photo by Rink

AIDS risk higher male to female

A European study has revealed that men infected with HIV are almost twice as likely to infect female partners as the reverse, according to a report in the British Medical Journal. The study of heterosexual couples in nine European countries, begun in 1987,

covered over 150 HIV+ women and their male partners and over 400 HIV+ men and their female partners. The rate of female to male transmission was 12%, while the male to female rate was 20%. Twenty-four members of the study, eight men and sixteen women, were free of HIV, having used condoms exclusively during the study.

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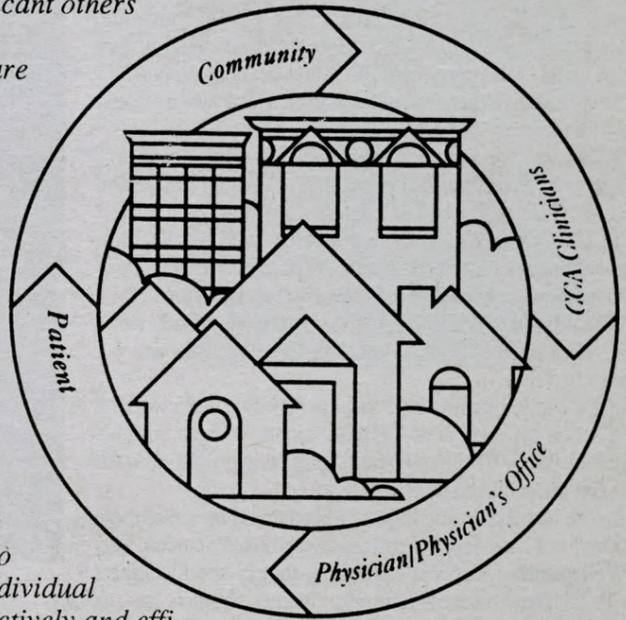
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Fierstein continued

Where was the gay audience that's been clamoring for gay films? "'Torch Song Trilogy' was a gay production," its star and author insists. "You've never in your life seen such a gay set. Usually the gay crew members all gather in the wardrobe room, but on this one it was the heterosexuals who had to hide!"

A little over a year later, Harvey says, activists "screamed about 'Longtime Companion': 'Gays aren't all white!' But in 'Torch Song' Arnold's best friend was black. He adopted a Hispanic boy. I even used Charles Pierce who—forgive me, Charles—is in his 70s. I tried to represent every kind of gay person I could. I did everything PC. Did I get their support?..."

"If we did give that kind of support to a gay film we could make a lot more gay films," he concluded.

"I live my life and pick my battles the way I have to," Fierstein says. A current case in point: "I always try and stay on the positive side of things, but I don't know how much good it does to see a heterosexual play a gay role." Specifically, "I'm still pondering why Streisand used George Carlin to play a gay neighbor when she knows so many wonderful gay actors."

When I point out that her son, Jason Gould, already had a role in "The Prince of Tides," Harvey laughs, "That was *you*, not me, who said that."

In TV battles he says, "I've spent the last two years working with CBS on my own show," Harvey reports. "Each time it's been killed, not by CBS but by these 'marketing people' who tell CBS what the public really wants."

But he hasn't given up hope. "I keep thinking one of these days they'll call and say, 'We meant to say no to "Scorch"!"

While some of Fierstein's problems are gay-specific, others go with the show business territory. Warner Brothers has the film rights to the musical version of "La Cage aux Folles," for which he wrote the book. "I am supposed to write it," he says of the screenplay, "but they've been negotiating for a year now."

In the meantime Harvey has a film in post-production in which he simply acted. It's called "The Harvest" and stars Miguel Ferrer, son of Rosemary Clooney and the late Jose Ferrer. "I play a heterosexual," he says. Oh, it's a fantasy?

After calling me things that can't be printed even in a gay family paper Harvey explains, "It's called 'acting.' Gay actors have done it for hundreds of years. I've seen them. I know how it's done."

Seriously, he plays "a heartless Hollywood producer" in the adventure film, for which release plans are indefinite.



Fierstein's last produced stage work, other than a failed attempt to salvage the book of Peter Allen's musical "Legs Diamond," was the lesser known trilogy "Safe Sex," which had a brief Broadway run five years ago. "We did it too early," he says in hindsight. "People were in the 'disease of the month' mode. Everybody in "Safe Sex" has AIDS. It's about living in the age of AIDS, with the disease all around you. The mainstream critics couldn't understand that."

The best of the plays, "On Tidy Endings," was successfully produced on HBO, scoring good ratings and winning several ACE awards. All three were "just done in England," their author says, and are "still being done by a lot of small groups."

The theater may not see anything new from Fierstein for some time. "I'm waiting for (New York Times critic) Frank

Rich to leave," he says, sounding serious. "That hateful little man."

Other media are keeping Harvey busy enough; but even though "The Arsenio Hall Show," where he has a standing invitation to drop by, and "Cheers," where he could return, are both products of Paramount Pictures, it doesn't mean his future is on a mountain surrounded by stars.

"It means I know where to park (on the Paramount lot)," he says modestly. "I know where the Lucille Ball Building is and the Groucho Marx Building, and I know what not to eat in the commissary."

Pictured: Harvey Fierstein and Matthew Broderick in "Torch Song Trilogy."

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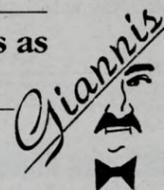
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Homomonument dedicated to gay people killed by Nazis

To the Editor:

My partner and I have just returned from a visit to Amsterdam, The Netherlands and want to share one of the highlights of our trip with your readers. We believe that a visit to the Homomonument is a must for anyone's itinerary in Amsterdam.

The monument is dedicated to the thousands of gay people exterminated in the Nazi death camps and forced to wear the pink triangle. It is located in the churchyard of the Westerkerk, next to the Feizergracht Canal, and consists of a large, pink granite triangle measuring 107 feet on each side and enclosing three smaller pink granite triangles in each corner.

The triangle at the point of the larger triangle descends several steps down and out into the canal, giving the impression of a



triangular dock at the water's edge. This triangle represents the past, and its point is in line with the Anne Frank House, where Anne and her family hid during the Nazi occupation, just across the canal. It is common for Amsterdammers to place fresh flowers here most every day.

The triangle enclosed at the upper-right corner of the larger triangle sits flush with the churchyard and represents the present.

Its point is oriented toward the Freedom Monument at Dam Square, in the heart of Amsterdam.

The third triangle stands several feet high in the churchyard, in the upper-left corner of the larger triangle, and represents the future. It points to the offices of the Center for Culture and Leisure, known as the COC. The COC is the government-supported National Gay/Lesbian Rights Organization which is a legal part of Her Majesty's Government.

The plaque that marks the monument at canalside reads as follows:

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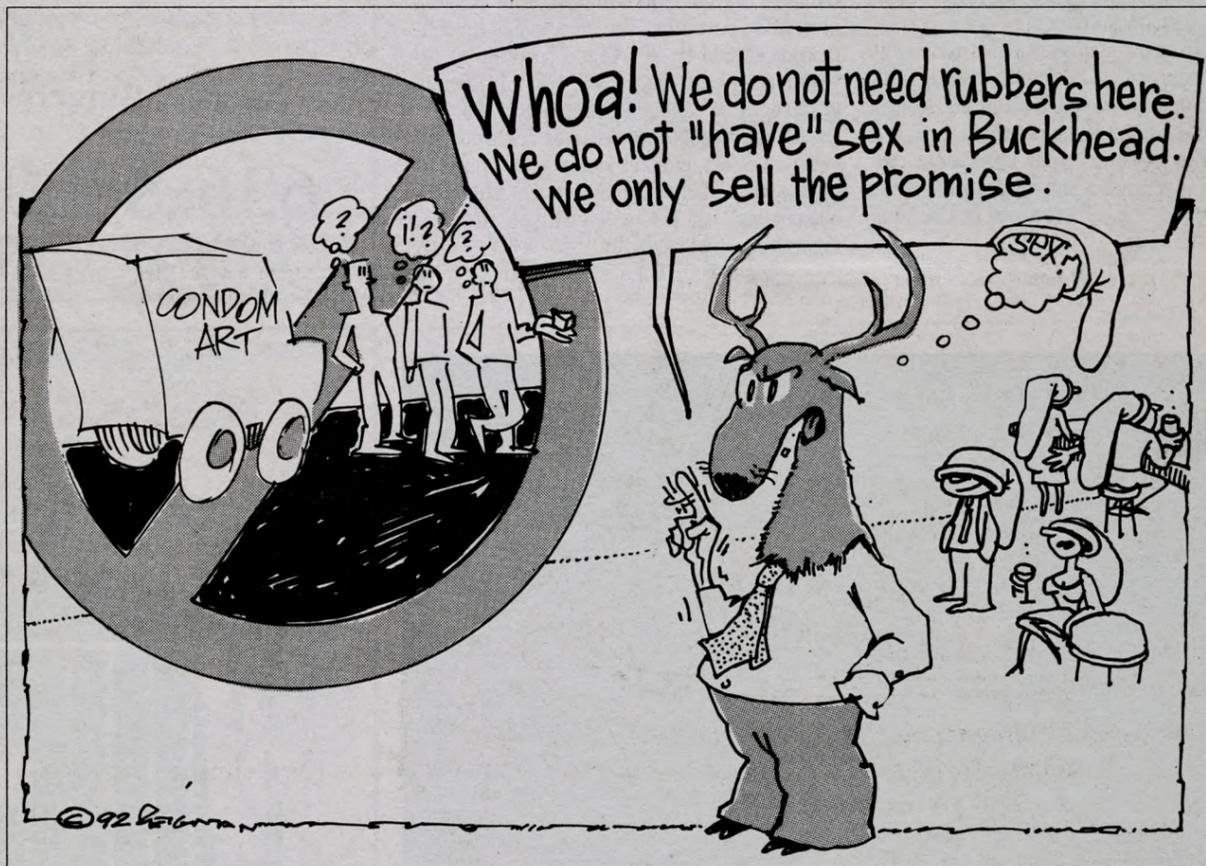
"Supports the international lesbian and gay movement in their struggle against contempt, discrimination and oppression."

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Clearly, we were moved by our visits to the monument and would encourage others to visit it when in Amsterdam. We look forward to the day when American society achieves a level of enlightenment equal to that of the Dutch.

Sincerely,
C. Paul Cuthbertson



Stop picking on the Gay Center

To the Editor:

For some time now I have watched Southern Voice run articles and letters that either attack the Atlanta Gay Center and its representatives directly, or offer highly unflattering opinions about their involvement in community issues.

My contact with the Atlanta Gay Center was over three years ago and only for 7-8 months as a volunteer. Time constraints due to my job forced me to withdraw, but even in that short time my impression of Michael Wilson, Bill Gripp and others at the Center was, and remains, very strong and positive. I believe these people care a great deal about our community, and strive to act with responsibility and efficacy when addressing community problems.

After reading so much in Southern Voice concerning AGC and its people, two things always seem to stand out. The first is, a good deal of the statements and reports sound personally motivated. I question the professionalism and responsibility of such journalism.

Secondly, if Southern Voice chooses to write about or investigate an organization (Atlanta City Council, Atlanta Police Department) or an issue (support for people with AIDS, domestic partnership) Southern Voice is serving the community. When AGC or The News does it, they are cast as troublemakers who "badger" city officials.

Clearly, the mayor, the police department and other familiar faces and organizations are not exactly leading the Charge of The Light Brigade when it comes to acting on issues important, even imperative, to our gay community. Others, such as Mary Davis, have worked very hard to help us, and continue to do so.

Many people at Southern Voice, AGC,

The News, most of my neighbors and most of my friends and myself have lots to say about it. Often, we don't agree.

You may think this entire letter sounds trite and preachy, so I'm going to go ahead and blow it all out right here:

Look people, we are going to have to work together, search for common ground and downplay differences of opinion on method and approach. We don't have a choice. Perhaps all this infighting and division of ranks is the thing we most share in common with all those Great Grand Institutions of the straight world.

Checked out the Democratic Party lately? They have trouble getting things done, too. Every minute we waste bickering is another year for the powers that be to sit around and twiddle their thumbs, point and laugh.

Thanks for letting me air my views.

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INVESTMENT

BEFORE DECIDING on investments, you need to know what you want the investment to do for you—what your goals are—and those goals should be realistic. Goals are a roadmap for decision making, and they serve as benchmarks for measuring the success of an investment. To the extent that an investment brings you closer to achieving your goal, it may be considered successful.

Vague goals, such as 'a comfortable retirement' or 'a nice vacation,' are not sufficient, since it is difficult to measure your progress toward achieving such goals. If possible, you should quantify your goals in terms of dollar amounts. After establishing your goals, rank them in order of their priority, and tackle the most important one first. Keep your list on hand and review them periodically. As goals are achieved or change due to changes in your circumstances, you will want to revise your priorities.

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Liquidity—Liquidity is the ability to convert an investment into cash without loss of principal. The nature of a goal dictates the degree of liquidity needed. For instance, if the goal is to accumulate a down payment on a house in one year, a high degree of liquidity is necessary. On the other hand, if an investment is being used to fund retirement, liquidity is not as essential. Keep in mind that the more liquid an investment is, the lower the potential return.

Tax Consequences—The effect of taxes on investment planning cannot be ignored. However, it is not always best to invest in tax-exempt instruments such as municipal bonds. The determining factor is your tax bracket. If you are in the 15% Federal income tax bracket, you can achieve a better after-tax return today by investing in taxable investments such as government securities. If you are in the 28% or 31% Federal bracket you should consider tax-favored investments.

Risk Tolerance—An investor's tolerance for risk is determined by his or her emotional makeup and attitudes. Since risk and return go hand-in-hand, you should select investments that offer the highest potential risk consistent with your ability to tolerate risk. The most effective way to deal with risk is to create a diversified portfolio. The objective of diversification should be to create a portfolio of investments whose returns will react differently to changes in economic conditions. For example, decreasing interest rates could have a negative effect on bond yields while stimulating the stock market. An investment may seem outstanding, but if it will give you sleepless nights you should avoid it.

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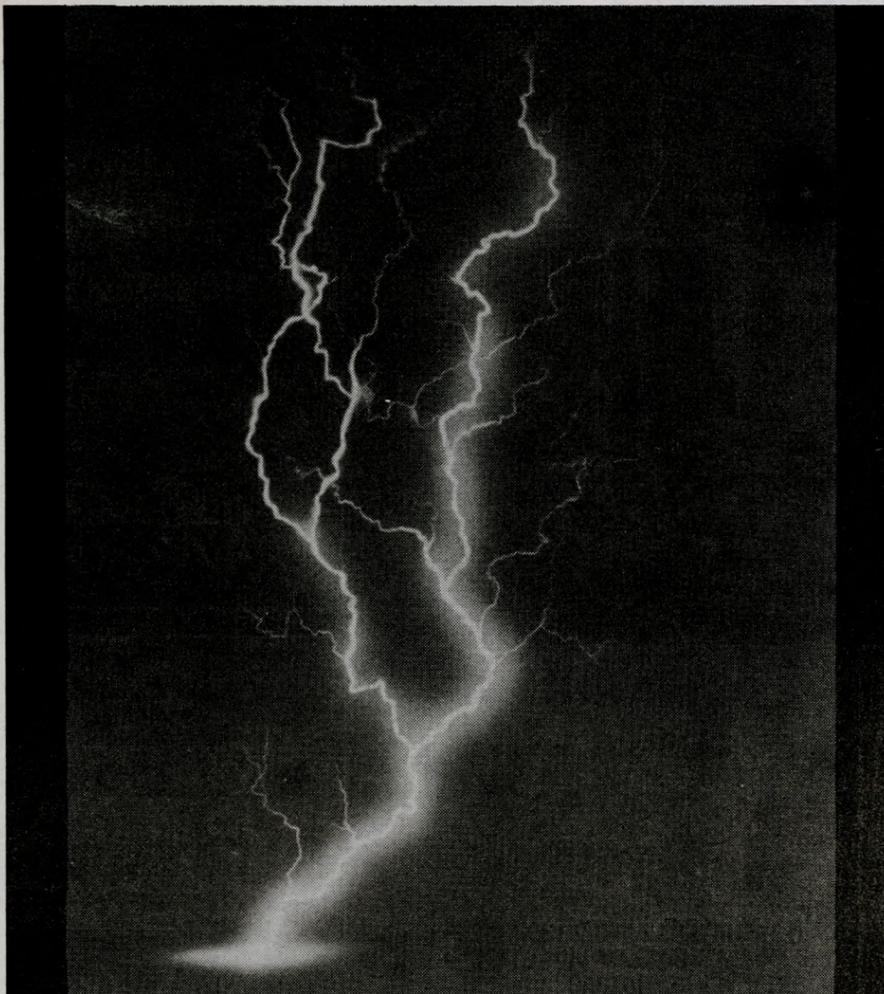
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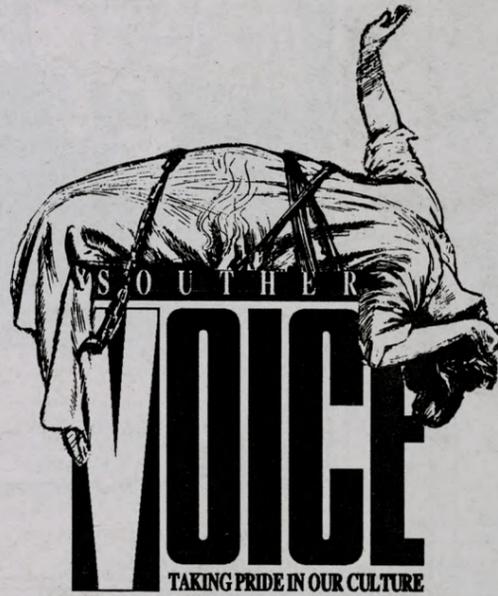
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Money talk

Six of us converged, reunion-like, on Washington, D.C. last week. Two from the Far West. Two from the Northeast. And us two from about as Southeast as you can get without inheriting a taste for gefilte fish or co-habiting with a Hemingway descendent.

And we had a wonderful time. We spent the first night duly reporting all our separate goings-on since we'd all separated a year ago. We caught up. Who did what to whom. Who broke up with who. Who moved. Whose puppy was sick. All the polite chatter and charged gossip that comes with coming together after a while apart.

Nice visit. Good times. Lots of chatter. Then later on, on the last night, we retired to the suite and, tired from trudging, we broke some of the rules.

No, nobody switched partners. No wild orgies. No apparatus strung from the ceiling. I don't think any of us would know what to do erotically with trapeze bars.

No, what we did was talk. Into the night. And in our talking, feeling very comfortable, and very safe with each other, we broke an old taboo.

We talked about money.

Not just casual chat about the cost of the hotel or the price of gas on the interstate. Not cocktail conversation about the state of the economy. What we talked about was real money. Our own. Something hardly anybody ever really talks about. Not in polite company. It just isn't done.

We actually told each other our current incomes. And our silver-spoon, riches-to-rags, or merely middle-class financial histories. We talked about what it felt like for one of us to face foreclosure. We confessed to mutual recurrent bag-lady nightmares. And how deep the fingermarks were on various pairs of our bootstraps. We talked about how guilty it felt for the ones with capital (that's what you call money when you have enough not to have to ask one of your relatives for any). Especially when others didn't have it. Hoping that no one would ask to borrow any. We talked about having a six-figure income not so long ago, without the decimal point. Then having to face the reality of still having six-figure incomes but this year with the decimal point included.

We really talked about money. For several hours.

And you know what? It felt very weird. Vulnerable. Exposed. But kind of cathartic. At the end of the visit, we all felt a little closer. Like we'd really opened up to each other. Shared some of our real selves. Our most closely held secrets. Now, granted, we won't see any of these people again for a very long time. So in a sense that made it safer. But it somehow made it more of a special time.

A long time ago, I remember a con-

firmed nudist friend talking about how free it felt being naturally naked. How open and honest it got to be after the first horrendous, awful, oh-my-god-I-have-got-to-go-on-let-tuce-and-water-for-a-week self consciousness was over. While I wasn't ready to discard my duds in company, after the weekend in D.C., I kind of understood what she meant.

Talking about sex would have been easier. Sex is in our vocabularies. We think of it as intimate. But not money. That's taboo. Way, way too revealing. Why is that? What is it about us and money that makes discussing it totally off limits for people who know each other well, care about each other, and, given the shifting nature of relationships, probably even shared some at one time or another?

I noticed it the first time we applied for a mortgage. I like my real estate agent. Even consider her a close friend. We've talked about many, many things in the course of our growing friendship.

But when it came time to fill out the "are-you-now-or-have-you-ever" forms about who you owe now, who you owed before, and did you know that six years ago your credit report shows that you actually missed one entire car payment, I actually cringed. I was embarrassed. I felt like a criminal. I didn't want my new friend to know any of this. I didn't want her to know how much I had in the bank, or how much my clients paid me a month. Frankly, I didn't want to tell her. Unless, of course, she shared the same information with me. To kind of make it even. (She didn't offer). It just didn't seem like it was any of her business.

Of course, it was her business. Since her business was to help secure a mortgage. And, after a month or two, having successfully accomplished a 30-year favorable fixed rate, I got over it. Or stopped feeling creepy about it. Or mostly knew that I wouldn't have to discuss it out loud again with her if I didn't want to.

Then we went to Washington. And hung around the hotel room talking about money. About how everybody had come to the same conclusion that combined funding was the best way to eliminate power-tripping from their relationship. And how we also know people who didn't pool their pennies, and how well, or not, that worked for them. We talked about housing costs and living costs and the amount of money in our wallets. We dealt with dollars in depth.

It was kind of cleansing. An unexpected windfall. A dropping of pretense. Or a justification of it. I don't know. I only know it was kind of nice, for a change, to stop apologizing for what we did have or what we didn't.

Maybe I'll try again sometime. In another group that feels totally safe. And completely non-threatening.

After all, it's only money.

Of course, until then, probably, we'll all just talk about sex. It seems somehow safer. Anybody know how to secure those hanging ring things to the ceiling?

FIRST PERSON

ANNOUNCEMENT

All interested University of Alabama attendees and graduates are encouraged to attend an organizational meeting to form a lesbian and gay alumni association on Sunday, April 26 at 2:00 pm.

"An alumni organization can serve many purposes," says David van der Griff, Class of '88. "This is particularly important in light of the Auburn controversy and the fact that the Alabama legislature has threatened to prevent funding of any organization at a

state-supported school that 'encourages violation of Alabama law'."

Those interested in attending the April 26th meeting can call Rachael Barrow at 284-3479 or Mr. van der Griff at 377-8312 for the location and directions.

An alumni group is also forming for gay, lesbian and bisexual graduates of Emory University. A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28 at 7 pm. Call Sara at 712-2304 for more information and directions.

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The Honorable Louis Sullivan
Secretary
Department of Health and Human Services
Hubert H. Humphrey Building
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In the March 30, 1992 issue of Faulkner & Grey's "Medicine and Health" newsletter, Assistant Secretary for Health James Mason, M.D., is quoted saying that the new advertisements prepared for the "America Responds to AIDS" campaign are designed to target a "broad" segment of the population without turning off any segment of society. Dr. Mason states that "there are certain areas which, when the goals of science collide with moral and ethical judgment, science has to take time out."

Were this comment not disturbing enough, the article continues with a comment from William Grigg, a spokesman for the Assistant Secretary, stating: "When you're fighting a fire, you control it from the outside and let the center burn. The same holds true for medicine."

These comments betray a callous disregard for the lives of more than a million Americans who currently live with HIV. People with AIDS, particularly gay men with AIDS, could reasonably interpret the remarks of these officials in your department as a direct statement that their lives are being sacrificed to political considerations, particularly political considerations fueled by right wing moralizers who have argued for over a decade that AIDS is "God's punishment."

I believe it is essential that you take immediate steps to insure that the damage done by these men is corrected. I strongly urge you to repudiate Assistant Secretary Mason's comments and denounce those of Mr. Grigg. Surely, you do not share his view that the lives of gay Americans must be sacrificed to the bigotry of religious zealots.

His remarks, if left unchallenged, will send a clear and compelling statement to Americans living with AIDS and HIV that the chief public health officials of our country have no interest in aggressively seeking a cure. Rather they have capitulated to the pressure of those who have consistently sought to undermine the work of those who have fought for an effective public health approach to the AIDS crises. To suggest that people with AIDS today should be sacrificed in order to control the epidemic in later years is beyond reckless. It offers proof that our government is willing to let people die today in order to "control" AIDS more effectively in the future.

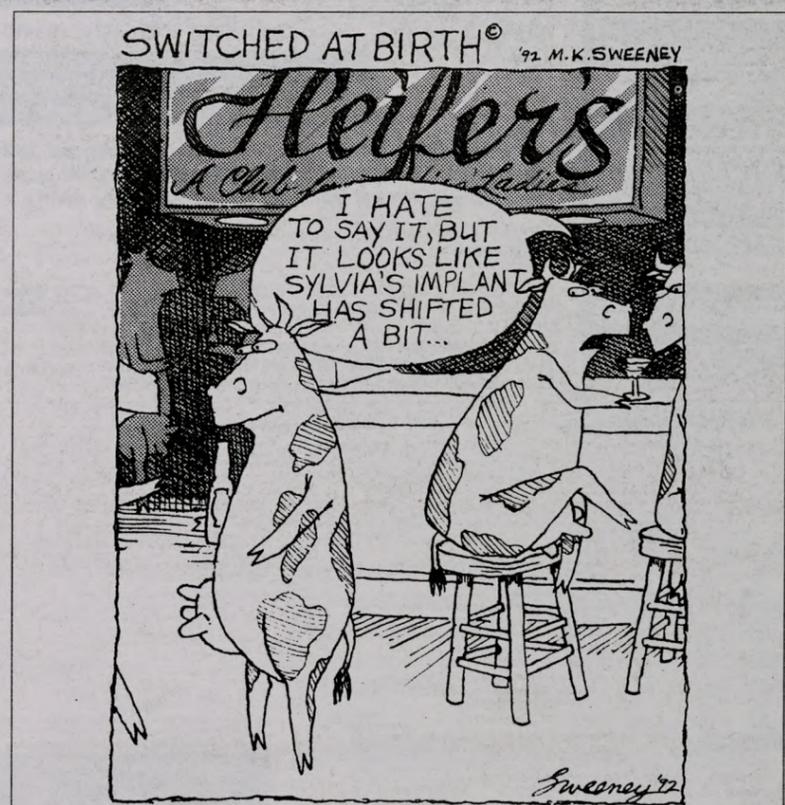
Much more needs to be done than renouncing these statements and toning down inflammatory language. You personally, Mr. Secretary, must assure all Americans generally and members of the communities hardest hit by HIV in particular that it is *not* the policy of this government to "let the center burn," and then in fact redouble the government's efforts to rescue and save people who find themselves at the center of the epidemic.

As you know, the Human Rights Campaign Fund is the largest lesbian and gay political organization in America. We have been involved with the struggle against the AIDS epidemic for over a decade. Rarely during that time have we encountered language of such brutal callousness coming from public officials. At a time when HIV is spreading rapidly among new populations, such as American teenagers and women of color, it is essential that steps be taken immediately to rectify the damage that Dr. Mason and Mr. Grigg's irresponsible remarks have done.

I look forward to your response.

Very truly yours,
Tim McFeeley

Executive Director
Human Rights Campaign Fund



12 TRAVEL

FESTIVAL FORECAST

This year's women's festivals appear to be better organized, with more varieties of food and promises of hot showers. And they say women don't know what they want... I say, you get what you ask for.

In addition to changes in amenities, this year's focus seems to be on meeting the needs of lesbians with disabilities. The three-day American Sign Language intensive just before the East Coast Festival could open up new channels of communication within the community. The three days will be marked by total silence as you learn the ins and outs of ASL and proper etiquette.

Writers are visibly more present in festival promotional materials. Festivals which in the past might have offered a workshop on journal keeping now have a whole list of writer oriented activities.

It would be impossible to list all the information about each festival without devoting a page to each. But here are some of the highlights of the summer's festivities in eastern lesbiana. Prices and more particulars are available on request.

Southern Women's Music and Comedy Festival

May 21-25, Hendersonville, NC
Contact: Robin Tyler Productions, 15842 Chase St., North Hills, CA 91343, (818) 893-4075

The 9th Southern Festival focuses on fun in its new campground outside of Asheville, NC. The facilities are more centralized, and flatter, which should make for better camping and accessibility. There is also a hotel package, the first ever offered by a festival. The Olympic size pool, lighted tennis courts, and deluxe playing fields should be enjoyed for sport or pleasure of all kinds.

Performance is focused on comedy this year

with Judy Carter, Lea Delaria and others leading the bill. Dianne Davidson and Jamie Anderson present music and personal insights. A special guest appearance by Mona Caywood as Miss Fern promises amazing impersonations of everybody but Elvis. The new site has state of the art kitchens and hot showers, and Pizza Hut will deliver pizzas until midnight. Dyke heaven.

National Women's Music Festival

May 28-31, Boll Bloomington, IN
Contact: NWMF, Dept. SV, PO Box 1427, Indianapolis, IN 46206, (317) 636-7382

Now in its 18th year, the National Festival is the oldest and most comfortable of the festivals. It is held indoors at Indiana University and the college's excellent facilities allow for theatre presentations as well as easy access to the workshop areas. Over 150 workshops will examine eight or nine topics in depth such as spirituality, women of color, legal issues, and prosperity. Lucie Blue Tremblay, Margie Adam, and the Urban Bush Women entertain. Speakers include Kate Millett, Sarah Aldridge and Karen Thompson. Over 60 get in for half price. An art exhibit and large indoor merchant hall should offer lots of things to look at and buy.

WomonWrites

June 3-7, Indian Springs, GA
Contact: K.D. Wildsister, 4645 24th Ave. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33711, (813) 327-1942

The 14th annual gathering of woman writers is really more a conference than a festival in the usual sense. It provides four days of intense workshops and is a perfect size for those who enjoy small intimate gatherings. The writers, the sun and the lake are the main stage attractions at this southern tradition. No camping or nude swimming. Some paper, a pen and suntan lotion are a must at this writer's getaway.



East Coast Lesbian's Festival

June 18-21, 3 hr. North of NYC
Contact: ECLF, 132 Montague St., Brooklyn, NY 11201, (510) 763-9228

The East Coast Festival begins this year with a 3-day silent pre-fest focusing on helping novices learn some ASL basics, including etiquette and simple communication skills. This small festival (800-1,000) is only in its 4th year yet it features a lesbian video festival with 10 hours of films and videos every day. Some of the more prolific lesbian writers usually attend and read their work. Scheduled performers include Kay Gardner, Alix Dobkin, Jacque and Joyce with Maxine Feldman as MC. The camp has lots of comfortable cabin spaces with hot showers and all the amenities. Although it is located in the foothills, it is not as cold as Michigan with 80 degree days and cool nights in the 60's. All common buildings are ramped for easy access.

Spiritfest '92

Sept 2-6, Mississippi on the coast
Contact: Henson Productions, 1806 Curcor Drive, Gulfport, MS 39507, (601) 896-3196

Come celebrate with deep south sisters. On the water, Spanish moss draped oaks, laid back magic. In its second year (last year it was held in November) this festival focuses on southern women spirituality, and at a very affordable price. \$50-\$100 sliding scale. Cabins, tent area, hotel nearby, hot showers, swimming pool, veg and non-veg meals. Workers and workshop presenters still needed.

RhythmFest

Sept 4-7, North Georgia near Summerville
Contact: Rhythmfest, 2009 Chapel Hill Rd., Durham, NC 27707, (919) 419-1923

Michigan Womyn's Music Festival

August 11-16, near Hart, Michigan
Contact: WWTMC, Box 22, Walhalla, MI 49458, (616) 757-4766

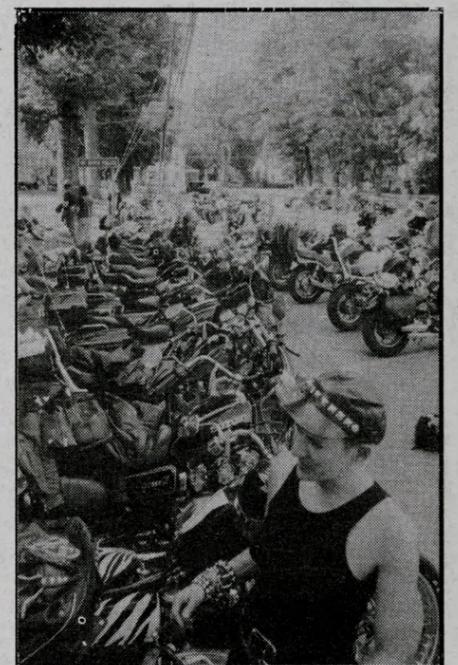
The biggest names in womyn's music and you will probably see a rising star or two on the day stage. Workshops by Kate Millet and Judy Grahn just to name a few. More than 8,000 women of every shape and size and heritage. It will get cold at night and rain a time or two. The showers will be the hardships spoken of by aging crones in future days. Admittedly, even Michigan is doing its best to provide showers that are at least warm.

It is a coming together of the Lesbian Nation in such numbers that it is a religious experience in personal empowerment. It's a long drive from Atlanta, nearly 17 hours if you stretch your legs occasionally. Yet, women drive from Atlanta and come from all over the world as far away as New Zealand because there is nothing quite like it anywhere else.

Women's Motorcycle Festival

August 16-19, Aurora, NY
Contact: WMF, 7 Lent Ave., LeRoy, NY 14482, (716) 768-6054

This is the 6th gathering of this bi-annual event. It takes place at Wells College near Ithaca and hosts around 250 women. It began after women bikers began networking at Michigan in 1982. You won't have much fun without a motorcycle at this event as most of the activities are centered around riding or cruising. There are contests for skills as well as prizes for best in show, stock and custom. Performers include Lea, Zicari, and Ann Seale, a humorist whose Sex for Breakfast should help to get the days off right. There will be a bowling tournament, a classical music concert and lots of local entertainment. Groups expected to attend include: The N.Y. City Sirens, Moving Violations, Diamond Roses, Fallen Idols, and Dykes on Bikes. Those unable to attend may hook into the network by receiving the "Chrome Rose Review."



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1 OR 2	King \$25	\$25	\$25	Workshop substitution (each participant asked to do one 3 hr. workshop)	\$
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GALE REEDER
Pictured: (top) 1991 Southern Women's Music and Comedy Festival, photo by Joan Karpeles; (bottom) 1990 Women's Motorcycle Festival.

WHERE THE BOYS GO

As the summer months approach, people start to get that inexplicable wanderlust — a desire to find the best possible place to enjoy the good weather. And, of course, gay men have been trying to perfect the art of traveling since the beginning of time. So where are the best places for gay men to go?

In spite of the recession, many gay men are still finding time to take vacations. They still frequent many of the old standbys, but there are some new destinations that have become just as popular. To find out where gay men are going, we asked an expert, Fred Kohn, owner of Kennedy Travel in New York City, a member of the International Gay Travel Association. Here is what he recommended.

The West Coast

Los Angeles and San Francisco are eternal attractions for gay men, many of whom combine the two in one visit—flying into one city and making a side trip to the other. Los Angeles is a shimmering, sprawling world that complements the more relaxed, yet incredibly diverse atmosphere of San Francisco.

While the drive between Los Angeles and San Francisco can be beautiful, airline competition between the two have made shuttling back and forth even easier.

Seattle has become increasingly popular because of the mellow quality of live and reasonable prices. A diverse population brings a cosmopolitan atmosphere to this city. The "Nation's Most Beautiful City" is also popular because of its convenience to Vancouver, the lovely, fast growing Canadian city set against the snow-capped peaks of the Coast Range.

Back East

Provincetown becomes the Key West of the North during the warm months, with thousands of gay men and lesbians flocking to the sunny shores of this quaint New England town. Many find the vacation they've been looking for in Provincetown's beaches, shopping, socializing and nightlife. The population more than doubles here during the height of the season, so it's

sand dunes in the history of the universe." It is stately, discreet, wealthy and oh so exclusive.

Close to the border

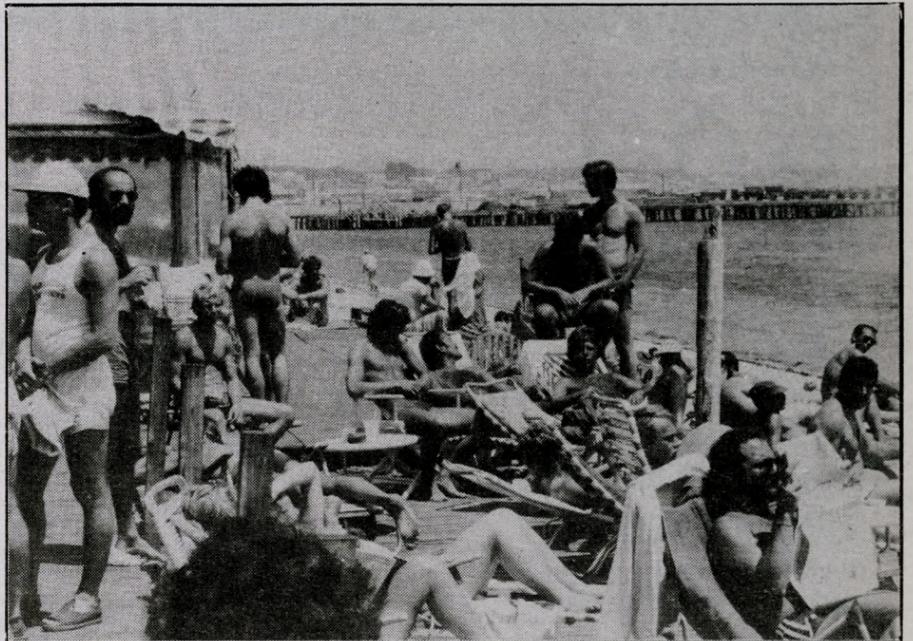
South Padre Island in Texas is a year-round welcome spot between the Gulf of Mexico and Laguna Madre near the mouth of the Rio Grande River and the Mexican border. Hailed as the International Island of Texas, this barrier stretch of fine white sands has exceptionally clean beaches to enjoy surfing, sunbathing, swimming and fishing. The ever-popular guesthouse Lyle's Deck, which offers comfortable and reasonably priced accommodations, is located just 500 feet from the gay area of Atol Beach. Further out in the sand dunes, there is a nude beach 17 miles to the north. A gay bar, the 440 Club, is in nearby Brownsville, Texas.

Traveling Abroad

Montreal is the perfect alternative for people who dream of Europe but lack either the time or money to get there. The city is a contrast of historic charm and sleek sophistication, from the quiet beauty of the city's mountain to the noisy prostitutes who frequent the fast food restaurants. The city offers a wide variety of tourist activities and gay guest houses, bars, and clubs, plus a pleasant break from the scalding temperatures in the States.

Mexico remains a favorite even during the warmer months, with posh tourist resorts like Cancun attracting thousands of gay travelers to the warm sands. An exchange rate that remains favorable (even with our plunging dollar) helps to make Mexico a good deal. And, of course, Mexico City offers an endless array of cultural attractions with more moderate temperatures.

For a reasonably priced vacation year-round, Kohn also recommends Venezuela, a "great gay destination" where travelers can experience the attractions and nightlife of cosmopolitan Caracas, and also visit the quiet sands of Margarita Island, which Kohn describes as "a Caribbean Island without the Caribbean prices." The nation's location along the Caribbean shore of South America gives Venezuela year-round good weather, and the dollar goes a long way towards buying the dream vacation.



at Anchorage, Sitka, Juneau and Vancouver among others. You'll share your experiences along the Alaskan coastline with 715 passengers. Another dream vacation in 1992 could be RSVP's cruise to the Greek Isles from September 7 to 14. 620 cruisers will depart from Piraeus and visit Istanbul and Kusadasi, Turkey before sailing to Rhodes, Mykonos and Santorini.

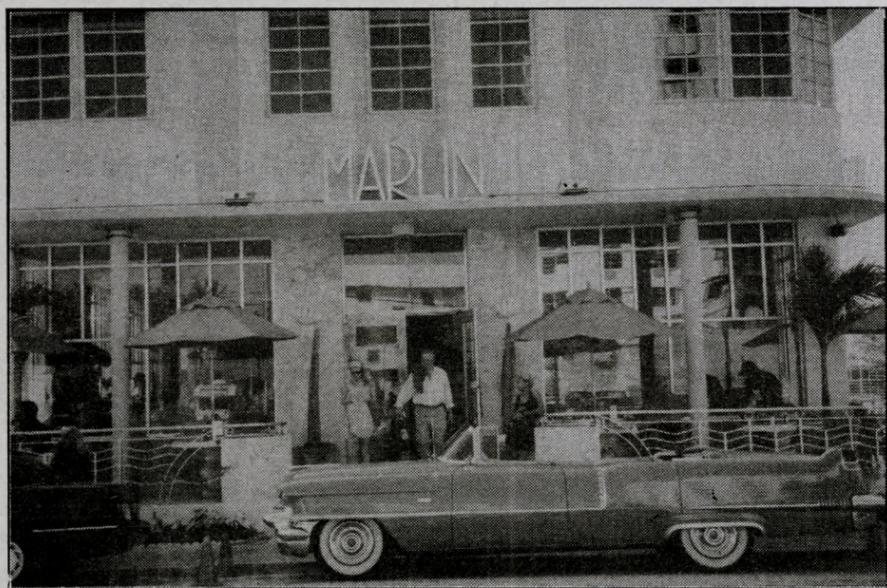
Who Can Afford To Travel?

Even though gay men are a group less affected by the recession, Kohn says that they have been scaling back some in their travel plans. "People are more bargain conscious," he says, but he points out that they still find good deals and take trips. "You've got to be a little more creative to find the good deals," he says.

But a recent upswing in Kennedy Travel's bookings indicate that the worst may be over for the gay traveler's financial worries. Kennedy Travels bookings were down 18% last year, but they expect a 25% rise this year. Kohn cited the long waiting list for cruises like RSVP, which offers high-end, luxury cruises for gay men, as an example that there are people ready to spend money on their dream vacation.

So, if you're planning your next getaway, save up, and be on the look out for good deals. They're still around.

MARK CHESNUT
Pictured: South Miami Beach
Provincetown



recommended that the traveler make reservations far in advance.

In spite of the heat, gay men still are planning vacations in Miami Beach, according to Kohn. The art deco district of South Miami Beach is a year-round haven for rich and handsome men, some of whom work for the modeling agencies that have offices there. Happily, hotel and rental car prices in the Miami area have remained fairly reasonable.

Also, West Palm Beach, Florida has become the home for many gay men and lesbians who have renovated some of the rundown residential areas. Catering to this ever-increasing population are a number of bars, restaurants and bed and breakfasts. Palm Beach is described by some world travelers as "one of the most luxurious

St. Croix

St. Croix in the Virgin Islands is becoming increasingly popular for gay travelers. Several gay-friendly places to stay include King Frederik on the Beach which offers doubles, suites and cottages, all with private baths fully-equipped kitchens and air conditioning. It's conveniently located a few blocks from the gay bars. Prince Street Inn offers 1 and 2-bedroom suites with baths and kitchens and an enclosed courtyard. Sailing, snorkeling, swimming and just relaxing make St. Croix an ideal spot to escape from city life.

Cruising

RSVP offers an Alaskan cruise aboard the SS Regent Sea from July 3 to 10. It includes stops

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OUT & ABOUT

GLAAD AWARDS

At the top of the World Trade Center, 106 stories above the glittering lights of Manhattan, shined the 3rd annual GLAAD Media Awards ceremony hosted by Barbara Walters and Phil Donahue.

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, a national organization fighting for inclusive representations of lesbian and gay lives, created this award ceremony to honor the people behind publications, movies, TV, and music who have presented fair and accurate images of gays and lesbians.

400 people filled Window on the World's Grand Ballroom for this sold-out gala cocktail reception and dinner fundraiser, which was forced to turn away 100 people.

Barbara Walters received a standing ovation when she was introduced but she refused any credit for the "20/20" GLAAD award winning segment "With Whom Do You Sleep," about Cracker Barrel's discrimination against gays and lesbians, and praised the producers who saw the piece from conception through production.

The crowd continued its thunderous applause for Ms. Walters, in recognition of her spontaneous comment made at the end of the Cracker Barrel report about how if she lived in that area she would find another restaurant to patronize.

Phil Donahue, who predicted that the Roman Catholic Church would soon denounce homophobia and let its gay priests and lesbian nuns come out of the closet, presented the Outstanding Magazine Reporting award to Andrew Sullivan, editor of *The New Republic*. Mr. Sullivan, controversial in the gay community for his conservative views, cut his acceptance speech short when, explaining the death of a friend, tears filled his eyes and he quietly left the podium, cutting close to home for many, making for a very moving moment.

Actor Mandy Patinkin, a presenter, told a funny story about going to a gay bar out of curiosity and being rejected, ending on a serious note about how he hoped one day all people could live happily together.

Actress Sarah Jessica Parker, another presenter, escorted by actor Matthew Broderick, confessed that, unlike Mandy, she was never confused about her sexual preference, causing moans and groans from many of the women in attendance.

Jenny Livingston, director of the GLAAD award winning "Paris is Burning," an incredible documentary on "voguing"

in Harlem which was inexcusably slighted by the Academy Awards, warned the audience that gays and lesbians have to support queer films if they really want them, explaining that gay Americans wouldn't give her the funding to finish her film. Completion was finally secured from a straight man and a gay Englishman.

Ellen Carton, executive director of GLAAD, thanked everyone for coming, explaining "... even though 'Basic Instinct' was the highest grossing movie in America the weekend it opened, we have a lot to celebrate because our alliance is stronger than ever."

The following is a list of this year's GLAAD award winners.

Outstanding Broadcast News Segment to ABC's "20/20" for its reports on Cracker Barrel and gays in the military.

Outstanding Magazine Reporting to *Fortune Magazine* for its cover story on "Gays in Corporate America."

Outstanding Dramatic Episode to "L.A. Law" ("The Nut Before Christmas").

Outstanding Comedy Episode to "Roc" ("Can't Help Loving That Man").

Outstanding Television Comedy Series to "Roseanne."

Vito Russo Film Award to "Paris is Burning."

Outstanding Comic Book to DC Comics for "The Flash." Patrick Buchanan got the **Defamer of the Year Award**.

CARMINE RED

Pictured: Andrew Sullivan; Phil Donahue with Matthew Broderick and Sarah Jessica Parker. Photos by Wendy Workman



THEATRE REVIEW

MATH IS hardly a subject to stir the imagination. Ask anyone who has ever fallen asleep in 6th period algebra. Yet "Breaking the Code," currently playing at Onstage Atlanta through April 25th, delivers math with magic and surprising passion.

The play by Hugh Whitmore closely follows Andrew Hodges' biography of Alan Turing called "The Enigma." First produced in London, it tells the story of a brilliant scientist who helped save the world from Hitler. He is also a homosexual, and as the play progresses it becomes apparent that what he does in the bedroom is more important to the judicial system than anything he has done in the laboratory.

The play itself is very well written. The story unfolds in a time traveler collage that mixes past and present with equal spontaneity. The dialogue is natural and well-paced and the scenes of tearful soul-baring are interspersed with humorous interchanges that show absent-minded professors at their most laughable.

The success of this production can be attributed mainly to the fine performances of the cast. Thom Gillott delivers a seamless performance as Alan Turing. It is not easy to portray a character with so many odd habits and appear natural and at ease. Turing stutters, bites his nails, plays with his food and rearranges odd items without looking the least bit foolish. More than that, he is able to dazzle the audience with the wonder of mathematical possibilities. His own excitement and fixation is extremely contagious and delightful.

Alan's scenes with his mother, played by Gigi Weinrich, are some of the best moments of the play. She is perfect in the part and speaks in the voice of all mothers as she comforts and supports him. The scene in which he reveals his gayness to her is so intimate that I felt if I were eavesdropping on next-door neighbors. It is a classic image in gay theatre.

Jessica Peterson is also very good as a fellow scientist who seeks more than friendship from Turing. The audience cried with her as she tried to make an impossible love work.

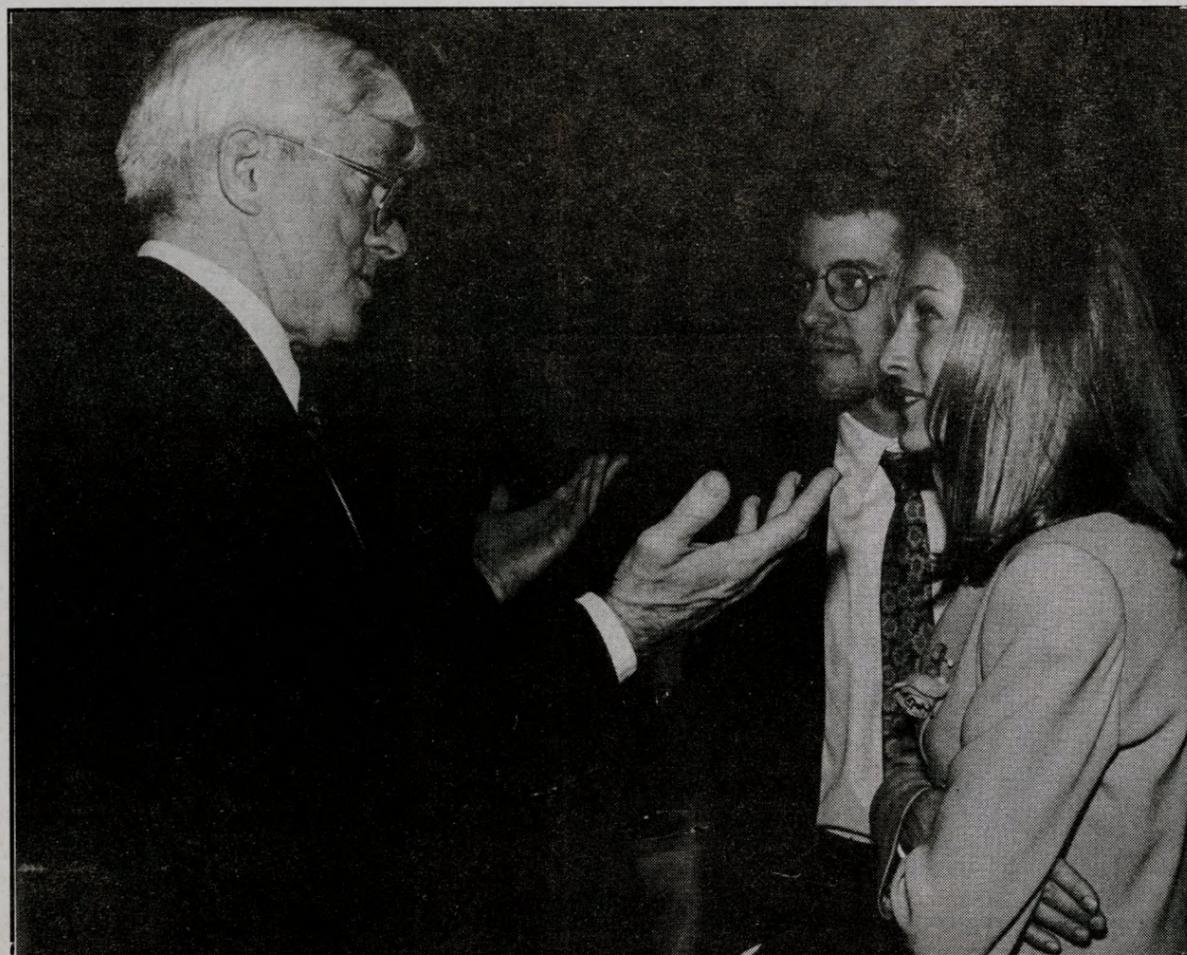
All of Alan's male lovers look sort of alike. If they look alike to you, it's probably because two of them are played by the same actor. The love scenes between the men are tastefully handled with touches of unexpected tenderness.

After awhile, I began to wish the stage were some other color than brown. It was dramatically useful to keep the set pieces simple so that a table and chairs could be anywhere, but the sameness of the background became boring after awhile. I also would have liked a little more historical accuracy in the men's costumes. The jacket styles spanned decades and seemed jumbled together. But these are small details when looking at the overall excellence of the production.

With so many ugly and unkind portrayals of homosexuals in the movies lately, it is good to see a multi-dimensional man who is gay and very human. Alan Turing's untimely demise robbed the world of a brilliant man.

Breaking the Code runs Thursday - Sunday through April 25. Onstage Atlanta, 420 Courtland Street, 897-1802. Secured parking in the rear of theatre. Wheelchair accessible.

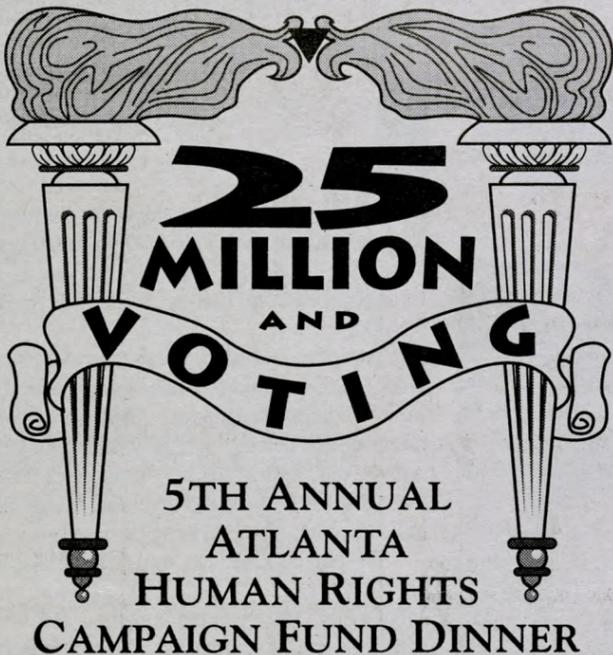
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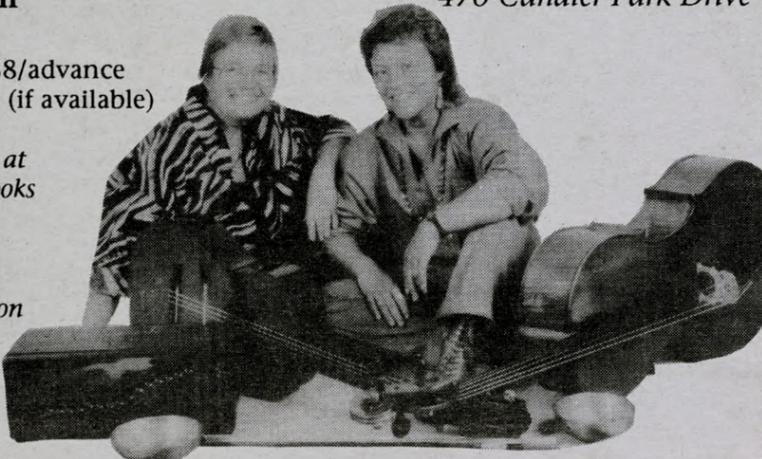
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AMANDA KYLE WILLIAMS. Williams second book, "The Providence File" is up for a Lambda Literary Award this year. She will read from her third book, "A Singular Spy," and talk about her life as an espionage writer and the inspiration for her hero Madison McGuire. Charis Books & More. 7:30 pm. 524-0304.

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17 FRIDAY

SWEET AUBURN FESTIVAL. Through April 19. Celebrating the history and culture of the Auburn Ave. district. 344-2567.

DIXIE INVITATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT. Through April 19. 500 bowlers from four



countries are expected to participate in this 12th annual event, where they will compete for \$30,000 in prize money. Fairlanes Chamblee and Express Lanes will host. 875-6572 for more information.

18 SATURDAY

THE PEACH. Through April 19. A national gay and lesbian tennis tournament hosted by Atlanta Women's Social Tennis and Atlanta Team Tennis Association. Held at Ga. Tech and all proceeds benefit Project Open Hand For more info call 766-5824.

SPRING PLANT SALE. Atlanta Botanical Gardens presents its fourth annual sale of over 2,000 plants including unusual annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs. Plant experts on hand to answer questions. Noon-4 pm. Atlanta Botanical Gardens in Piedmont Park. 876-5859.

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19 SUNDAY

EASTER CELEBRATION. All Saints Metropolitan Community Church and First MCC will jointly host a Sunrise service at Piedmont Park at 7 am. All Saints will celebrate in the evening at 7 pm with a contemporary Easter musical featuring their choir. 575 Boulevard. 622-1154.

21 TUESDAY

THE MUSIC OF ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER. Songs from Webber's mega hits "The Phantom of the Opera," "Evita," "Cats" and "Jesus Christ Superstar," backed by a full on-stage orchestra. Runs through April 26. Fox Theatre. 249-6400.

HEALTH TALK. A free discussion on "Nutrition and Healing Techniques for the Immune System." 7 pm. Loving Hands Wellness Center. 1164 N. Highland Ave. 607-0507 for more information.

22 WEDNESDAY

EDWARD POTTHAST: AMERICAN IMPRESSIONIST. An exhibit of the artist who is regarded as one of the major advocates of American impressionism. Exhibit runs through July 25. Guided tours of the exhibit occur the fourth Wednesday of the month at noon. Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art. 30 Atlanta St. 424-8142.

O N G O I N G A N D U P C O M I N G

BREAKING THE CODE. Through April 25. Onstage Atlanta presents Hugh Whitmore's play about the life of Alan Turing, the English mathematician who invented the modern computer, broke the Nazi "Enigma" code during WWII, was decorated by Churchill and broken by societal prejudice and homophobia. Thurs.-Sat. 8 pm, Sun. matinee on April 12 at 2:30pm. 420 Courtland St. 897-1802.

LAMB ON FIRE. Through April 26. Phillip Depoy's drama based on the story of 17th-18th century authors Charles and Mary Lamb. The brother and sister team were torn by madness and joined by artistic passion. Theatrical Outfit. 1012 Peachtree St. Wed.-Sun. 872-0665.

WAITING FOR GODOT. Through May 3.



EARTH DAY BENEFIT CONCERT. U.S. Rep. John Lewis is honorary chair for this benefit for the Georgia Environmental Council. The Jody Grind, Insane Jane, MagnaPop and The Sin Eaters perform. The GEC will use the benefit to draw attention to environmental discrimination. Waste dumps and toxic chemical manufacturers have traditionally located in areas of heavy minority populace. 8 pm. Variety Playhouse. 1109 Euclid Ave. 523-7457.

Pictured:
LOWER LEFT: The Jody Grind
UPPER RIGHT: Theo Harness in "The Lisbon Traviata"
UPPER LEFT: "On the Sands," oil on board, 12x16, Edward Potthast



"The Dance of Intimacy," presents a one-day workshop on healing ourselves and our relationships. Ga. World Congress Center. (612) 333-2165 to register.

CAROLE AND BREN. May 1. Chimes and cello, singing bowls and singing voices. Tix available at Charis Books and Phoenix & Dragon. 1st E Church. 8 pm.

HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN FUND DINNER. May 16. The 5th annual dinner expects over 1,000 attendees. \$100 of the \$150 tickets go directly to HRCF to further the lesbian and gay agenda on a national level. For tickets call (404) 662-4280 or write HRCF, PO Box 8594, Atlanta, GA 30306.

LES MISERABLES. May 13 - 17. The triumphant return of the award-winning musical.

Fox Theatre. 249-6400.

HOLLYWOOD HOTS '92. June 6. 7-11 pm. Last year Hollywood Hots raised over \$14,000 for local AIDS organizations. This year's event hopes to raise \$25,000.

Morningside Chase Apartments. For more info call 875-3592.

PRIDE PROM '92. June 6. 8 pm. This year's theme "The Cotillion of Fantasy" is sure to draw a large and diverse crowd. Pride Prom is a fundraiser for Pride '92 so come out and join in. Cash bar. Howard Johnson's Midtown. 662-4533 for more information.

4th ANNUAL LESBIAN AND GAY BUSINESS EXPO. June 13. Over 100 lesbian and gay businesses show their wares. A great opportunity for businesses and consumers alike. 662-4599 for more information.

18 OUT & ABOUT

When Marilyn Talks... It seems that the wives of the presidents and vice presidents of our country feel free to speak out on any number of topics—from drug use to puppy poop. Frequently they make more sense than their husbands. Despite her bad hair, that's how we've always felt about Marilyn Quayle. At least until now. M. Quayle has (with her sister) co-authored a novel: "Embrace the Serpent" (Crown Publishers). The book's hero is said to be loosely based on V.P. Quayle, except for the fact that the former is Black...and from Georgia. The novel's working title was "Rage of the Lamb" (Guess why that got changed?) The president in the book is a "gullible, supercilious, free-spending, Communist-stooge, bozo." (He's also a Democrat.) The novel's last lines are: "It was over. It was truly over. And it had just begun." Just like Ms. Quayle's career as an author?

Speaking of Republicans: Have you heard that Arnold Schwarzenegger thinks that kids today watch too much TV? But TV (nor the violence portrayed thereon) is not the villain. "The villain is the economic situation and women's equal rights," according to the overpumped Mr. S. Dish believes that Arnold would do well to keep his tongue in his mouth...where it belongs.

Macho Kid Offended: It started out as a joke. An editor at the "Central Jersey Home News" changed a line about a local high school wrestler "sucking wind" to one about him sucking something else—something more substantial. Somehow the line made it into print, the editor resigned and the paper fell all over itself trying to apologize. Nonetheless, the maligned butch boy is suing the "Home News" for libel because, according to his lawyer Ferman Crisco (would we lie about his name?), he is being harassed by his buddies and is "a macho kid." What Dish wants to know is why Crisco isn't suing his buddies. They're the ones continuing to pick on him.

Good News and Bad: Filming is complete on the feature film "Claire of the Moon." It's a contemporary American lesbian love story that's being called both "polished" and "sexy" by those who have seen it...Paramount has paid Georgia author

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THERE'S A FINE LINE BETWEEN TELLING THE TRUTH AND TALKING TRASH



Bill Diehl \$650,000 for rights to his latest book, "Primal Fear" (due out in December). Once again, (homo)sexual orientation is portrayed as the root of violence, murder and mayhem....Roman Catholic Cardinal Richard Mahoney wants more stringent film rating standards that would forbid the portrayal of "sex perversion or any reference to it." Dish thinks we are in deep shit if we let the Catholic Church rule on what is and what is not perversion.

Don't Tell Nancy: We're not sure exactly what "In Touch" Ministries does. But we are willing to bet our very best "Jesse Helms for Bigot" button on the fact that this outreach of Atlanta's leviathan First Baptist Church has very little to do with the homo flesh mag of the very same name. We were also amused by the fact that said ministries have relocated to DeKalb Technology Parkway. We know that god is said to be everywhere, but she has never spoken to us from a micro chip.

Quote of the Week: (Actually it's from several months ago in the San Francisco Bay Times). "I don't like the word lesbian. I'll say I'm gay or I'll say I'm a dyke before I'll say I'm a lesbian....It has all these connotations of being ugly, fucked-up, narrow minded, short haired—you know, unattractive, butch, fucked-up dyke, which is not what I am."—Sandra Bernhard. Dish is confused, Sandra. We thought you said that "dyke" was OK.

And Another: (This one's not exactly fresh either, but in light of the above, we thought it instructive.) "If a woman is not aroused by male beauty, something is wrong with her. Something has happened to these women—from their father, brother or a neighbor—for their bodies not to respond to men. This conclusion is the result of so many decades of my personal experience trying to be a lesbian, I could tear my hair out." —Camile Paglia author of the controversial "Sexual Personae." Paglia also told the Advocate, "I should be the dyke of the western world, but the end result is that lesbians hate me. I now conclude it's because I'm so manlike." Well, at least she's not turned off by short hair!

(Not) for Wimmin Only: On a slightly less divisive note than the previous two comments, the folks at Short Mountain Sanctuary (in Liberty, Tenn.) are interested in furthering dialogue about lesbian/gay space in a rural environment. Towards that end, they will hold a workshop on the subject on April 26. That's during SMS's spring gathering (April 24-May-3). No matter what your gender, Short Mountain's gatherings are unique, rich experiences and the cost is low. Write Short Mountain Sanctuary, Rt 1, Box 84-A, Liberty, TN 37095 for particulars.

April 16-April 22, 1992

The Full Moon is on Good Friday, Passover is on Saturday the 18th, Easter is Sunday the 19th, and Earth Day is on the 22nd. Very busy week! Only the gods and goddesses know what's next as Uranus and Neptune move into apparent retrograde motion on the 20th and the 21st, but be sure you have a front row seat.

Now that Mercury is moving forward again through **ARIES**, you may find it a bit easier to get projects moving and communication should be much better. However, don't forget the charm even when you're hurried. Dear **TAURUS**, if you're angry or upset with someone, it is very important for your health and well-being that you find a healthy, honest and straight forward way to express your feelings. **GEMINI**, you may find yourself in a very creative and energetic phase. Be sure to exercise and eat right so you will stay grounded and not scatter your brilliant energy.

CANCER, you carry such a wonderful maternal instinct that you

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are an exceptional example to us all. Not all caring is co-dependent, but it is important to know the difference. Merrily we roll along in the fiery, creative **LEO** energy. Right now we need your courage and fine spirit of personal dignity to see us through our personal turmoil and on to victory. Thank you, health conscious **VIRGOs**, for reminding us to brush our teeth, take our vitamins and get to bed on time. Please remember to do the same for yourself.

Dear friend **LIBRA**, if you are seriously at the end of your wits with the lack of peace, harmony and beauty in your immediate

world, you may need a week away from it all to recharge your batteries. Your inherent power, **SCORPIO**, lies in your dedication to the truth. However, it is sometimes far easier to say what we feel is true to others than it is to hear from others about ourselves. **SAGITTARIUS**, you definitely need time with your head in the clouds. If you feel the walls closing in around you, then it's time to change your perspective and get an eagle's view of the world.

CAPRICORN, now is your golden opportunity to rise to the challenge of creative and practical vision and implementation. The world needs your wisdom and perseverance. Meanwhile, **AQUARIAN** intelligence is working steadily behind the scenes, planning, developing and badgering the impossible into reality. **PISCES**, this is a good time for you to rest, regenerate and then return from the mountain top with inspiring and artistic visions for everyone.

MARY BAILEY RULE is a professional astrologer who specializes in personal, relationship and career interpretation. She can be reached at 264-6219.

Dykes To Watch Out For



The big news for April is that advance ticket sales are under way for **Heartstrings**, the musical production to which all others are compared. Atlanta will be the last stop on a 35-city tour of the nation for this award winning show scheduled for June 27 at 8 pm. It will doubtless attract an array of celebrities to add their support to the cast. The smart set will send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Heartstrings office at 309 10th Street, Atlanta, 30309 and an advance order form will be sent detailing the contributor level benefits. This mailing will allow priority handling for early birds who want to get the jump on the general public who won't be able to buy tickets until May 1st.

All through my childhood as an expert tree climber, puddle jumper, kick ball player, and fort builder, I always breathed a sigh of relief whenever the subject of broken bones came up, for despite my thin frame, I had never suffered that particular calamity. That is, until March 30, 1992. Joining friends Georgi Groux, Mark Bonner, and artist Tim L. for Happy Hour at the Armory, I looked forward to relaxing with this trio, all of whom I have known since coming to Atlanta. The occasion was Mark's birthday, and as I vastly prefer to observe the birthdays of others as opposed to my own, I looked forward to it.

Due to the earliness of the hour, the **Armory** was uncrowded though far from quiet as several televisions blared the local news at the oblivious drinkers around the bar. Leaving the Armory after saying bye to Tim, we walked three blocks to Bridgetown Grill, the Caribbean restaurant at Third and Peachtree.

We enjoyed a delicious meal - a thick burger and fries for Georgi, a rare steak for myself. Birthday boy Mark made the best choice - a rack of pork ribs, marinated and slow cooked to tender perfection. After the meal, we walked two blocks to Georgi's home on Piedmont, where we put a leash on her dog and continued our after dinner walk. Just as we left the entrance to her building, my left foot came down on an uneven spot where the entrance walkway met the sidewalk, twisting my foot and fracturing the leftmost bone therein.

Luckily, I am not a total "shut in" as they used to say on old time gospel radio. Bundled up against the cool wind, I was driven to the open field of Piedmont Park on Friday afternoon to see the hot air balloons get pumped up and go up, up, and away to kick off the **Dogwood Festival**. There were several balloons, most shaped in the traditional manner, while others had adopted a shape more closely related to the product sold by their

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corporate sponsors. For instance, a cylindrical, black and gold balloon was a floating ad for Ray O Vac batteries. A similar shape made a perfect Porter paint can. Most unusual, though, was the Famous Footwear balloon, which was a huge re-creation of a high top sneaker. Sadly, the wind prevented this enormous shoe from taking flight.

Also admiring the awesome spectacle were interior designer Martha Wade and writer Robby Rogers. They had just left the Druid Hills Tour of Homes and were somewhat disappointed in the staid, conservative style of the houses. Wade, whose Buckhead condo is full of art and beautiful furnishing, knows whereof she speaks.

"Forget that Driving Miss Daisy neighborhood," I told them. "**Inman Park is the place** to be for the ultimate Tour of Homes." And indeed it is. The Festival will be April 25 and 26 this year and will have music, food, art and the most beautifully restored Victorian homes you've ever seen. Several blocks of

Euclid Avenue are devoted to this annual spring event, which proudly displays both the exterior and interior beauty of what was once Atlanta's first and most prestigious "suburb." Now of course, the neighborhood is only minutes from downtown yet the atmosphere belongs to another century. Tickets for the Tour may be purchased at businesses in all the surrounding neighborhoods as well as at the Festival. Other Festival activities are free.

Taking pity on me in my handicapped condition, my friend Tim Russell, landscaper and Hair Club Member, came by on Sunday morning to take me to breakfast. We decided on the **Atomic Cafe** in Candler Park. This small, funky storefront was full of a young crowd enjoying their meals so we waited a few minutes, taking in the scene. The walls display an array of canvases and a large mural which I recognized as early Lou Majors. "Check that out..." Tim said, indicating a three panel canvas of a nude male figure. "Any restaurant that has a painting with a full frontal nudity can't be all bad," I said. Check the Atomic Cafe out for yourself.

April is shaping up to be quite a month for sports fans. **The Dixie Invitational** Bowling Tournament for 1992 gets underway April 16 and runs through April 19. Anytime 400 bowlers from all areas of the country get together, a party is bound to happen. The fun begins at Thelma's Pump Room on Thursday night with a registration party. After competition on Saturday, another party takes place at Hoedowns for those who prefer twang to torch. And you guessed it - another party after Saturday's competition at Bulldog's. Sunday night climaxes with Velvet opening its downtown doors to the party people. Will they get any sleep?

As if the sight of hordes of people in bowling shirts isn't enough, Atlanta plays host to the **1992 Peach National Tennis Tournament** that same weekend. They, too, are planning a registration party at the Armory on Friday night (where are they going to put all these people?) as well as a finale party at Petrus/Limelight on Sunday. So if you are out this weekend, buy a bowler a beer and try not to stare at anyone in a short, pleated skirt and headband.

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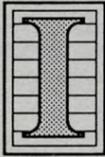
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have the unsettling suspicion that "Earth Day" has acquired the tired trappings of Mother's Day. You know—sentimental lip service; an excuse for piggybacked product mongering; a one day observance which assuages guilt instead of informing everyday life.

Phoning around to ascertain organized activities revealed a terrible paucity of local events, particularly in light of the multitudes we saw just two years ago. If indeed, as the slogan purports, "Everyday is Earth Day," then we might dispense with annual reminders or celebrations.

Given current lifestyles, however, I fear we need all the reinforcement we can get. Hence, my hunt for ED events.

Since deadlines precluded information about Earth Day Expo at Braves Stadium, and the Atlanta Botanical Gardens' lecture on endangered native plants (both on April 12th), let me instead share what I uncovered near the 22nd, which is technically Earth Day.

Kicking off things, we find an "Earth Day Celebration" on April 20, 11am-2pm, at Maloof Auditorium sponsored by DeKalb County. Exhibits, sample products, guest speakers.

Peer into Southface's booth at the Atlanta Home Show, April 23-26, featuring energy efficient construction. Take their Home Building School, a nine day hands-on workshop, from April 25 through May 3. It costs \$335 for singles, \$485 for couples; yes, same-sex couples too.

Visit their ECOS (Environmental and Conservation Options for the South) traveling booth in Gainesville, at the Alatchee Nature Science Center for Earth Day Week.

SciTrek (Science and Technology Museum of Atlanta) holds an Earth Day Festival on April 25 (10am-5pm) and April 26 (Noon-5pm). The activities include exhibits by the Georgia Forestry Service, Earth Team '96, the Georgia Environmental Project, the Georgia Conservancy (yes, I've given them money), Fulton County Extension Service (hug a Master Gardener), and SciTrek.

Captain Planet, the cartoon character made flesh, will also be there to promote his battle for the environment.

Don't forget the ongoing volleyball game with a net made from plastic six-pack rings. And there's lots of stuff specifically

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for kids: biodegradable slime-making (yum!), sculpture making with recyclable materials, and quilt making which features kids' own environmental patch ideas (sponsored by SIRE—Students Interested in Recycling and Environment at Emory).

BFI Industries will collect recyclables, and festival tents feature games where you can win "ecologically valuable prizes." All for the \$6 adult, \$4 kids admission fee.

Bucking the April trend, locals intend a "Festival of Alternatives" in honor of Earth Day. Wander the Sevananda parking lot on May 3rd, noon-8pm, and absorb info tables, dancers, jugglers and the usual Little Five Points madness.

Perhaps you'd prefer a more at-home Earth Day observance. Yes, tree planting sounds good (appropriate native flora, please).

Getting deeper into the three Rs (reduce consumption, recycle products, reuse everything) should also beckon.

Or curl up with a good environmentally conscious book (under natural light inside an energy efficient home full of nontoxic furnishing, preferable). See the accompanying sidebar for some suggestions.

Most of all, enjoy Magna Mater—the only planet we have.

SOME EARTHY READING

Even the most obsessive of detail queens won't believe the wealth of compiled data in Debra Lynn Dadd's "Nontoxic, Natural, and Earthwise—How to Protect Yourself and Your Family from Harmful Products and Live in Harmony with the Earth." (Jeremy P. Tarcher, 1990).

She begins with the premise that we can each make meaningful changes in order to be nondestructive and in harmony with Gaia. Those 360+ pages cover it all: air, water, energy, food, lawn/garden, cleaning products, household pest control, personal care products, textiles, kids, office/art supplies, buildings and furnishings, pet care, garbage.

If you have immune system problems, you might find some answers/consolation here. Recipes for nontoxic home-made alternatives to many products are here, as are suppliers, suggestions, startling facts.

Products are rated according to toxicity, social consciousness, compassion to animals, recycled materials, etc.

Less product-oriented but in a similar vein is the home/earth oriented "The Healthy Home—An Attic-to-Basement Guide to Toxin-Free Living" by Linda Mason Hunter (Rodale Press, 1989).

Touching on the problems of our chemical-infested and synthetic housing, Ms. Hunter gives useful checklists and practical approaches to ridding houses of hazards, creating a healthy emotional atmosphere, living with pets, making the house safe and secure, and maintaining it—all in the no-tox/lo-tox manner advocated. Again, everyone and the planet could benefit from this book, not just the immunodepressed.

Shop till you Drop folks need "Shopping for a Better World." (C.E.P., 1992) Updated and expanded from its original tiny size, this pocket book by the Council on Economic Priorities is an absolutely amazing work.

It rates hundreds of companies in terms of their corporate consciousness: charity giving, women's advancement, minority advancement, animal testing, community outreach, environmental impact, investment in South Africa, family benefits, workplace issues, military contracts, nuclear power, etc.

And it explains why these issues are important, how the information is derived, what considerations enter into the equation, etc.

Each company appears alphabetically, with the information laid out in a row. Separate listings of "top-rated" (eg. Eden Foods, Newman's Own) and "x-rated" (Bayer AG, GE) consumer products companies are provided. Don't throw your money into an oil slick; read who deserves it, and who doesn't.

I don't agree with every single standard, but it's a hell of a start. This rating process has now begun in Great Britain, and Japan, Australia, Sweden, Germany, and Holland are embarking on their own guides.

Unlike a great deal of tree-wasting dreck out there, these books are valuable resources; and this column is, after all, vitally concerned with resources.

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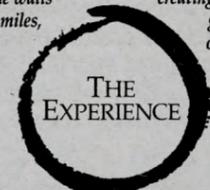
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 Lambda Light—873-2137
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 Hotlanta Soccer—577-0418
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 GA 30324, 873-4061
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 S.E. Gay Rodeo Association—PO Box 8262,
 Atlanta, GA 30306. 874-6556
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 TRICKS Bridge Club—2980 Cobb Parkway,
 Suite 192-172, Atlanta, Ga 30339
 Underwater Escapes—289-0696

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 Athens Gay and Lesbian Association—P.O. Box
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 Atlanta Couples Together—365-2455
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 (404) 939-0244 (evenings).
 Atlanta Gay Center—876-5372
 Atlanta Lambda Community Center—PO Box
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 Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance—PO Box
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 Comm. College 426-8160
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 S.E. Alternative Lifestyles Association—248-9307

OUTLINES

HERB REHBERG**Age:** 44**How Long in Atlanta:** 12 years**Relationship Status:** single**Last Book Read:** "The Hunt for Red October" by Tom Clancy**Pet Peeve:** Having to fight for human rights that should already be a reality

Herb recalls a funny story from when he first came to Atlanta in 1980. "I looked so straight, that they wouldn't let me into Bulldogs!"

Since then things have changed. In fact Herb is a bit of a celebrity due to his recent appearance as the out Atlanta fireman on WSB-TV's series about being lesbian and gay in Atlanta.

Herb has a wonderful informality and openness about his lifestyle. Being recognized at places like Ansley Mall hasn't changed him. "I'm just glad that by people seeing me as a fireman first and then as a gay man, it takes the stigma away from being gay. I'm a fireman who happens to be gay, not the other way around."

Perhaps the reason why Herb sometimes is not recognized as being gay is he prefers not to wear it on his sleeve. "However, I'm very outspoken and when people who are straight start asking questions, I'm very frank with my answers."

Herb also appears like your friendly Uncle X. He has the solid appearance of a person who indeed could carry a person out of a burning building. His moustache and thinning hair complete the picture. He may look like the friendly Uncle but he is definitely not a wimp.

And that is part of his overall philosophy about being out. "I want people to know that we are in all professions and all walks of life. The preconceived ideas people have about us not fitting into certain professions is completely narrow-minded and just plain wrong."

Herb terms his own coming out as "full blast." He decided at age 30 "the games and lies are just getting to be too irritating." He considered Atlanta "a place where I wouldn't have to live two lives." His family and friends were very supportive.

"I also confirmed that one of my brothers was gay," he adds, "because we weren't able to really talk about it before."

In fact, Herb accomplished a rather remarkable act of outing himself for 1980. "I put down in my application for the fire department that I was gay, period. I wanted to know right up front if it was going to be a problem." He praises the Fire Department for their overall support since he was hired. At the firehouse he tried to make the men feel like "I was a person, too. They got to know me as a friend and a firefighter. Then they got to know me as



being gay, too." He says there has been almost no joking or harassment about being gay. "It's kind of like a conditioning process—you build a bridge of understanding and friendship and you don't have a negative response."

Yet Herb cites coming out as an everyday process. "It's a transition as well for the straight people that know you," he remarks. "Coming out is not a one way street. It's never old hat—it is something I'm always dealing with."

Herb grew up in North Florida and calls his childhood, "commonplace." He has a degree in education from Georgia Southern and Brevard College. After graduating he was in the Army for two years. When he completed his service, he taught school for four years. At that point he began moving around the South, holding different jobs as diverse as Director of Haywood County (North Carolina) Association for Retarded Citizens to working in warehouses. He also returned to school and received a degree in recreation.

He shares his restored Candler Park home with a roommate. Herb enjoys the summer months because of his pool.

"I just like to have people over and there isn't any pretense, just be yourself." In his spare time, Herb is helping Councilwoman Mary Davis gather support-materials for her domestic partnership legislation. And, Herb is a member of the Southeast Gay Rodeo Association which, he says, "is trying to put Atlanta on the gay rodeo map." His other hobbies and interests are too numerous to list.

When Herb was growing up, he says "there wasn't anyone to talk to about being gay. Now, I want young lesbian and gay people to look at me and others in all professions because, we can do anything!"

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THE ATLANTA BUYERS CLUB (ABC) has expanded its hours to better serve the Community. We are now open from 12-5PM Tues-Fri, and 10AM to 1PM on Sat. (closed Mon.). ABC provides access to alternate treatment for the HIV community in the Southeast, and we are located at 44 Twelfth St, NW, two blocks west of Peachtree. For further information call (404) 874-4845, or PO Box 77003, Atlanta, GA 30357.

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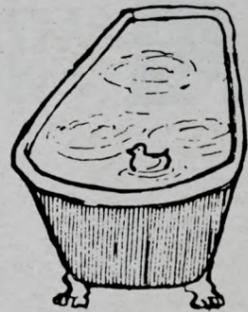
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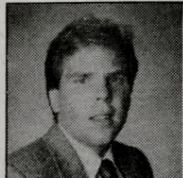
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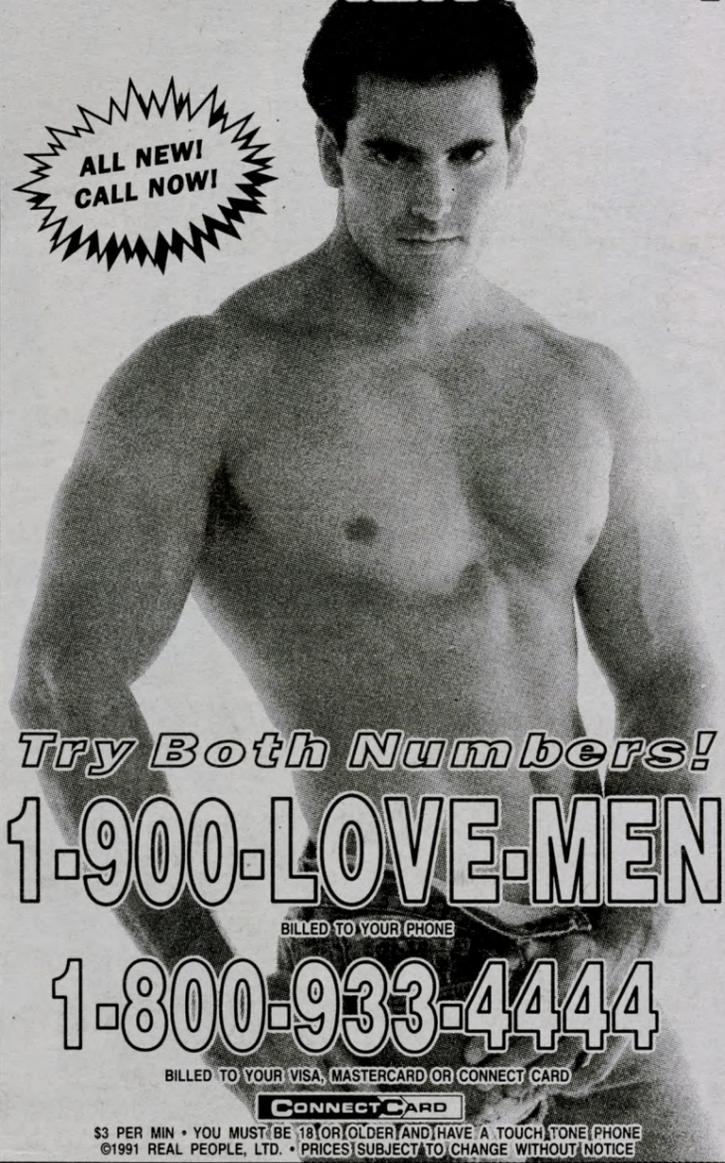
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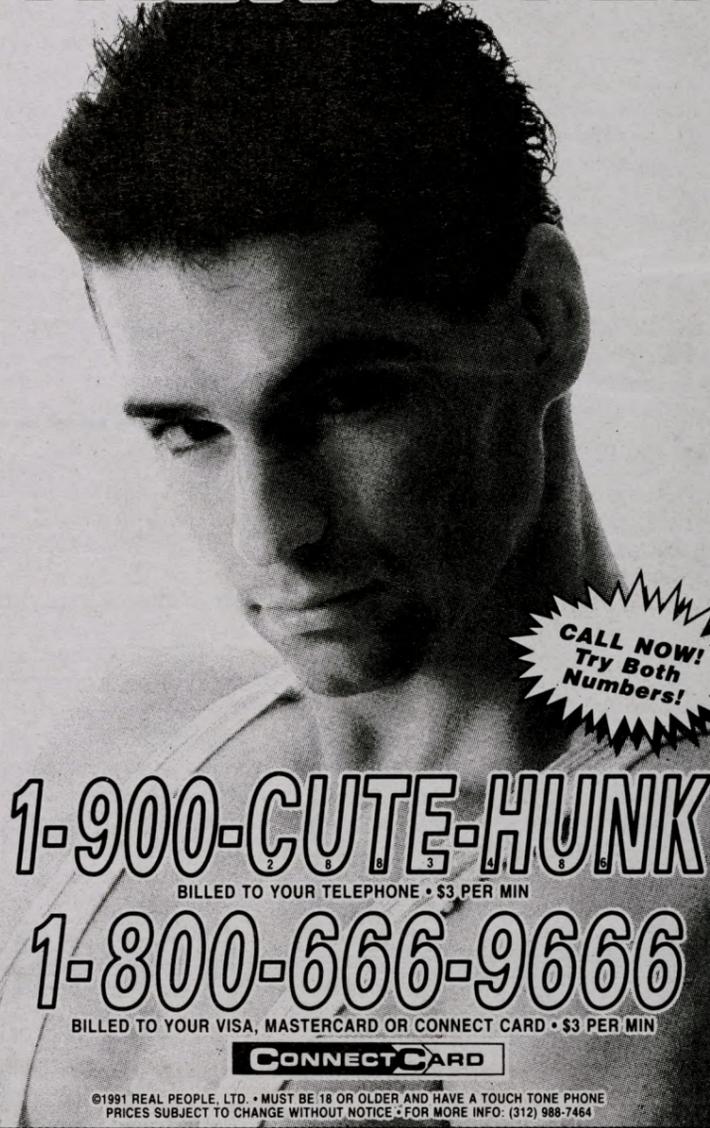
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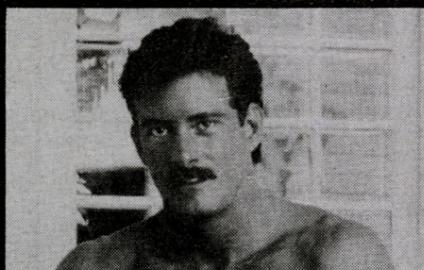
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