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## The mayor speaks out

In an exclusive interview, Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson speaks out on the sodomy law, domestic partnership, the military ban against gays and the AIDS crisis.

In 1976, Mayor Maynard Jackson was the first Atlanta mayor to proclaim Gay Pride Day, spurring a Baptist-led campaign, complete with large Atlanta Journal-Constitution ads, calling for Jackson's resignation. The following year, Jackson reworded the proclamation, naming the annual Pride celebration "Human Rights Day," causing many lesbian and gay activists to denounce the mayor. That kind of good-bad dichotomy characterized Jackson's relationship with the lesbian/gay community during his first term, and it characterizes that relationship now.

Throughout his campaign for mayor in 1989, Jackson, along with opponent Michael Lomax, heavily courted the gay vote. Jackson presented a platform on lesbian/gay issues, and drew heavy support from the community. But from the start of his term, many activists criticized him, claiming that the mayor was all talk and no action. Every positive move by the mayor was greeted with demands for more, and indeed action on many points in the platform has been slow.

Almost two years after his election, Jackson appointed an openly gay staff member, Marcia Okula. And only last month did the mayor send legislation re-establishing the Community Relations Commission to City Council.

But Jackson still asserts his support and concern for the lesbian and gay community. At a press conference on June 16, the mayor officially proclaimed June 23-28 to be Lesbian and Gay Pride/Human Rights Week, as he did last year. In his remarks during the presentation of the proclamation to Pride committee co-chairs Shelly Robbins and Lynn Cothren, Jackson stressed the importance of the lesbian and gay community to the city of Atlanta.

"There is no aspect of city life that is not involving the gay and lesbian community in Atlanta," he said. "It is imperative for us to open our minds, regardless of our sexual orientation, to have an understanding and a tolerance... I call for that. I urge that. And I fully expect that Atlanta will respond."

Two days after that press conference, Mayor Jackson spoke with Southern Voice's KC Wildmoon in the mayor's library, where he elaborated on those sentiments, and spoke on other issues of concern to the lesbian/gay community.

**Southern Voice:** How have your views on the lesbian/gay community changed since you've been in office?

**Maynard Jackson:** I don't think they have. I think I had a positive view when I came into office, a strong involvement of the gay and lesbian community in my campaign when I ran in 1989. We had a commitment to certain policies when I ran and we have tried to keep those commitments. I try to stay up on certain kinds of developments. In addition to the rather traditional issues, all of which are very important. There's the whole question of the economic involvement of the gay and lesbian community...the business contributions that are made to the city's economy. It's woefully misunderstood. It's underestimated. The recent business expo...that kind of thing helps a great deal to spread the message.

It also helps to spread the word that the gay and lesbian community should not be perceived as a community that is defined only in one dimension. These are citizens, Atlanta citizens, American citizens, who do anything else other citizens do—sometimes better, sometimes worse—but who are responsible, involved, dedicated Atlanta citizens, who incidentally have their own sexual orientation. The latter point should in no way negate the former. And to spread the message of what the gay and lesbian community does from the city's point of view is one of the things that I have decided ought to be pushed more.

If anything we have a stronger commitment now to try to achieve greater understanding and tolerance from the point of view of spreading the message more about what the gay and lesbian community does for Atlanta, Georgia.

**SV:** Your words at the press conference [proclaiming Lesbian/Gay Pride Human Rights Week] were strong in terms of being the kind of leadership role a mayor should take.

**MJ:** It comes naturally. That's what I feel. And to advocate it, and urge other citizens to get on board, is what I believe is an appropriate part of what a mayor's role is. I'm really getting tired of the negative preoccupation that American society has with this issue. I think

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## Thomaston gay man arrested for sodomy

**Thomaston, GA**—A 29-year-old Thomaston hairdresser was arrested last month on aggravated sodomy charges after the parents of a 16-year-old boy accused him of sodomizing the teen in his shop's bathroom. According to newspaper reports, the parents of the teenager told police of the alleged incident.

Fields denies any sexual contact with the youth. He says that on the day of the alleged attack, the teenager came in for a haircut with no appointment.

"He waited approximately 20 minutes," Fields said, "until I could squeeze him in. He got a haircut, smoked a cigarette, hung around for about another 20 minutes after I cut his hair, told me thank you for the hair cut, patted me on the back, said 'I'll see you in a few weeks,' and he was gone."

"The next morning (May 8) at eleven o'clock they came and arrested me for aggravated sodomy."

Fields says that one client was in his shop the entire time, and that she has spoken with his attorney.

Roger Fields now faces a return to jail, because his Thomaston clientele is staying away from his shop and he cannot afford payments on a \$60,000 bond. Bond for Fields was originally set at \$20,000 but officials revoked it on May 10, two days after his arrest, and arrested him again. They said that the original bond was incorrect since it had been signed by a city magistrate, and the charges against Fields required that a superior court judge set bond.

Fields made the newly set bond on May 12, when he made a deal to pay \$200 a week until his hearing, set for August 10. According to Fields, he must pay \$6000, at a minimum of \$200 per week, to stay out of jail.

Fields, who lived all his life in this community of 10,000, has had no opportunity to tell his side of the story after The Thomaston Times heralded his arrest in a front page story on May 11.

"I've had all kind of threats," he said. "I've had

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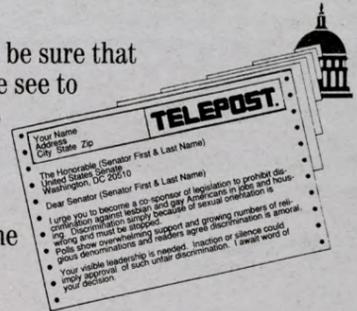
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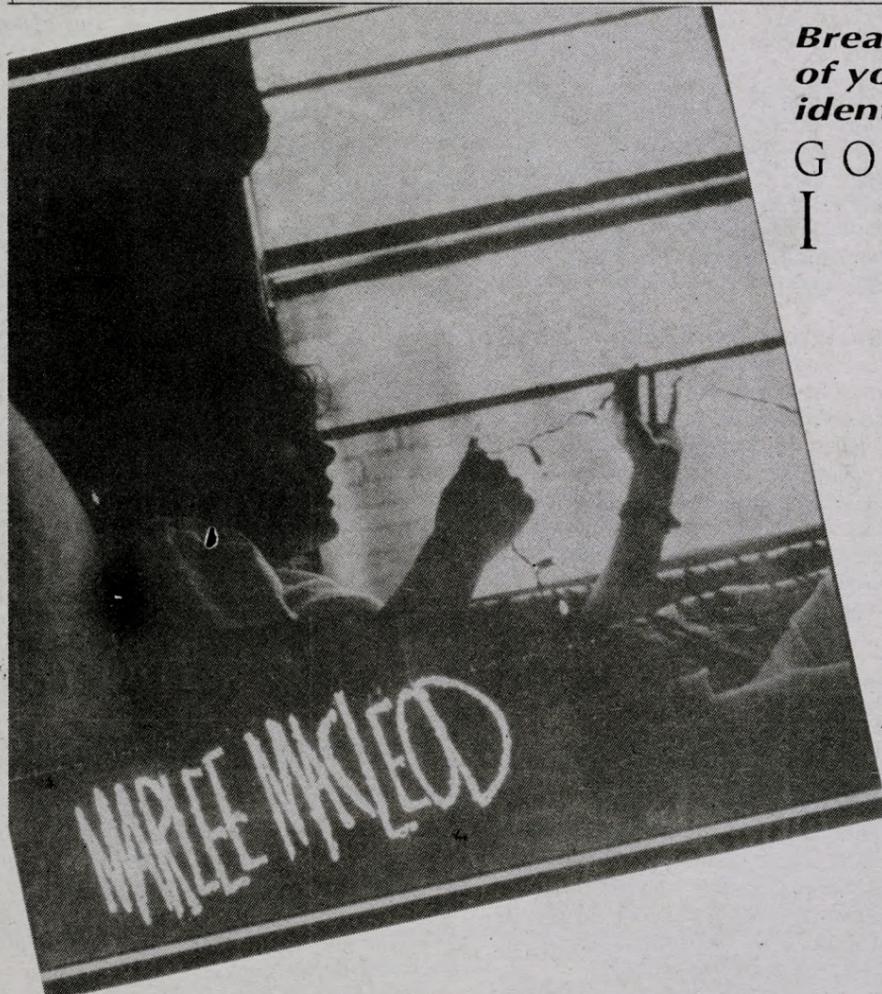


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## Ousted lesbian colonel sues Pentagon

Decorated Vietnam vet was chief nurse of the Washington National Guard

A National Guard colonel who won a Bronze Star in Vietnam has filed a lawsuit to overturn the Pentagon's decision to discharge her because she is a lesbian.

Colonel Margarethe "Greta" Cammermeyer, 50, served 27 years in the military, rising to become chief nurse of the Washington National Guard. Her goal to become the nation's chief military nurse was derailed three years ago when, during questioning for security clearance, she answered "yes" when asked if she was homosexual.

Cammermeyer says she hoped on a subconscious emotional level that the military would look at her record and reconsider their decision to honorable discharge her after her orientation became known. But following an administrative board hearing last July, it was recommended that Cammermeyer be discharged because of the regulation prohibiting homosexuals in the military.

Lawyers for the colonel filed the lawsuit in U.S. District Court on Seattle on June 11—the same day Cammermeyer's discharge took effect.

Cammermeyer says she is overwhelmed by the show of support she has received from the National Guard and Washington Governor Booth Gardner.

Major General Greg Barlow, commander of the Washington National Guard, had recommended that Cammermeyer remain in the Guard, which has no rules against homosexuals. He called her a "good soldier" and said he respected her integrity for refusing to lie about her sexual orientation.

Governor Gardner issued a statement on her behalf, stating that "the Army and the United States of America are senselessly losing an outstanding individual who is eminently qualified to continue to serve in the Washington National Guard."

Amy Stephson, an attorney with the Northwest Women's Law Center in Seattle, says all the public support in the world will not help the case since all the judge considers are the legal facts and arguments. But she says, "To the extent that Cammermeyer is such a strong client presenting such a strong case indicating how irrational and senseless and counter-productive these regulations are, the Governor's and other people's support can't help but have an influence."

In an interview with Cammermeyer, published by the Atlanta Journal Constitution, the



colonel doesn't sound optimistic about her chances at having the regulation overturned.

"Whoever wrote the regulation did a very good job," she told the paper. "It makes sure there is no discretion on anyone's part. Even the President cannot make an exception to the policy, because then the policy is broken."

But, she says she will fight it because, "it has no business existing in these United States. It is probably one of the most discriminatory regulations that exist. It's negating the existence of a whole population of people, and I am one of those people."

According to a Pentagon spokesman, the Defense Department has discharged 926 officers and enlisted personnel for homosexuality in the fiscal year that ended last September 30. Most received honorable discharges. CNN reported on June 19 that the military has spent half a billion dollars since 1980 replacing lesbian and gay personnel who had been discharged.

Cammermeyer's discharge doesn't affect her civilian job as head nurse of Veterans Affairs Medical Center at American Lake south of Tacoma. And because her discharge was honorable, she will also receive her pension when she turns 60.

Cammermeyer has said she doesn't consider herself an activist but she hopes her case will act as an impetus. "I am hoping this will go away now," she remarked, "and my attorneys will take over and do whatever they need to do to get the regulation changed."

CANDACE CHELLEW  
Pictured: Colonel Margarethe  
"Greta" Cammermeyer  
AP photo

move a qualified victory.

"It obviously would have been better if they would have rejected the whole notion once and for all," he said. "This allows everyone a cooling off period where we can really discuss the implications of our church's actions."

Warren, who has been HIV positive since 1986, works for the Damien Center, an AIDS hospice located here. He has also actively lobbied for improved gay rights in Indiana,

and has been open with church leaders about his own sexual orientation.

The 57-year-old minister had pledged not to take his AZT for up to one year in protest, despite warnings from his doctor that the action would lower his T-cell count.

Warren plans to bring the issue up at future denominational meetings and would not rule out similar protests if needed.

JONATHAN MITCHELL

## ACT UP demands price reduction on foscarnet

Drug that helps prevent blindness cost \$21,000+ a year

AIDS activists around the country held simultaneous actions June 11 against what they call AIDS profiteering.

Protesters in San Francisco, Boston, and Los Angeles let out their anger at Astra Pharmaceuticals, the company that produces foscarnet, a drug that impedes an opportunistic infection that causes vision loss in more than twenty percent of people with AIDS. They're incensed because Astra charges \$21,500 a year to people with AIDS who need foscarnet, forcing many to choose between affording foscarnet or another drug, and some to forego the treatment altogether.

Foscarnet is the most expensive AIDS drug in history.

"I'm here because somebody has to speak out about AIDS and against the drug empires that are ripping us off and letting people die," Frank Rios, a protester in San Francisco said.

The activists argue that foscarnet is one of the simplest and cheapest compounds to pro-

duce a 50 percent price cut or a cap of \$10,000 a year," G'dali Braverman, an ACT UP member who got inside the building earlier that morning, said he told officials inside.

"I can tell you that people with insurance are hesitant to use the drug because it will cap out their insurance quickly, and then they won't be able to get other treatments," Braverman said.

Amid chants, a die-in, and showers of blood-stained money, Dr. Andrew Zysman, ACT UP Golden Gate's spokesperson at the protest, said that before Astra realized its drug could be marketed to AIDS patients, the price of foscarnet was considerably lower than it is today. But Zysman said he did not know what that earlier price was.

"I don't know what the price was before, but I am certain they did not charge \$21,500," Zysman said.

AIDS organizations across the country, most notably the AIDS Action Council in D.C. and Project Inform in San Francisco, are also lobbying Astra for a price reduction.

Astra responded last month with a 15 percent price cut for patients who receive treatment in federal facilities; and the Foscavir Assistance and Information on Reimbursement



duce and they claim that there is no justification for Astra's price, even when taking into account research, development costs and a profit for the company.

"Every AIDS organization has been talking with them for over a year and they refuse to budge," an activist whose lover died of CMV, the infection treated by foscarnet, said. "No one can afford this. If (my lover) could have gotten this drug, he was on Medicaid, which means that the government payments would have come out of taxpayer money. So they're ripping off the taxpayers."

Activists in Boston and Los Angeles targeted Astra offices, while the San Francisco action, which was sponsored by ACT UP Golden Gate, focused on the offices of Hill and Knowlton, the public relations firm that has agreed to represent Astra Pharmaceuticals.

"Our basic demand is that Hill and Knowlton drop Astra, and that Astra institute

(F.A.I.R.) Program, which, in a letter to the Washington Post, Astra claimed "help(s) doctors obtain full payment for Foscavir therapy from private and public payers and provide(s) a safety net of free drug for those patients who have to recourse to such reimbursement."

ACT UP activists wonder, then, why so many people suffering from CMV continue to be unable to afford foscarnet, and so few are able to access the F.A.I.R. program.

"We think there should be a 50 percent cut in the price for all payers, not just the government. Health providers are afraid to prescribe foscarnet because they know their system can't afford it, so they continue to steer patients away from the drug because it's so expensive," Zysman said. "The cuts are too small, and they don't affect enough people."

RACHAEL TIMONER  
Photo by Jane Philoner Cleland

## HIV+ minister refused AZT to protest church's anti-gay measure

Indianapolis—An HIV positive minister who had threatened to stop taking medication to protest anti-gay positions taken by his church has resumed dosage of his AZT.

The Rev. Howard Warren announced June 9 that he would stop taking his AZT to protest what he called "hateful" actions by the Presbyterian Church at its annual meeting in Milwaukee. At the meeting, the Protestant denomination debated two overtures that called for the expulsion of all "unrepentant" homosexuals and their supporters from the faith.

While a governing committee rejected one of the anti-gay proposals outright, a second measure was left for consideration. It was at this time that Warren turned over his AZT to a

church committee and began his medical fast.

The potentially-fatal action was necessary, Warren said, to get the denomination to rethink its doctrine on homosexuality. "Sometimes you must confront extreme acts of hate with equal extreme, peaceable actions," he said. "In my own church, I felt like I was taking on hate."

In a related development, Warren, along with openly-lesbian minister Janie Sphar, held a worship service at Westminster Church in Milwaukee for the local gay community. The event was attended by over 350 people and ended with a proclamation stating that the national church would affirm gay relationships and homosexuality.

"We decided to be pro-active, rather than reactive from now on," said Warren.

It was after the worship service, and the increasing public alarm over Warren's actions, that church leaders decided to table the measures for future discussion. Warren called the

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## Man who used "homosexual panic" is sentenced to life

Murder victim Randy Beck was very closeted says family member

Charles Thomas White III has been sentenced to life in prison for the murder of Norcross baker Randy Beck, after White confessed to killing Beck in a "homosexual panic."

White, 27, of Duluth claimed self-defense in Beck's slaying, saying he panicked when he awoke the morning of January 22 to find Beck performing oral sex on him. When he drew away, the 34-year-old Beck became apologetic, he said, but then pulled a kitchen knife and attacked him.

"I freaked. I tried to run, but the front door was locked," White testified.

Beck became incensed when White asked what would happen to Beck's business and his relationship with his father if his homosexuality became known, White told the jury.

"The two things he had were his cheese-cake business and his homosexuality," said White, "and those two things were threatened."

White said Beck came at him with the knife and White wrestled it away from him. During the struggle, White says Beck's throat was slashed, but the fight continued until White kicked Beck in the head, knocking him unconscious.

It was at that point that White says he realized Beck was dead.

White told the court he had gone to Beck's condominium because Beck had offered him a job and a place to stay. Once there, he claims Beck drugged him with codeine and forced oral sex on him. The killing was in self defense, he claimed.

A Gwinnett County Superior Court jury felt differently, however, convicting White of malice murder. The judge gave him life in prison.

Family members say they are satisfied with the verdict, but upset about the public allegations of Beck's homosexuality.

"My brother got an unfair trial," said Daryl

Beck, Randy Beck's older brother. "Until (the verdict) it sounded like Randy was on trial, not Charles White. We know a lot of things said about Randy were not true. Heterosexual or homosexual—you can't kill people for that."

Beck's first cousin, Michael Kinsler agrees. Kinsler, President of Congregation Bet Haverim, a largely gay and lesbian Jewish organization, says he is bitter at the whole situation, and is dealing with some anger at Beck, whom Kinsler says was very closeted.

"I really tried to reach out to Randy. My lover and I had him over for dinner and I was real open," he recalls. "If he could talk to anyone about his sexuality, he could talk to me." Kinsler says Beck never brought it up.

This is the first murder case in Georgia prosecuted without a body. Beck has been missing since January 23, when White says he dumped the body somewhere along Georgia 400. Now, White says he can't remember exactly where he left Beck's body, and massive searches of the area have turned up nothing.

Kinsler feels it is important to find the body so Beck's parents can have the closure they need. A memorial service for Beck was held in February, but Kinsler says it would help the family to know that Beck is at peace.

Kinsler says his cousin's death will not be in vain if it conveys a very important message to homosexuals.

"I've been very sensitive to the choices Randy made in his life," Kinsler says, "but people must realize that in the long run, it is important to be out. I didn't really know Randy. That hurts me more than the loss and his death."

CANDACE CHELLEW

## Sodomy (con't.)

threats on the phone, and my roommate's mother had to be removed by the police department because she came to our apartment threatening to kill me and her son because he's living with a known homosexual. I've been told that I will not be allowed to remain in Upson County and if I tried to live here someone would kill me."

Fields, who says he never hid his homosexuality from the community but never "brandished" it either, said that he has had some support from townspeople.

"People have stopped me on the street and said they support me and they don't believe any of this," he said.

One such supporter, Bill Hewes, a country music promoter from Manchester in neighboring Meriwether County, told Southern Voice that he and his wife are not alarmed by the charges, and that he thinks Fields' homosexuality has "a lot to do with" his treatment in Thomaston.

"He's a nice person," said Hewes. "I just hate that his lifestyle conflicts with the community to the point where he gets the treatment he's getting."

Hewes said that he and his wife will continue to patronize Fields' business.

"Roger has worked hard to build his business," he said. "I hate to see something like this destroy his career before he even has a chance to voice his side."

Fields career may very well be destroyed.

"I've lost 75% of my clientele," he said. "They're gone."

The drop in income has made it difficult for Fields to pay his bond. With his shop's income down from \$1000 to \$250 per week, that seems nearly impossible.

"And," he says, "in addition to that, I have my shop's rent and my apartment rent. I'm at the end of my rope."

Fields has contacted the Lesbian/Gay Rights Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia.

"The case will be presented to the ACLU legal committee," said ACLU attorney Michael Hauptman. "I think a lot of his problems stem more from homophobia as opposed to the factual nature of what he's charged with."

Larry Pellegrini, president of the ACLU's Lesbian/Gay Rights Chapter, was disheartened by the Fields case.

"Aren't we all a little tired of hearing these kinds of horror stories?" he said. "It seems that Roger's former friends in town are not content to wait for a verdict. They intend to chase him out of town, not even waiting to hear his side of the story."

Fields says he will have to move from Thomaston when his ordeal is over, but that until then he will keep his head up.

"I make sure I go out to dinner when I want to, I walk around the square when I want to," he said. "I am not going to hide."

KC WILDMOON

## MCA Extends Benefits To Same-Sex Partners:

Entertainment industry giant MCA, Inc., added its name to the growing list of employers extending benefits to same sex partners of its employees. On May 15, MCA announced that partners of lesbian and gay employees would be eligible for group health benefits.

**Queers Scare Robertson:** Televangelist Pat Robertson, owner of the Family Channel and UPI, closed up in his Virginia Beach production facilities during a weekend billed as Queerfest '92, sponsored by Queer Nation/Eastern Virginia. During the last weekend in May, billed as a "Queer spring break," some 50 protestors hit town, paraded down Atlantic Ave., and held a rally and dance that evening. While Robertson made no comment on the closing down of his facilities, organizers of the event were sure it was their presence. "It's amazing what 40 queers can do to an entire organization," DC QN member Brian Ramey told The Washington Blade.

**Oregon Gay Rights Office Trashed:** The Portland office of the Campaign for a Hate Free Oregon (CHFO), which is organizing efforts to block harsh anti-gay measures in that state, was vandalized earlier this month. Vandals stole computers, a fax machine and rolodexes, as well as files on the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA), the organization responsible for initiating anti-gay measures in several cities and on a statewide basis in Oregon. Additionally, phone lines in the CHFO offices were cut, and other files were thrown about the office.

**Lesbian SF Supervisor Will Help Draft Demos' Platform:** San Francisco

Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg was named to the Democratic Party's National Platform Drafting Committee on June 4. Achtenberg, an open lesbian, will meet in New Mexico with the committee to begin writing the party's national platform for the 1992 election. Achtenberg said that she would advocate "for the environment and water reclamation, for family policy, for women's issues, for health care, for the rights of lesbians and gay men, for an inclusive civil rights and civil liberties plank, for education, and for investment in our cities."

**Britt To Step Down As SF Supervisor:** Harry Britt, who succeeded Harvey Milk as an openly gay San Francisco city supervisor, announced earlier this month that he was stepping down at the end of his term in November. Britt will take a position at New College of California, becoming that



school's first Harvey Milk Chair of Humanities and Social Activism.

**Gay Florida Deputy Wins Reinstatement:** A Florida State Court ruled on June 9 in favor of an Orange County deputy sheriff fired because he is gay. Judge William C. Gridley ruled that Sheriff Walter Gallagher violated Deputy Sheriff Thomas Woodard's constitutional rights and ordered Woodard reinstated with full back pay. The trial included expert testimony on law enforcement and the performance of gay and lesbian officers. Earlier, a local jury rejected Sheriff Gallagher's claim that Woodard resigned, finding instead that he was coerced into resigning.

**HRCF Hires Lesbian Issues Director:** The Human Rights Campaign Fund has hired lesbian activist Kay Ostberg as that organization's Lesbian Issues director. Ostberg lives in Washington, DC, where she served as national co-chair of the 1987 March on Washington. Ostberg is currently acting director of HALT, an organization of Americans for Legal Reform, where she has worked for the past eight years.

**Gay HUD Employees Protected:** A federal court has ruled in favor of a Government Employees Union contract with the Department of Housing and Urban Development that bans discrimination based on sexual orientation and expands the definition of families. According to Workers World, the agreement was originally signed in 1990, but the HUD secretary vetoed the contract. After the union won an appeal with the federal labor board, the Justice Department took the matter into court.

**Dallas Lesbian And Gay Synagogue Joins Reform Jewish Group:** The Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), the governing body of Reform Jewish congregations in the U.S., has accepted the membership of congregation Beth El Binah, a lesbian and gay congregation in Dallas, Texas. According to the Dallas Voice, the congregation's first application to the UAHC was denied because its mission statement defined it as a "gay and lesbian congregation," which the UAHC considers "exclusionary language." The statement was reworded as a congregation with "an outreach to the gay and lesbian community."

**Man Killed While Leaving DC Eagle:** The Washington Blade reports that a man was shot and killed after leaving the Eagle, a DC gay bar, on May 30. The victim, Jeffrey L. Mason, was shot as he walked to his car around 2 am. According to the Eagle manager Craig Carlton, at least four other customers of the bar reported that they had been robbed by a group of youths brandishing a pistol on that night. None of the four reported the robberies. Tracy Conaty, co-chair of Gay Men and Lesbians Opposing Violence, said that at least two of those robbery victims said that they did not report the crime because they believed the police would be hostile or unsympathetic.

**Gay Bookstore Bombers Arrested:** Police in Lancaster, Penn., have arrested five people in connection with the June and August 1991 bombings of The Closet, Lancaster's only lesbian and gay bookstore. Two adults, Daniel J. VanAulen and Linda A. Ward, were charged with first degree arson and criminal conspiracy. Three juveniles were also arrested, but their names and the charges against them were withheld by police. According to the Philadelphia Gay News, the bombings caused \$2500 in damage with no injuries. The Closet closed permanently in May of this year, the owner citing a lack of support from the city's lesbian and gay community.

**Walldorff, Yates In District 2 Run-Off:** A run-off election is slated for the DeKalb County Commission's District 2 post to succeed Sherry Sutton, who resigned to run for DeKalb CEO. Gale Walldorff and Judy Yates will face each other in the June 30 election. Walldorff received 40% of the vote in last week's special election and Yates received 33%, both short of the simple majority required to win the seat outright.

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**After 5 years, AZT question still unanswered**

Larry is a survivor. Diagnosed with AIDS eight years ago, his helper T-cell counts have been zero for more than three. Yet supposedly this type of disease-fighting white blood cell, whose decimation is characteristic of AIDS, is essential for the protection against disease. Although undergoing treatment for two AIDS-related conditions, Larry has never taken the supposedly standard treatment for AIDS—AZT.

Paul is not a survivor. He died last year after his helper T-cell blood level had dropped to zero. Along the way, Paul tried AZT and all the experimental drugs, including ddI, ddC, and d4T. Adverse side effects forced him to stop taking each of these.

Carl on the other hand has been on AZT for six years and swears by it. Although infected by HIV, he has never been sick and his helper T-cell level is stable. Brad has watched his helper T-cell count plummet from 250 to 75 in eight months while continuing on AZT. A count of 1000 helper T-cells per cubic millimeter of blood is normal. Levels below 200 are considered a warning of AIDS' onset.

**Everyone's Confused**

When people's experience varies so radically, it is no wonder that five years after general approval, the debate still rages over AZT's value. Its appropriate place in AIDS therapy remains in doubt while recent articles in the straight mass media have attacked the wisdom of using it at all.

But Anthony Fauci, director of AIDS research at the National Institute of Health, recommends that AZT begin immediately after contracting HIV. Yet world-renowned HIV researcher Jay Levy worries that starting AZT too early is wasting the drug, giving the virus a chance to build up resistance to it. AZT would then be worthless when sickness occurs and it is really needed.

Most AIDS specialists now believe in starting AZT therapy fairly early, after helper T-cell counts have dropped significantly below normal but still remain in the healthy range. Nevertheless, a strong minority of doctors continues to hold out for using AZT only as a treatment of last resort. They view the small benefits of early treatment as counterbalanced by the risk of anemia and immune-suppressing side effects.

John James, editor of the respected "AIDS Treatment News" sums up the argument: "There is no doubt that AZT is a bad drug, but compared to what?"

**The Limits of Science**

Until last fall, when ddI was approved, AZT was the only officially sanctioned treatment for AIDS and HIV infection. A wide variety of drug trials ushered in an increasing sophistication as to how and when to apply the treatment, but the complexity of those trials was also a sign of the inability to

fully establish AZT's effectiveness.

As John James noted, AZT can have at best only limited effectiveness. Its range of action is very narrow. The drug can intervene at only one moment in the life-cycle of HIV: when the virus first enters an uninfected cell and attempts to integrate its genes with those of the cell. At that point an AZT molecule, if in the right place, has a chance of blocking reverse transcriptase. This is the enzyme that HIV uses to accomplish its feat of cellular integration. Later on, when the virus genes have converted the cell into an HIV factory, AZT is useless.

AZT usually gives a quick boost to one's helper T-cell population and AIDS symptoms subside. This effect is temporary and generally disappears in a year or two. The reasons for the loss of efficiency remain obscure, but certainly have to do with AZT's inability to really curb HIV's spread in the body.

But the value of AZT's transient usefulness should not be underestimated: for people seriously ill with AIDS, it is crucial. An Italian study published last winter found that untreated PWAs had a median survival of 9.6 months whereas for those taking AZT, the median survival time was 21.2 months.

AZT's ultimate effect is harder to pin down in people with less advanced symptoms. Does the drug prolong total lifespan or does it just slow progression to AIDS?

All the studies show retarded progression, but only to a certain extent. The study used by the government to approve early treatment found that out of 100 mildly affected people with HIV, an average of 7.6 would develop AIDS or advanced ARC in the course of a year. Just four fewer, or 3.6, would develop serious symptoms in their first year on AZT.

Such slight differences in low rates of progression make it hard to establish AZT's contribution to survival. Measuring that requires following large numbers of people for years.

Two recent contradictory studies illustrate the problems involved. The first, carried out in 340 people in two years, compared early to late AZT treatment and found no difference in survival time. But this study, conducted at veterans hospitals around the country, was marked by doses of AZT now known to be excessive, treatment changed during the trial, and confusion about which patient deaths were related to AIDS.

Another study, published in April, claimed to show that early AZT did prolong life in 2500 men. Its findings actually were murky at best. Among the least impaired individuals with HIV, no significant differences were observed. Among HIV+ people with mild symptoms, early AZT alone did

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### Taylor demands Congress fully fund Ryan White bill

Elizabeth Taylor, founding chair of the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR), told the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee on June 2 of her outrage over the federal government's failure to fully fund its emergency AIDS services program. The Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resource Emergency (CARE) Act, the government's main mechanism for delivering AIDS funding to cities and states, has never been fully funded.

According to the Washington Blade, Taylor told the committee, which included Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Sen. Nancy Kassebaum (R-Kan.), that the government must live up to its "responsibilities to our citizens — whoever and wherever they are."

Also testifying was Beauford Stowell, a gay man with AIDS from Missouri, who told the senators that money from Ryan White had funded programs which had kept both he and his lover alive.

"I remind you that going without for a person with AIDS means a cruel and undignified death," he said.

The CARE Act was authorized to spend \$875 million when it first passed in 1990, but in 1991 it was only funded at \$220.5 million, and in 1992 at \$287.9 million. The CARE act is broken into three sections, one which provides federal money to cities with more than 2,000 reported AIDS cases; one which funds grants to states to coordinate AIDS services; and one which provides grants aimed at providing services to persons in the earliest stages of HIV disease.

The Bush administration claims that federal budget constraints have forced the government to prioritize 1993 funding between the three sections of the CARE Act. Bush is asking Congress for a 27 per cent increase over 1992 for aid to cities, while funding for the other two sections would remain at 1992 levels.

Taylor told the senators she would not give up in her fight to see that the act is fully funded. "I ask here and now for the



national leadership that is necessary to fully appropriate this bill," she said, "because I will continue to come and ask for it again and again until this is done."

Pictured: Elizabeth Taylor. Photo by Jim Marks

### Judge says gay officer contracted HIV on the job

An administrative law judge in San Francisco ruled last week that Inspector Thomas Cady, an openly gay police officer, contracted HIV when he was bitten and splashed with blood in 1984 while arresting a man infected with the virus. Cady, who said he feared that the decision would not come until after his death, will receive disability pay and money for his AIDS treatment.

Attorney Evan Wolfson of the Lambda Legal Defense Fund said the ruling will help public perceptions that AIDS results only from gay sex.

"It's difficult for anyone, gay or not, to prove they contracted HIV on the job," he said. "And there's a double standard for gays."

The San Francisco Retirement Board has 30 days to apply for a rehearing.

### AZT (cont'd)

not significantly improve the death rate beyond the first 18 months of treatment. But during the first six months, the AZT effect was very high — the death rate was cut by more than half.

#### More Art than Science

According to Dr. Paul Volberding, who has conducted extensive testing of AZT in San Francisco, "No trial can really settle the survival question because you would need a control group taking a placebo and use death as the endpoint, and this raises ethical problems. But I can say that my AIDS patients in 1981 lived only for nine months and now they live for four years."

Volberding is quick to point out, however, that this change cannot be attributed to AZT alone (which he considers "of modest value").

It is in fact hard to separate out AZT's exact influence.

Ten years ago, those developing AIDS had only been infected with HIV for a few years. They were the ones most susceptible to the damage triggered by the virus. Now many PWAs have been HIV+ for a decade or more without the signs of AIDS. Also, both patients and doctors better recognize

the signs of the disease. They are more able to treat the various opportunistic infections associated with AIDS and ARC.

These subtle factors point out an inherent problem with drug trials: No drug trials can ever detail the immense range of personal variations existing in the "real world," nor predict exactly how a medication will behave in each individual.

Each person's genes, lifestyle, personality and environment differ, and one's personal body chemistry reflects these differences. Every doctor is different too. Each has an individual approach to patient care based on personality and skill. Physicians and patients may use trial results to guide their attempts to cure disease, but in the end, they have to pragmatically and creatively sort out the obtainable therapeutic tools to discover which work for them.

The therapeutic tools available for AIDS and HIV should not be confined to AZT for long. Already, ddI and ddC, both of which work like AZT, are available. And mixing the three offers some hope of transcending the limits of AZT alone. And a new generation of drugs is on the horizon. The arrival of more advanced medications will render the AZT debate more moot surely than still more trials of this treatment.

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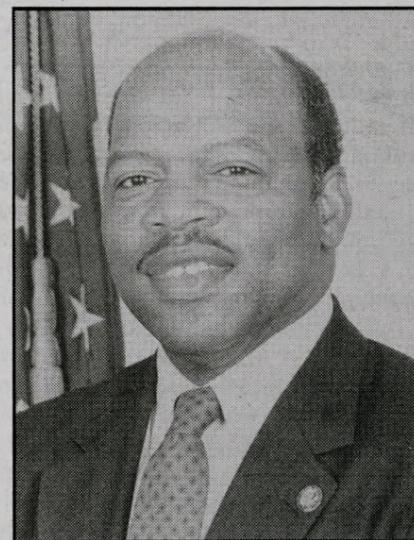
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**Marching to the Left**

Political diversity in the Gay and Lesbian community continues to be an issue. Organizers of the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation have sanctioned a partisan laundry list of demands, which is dead on arrival. This "grab bag platform" fails to represent moderate and conservative views. Even some liberal politicians are reluctant to support the platform publicly.

The document is on a collision course not only with mainstream America but also with the Gay and Lesbian movement. Organizers are projecting that a million Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and their supporters will attend the march on Sunday, April 25. However, if the controversial planks are not removed, many individuals and organizations have pledged to boycott the event by withholding financial contributions and by not attending it.

The platform was developed by leaders who met in early May in Dallas. It was approved by the National Steering Committee, a group representing 17 regions around the country. Among other things, the platform calls for self-determination of all indigenous people. This can be interpreted as returning Manhattan, the Midwest and the Southwest to Native Americans. It also advocates the legalization of multiple-partner unions, a "polygamy clause" that would allow Bisexuals to be married to a male and female partner simultaneously.

One of the most hotly debated planks urges support for laws that decriminalize sexual relationships among youth and "between consenting peers," which would allow adults to have sex with youth under certain conditions. Are we now in the business of sanctioning sexual behavior among youth and between youth and adults?

Historically, the political philosophy of the movement has not been a catch-all net. But Derek Livingston, a co-chair of the march, was quoted in the Washington Blade,

a weekly Gay and Lesbian newspaper, as saying, "We decided to tie all oppression together." He believes the demands will not discourage gay support for the march. But we should not be all inclusive, which means for example, that Gays and Lesbians who are members of the KKK and the Skinheads cannot join.

Jarmila Dokladolva, a member of the D.C. Organizing Committee, was also quoted in the Blade as saying, "The long list of demands reflects the diversity of our community. It is significant that at this time, we all see the need for a unified march and are ready to recognize the needs of those within our community who have been particularly affected by spiraling costs of health care, by a rise in racism, and increased anti-Gay violence."

There are oppressed people in America who do not support Gay Rights. Should we open up to them, too?

**GUEST EDITORIAL**

In good conscience, people should not support a platform that creates polarization. Can the National Metropolitan Community Church, Gay Pride Day organizations, National Log Cabin Federation and the National Gay Law Association endorse the contradictions and controversial demands? Can "every-day" Lesbians and Gays support them?

We need to rally behind the passage of the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill, which prohibits discrimination in public accommodations, housing, employment and federally assisted programs. Anything other than this is unacceptable.

There are 54 items in the platform, 25 which are not directly related to Gay and Lesbian issues. This is not a Civil Rights march. This is not a NOW march. This is not a march for Native American Rights. This is a march for Gay, Lesbian and Bi-

sexual Rights.

In early June, the executive committee, a 12-member group which governs the march, endorsed the platform by consensus after deleting only the "polygamy clause" during a two-day meeting in Washington. Billy Hileman, a major powerbroker on the committee and one of four cochairs, proposed that the clause be removed. But the committee only made cosmetic changes to the rest of the platform. Based on these superficial changes, many people and organizations have been considerably let down. The D. C. Organizing Committee, which represents the Washington area, is expected to vote on the platform in the coming months.

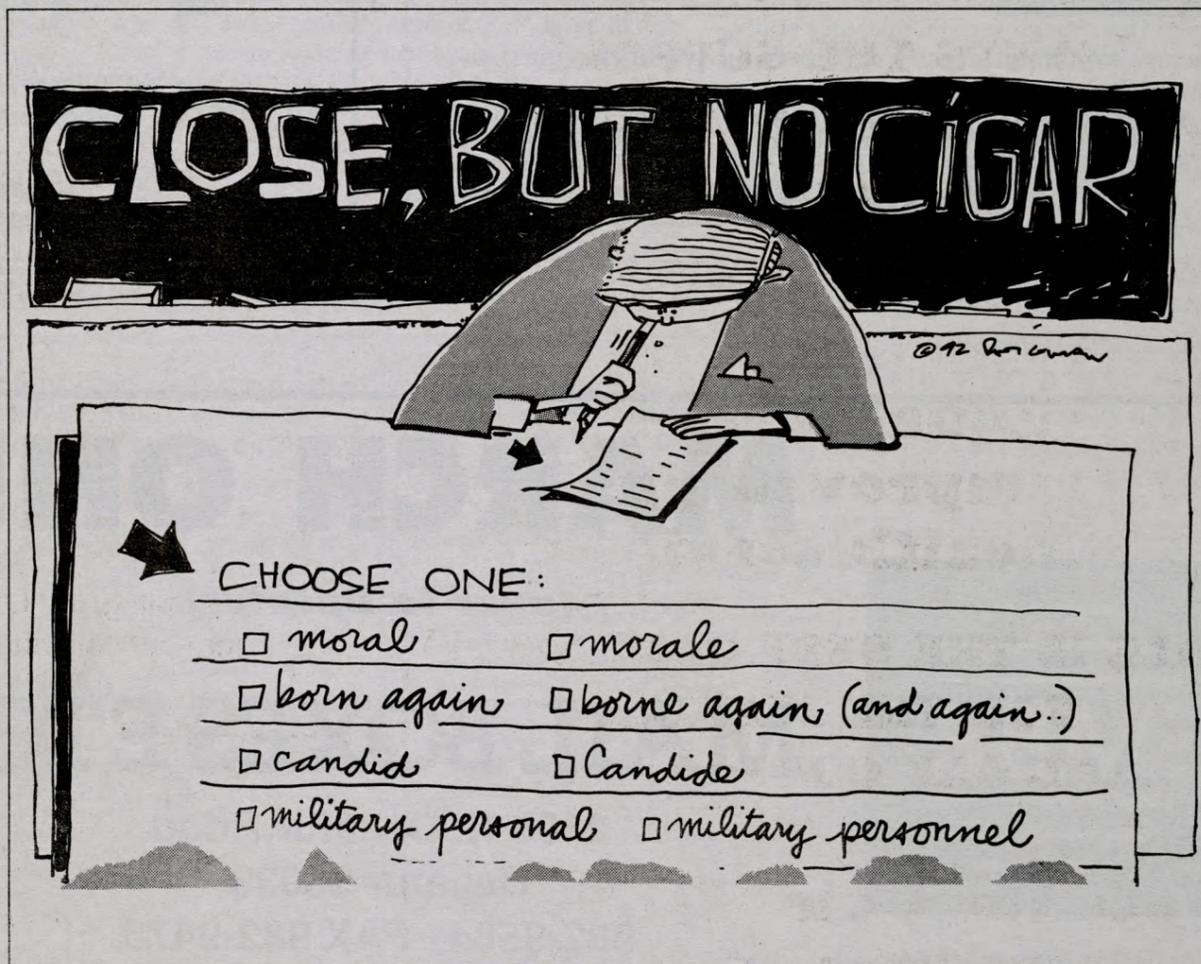
The platform still reflects issues from the ultra-left. The committee lacks effective leadership and the vision to guide the march. Some of the members fail to see the value of diverse representation. If Gays are having problems with the platform, you can be assured straights will, too. Some politicians will reject it. However, they will not express their displeasure with it publicly for fear of Gay verbal attacks.

The premiere Black Gay political organization in Washington, the DC coalition of Black Lesbians and Gay Men, Inc. says in a statement to the executive committee, "We strongly suggest that the present platform be modified to be more in line with the thinking of our communities. Or, as an alternative, the current platform, should be rejected as we march under the same theme of Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Civil Rights."

Because the unwieldy platform is too broad, alienates moderates and makes fund-raising difficult, option two makes the most sense.

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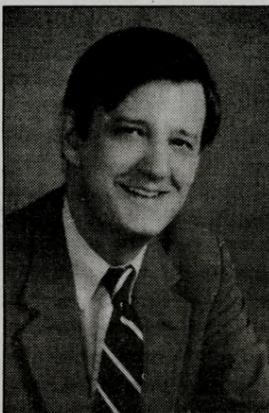
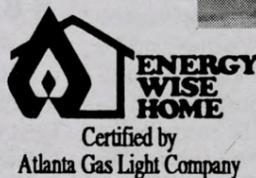
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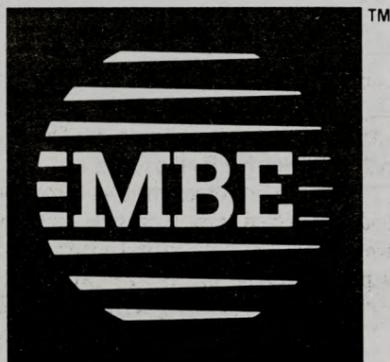
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## Small revolutions and ordinary acts

Was it twenty years ago already that my mom managed to drop the word "lesbian" casually into every fifth conversation we had? Never as a direct question, you understand. But indirectly. In a story about somebody she knew. Or about an article she purported to have read in a weekly magazine, more likely than NOT the Ladies Home Journal.

Twenty years since I imported my first lover from her self-imposed European exile to be introduced as my "best" friend to a family who kept dropping the word "lesbian," innocently, sociologically, philosophically into conversations, when they really meant was, "Are you a dyke?"

Twenty years since I sat next to a woman in an embryonic NOW meeting, who whispered to me that I should be careful because she knew for sure that there were lesbians in the room. Oh my. All I could do was nod sagely back because I didn't know yet what the party line was on dykedom, and I didn't want to be asked to leave the room in case I was wrong. Dutiful daughter was a role we were well trained to then.

Twenty years since, at an early board meeting of that self-same group, where I heard a well-intentioned sister actually say, "Well, everybody needs love. And they do take each other off the streets." In a lengthy policy discussion that included anecdotes about somebody's late Aunt Tillie, and the maiden ladies down the street, and what were we going to do about them NOW, and still be taken seriously.

Twenty years since I found out I was sanctioned in a group of fledgling feminists. That the lavender menace was a lavender herring, and what was really fishy to me was coming out to the group, one individual at a time, instead of taking a healthy twelve step and announcing, proud and loud, "Hi, I'm Shelly, and I'm a lesbian." And having the group come to me, later, one individual at a time, to tell me that they were leaving their hubbies and kiddies to take off in a van with another woman.

Hmmm.

That was also the year that my first lover decided to come out, from our cozy two bedroom cottage (one with twin beds for us, and one with a crib for my son, so there couldn't be a whole lot of misunderstanding about what was going on in each of those rooms. Unless, of course you didn't want to know.) Come out at least to her mom, when her parents came down for their one and only visit.

She drank a lot that night. And I think the folks drank a lot that night. I was in the other room at the time. Or in another meeting away from the house. No fool I. They were doing dishes, I recall or was later told, the dirty deed of telling having been put off for dozens of years before, and for at least four hours until the scotch took hold. "So what'd you tell her?" I asked, anxiously, no signs of crockery or blood on the walls when I returned. "I just handed her a dish towel and told her I was gay." ("Lesbian" being a word with far too many Joan Crawford implications) "Oh, so? What'd she say to that?" Somehow I knew that our life depended on the answer.

"She said, 'Oh honey, we've known that for years. Where does this frying pan go?'"

It's taken me a thousand years since

then to sign my real name to things gay and lesbian. Things decidedly dyke.

Last month I was sitting in an aisle seat on yet another airplane from nearly anywhere headed home. In a first class seat I had earned over those same twenty years. And I was wearing a pink-triangled button on my blazer that said, "Out is In."

I had nearly forgotten that I was wearing it. Not that I had become so casual about being out. Two days before, on my way out the door, I grabbed the button and snapped it onto my lapel, saying to myself, "Gotta practice what I preach." The trip away was rather uneventful, except that the male flight attendant who hung up my coat was pretty attentive, and recommended a "wink-wink" good restaurant in Detroit.

On the return, the man across the aisle, a real first class dude, CEO or maybe CFO, leaned over, pointed to my button and said small fateful words, "zat political? Something to do with the elections?"

You learn to think fast when being out still isn't second nature. Kind of like instantly assaying a New York subway car to see who's in it who might think that your gold chain is more valuable than your life.

There are only a dozen people in the first class compartment. And every one of them was listening for my answer. "Whatthehell? Do it."

"Political? Yes, sort of, I say to him. I write for (KEEP YOUR VOICE CALM. DON'T BLOW IT HERE) gay and lesbian papers. So it is political.

"Oh, I see. Makes sense." (Where does this frying pan go?)

Later he offered me his extra foil pack of almonds, and retrieved my empty wine glass when it bumped to the floor at thirty-five thousand feet. I have no idea what he thought. Or any of the other ten people up there. Or the FA's in the galley. But nobody came to arrest me or carry me screaming from the plane as a serious threat. ("I'm a loaded dyke! And I'm ordering this plane to Lesbos!") Maybe he just thought that some dykes fly in the front of the plane.

And in only twenty years.

Next year, in April, there will be a plane bound for the third march on Washington, D.C. The march will be the big one. Full of Power and Pride. It will be an important statement. It will be an enormous amount of fun. We will take over the capitol of the United States of America for one full weekend. I intend to be there. I will be wearing my button.

It will have taken me twenty one years to get on that plane.

However long it will have taken you, I want you to get on that plane with me.

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## Get the number straight, not!

To the Editor:

It has recently been brought to our attention that people who have seen our ad have misunderstood the phone number to reach us here at The Gay Rose, which is 1-800-The-GAY-Rose, and have been calling another floral service...possibly, The Rose.

The people who have called this floral service, which is not advertised as gay, have received a homophobic response from their staff persons. This is intolerable to us since the reason The Gay Rose was designed in the first place is so that the gay and lesbian community need not be afraid to send a message to their lover or their loved one...ANY MESSAGE! We at The Gay Rose know that sending a message is the main reason for sending flowers, and our customers are relieved that they could sign their name...their real name...on a card that said "I Love You."

The fact remains that members of our

own lesbian and gay community who may have misread or misremembered our phone number were greeted with a homophobic response to their sentiments.

We feel this is news—in light that a floral service is homophobic and this attitude has been demonstrated to potential clients who have complained to publications we don't even advertise in tells us that people know we are out there, but dial the wrong number, and get someone other than the lesbian and gay staff here at The Gay Rose. We feel it necessary to warn the gay and lesbian community about this homophobic floral service and to once and for all assure them that we are in no way associated with them. They need to put the "GAY" in The Gay Rose to reach us! We are not afraid to say our name...We say it PROUD! 1-800-THE-GAYRose!

## Read it and weep

To the Editor:

Your magazine continues to be my favorite of all that I've encountered and I recommend it heartily to anyone who'll listen.

Although somewhat off the direct line of fire for gay equality, I would like to suggest to you, through your book review section, to urge women and men alike to read two books of alarming insight that should be taken into account by any responsible voter.

I believe it is no coincidence these books were both released prior to the upcoming elections. I see an underground conspiracy of our sisters taking credit for this ingenious plot.

It is the duty of every educated person to motivate the masses to start educating themselves. Your magazine is in a class by itself along these lines.

The first book is #3 on the National Bestseller List: "Backlash: The Undeclared War Against American Women," by Susan Faludi. The second is #2 on the same list: "Revolution From Within," by Gloria Steinem.

While neither of these books endorses a specific candidate they do expose major deficiencies in the present administration.

Dietra Fischer  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

## Hold on to your balloon

To the Editor:

Like many lesbians and gay men out there, I'm looking forward to our wonderful Pride Weekend. However, I do so with some trepidation.

Last year I was very saddened to see so many balloons end up filling our sky. Balloons are beautiful and fun, but are also deadly and devastating to wildlife. They end up in rivers and lakes and are ingested

by unknowing critters, who think they are consuming food. These animals die an unnecessary and cruel death.

So please, I implore you, keep your balloons tied secure and dispose of them properly. Respect our nonhuman counterparts on a day when we ask others to respect us. HAVE FUN!

Sincerely,  
N. A. Peppone

## What's Pride for anyway?

To the Editor,

We do not understand the problem here. Whoever thought of not letting politicians speak at our Gay and Lesbian Pride event should be taken off the staff, if he/she is still on the committee!

What are we celebrating? We are celebrating where we are now, and if it wasn't for gay and lesbian candidates like Jeff Corrigan and Samantha Claar, we wouldn't be where we are today.

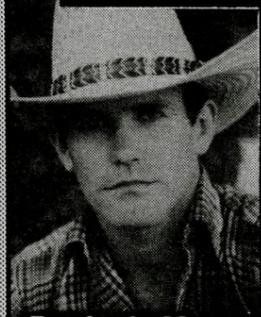
Politics have always been a part of Gay and Lesbian Pride, in every city that has a Pride day. Why on earth would the Pride

committee do such a thing? And as for asking the two candidates to be Grand Marshals, that was just a slap in the face, not only for them, but for the rest of us.

Please, don't forget where we came from and who helped make it possible for where we are now. Let's not go backwards. This is a political event, this is what we are celebrating, it's not just a big party to get drunk.

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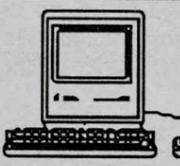
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**ANNIVERSARIES:**  
 Congratulations to Cathy Woolard and Karen Geney on their four years together. They officially celebrated their anniversary on May 6.  
 Pat Calcagni and Deni Swanstrom celebrated six years together on June 1 with a nice dinner. They are also celebrating their third year in business together. They own Hairanoia on Cheshire Bridge Road.  
 Joel Bretherick and Michael Shane Bell want to give their special thanks to Mimi Ratzlaff and Bob's Lakelot at Tara as they celebrate their first anniversary on June 13. Joel says that he and Michael met at Bob's, and Mimi has helped them through their first year. They spent a 2nd honeymoon at the Holiday Inn in Roswell, thanks to a special connection! Congratulations!  
 Rich Matthern and Todd Skelton have shared one year of their lives together. Their anniversary was June 6. We hope to see your names on these pages for many years to come as you spend many more years together.

**GRADUATIONS:**  
 Tanya Dean, last year's Human Rights Campaign Fund intern, graduated from Bryn Mawr College May 18, Cum Laude, no less, with a degree in Political Science.  
 Darlene Warren, one of the emcees for this year's commitment ceremony at Pride, will graduate this month from DeVry Institute of Technology.

**OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS:**  
 Pride '92 will be extra special for Judy Colbs because her daughter Sandy, will be coming from Richmond, Virginia to march with her under the P-FLAG banner. Colbs is President of the Atlanta Chapter of P-FLAG.  
 July 8-12 will be a busy time for Congregation Bet Haverim—the gay and lesbian Reconstructionist synagogue. July 8-10 they will host the International Board Meeting of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jews. People will be coming in from as far away as Amsterdam and London according to Bet Haverim President Michael Kinsler. Then,



**AWARDS:**  
 The Coyotes, coached by Sandy Nicholson who was featured in "Outlines" in our last issue, recently won the 1992 Georgia Women's Open Soccer Tournament in the over-30 division. The Coyotes were undefeated in the tournament. What a team!

July 11 and 12, the Southeast Regional Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews will meet. Well over 100 people are expected then. Congregation Bet Haverim meets at the Atlanta Friends Meeting House on W. Howard Ave. in Decatur.

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**CANDACE CHELLEW**  
 Pictured: The Coyotes, winners of the 1992 Georgia Women's Open Soccer Tournament, 30+ division.

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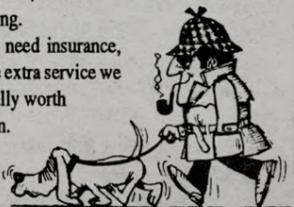


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**Jackson (cont'd)**

that we need to go on and make the adjustment and understand and be tolerant and be more involved in the issues that affect citizens who happen to be gay and lesbian rather than the constant battles, the constant harassment, the constant fighting. We have so many other big issues. We ought to manifest tolerance and to manifest an outreach. Especially this is true if one is a Christian. Especially that. I don't care if folks may argue about the Biblical side of this thing. I see the Christian religion as one of outreach and tolerance and compassion for everybody. We're all God's children.

SV: How about Georgia's sodomy law?

MJ: This is not an issue I really relish wading into, OK? But let me make one observation. If the sodomy law is going to be enforced, it's got to be enforced against everybody—homosexual and heterosexual. And how one does that is beyond me. And number two, I believe that what one does in the privacy of one's own bedroom between consenting adults is up to the people involved. What's good for the goose is good for the gander. You cannot have one rule for homosexuals on this issue and another rule for heterosexuals.

SV: Would you support a repeal of that law?

MJ: Yes. I think the law is fundamentally unenforceable. Unless it is applied to everybody—and in this case there's an automatic assumption that it applies only to one group—I believe it is unconstitutional and I believe it is unenforceable.

SV: There have been some lesbian and gay activists calling for demonstrations in the streets if the sodomy law is not gone by 1996, when the Olympics come to town. How do you feel about that?

MJ: I would prefer not to see any demonstrations for any reason during the Olympics. I want to make that very clear. We're inviting the world into our living room in Atlanta, and I'd like to see that happen that way rather than having any kind of demonstration in the streets no matter how important the issue. That's preference number one. But, number two—the American government is premised on the idea that citizens can redress their grievances in a non-violent way. As long as demonstrations are not violent, whatever the issue may be, including this one, then I don't have a problem with it. But again, my first preference would be that during the Olympics we have a smooth time of it.

SV: There's a lesbian/gay civil rights bill introduced in Congress, supported by a number of Congress people including Ben Jones and John Lewis. How do you stand on that?

MJ: I have not read it, but I'd be happy to read it and become familiar with it.

SV: In general, civil rights for lesbians and gays...

MJ: I fully favor equal rights for all Americans, regardless of sexual orientation, therefore I favor full human rights for gay and lesbian citizens. Again my philosophy is that sexual orientation should not in any way detract from their full participation and the exercise of all the rights that anybody else would have.

SV: That brings to mind the military's anti-gay discrimination policy.

MJ: I think the military discrimination is unfounded. I think the issue here is what's right and what's wrong, and I think it's wrong to discriminate against American citizens who are fully qualified to serve in the military only because of their sexual orientation. I'd have to leave it up to the military as to how this is worked out on the inside. It should be in a fair manner that does not discriminate against gay and lesbian citizens. We cannot afford to incapacitate, in our struggle for a better society, a major portion of our community, of our national community because of sexual orientation. We can't afford to discriminate against women, or disqualify 52% of the national army against poverty and oppression, against neglect and against urban problems. We cannot disqualify half of America's social army, so to

speaking, because it is female. We cannot succeed in my opinion when we do those things. It's time for us to come to grips with these issues and move on.

SV: How do we avoid it? The military discrimination, for example...

MJ: That will change. Just as surely as we're sitting here that's going to change. We've seen many other changes. We'll see a change in that as well.

SV: Sam Nunn met recently with representatives from HRCF, and in that meeting he said that hearings would be in order on this issue. I know that you have a good association with Sen. Nunn. Would you be willing to speak with him and urge that he do that?

MJ: Hold the hearings? Absolutely.

SV: And urge him to work to repeal that discriminatory policy?

MJ: I can guarantee I would ask him to hold the hearings. And I would also be on line, as I have been consistently, urging that discriminatory policies of any kind against gay and lesbian citizens be repealed.

SV: Let me ask about a couple of local issues. The Community Relations Commission—how can the commission enforce its findings?

MJ: I've asked the City Council to approve subpoena power for the Atlanta Community Relations Commission. Without subpoena power, the CRC frankly would not be able to enforce its findings in my opinion.

SV: At the end of whatever hearing it holds, and it makes a decision that person A discriminated against person B because of sexual orientation, what happens then?

MJ: Let's not talk about person against person. Let's talk about X Corporation that refused to hire a lesbian citizen because of that reason. What can we do? That would have to be written into the law. We would have to find some sort of punishment that would be appropriate. One could be a cash fine, another could be some sort of policy dealing with their right to do certain kinds of business in the city. You have to define what kind of punishment would be involved in the case of discrimination. What I would want the CRC to do in its early meetings would be to consider this very type of issue and give us recommendations as to what to do. But issues of discrimination based on race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, etc., age and so forth will be among the issues the CRC would consider.

SV: Do you have any sense of how it's going in city council?

MJ: We've not gotten any major feedback. I know there's going to be some debate on subpoena power, with the clear understanding that without subpoena power it has no guts for an enforcement capacity. I think a majority of the council members at this point are leaning in the direction of supporting the subpoena power.

SV: The ordinance appears to be a step toward making the city charter say that in the city of Atlanta it is not proper to discriminate because of sexual orientation.

MJ: Your question seems to imply that that's not already a policy. If you're right on that then we ought to move aggressively to correct it, not only in city government, but all across the city. Maybe you are and there's not a stated policy to that effect, but there ought to be.

SV: This brings to mind domestic partnership. I know you've gotten the report from the study committee. Have you had a chance to look over that?

MJ: I have, and I've had a meeting with a committee on this issue. I've met with citizens and Marcia Okula, my special assistant. We made a decision on the next steps and are now in the process of following up.

SV: Can you give any details of that?

MJ: Not at this point. The matter is under serious consideration. It was a very thorough report. There are a couple of issues in there that will be of concern. There was a feeling that we should not even raise the question of how much it will cost to do it. I do not agree with that. I think I have not only the right but the obligation

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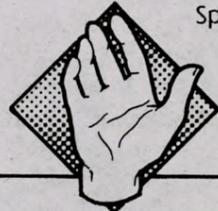


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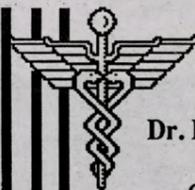
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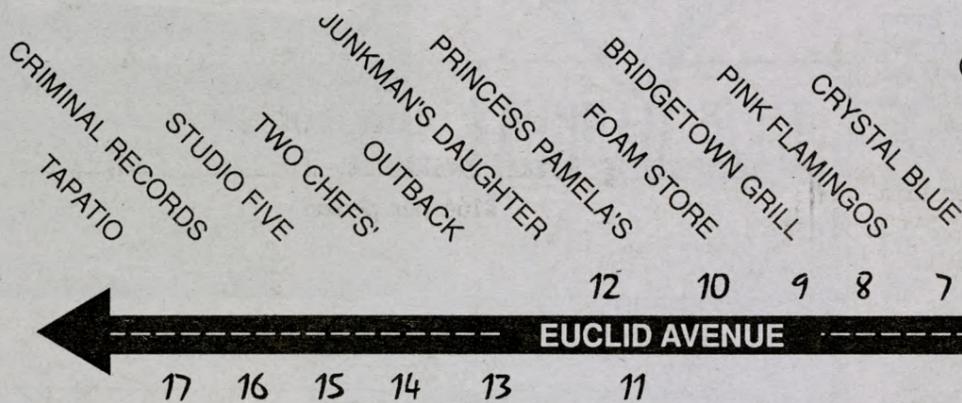
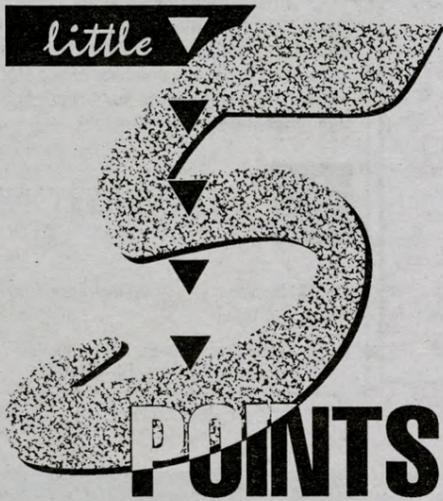
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tion to raise the question of how much it will cost. This is not just a gay and lesbian issue. We are talking about heterosexuals who are not married to each other, who also would qualify. In this society today, where people live together and are not married, people of different sexes and so forth, then you've got an issue that includes, but is not limited to, gay and lesbian people. What are the impacts of that kind of decision financially? We've got to know. It's our obligation. Tax payers ask that, city council asks that. When they do, we've got to be able to respond. I fully expect that in the not too distant future we're going to see a vote on this in City Council.

SV: Does this apply also to Council Member Davis' legislation?

MJ: Yes, it would. That is one of the things we're considering now. I am due for a briefing I think late next week or early the following week on that.

SV: I want to talk about AIDS a bit. What do you think the federal government should be doing about this serious crisis?

MJ: A hundred times more than we are is the quick answer. Everything that we possibly could do, we should do. That's not happening. We have a crisis on our hands in this country. Its potential is devastating. The present facts are devastating. I think we have a problem in the nation not doing all it can because there is still this lingering discriminatory opinion and prejudice that this is just a gay or a lesbian problem and to hell with them. Some people may have that opinion. But that is less and less true every day. Somebody would have had to be holed up in a deep cave in West Virginia for the last ten years not to understand that this is a problem that afflicts and affects everybody in this country. And we neglect it at our peril.

SV: Have you been personally affected by AIDS?

MJ: Yes, I lost a first cousin. It was about three years ago. It was one of the saddest things I've ever seen. I held him. My family would go over and try to make him more comfortable. His family was taking excellent care of him. But he was wasting away. It was sad, it was heartbreaking, and I hope I never, you know, have anybody else close to me affected by that. I hope that nobody has the problem again, although I know realistically it is a spreading problem. There's not a family in America that has not been affected somehow, directly or indirectly, by the AIDS problem, or somebody's good friend, or you know somebody. Somehow, either through a relative or a friend, everybody has had some devastating, negative, sad connection. So I think the federal government is dropping the ball. But I also think the states, which have the responsibility of health, welfare and social services in Georgia, are not doing enough either. In Atlanta we're helping to build housing, by the way. The number of rooms com-



pared to the need is very small, but we plan to do our part.

SV: Have you been a part of any of the debate between the Ponce business and neighbors and Grady over the move of the IDC?

MJ: No, I've not. Well, I said I've not been a part of any discussion, and that's not accurate. The truth is that I talked with a health provider who is in a very very powerful position last week. We had lunch together and this is one of issues that came up. They believe the move is justified and is a correct move. I don't know enough of the pros and cons to be able to comment on that particular issue at this point. But this is a classic NIMBY—not in my backyard—issue. It's really hard for me to comment on that specific location, but somewhere we've got to be able to locate these facilities. They need to be intown, near town, around town, and that building in particular seems to me, considering the crying need for facilities for those who are AIDS-afflicted, at first blush I don't see a problem with that location.

SV: What's in the future for Maynard Jackson?

MJ: I'm not really sure. I've been so pre-occupied serving Atlanta that I really have not taken the time to think about a political future. My only plans at this point are to serve this city and do the very best job I can do. I work night and day at it. I love Atlanta, I'm dedicated to it. We don't always do everything right, but that makes me like every other human being in existence. But our hearts are in the right place, we try hard. We're doing a lot of things right. I want people to understand that this time around it's ten times tougher, which means I've got to spend ten times more time trying to do those things that in my first term could be done more simply and quicker with less complication. That means, regrettably and unfortunately, and this is the part of the job I really don't like, it means that I am less available on a free form basis to individuals and groups than I was my first time around. But I have a choice. I either take care of business trying to deliver our mission, or play the game and shake hands and pat people on the back and not deliver. But I'm about substance and not form.

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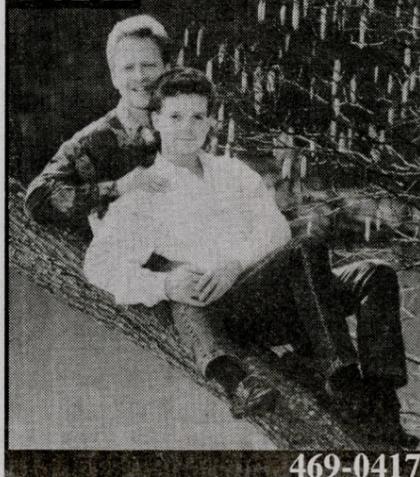
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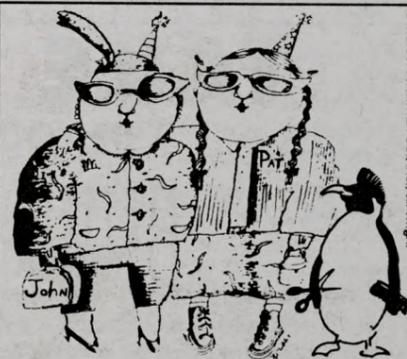
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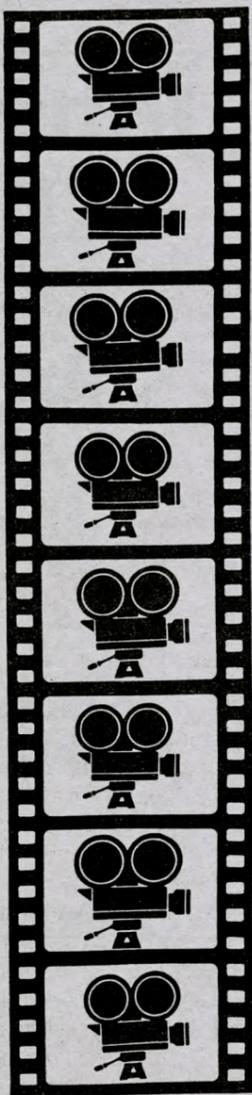
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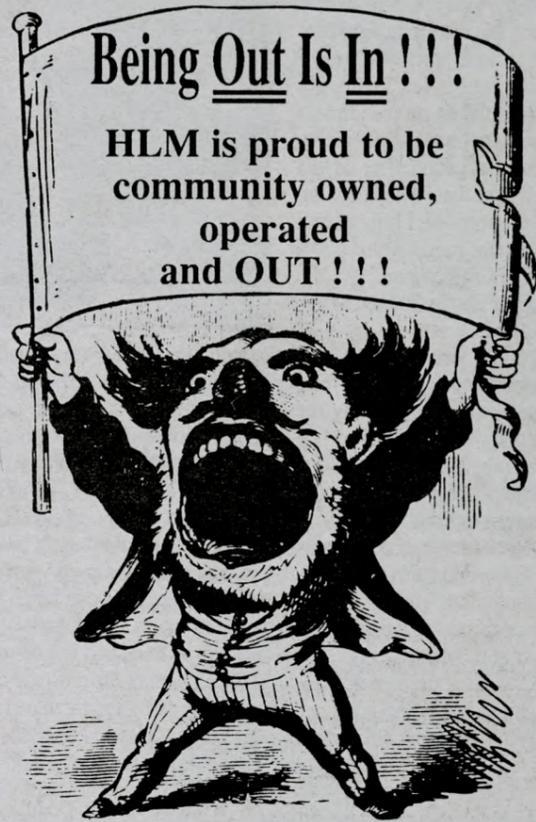


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Pride. According to Webster, pride is defined as justifiable self respect, a proper sense of what is becoming to oneself, and an ostentatious display.

Through the years, the gay, lesbian and bisexual community has lived up to this ideal well. Ever since Atlanta's first Gay Pride Parade (a not so ostentatious display) in 1970, when 125 people and no press showed up, to last year's Parade which drew a record 30,000 people, queers in the South have redefined the word Pride, and made it their own.

As with all histories, however, highlights are accompanied by lowlights. In just two short years after the first Atlanta Pride Parade, Jesse Helms—a 51 year old former Sunday school teacher from Raleigh, North Carolina, would be elected to his first term in the U.S. Senate. Five years later, Anita Bryant launched her nationwide attack on homosexuals after successfully leading a 1977 drive to repeal Miami's gay rights ordinance. It would be just two years later in June of 1979, when Jerry Falwell would proclaim that "Jesus was not a sissy," and begin throwing stones at gays, women and Communism from his glass house in Lynchburg, Virginia, under the auspices of the Moral Majority. And in 1986, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Hardwick v. Bowers* that states have the Constitutional right to outlaw private homosexual acts between consenting adults.

But, instead of giving up when all the odds seemed to be against them, gays, lesbians and bisexuals found Pride. Legend says it was found the evening of June 27, 1969 in New York's Greenwich Village with "The Hairpin Drop Heard Round the World."

The Stonewall Inn was a small gay bar located at 53 Christopher Street. On that particular evening, a Friday, the New York Police Department sent eight officers to raid the



club on the grounds of an alleged infringement of the liquor laws, and close it down. In the past, patrons of Stonewall, like patrons of other gay bars, submitted to the police without protest. But, after the raid, the patrons stayed to watch the event, and a crowd gathered. As the police put a few employees and customers into the paddy wagon, the onlookers began to jeer and catcall.

When an officer attempted to steer the last of the patrons, a lesbian, through the crowd to the patrol car, she put up a fierce struggle. And suddenly, the scene became explosive.

Heavy rioting and more confrontations with the police continued for the next four nights. Gay people had fought back, and the Stonewall riots quickly became a symbol for the start of a new movement: gay liberation.

Just after Stonewall, poet Allen Ginsberg commented, "They've lost that wounded look that fags all had ten years ago." Never again would that look cross the gay and lesbian community's face.

Over the years, the symbols of Gay Pride grew. You now know other queers by rainbow flags, lambdas, and the pink triangle.

Rainbow flags seem to be the symbol gaining the most popularity in Atlanta. Drive down the road, they are on car bumpers, flying from houses and proudly displayed in windows. The flag has been popular for years in San Francisco and New York. The symbol got its start in 1978 at the organizing meeting for San Francisco's Gay Freedom. Activist Artie Bressan called for a symbol which could be used every year to give consistency to gay and lesbian activities. His suggestion was taken up by artist Gilbert Baker, who proposed a rain-

bow flag. His choice was inspired by one of the hippie flags that had flown in the 1960's during campus demonstrations. It was the "Flag of the Races," which had five stripes—one each for the colors of humankind's skin: red, white, black, yellow and brown.

The pink triangle has a less celebrated history. That symbol's story dates back to World War II when Adolf Hitler had undertaken the task of the utter annihilation of the Jewish people as well as homosexuals and other minorities. Homosexuals were identified in the camps by pink triangles sewn on their clothes and tattooed on their skin.

The symbol at that time did everything but bring the community together. Writes Richard Plant, author of "The Pink Triangle: The Nazi's War Against Homosexuals," gays were a definite underclass who suffered "the shortest life expectancies and highest death rates, belonging as they did to a 'scapegoat group' unable to form a strong support network."

After the war ended, gay survivors were denied the compensations bestowed upon their Jewish counterparts by the new West German government. The pink triangle was also left off all major monuments to the Holocaust that were erected throughout Central Europe. "Indeed," laments author Warren Johanssen and William Percy in their entry in the encyclopedia, "if Hitler had only killed homosexuals, these exemplars of self-righteousness might still be applauding him for having done just that."

It's a sort of poetic justice then that so much power and support has been found in the pink triangle. P-FLAG, Queer Nation,

Black and White Men Together, OutYouth, National Latino/Latina Lesbian and Gay Organization, LEGAL, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, GAPAC: the names of support groups and action committees grows larger every year. "We are everywhere," was the rally cry and queers and straights alike heard the Hairpin Drop.

The opinions of the straight community continue to be a hodge-podge, however. For example, in a poll of 1,048 adults contacted by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution last year, half of metro Atlantans think sex between consenting gay adults should be legalized, but just over half think employers should be able to fire or refuse to hire people because of their sexual orientation. Forty-one percent said that as a whole Atlanta's gay community has had a negative impact on the city.

But, the survey showed another interesting fact. Those surveyed who had gay friends were less alarmed by homosexuality than those who did not. For example, 63% of those with gay friends favored legalizing gay sexual relations, compared to 39% without gay friends.

"What it says is that as gays become more open and are more known by people, these attitudes are going to change," said Murray Edelman, a New York based pollster who for years has studied public opinion about gays.

And what better way is there to tell the world that you're gay or lesbian than with thousands of your brothers and sisters at the Gay Pride March!

1992 will be Stephen Baldwin's first Gay Pride March. The 24-year-old former Florida State student has only been in Atlanta for about a month, and says he's looking forward

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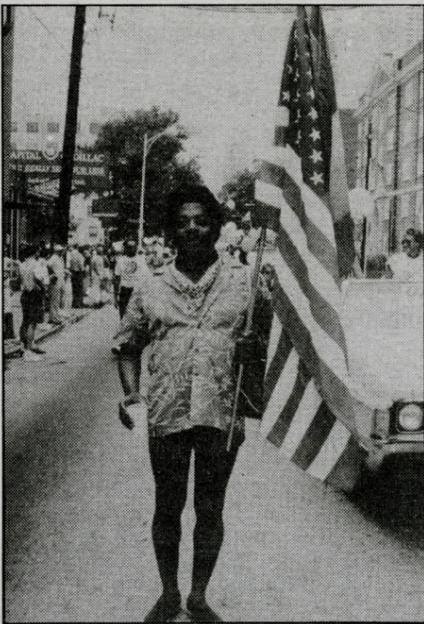
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This will be Gene Holloway's 15th Pride March in Atlanta. He agrees that Pride has a far reaching affect. "When I was 12 years old, I read about a Gay Pride March in Life or Look magazine," he remembers, "and I knew there were other people out there who felt similar to the way I am."

Holloway says he cried tears of joy when he saw 30,000 people in the park for last year's March and Rally. He can remember the march of 1987 when only about 400 people showed up. Now more than ever, he says, it's important to get out of the house and into the streets.

"In this day of homophobia, Jeffrey Dahmers, and our own ghosts and goblins," he says, "it's imperative that we be there."

Holloway's first Gay Pride March was in 1977, when he was 20 years old, but he says his favorite pride was 1978. That year 4,000 gays and lesbians marched from Central City Park to the World Congress Center to greet Anita Bryant at the Southern Baptist Convention.

"The enthusiasm was wonderful because we had a common denominator, a common enemy," Holloway recalls.

We still have common denominator, according to Holloway: internalized homophobia. He says that needs to be replaced with love, and self respect. In other words, Pride.

This year's pride will again include a commitment ceremony. Last year 83 couples stood in a rain soaked Piedmont Park to declare their love for one another.

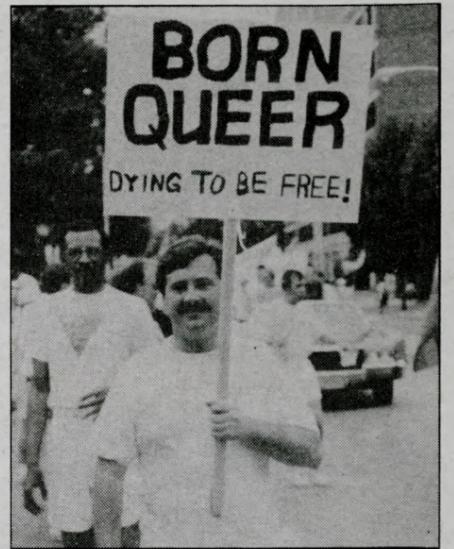
One of those couples was 38 year old Darlene Warren and 42 year old Skip Marklein. They have been together three years, but say they take part in the ceremony every year. "We want to reaffirm and recommit to each other so we don't forget," Skip says.

Warren and Marklein will emcee this year's commitment ceremony and they have some words of advice for those who want to participate this year: give it a lot of thought.

"Many people take these commitments lightly and don't have an honest grasp of what it's about," says Darlene. Skip explains how she views commitment. "It's not saying 'to hell with you,' at the first sign of trouble. There are a lot of hard times that not only gay couples, but straight couples, give up rather than trying to work through and support the other."

The commitment ceremony, conducted by Unitarian Universalist Church pastor, Rev. Joe Chancey, will be held Saturday at 4 p.m. in Piedmont Park.

1992 Pride holds something for everyone. Beginning on Tuesday, an Interfaith Celebra-



to the march and rally.

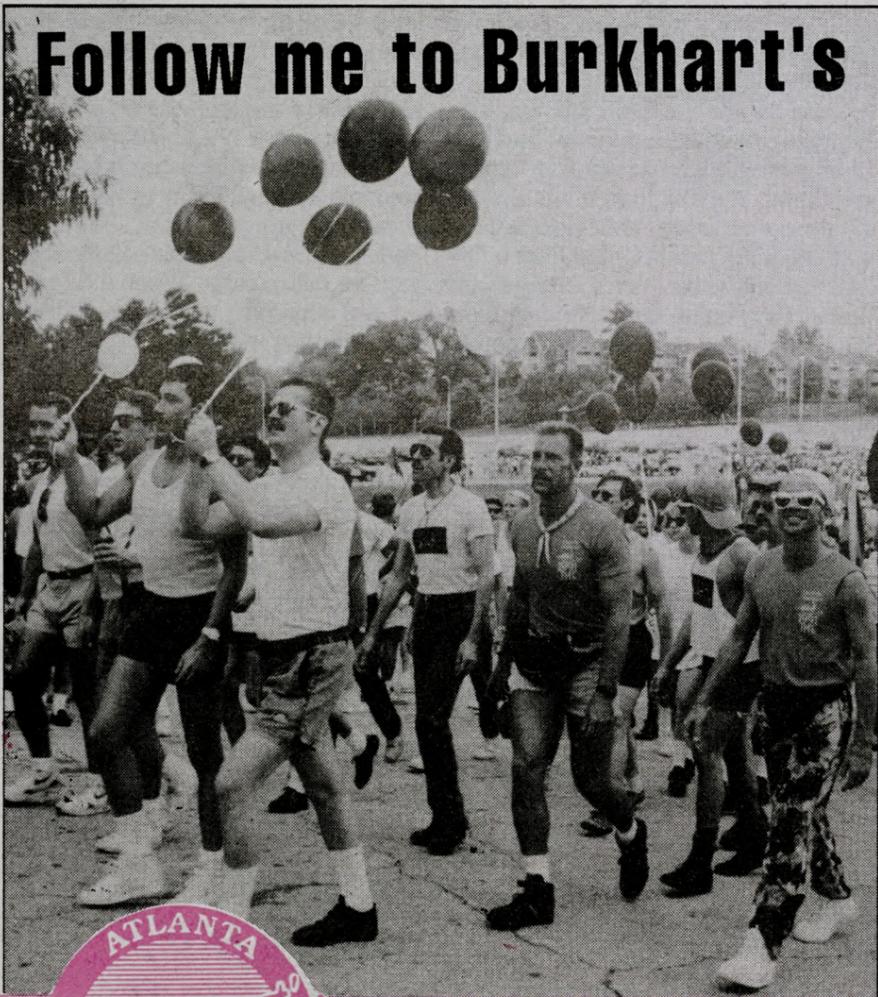
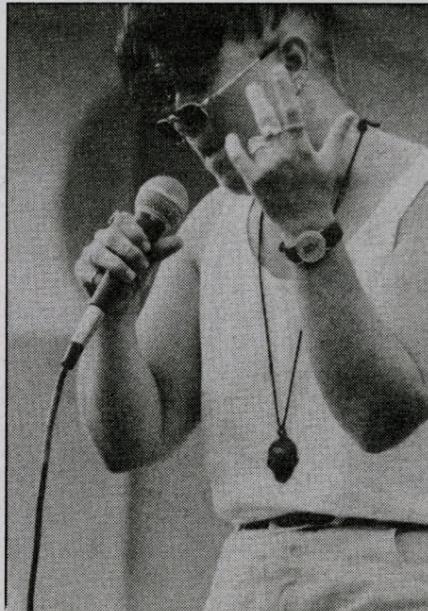
"Now that I've moved to a larger community, I felt it was the next logical step into community involvement," he explains. And bring on those T.V. cameras Baldwin says he's not nervous about a public display because he'll be surrounded by thousands of his brothers and sisters.

Baldwin feels the Pride March is a good way to show who the gay and lesbian community is. "A lot of groups have been criticized because of their flamboyance, but I think Pride is a good way to show our diversity," Baldwin says. "We can see that there are gay Republicans, and Queer Nation members and others. It shows us and the world at large just how diverse we are." This year's Pride theme is "Celebrate Your Individuality" and you can bet a lot of people will do just that.

tion of Lesbian and Gay Pride will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, and Pride will end up with some of Atlanta's finest female impersonators performing in the Starlight Cabaret '92 in Piedmont Park.

In between is a mix of frivolity and seriousness that makes Pride complete. On Friday, the Georgia World Congress Center will be home to the AIDS Memorial Quilt. At 8 p.m. that night will be a Memorial for AIDS and Hate Crime Victims. The ceremony will include music from Reba McEntire and Tory Beatty as well as a history of the NAMES Project Quilt.

For fun, turn to the Frontrunners Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Pride 5K Walk/Run Saturday morning at 8 a.m. in Grant Park. Then at 10 a.m. the 21st Family Reunion in Piedmont Park begins with the Artists Market until 9 p.m. Over 40 market booths will carry items



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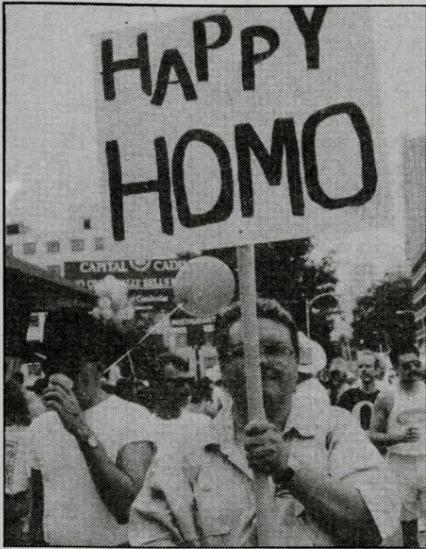
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speakers so you can easily spot them. First up Sunday will be Judy Colbs, President of Atlanta Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays. She is also a member of GAPAC, a Trustee of the Lambda Gay and Lesbian Community Center and proudly owns one share of Cracker Barrel stock.

Colbs will be followed by James Sears, a professor at the University of South Carolina, and author of several books including the critically acclaimed "Growing Up Gay in the South."

For the younger members of our community, Kelly Patillo, a student of American Sign Language and soon to be ex-suburbanite, will tell the crowd about OutYouth, the gay and lesbian support group she helped found.

National Latino/Latina Lesbian and Gay Organization member Martin Ornelas will fol-

low with information on LLEGO. Ornelas currently sits on the Dekalb County Board of Health Task Force on AIDS and volunteers with the Hispanic Outreach Program of AID Atlanta.

Joan Garner has served as Senior Advisor to Mayor Maynard Jackson on lesbian and gay concerns, but she will speak at Pride about the African American Lesbian and Gay Alliance which she has co-chaired from 1989 to 1991. Garner was the recipient of HRCF's Community Leadership Award this year.

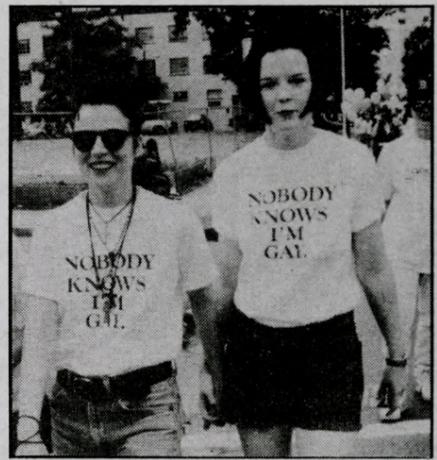
Lief Eric Spivey, Producer/Host of Out in Atlanta will tell us more about our city's only lesbian and gay television show, seen on GCTV Cable 12, PEOPLE TV. Spivey also will be representing our community at the Democratic National Convention as an alternate delegate from Georgia's 7th Congressional District.

Perhaps, arguably, the city's busiest man is Larry Pellegrini. He is the President of the ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Chapter, but also is Queer Nation's coordinator and is currently on the boards of GAPAC, LEGAL and Lambda Community Center.

Last, but certainly not least on the speakers list is Maria Helena Dolan, described in the official biography as "a shameless, wide-eyed Aquarian Latina dyke who has lived, loved and agitated openly in the Atlanta area since 1976."

In between these fine speakers will be some great entertainment provided by the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus, musician Angela Motter, the comedy troupe Funny... That Way, dancer Jim Chappelleaux, and of course a performance by Delaria to top it all off.

This year the Atlanta Lambda Community Center is offering a valuable service to Pride marchers. You can check your "stuff"



(chairs, coolers, etc.) at their booth before the march so your hands can be free for waving, blowing kisses or whatever. Then after the march you can pick your "stuff" up and enjoy the day. Lambda's booth will be open two hours prior to the march.

Pride organizers are hoping this year's March tops the record 30,000 people who marched down Peachtree last year. The roar of tens of thousands of gays, lesbians and bisexuals marching through the heart of Atlanta is perhaps the most fitting definition of Pride: "a company of lions."

CANDACE CHELLEW  
Jonathan Mitchell and Jim Baxter  
contributed to this article.

Pictured: Innovative dudes in Mazdas at Pride '91  
Gene Holloway at Pride '91  
Lea Delaria  
Signs of Pride '91  
'92 Pride speaker Joan Garner  
Most popular t-shirts at Pride '91

from jewelry to pottery to sculpture to dog hats. Yes, dog hats.

Musical entertainment will run from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday with such acts as PS Jonah, Face of Concern, Insane Jane, and Lava Love. Then at 4:00, couples will gather for the commitment ceremony. Hopefully this year, umbrellas won't be needed.

Sunday is the crowning glory of Pride as tens of thousands of gays, lesbians and bisexuals gather at the Atlanta Civic Center beginning at 11 a.m. The parade will step off at noon and will proceed down Peachtree Street to Piedmont Park for the Pride Rally.

The rally has come a long way from the time in years past when there was an open mike on the stage so anyone and everyone could have their say. Now, we have comedienne Lea Delaria as the host of choice, and a line up of interesting and diverse speakers. Here is a handy field guide of this year's



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**Friday - 6/26**

Memorial for AIDS and Hate Crime Victims\*

- AID Atlanta

Georgia World Congress Center

8:00 PM

- Prelude: "If I Had Only Known" - Reba McEntire
- Welcome - ALGPC Co-Chairs
- History of the NAMES Project Quilt  
Larry Lehman, President - NAMES Project Atlanta
- Living With AIDS
- Hate Crime Victims - Alan Ralston, helped bring his family out of KKK
- Health Care Worker
- Hate Crime Statistics
- Musical Selection: Tory Beatty
- Memory of a Person with AIDS - Rose Mary Nieva, Mother of an AIDS Victim
- Meditation - Rev. Reid Christensen, First MCC

**Saturday - 6/27**

Frontrunners Atlanta Gay & Lesbian

Pride 5K Run/Walk - Grant Park

8:00 AM

21th Family Reunion / Saturday in the Park (Piedmont)

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- Sports Exhibition / Competition

10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

- Artist's Market
- Picnic and entertainment throughout the afternoon

11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Emcee: Hal Gresham

- PS Jonah
- Lava Love
- Magna Pop
- Sugar Smack
- Face of Concern
- Big Sky
- Insane Jane

Commitment Ceremony\*

Piedmont Park - 4:00 p.m.

Emcee - Darlene Warren & Skip

Marklein - Celebrating 1st Anniversary from last year's Commitment

- Prelude (Taped music)
- Welcome - ALGPC Co-Chairs
- Purpose
- Guest Speaker - To Be Announced
- Musical Selection: "When Two Are in Love" - Written by Kurt Beals & Chris Basta
- The Ceremony - Rev. Joe Chancey, Unitarian Universalist Church
- Ceremony of Rings
- Musical Selection: "You and Me" by Kurt Beals & Chris Basta
- Pronouncement
- Blessing
- Embrace
- Postlude (Taped music)

**Sunday - 6/28**

Lesbian & Gay Pride Parade

Line up at 11:00 a.m. with step off at noon. The Parade will assemble at the Atlanta Civic Center and proceed down Pine St. to Peachtree St. to Piedmont Park. Either march in the parade or line the route.

Lesbian & Gay Pride Rally\*

Emcees: Lea DeLaria, Lesbian Comic & Mark Davis, San Francisco Comic

1:30

- Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus
- Welcome - ALGPC Co-Chairs
- Angela Motter

2:30

- Southern Stampede / Southern Line
- Tory Beatty
- Judy Colbs, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - 1992 HRCF Award for Community Leadership
- James Sears, Author "Growing Up Gay in the South"
- Funny That Way
- Leigh McClellan

4:00

- Glenn Thompson
- Kelly Pattillo, OutYouth
- Martin Ornelas, National Latino/ Latina Lesbian & Gay Organization
- Float Awards
- Actors Express
- Michael Turner
- Joan Garner, African American Lesbian & Gay Alliance - 1992 HRCF Award for Community Leadership
- Eric Spivey, Producer & Anchor - Out in Atlanta
- Cool Joe

6:00

- Maggie Cassella
- Jim Chappelleaux
- Larry Pelligrini, President - ACLU Lesbian & Gay Rights Chapter
- Maria Helena Dolan - Lesbian Columnist

7:00

- Mary Davis, Performer (Has performed with David Bowie & Whitney Houston).
- Lea DeLaria

8:30

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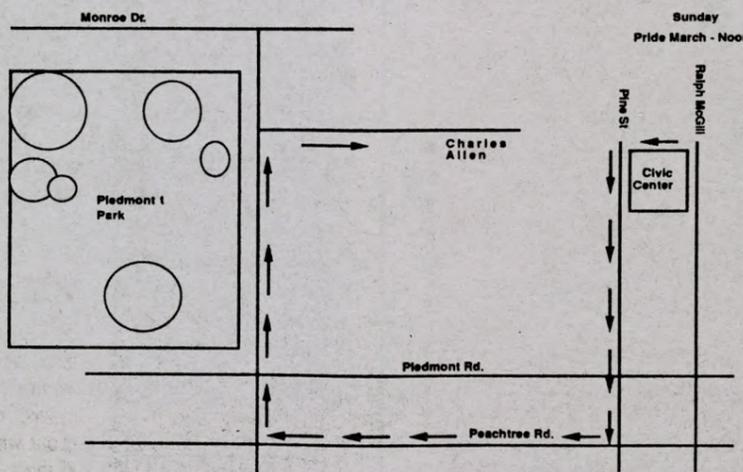
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# OUT & ABOUT

## ACTIVIST PROFILE

### SCOTT LAGO

will at long last receive local recognition for the work he did over the last four years when the AIDS Memorial Quilt returns to Atlanta at the World Congress Center on June 25th.

Unfortunately, his presence will be in spirit only, in the shape of a 3-foot by 6-foot panel that remembers him and others who've lost their lives to AIDS.

Lago spent much of his life in Athens, Georgia before moving to San Francisco where he was one of the original seven founders of the NAMES Project Foundation and The Quilt itself. He toured both nationally and internationally with The Quilt and hoped he could actually see it in his hometown one day.

That day never came. He was in New Zealand when The Quilt was in Athens last winter, and the following summer he passed away from the disease, at the age of 31.

Lago's death was felt around the nation. The mayor of San Francisco proclaimed a Scott Lago Day, a California congresswoman read a testimony into the Congressional Record, and the next Quilt book, one comprised of letters, due out next year, will be dedicated to him.

When The AIDS Memorial Quilt was first displayed on the Capitol Mall, it had 1,920 panels. In October, when The Quilt returns to the nation's capital, an estimated 23,000 panels will be present. At least seven of those panels will be for Lago, and more are being made.

Beth LaRocca was Lago's oldest friend—they'd met in sixth grade. Lago's sense of humor was one of his signature stamps, according to LaRocca.

"He used his humor to keep life at bay. There was a play done in Washington at the first display that was based on actual people and what they'd said. The character based on Scott was involved in making a quilt and the mood was somber. All around were needles and thread and fabric. The place was in shambles. Scott's character said, 'This place is an absolute mess. And you call yourself homosexuals?'"

Larry Lehman, of the Atlanta chapter of the NAMES Project Foundation, worked with Lago on several shows, including two of the visits to Atlanta, and also remembers his sarcastic wit.

"It was sharp, but when it came to issues of The Quilt, there was no comedy, no joking around. He was all seriousness, and he brought an equal amount of enthusiasm to all the displays he

worked with," said Lehman.

"Scott was the person someone came up to when they wanted to learn how to make a quilt," says LaRocca. "Another thing he did was to help try to find out a person's real cause of death. Many people came up to him and told him they thought they had a friend die of AIDS, but they weren't sure if that were the official cause of death. Scott would try to find out."

It was perhaps that curiosity and caring that led Lago to help found the Quilt. A co-worker of Lago's at Neiman-Marcus in San Francisco died of AIDS, and Lago wanted a way to commemorate his friend. He met with six others who had the same goal, and it was there that The Quilt, and the NAMES Project, began. Interest grew, volunteers increased and eventually Lago became a full-time worker with the NAMES Project Foundation, travelling with The Quilt and helping to educate people about the disease. In 1988, he was featured on a "Nightline" segment with Ted Kopell, in which he addressed the epidemic and the importance of The Quilt.

It was in 1990, though, that Lago decided to stop postponing the inevitable. He knew he himself was at risk for AIDS and decided to be tested. His worst fears were realized. Lago had already passed the HIV-positive stage and by then had full-blown AIDS. "He always put off testing. I think he was afraid of doing it, afraid of what the results would be," said LaRocca.

In his will, Lago asked to be cremated and to have his ashes scattered at the home of his parents, in nearby Winterville. He also asked for two separate services, one in Athens with his immediate family, and the other in San Francisco, with his "extended family." Another wish was that six people from the NAMES Project Foundation would speak on his behalf, three at each service.

"He was modest, and he didn't like to call attention to himself, but he was proud of what he'd done and he wanted people to know what he had accomplished," said Marcel Miranda, who worked alongside Lago on The Quilt.

"What really struck me was his ability and his patience, and the way he had of making people understand The Quilt," she said. "He thought it was important that these people be remembered, because they were people who mattered," Miranda said.

On the evening of the 26th, a vigil will be held outside the World Congress Center in honor of those who've lost their lives to AIDS or have been the victims of gay bashing. Scott Lago will be one of the people remembered that night.

JIM FARMER  
Pictured: Scott Lago

## BOOK REVIEW

### MAKING HISTORY

45 years isn't much in the epic sweep of History, but in the life of the Queer Nation, as we're calling ourselves, it's a revolution of stupendous, if somewhat still tenuous proportions. This is the lesson of "Making History: The Struggle for Gay and Lesbian Equal Rights, 1945-1990" (HarperCollins; 532pp; \$25), former Good Morning America producer Eric Marcus' splendid new oral history. To turn from the very real fear of the fifties, when any expression of same-sex affection routinely meant the most terrible consequences, to the contemporary scene where every element in the gay community seems to be discovering and relentlessly expanding its niche, is to move from a desert to a lush, overgrown tropical forest. Yet a common thread moves through these tales from some 49 life times as each tells of the struggle to break free from a view of life.

Eric Marcus spent three years travelling from Juneau, Alaska to Key West, Florida, interviewing pioneers in the gay and lesbian movement. The strong point of this book is not its focus, which wavers between a who's who of the political side of the movement, to more representative types, a bit like the people in Neil Miller's "In Search of Gay America."

While Marcus concentrated most on key political figures, like Mattachine Society founders Jim Kepner and Hal Call, there are also football star Dave Kopay, Hollywood screenwriter Barry Sadler, and an anonymous African American professional who attended Mattachine Society meetings in the 50s.

From the very beginning, Marcus writes gay history with an eye for the non-gay people who have helped make the changes of the past 45 years possible. Perhaps because gay movement history tends to have a kind of tunnel vision, these interviews are among the freshest and most interesting in the book.

Take, for instance, the early interview with psychologist Evelyn Hooker, whose ground breaking study of "normal" homosexuals struck a fatal blow to the "homosexuality=sickness" equation that dominated psychiatric thought from Freud to the late 1960s. Hooker is quite candid on why she undertook the study, and why, for instance, she did not study lesbians—she didn't want anyone to charge, however falsely, that she had a personal interest in her then revolutionary conclusions. Just as fascinating at the other end of the book is Paulette Goodman, national president of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Goodman, a sweet-voiced silver-haired matron who lives in Silver Spring, MD, tells the story of what it was like to grow up Jewish in Nazi occupied Paris; rarely has the sense of shared oppressions been more a fact and less a slogan.

I'm not sure that an intellectually coherent picture of the gay movement appears in this book, either. What the aims of the gay movement should be—for instance, to form a separate "community" or to be able to assimilate easily within the other communities we inhabit—really aren't addressed here. There may be people with a "vision" of gay life—Dennis Altman, Jonathan Ned Katz, Marlon Riggs and Charlotte Bunch are several who come to mind—but what Marcus' book accurately reflects is a movement that is still evolving. That "vision" hasn't been crystallized by a single, leading mind the way Martin Luther King defined the black struggle in the 60s, or Czech playwright, dissident and now president Vaclav Havel has articulated his country's goals.

There is something for practically everyone in this book; clearly Marcus has tried to spread his net wide, and there are many wonderful women's voices—for instance, MCC minister Carolyn Mobley (formerly of Atlanta), youth advocate Joyce Hunter, a fascinating interview with Jean O'Leary. Black gay men are, however, underrepresented.

Much of the readability of the book is due to Marcus' brilliance as an interviewer and editor. It was hard to believe the book ran some 500 pages, so quickly did the pages turn. Coming on the heels of John Preston's wonderful anthology, "Hometowns," of similar gay life stories, you'd think yet another book about what it is like to discover you are gay would be just more of the same. Yet these stories are never stale. That says a lot about Marcus the editor, but also a lot about these men and women's honesty and humor, anger, and grace under pressure. In a battle not yet won, these stories supply the ammunition of courage.

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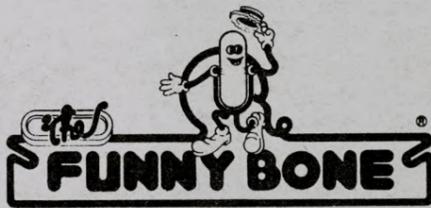


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### 25 THURSDAY

**THE NAMES PROJECT QUILT.** June 25-28. The largest display of the quilt, which memorializes persons lost to AIDS, ever seen in the Southeast. Georgia World Congress Center. 605-7386 for more info or to volunteer.

**DANNY AND THE DEEP BLUE SEA.** A riveting comedy from Oscar-winning author John Patrick Shanley (Moonstruck). Set in a deserted bar in the Bronx, two aching souls come together for a night of healing, laughter and love. Runs through August 2, Thursday through Sunday. Actor's Express. 280 Elizabeth St. 221-0831.

**WOMEN IN EL SALVADOR TODAY.** Judy Gerber, who went to ES with a delegation of women for International Women's Day, will present slides from her trip and talk about the growing feminist movement for social change in Post-

cease fire El Salvador. Charis Books & More. 7:30 pm. 419 Moreland Ave. 524-0304.

**ATLANTA FEMINIST WOMEN'S CHORUS.** June 25. A mini-concert to help raise funds for the Chorus's trip to Denver in July. 8 pm. First Existentialist Congregation. Donations accepted at the door. 872-4432.



### 26 FRIDAY

**HOLY EUCHARIST.** Integrity is holding a Eucharist and reception followed by an outing to Hoedown's. Bishop Child, Celebrant. All Saints Episcopal Church. 7:30 pm. 642-3183.

**MEMORIAL FOR AIDS AND HATE CRIME VICTIMS.** Speakers, music and of course, the Quilt. 8 pm. World Congress Center.

**CARING AND SHARING.** The Red Cross presents a course for friends, relatives, and caregivers of persons with HIV/AIDS. 881-0668. ext.336 or 313.

**KENNY ROGERS.** The great country legend will perform tonight and Saturday. Chastain Park Amphitheatre. 8:30 pm. 892-2414.

### 27 SATURDAY 28 SUNDAY

**LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE 5K RUN/WALK.** Last year's run was a huge success with over 200 runners. This year's run will be even larger and all proceeds will benefit Project Open Hand. Race begins at 8 am at Grant Park. For more info or to register call 621-5007. Sponsored by Southern Voice.

**21st FAMILY RE-UNION/SATURDAY IN THE PARK.** Artist's market, sports including a Hotlanta Volleyball tournament, bands playing

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### 1 WEDNESDAY

**BENNY GOODMAN AND LIONEL HAMPTON SALUTE.** Eddie Daniels and Gary Burton display their phenomenal talents. Big Band and Swing. Chastain Park Amphitheatre. 8:30 pm. 892-2414.

### 29 MONDAY

**THE ART OF ARCHIBALD J. MOTLEY, JR.** The first retrospective survey of this Chicago painter who is considered one of the key figures in 20th century African-American art. The High Museum at Georgia-Pacific. 577-6940 for more info. Runs thru Sept. 25.

**OUT IN ATLANTA.** Atlanta's own gay and lesbian television program is back for its third season. 10:30 pm. Channel 12. People TV. Same show airs on Wednesday at 5:30 pm.

### 30 TUESDAY

**LEON RUSSELL AND HIS BAND.** The grand old man of Mad Dogs & Englishmen. Center Stage. 8 pm. 249-6400.



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**BRIGADOON.** Lerner and Lowe's spellbinding musical fantasy of classic love and Highland flings. Stars John Schneider. Runs through June 28. 8pm with Sat. and Sun. matinees at 2 pm. Fox Theatre. 249-6400.

**B-MOVIE, THE PLAY.** Tom Wood's wild and wacky comedy has Blonde Bombshells, Handsome Hunks and lovestruck Girl Fridays. Horizon Theatre. 584-7450. Thru June 28.

**REV. TARTUFFE: A DIVINE MUSICAL.** Moliere's classic study of religious hypocrisy updated and set in the modern South. Cast includes Megan McFarland of Della's Diner fame. Theatrical Outfit. 872-0665. Thru June 28.

**LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS.** ATC Productions brings back Seymour, Audrey's I & II and the whole gang, in this hit musical with songs by the late Howard Ashman

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**BRADSHAW ON HOMECOMING.** This 10-part series explores dysfunctional family experiences, the resulting behaviors in adults and how to face them and move on. Programs air Sundays at 2pm through July 5. GPTV. Channel 8

**FOREVER PLAID.** The Alliance's hot summer production gets kicked off in style with "The Plaid Explosion." Alliance Theatre. 892-2414. Thru July 26.

**ATLANTA'S ARMORY CLASSIC VIII.** July 2-5. Over 40 teams from across the country are expected for the largest 4th of July softball tournament ever. Men, women and recreational divisions. Southside Park, Jonesboro Rd. 873-5070 for more info.

**KAY LEIGH HAGEN.** July 2. Hagan will read from and discuss her new book, "Women Respond to the Men's Movement." Hagan, an Atlantan, is also author of "Internal Affairs" and "Prayers to the Moon." Charis Books & More. 7:30 pm. 524-0304.

**14TH ANNUAL LESBIAN AND GAY HEALTH CONFERENCE.** This year's theme is "Making Health Care Human: The Impact of Age, Gender and Race." Special emphasis is placed on "Responding to the Changing Face of AIDS." More than 220 workshops. July 8-12. Los Angeles. For registration information and a program brochure call (202) 994-4285.

**COMMON THREADS: STORIES OF THE QUILT.** July 12 at 9 pm & July 14 at 11 pm. This documentary on the effect of AIDS tells the stories of five people who are

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**ALICE WALKER.** July 13. Will be here to read and sign from her new book, "Possessing the Secret of Joy." Variety Playhouse. 523-7647.

**HOTLANTA CLASSIC IV.** July 31-Aug 2. 36 volleyball teams from across the country converge on Atlanta. All competitive. Mercer and Emory University. 621-5062 for more information.

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Pictured:  
BELOW: The NAMES Project Quilt on display at the World Congress Center June 25-28.

LEFT: Mending Socks, 1924. Oil on canvas. Archibald J. Motley, Jr. On exhibit at the Georgia Pacific Center June 29 through September 25.

ABOVE: Patricia French as Roberta in "Danny and the Deep Blue Sea" at Actor's Express through August 2. Photo by David Zeiger.

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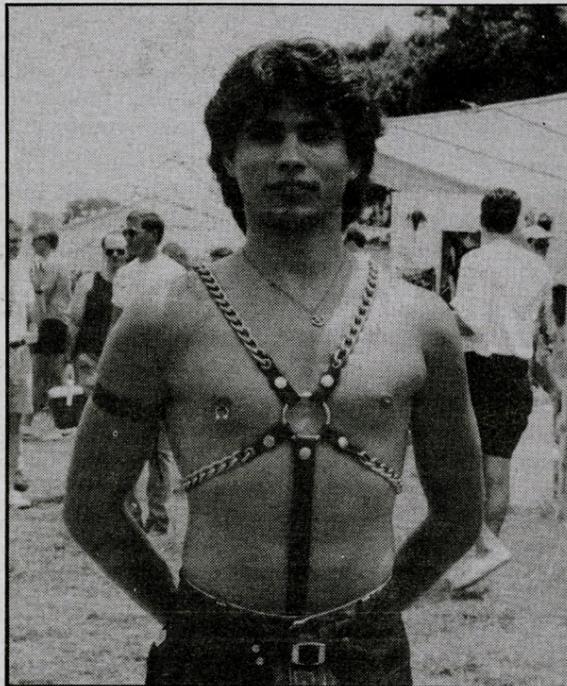
Of course, many people chose to set their own pace, and move from place to place in the parade so as not to miss any of the action. A prime example being the relatively small number of Radical Faeries—a breed apart in their skirts, feathered hats and beards. These men, who have adopted the "country dweller" lifestyle of their pagan forefathers, live simple, rural lives in close relationship to Mother Nature whom they worship as the Mother Goddess.

There are leather men (and women) exposing varying degrees of skin, braless and proud Fat Dykes, pretty-young-things in short shorts, country western dancers in jeans and cowboy hats, drag queens of various colors and sizes, and size queens of various shapes and colors. The leather contingent makes a particularly striking appearance—as the young man in the photograph aptly demonstrates. He was among the outstanding photo subjects from last year's march. And to think of the dedication and commitment to a cause—all that black leather, all that heat! ALL that SWEAT! Oooooohh! The best thing though is that all these different people can relax and enjoy the camaraderie of a day just for us.

Throw in the bawdy humor of comic Lea Delaria as emcee of the festivities and you've got yourself a party. The smart set will bring a blanket and make a day of it in the shade of the many trees surrounding the stage. (The heat of last June sadly keeps many of our older brothers and sisters at home.) And if we really wanted a crowd for the Pride March, why not combine the Raft Race and the March/Rally? Can you imag-

# AFTER HOURS

DANNY ROBLE



ine that scene? The point is, be there—and bring some friends.

If you have not been exposed to Atlanta television's newest trio of trendwatchers, be sure to tune in to Cable 12 on Monday nights for "Arbiters of Style." The Arbiters are John Dyer, Bret Busch, and Ben Tompkins, who lead the viewing audience to various locales to meet people in the forefront of fashion and music as well as other subjects of interest to the style conscious.

Coming up on future installments of AOS will be features on the Atlanta fashion scene with an interview with Bill Hallman, whose smart shop at the intersection of Virginia and Highland has everyone talking. Also coming are looks at a new clothing shop in Little Five Points called Paragon as well as vintage retailer Dig It. Assistant producer for AOS, Bill Curtis tells me that the Arbiters threesome are soon to undergo a make-over...will we see a before and after segment? Tune in...

I went out on a recent Friday night, starting at Crazy Ray's where I caught Big Ruby and her Backstreet Girls tearing down the house. Ruby, sporting a white flip hairdo and a muscle-exposing black cocktail dress, teased and toyed with her audience 'til they could take no more.

Ginny Tonic managed to get some hands (and her wig) in the air as she took us "Lookin' For a City." But the 'Tallest Dragqueen in Captivity' stole the show as she came out in a dress cut low in front and high in back to reveal a plastic bosom and a plastic posterior. She did the wonderful parody of Crystal Waters' "She's Homeless" by Kim Wayans of "In Living Color." As Fred Flinstone would say "Yabba Dabba Dee, Yabba Dabba Doo..."

If you're headed for Little Five Points soon, don't miss Bobo's Monkey, the "gallery of funk and color" run by Jody Winkler and Raven Tata. This space features art on the edge, at prices that won't break your bank. On my list of must haves are the metal chairs by Kyle Dillehay.

The Modern Primitive Gallery at 1402-4 North Highland is showing the works of Prophet William J. Blackmon now through July 25. The Prophet is an elderly preacher who, like Howard Finster, paints his beliefs as well as preaches them. He is the proprietor of his own "Revival Center and Shoe Repair Shop" in his native Wisconsin. One of his works, "53 Chapter of Isaiah," is round and divided into sections—each one representing a region (India, Japan, Africa) or a branch of Christianity, (Baptist, Catholic, Jehovah Witness). In typical visionary style, the Prophet uses crude lettering to tell just what is wrong with each of them, religiously speaking.

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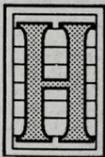
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MARIA HELENA DOLAN



urry! You haven't much time. The "Seeds of Change" nationally touring exhibit leaves the Roswell Public Library Saturday, June 27th. (640-3075 for information; yes, you can get near there on MARTA.)

Sponsored by The Smithsonian, The Museum of Natural History, the National Corn Growers' Association, etc., the exhibit is essentially an account of what transpired when the Europeans came to the New World, in terms of exchanges.

The show concentrates on how corn, potatoes, and gold got traded for diseases, sugar, Christianity and livestock.

This series of large, free-standing panels tell the story with illustrations, historical quotes, and astounding clarity.

"Europeans viewed the New World as an abundant resource, ripe for the taking." This statement embodies a profound if unfortunate—and ongoing—truth.

Cortes the Conquerer tells Moctezuma the Emperor: "I and my companions suffer from a disease of the heart, which can only be cured with gold."

Afflicted with this lamentably persistent illness, Cortes and his boys also brought smallpox, malaria, measles, etc. The panels say that "90% of the native population of Mexico's Central Valley perished between contact and 1605." They also mention how this process continues in Amazonia today.

And, an IMPACT panel (a small, manually-operated window inset into the larger panel) graphically demonstrates what a 90% loss means. First, you view a crowd scene. Then, you raise the window, and see 90% of the people whited out. Chilling...

The potato receives minute examination. We're told that, even today, 5,000 varieties of potatoes are grown in Peru. (This contrasts with the lone type grown in Ireland, a monoculture which set the scene for the Irish Potato Famine. Unfortunately, we are not explicitly told that the potato



made the Industrial Revolution possible.)

The panels also mention New World gifts of sunflowers, chocolate, peppers, and strawberries (New World strains created the modern strawberry). And don't forget rubber, pineapple, and coca. (Here, they emphasize that research into medicinal uses has been cut short, due to drug hysteria. They don't mention that Coca Leaf tea is a common, legal, and indispensable beverage in the high-altitude Andes. I was routinely served this hot beverage at breakfast when I visited Cuzco years ago; it helps in adjusting to the lack of oxygen at 12,000 feet.)

The sage of sugar is also recounted. With new, tropical plantations, sugar could now be cheaply grown—with slave labor. Reflecting a new availability of the product, European consumption rose from 4 pounds per person in 1700 to more than 90 pounds per person in the 1930s.

Four million Africans were "imported" from 1601-1850, largely for the sugar trade. Clear cutting for cane in the West Indies radically altered the land. Denuding tropical woods in order to create cropland, then and now, invariably promotes erosion. Such radical changes in the topography alters the balance for plant and animal species. And the planter companion animals (rats, cats, and feralized dogs) further damage indigenous lifeforms.

But mainly, the land is made less and less habitable. Which brings us to the final exhibit panels. Here, they mention the impact on the planet of the continuation of despoiling practices.

It's vitally important to comprehend that the goldfever/landfever of the conquerors has not subsided. That's why I recommend seeing this exhibit. If we and our planet are to

continue, we need to be cognizant of how our actions affect the whole.

Forthrightly viewing our legacy, and understanding what parts of it—ecocidal and biophilic—persist, we can make more informed choices about how to live.

#### EARTH ALERT: Mosquito Squad

I'm grateful for the recent rains. They've been badly needed. And I haven't had to use the soaker hoses for the past two weeks! True, the 32 gallon barrel under a downspout has needed frequent emptying. Not just to prevent little creatures accidentally drowning.

No, that's because the tiny, wriggling mosquito larvae show up after just a couple of days of that water standing there. They've been so numerous, I haven't even made up any manure tea lately (the tea isn't for ME, wise guy; the veggies adore it).

But emptying the barrel isn't enough. I keep a number of buckets outside, for hauling various materials. I have to invert these periodically now.

But most insidiously, the saucers beneath the potted plants readily fill with wrigglers, too. Given the size and weight of the pots, I'm not up to slinging them around and then dumping the trays/saucers.

So, I use a bucket and a turkey baster. It's tedious, but effective. I can't use the wet vac, because I don't want to suck all the small pebbles in the trays. A sponge is maddeningly ineffectual.

But that baster goes where no sponge can, and gets things to the "just damp" level. The resultant bucket full gets poured on in-ground stuff, and the wrigglers no longer have a hatching medium.

Truthfully, I hate mosquitos, largely because they find me so irresistible. I also hate the idea of putting poison on my skin or in my immediate environment merely to keep myself from developing sudden anemia, due to blood loss.

Preventive maintenance, then. Keep down their breeding opportunities. (Attracting insectivorous birds and bats is also important. But that's also another column.)



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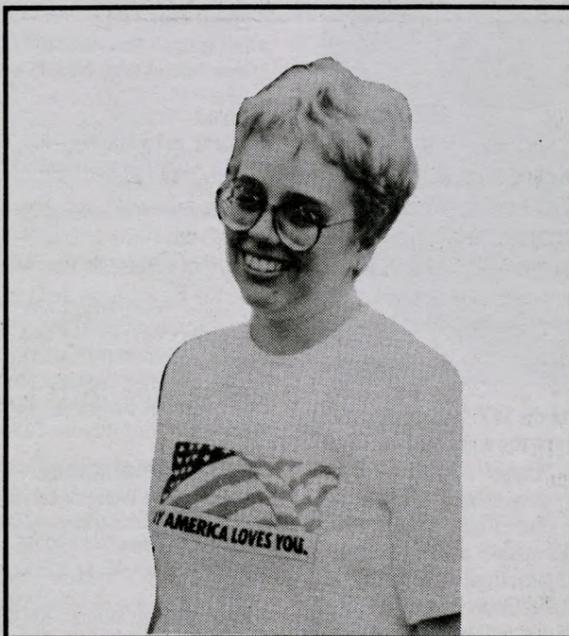
THERE'S A FINE LINE BETWEEN TELLING THE TRUTH AND TALKING TRASH

**Gender Confirmed:** Dish recently received a veritable care package of information from our friend and SoVo contributor Gareth Fenley. (As you may know, Gareth has been in California caring for her ailing grandmother for the past several months.) Seems that Gareth (who is co-chair of the Oberlin Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alumni—the oldest, biggest and first officially recognized such group in the US of A) is listed in the Contact Dyke section of the Lesbian Connection newsletter. It also seems that a reader from Atlanta wrote to LC and said that Gareth was “very supportive...[but] also a he.” Gareth in turn wrote to Dish asking us to “Please clarify this issue in public!” Gotcha’ Gareth. For the record, here’s a picture...from Pride last year. Gareth, by the way, will be back in town in early July.

**Gender Mystery:** Dish is honored to have received (albeit indirectly) an invitation to appear (in drag) at a local bar at an event featuring oil wrestling. We must, unfortunately, decline. It’s not that we don’t like drag—we do. Or that we have an aversion to oil—we adore the stuff, especially when it’s warm and plentiful. It’s just that Dish has many, many incarnations—male and female, young and not, white-skinned and dark. Were we to all arrive simultaneously, the building would burst its seams.

**Gender Parity:** Take heart. All is not lost if you missed the film on female ejaculation at the Lesbian and Gay Film Festival. (For the record, the room was packed with curious men and women.) In conjunction with “On Our Backs” magazine, FATALE Video has produced a video called “How to Female Ejaculate.” The title is a bit prosaic, but if what we saw at the film festival is an example, the act definitely is not. You can order this bit of pleasure by calling FATALE at 800/845-4617 or by writing them at 526 Castro Street, San Francisco, CA 94114.

**Gay Lib Finds a Home...Finally:** Not that we’ve lost any sleep over it, but we’ve wondered for some years now what happened to the statue called “Gay Liberation” that George Segal created more than 12 years ago just prior to the 10th anniversary of the Stonewall riots. It’s a big bronze piece of two



(young white) women sitting next to each other and two (young white) men standing talking. After years of haggling about where to put it and whether the statue’s imagery is appropriate in a community as culturally diverse as NYC’s, it will, according to NYC’s publication QW, be installed in Greenwich Village’s Christopher Park prior to Gay Pride day this year.

**Queer Today?:** A month ago it was Newsweek that looked like a fledgling version of the Advocate with stories on several

gay/lesbian issues. Then came USA Today. The June 2 edition of America’s McNewspaper featured a cover story on how more media exposure is bringing acceptance to gays and lesbians, an article on gays in soap operas (Dish thought they were all gay!) and a simplistic though convincing editorial that discrimination against gays and lesbians has to go. Too bad that the editors didn’t have the courage to stop there. Unfortunately they chose to include a really nasty “opposing view” that begins with these words: “Gay rights’ are dedicated to the belief that family values must be destroyed to accommodate those who engage in homosexual sodomy.” Dish thinks that the writer, Rebecca Hagelin, must have taken a clue from Newt Gingrich’s GOPAC guide to right-wing buzzwords to have constructed a sentence like that one.

**Hurry on Down:**...to the main branch of the public library, the one downtown, where for the second time ever the library is saluting Pride month. Dish was mightily impressed, walking in the front door, to see a very visible bulletin board with pictures of lots of gay authors. Back by the elevators there’s a display of magazines and newspapers (with SoVo prominently included), more lists and some trivia: the average gay/lesbian buys 35 books a year, and there are 40 lesbian/gay bookstores across the country. While you are there, make sure you pick up the Gay and Lesbian History and Cultural Research Guide. And tell someone behind the desk how proud you are that the library is saluting us.

**TV’s Untied:** Here’s something Dish never expected—Dan Quayle and Marlon Riggs agreeing with each other. Riggs (in an interview a couple of weeks ago on NPR about his film “Color Adjustment”) scoffed at the idea that sitcoms don’t espouse values. His example, of course, was not Murphy Brown, but Amos ‘n’ Andy, which used black actors to send a white message in the ‘50s. But that’s where the convergence between Dan and Marlon ends—Riggs does not espouse Quayle’s values. Indeed if that debate could be held, Dish would fight for a front row seat and start saving our tomatoes today—they ought to be ready for the vice-president in about two months.

### June 25 through July 1, 1992

The Sun is now in Cancer following the Summer Solstice on Saturday, June 20. And just to liven things up a little, the New Moon in Cancer on Tuesday, June 30, is also a Solar Eclipse. So, hold on to your emotional hats, and steer clear of earthquakes.

**ARIES**, with the Sun, Mercury and Venus in your 4th house of home, parents and family, you may have to focus your attention on the home front for a while. A good time for healing family wounds. **TAURUS**, you are communicating with friends, neighbors and relatives, especially those who don’t live nearby. This is a good time to get in touch with people you haven’t seen or spoken with in ages. Let them know you care. Dear **GEMINI**, this is the time to focus on developing your personal finances and material resources. Now don’t throw up your hands at this one. You just need to set priorities and then remember exactly what you want in your life.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CANCER!** Hopefully, you have planned something very special for your birthday. If you have invited a few friends over to your house for one of your wonder-

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ful meals, be sure to ask them to help tidy up after dinner. Dear **LEO**, your 12th house of dreams and visions is very, very active right now and you may feel a little off balance or slightly out of it, but this condition won’t last too long. Just take a deep breath and go with the flow. **VIRGO**, you will find that any seeds you sow right now will bear fruit sooner or later. Be patient, especially if business results are slow in materializing. Just keep putting your energy out there and stay optimistic.

Dear **LIBRA**, if your job or career isn’t as fulfilling as it used to be or you have discovered it isn’t what you want at all, don’t despair. You may have to do some soul searching to find your true calling, but it is there, never fear. **SCORPIO**, if you are reliving the past in the form of old hurts and resentments, you

need to find a very healthy way to exorcize those ancient demons and make way for a new life that is much more fulfilling. **SAGITTARIUS**, if you are feeling a little thin-skinned or touchy about life in general, you may need some time off to rest and regenerate. Please don’t push yourself beyond your own resources for any reason. It just doesn’t pay.

**CAPRICORN**, your 7th house of close, personal relationships and business partnerships is highlighted right now, so you will need to organize your time carefully. Remember that social events and participation is as important as business. **AQUARIUS**, this is the time for you to evaluate your physical and emotional health. If you haven’t had a check-up for a while, do it now and also take a good look at your eating habits and exercise patterns, as well as your environment. Dear **PISCES**, when there is a lot of cultural and social change, it forces all of us to carefully define our values and priorities. Don’t get so caught up in the difficulties and troubles of others that you forget your own life!

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**DAVID VAN DER GRIFF****Age:** 26**How Long in Atlanta:** 2 years**Relationship Status:** Involved**Last Book Read:** "Taking Care of Mrs. Carroll" by Paul Monet**Pet Peeves:** Closeted People

You get the feeling with David that he is as tenacious as a bulldog when it comes to what he believes in. But he's a very nice and handsome bulldog, with a legal degree and the energy of ten people. As a tireless activist on several lesbian and gay fronts, he is an example of how the generation now in their twenties will affect change by being out and proud.

A native of Chattanooga, David recalls his youth with the astute observations of a sociologist. "Chattanooga was a very blue-collar place. You worked in the factory—men were expected to rebuild and race stock cars and women were supposed to be housemakers. Yet, I didn't participate in all the male rituals." He points out that he can't even change the oil in the car.

David came out to himself at seventeen and to his family at nineteen. He has no patience with people who are in the closet. "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem," he states. His father's reaction was typical, David says, "of a man of few words. All he said was 'you've got a difficult road ahead of you' and I said, 'I know.'" His mother at first retreated into religion but surprised David two weeks later with a phone call. "She told me she didn't understand it, but that she was going to go into therapy to help her cope." Since then she has been supportive and even somewhat militant about lesbian and gay rights.

David's first years at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa were tinged by homophobic episodes. "I was harassed by other students and in particular frat boys. Officials at the University turned a deaf ear." This fostered at first an attitude of escape and David jumped at the chance to be an exchange student in California at Sonoma State University.

While in California he observed and participated in a very active lesbian and gay student body. "I decided that this was what I wanted to do—but that I wasn't needed in Northern California, the South was where my skills would be most useful." David returned to Alabama and completed his undergraduate work and helped found and lead the Gay-Lesbian Student Alliance at the University of Alabama.



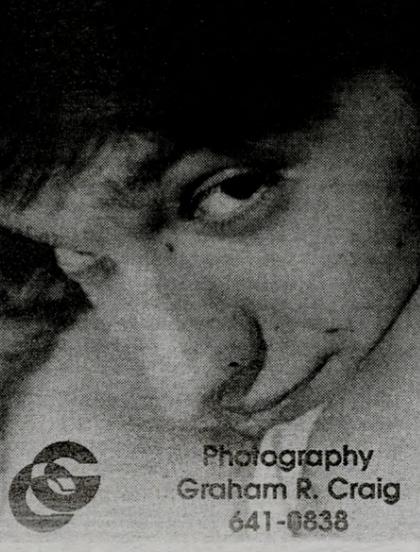
Realizing that the law was a powerful weapon in the fight for equality and Civil Rights Protection, David entered Georgia State University's law school. "From the very first, people knew where I stood. We were having a discussion about Constitutional law versus States Rights and I brought up the idiocy of the Georgia sodomy law and how it should and will be repealed."

Since there was not a forum at Georgia State for Lesbian and Gay law students David helped co-found an organization in which they could meet and discuss issues. But this is just one of many organizations he is involved with. David is currently Vice President of the Lesbian and Gay Rights chapter of the ACLU. "It's been fun as well as valuable experience on important issues. People should know that we sponsor free forums on legal issues of importance to lesbians and gays." At Pride Day on June 28 in Atlanta, look for David at the ACLU booth. David recently passed the Bar in Georgia and has accepted a position as a partner in a small practice in Stockbridge. He feels he will be able to develop a niche for lesbian and gay related issues as well as traditional legal matters.

Leaving no stone unturned, David hopes to co-found a lesbian and gay chapter of the Georgia Bar Association as well as an Alumni Association of the University of Alabama. Still his most central issue is repeal of Georgia's sodomy law.

To relax David works out often at a gym and occasionally goes to dance-bars, "to blow off steam." Yet David says that he didn't come to Atlanta to have fun. "I want to change things, or be an instrument for change. Lesbians and gays should not be second-class citizens." And with David's tenacity, there most likely will be changes in the future.

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ACT UP/Atlanta: 874-6782 (office & 24hr. voice mail)

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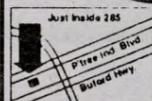
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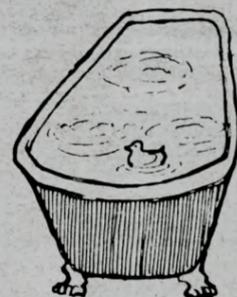
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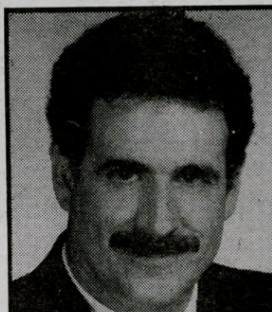
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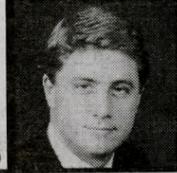


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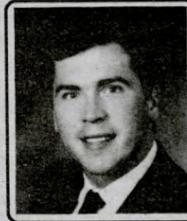
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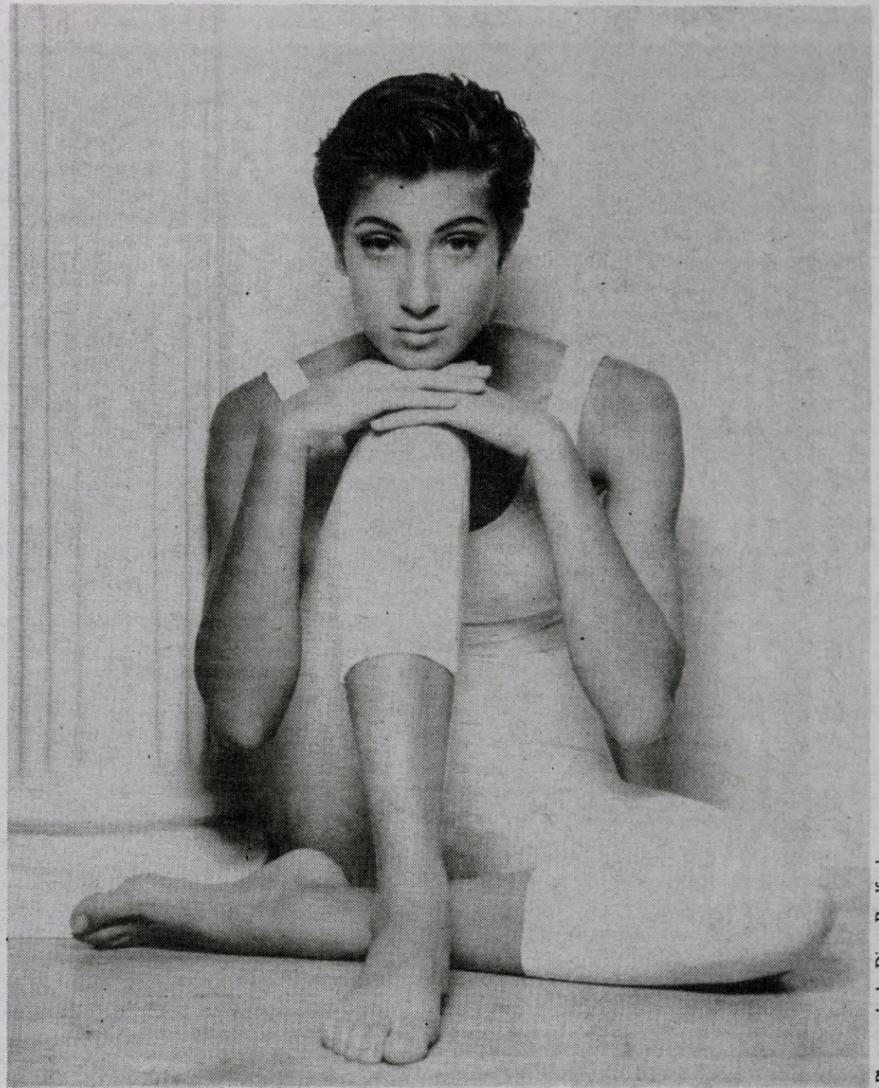
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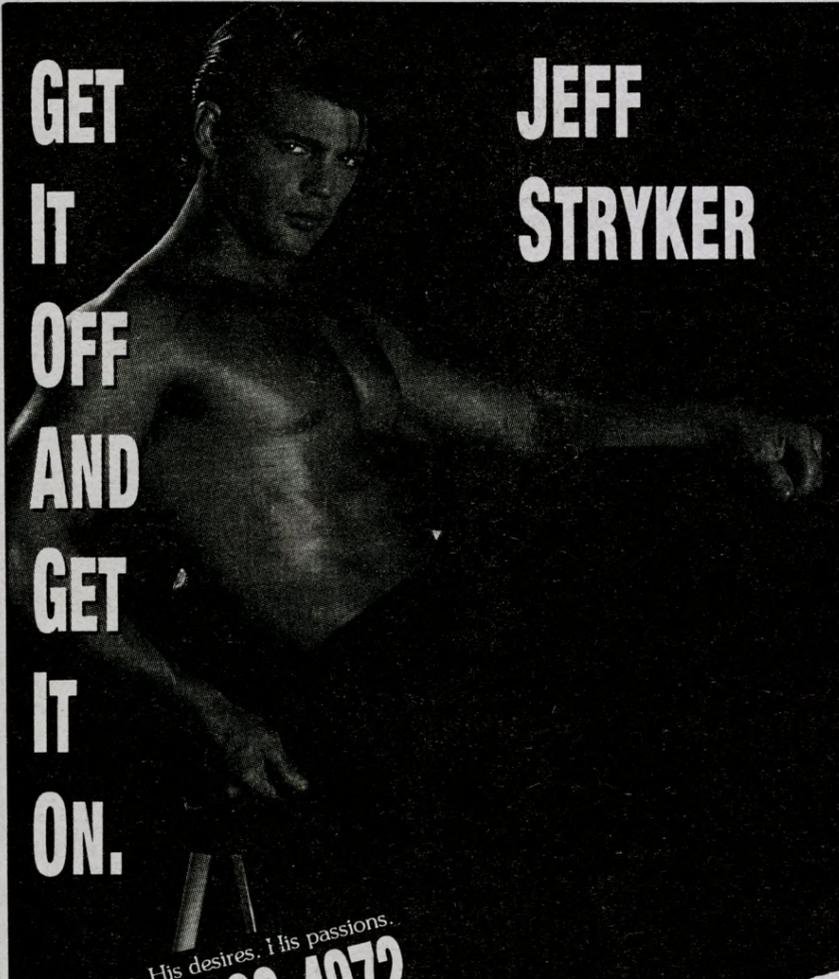
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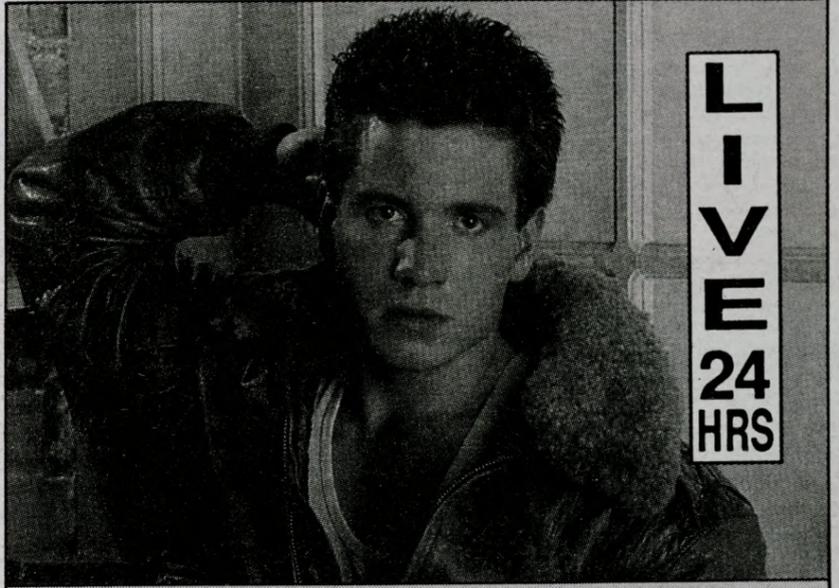
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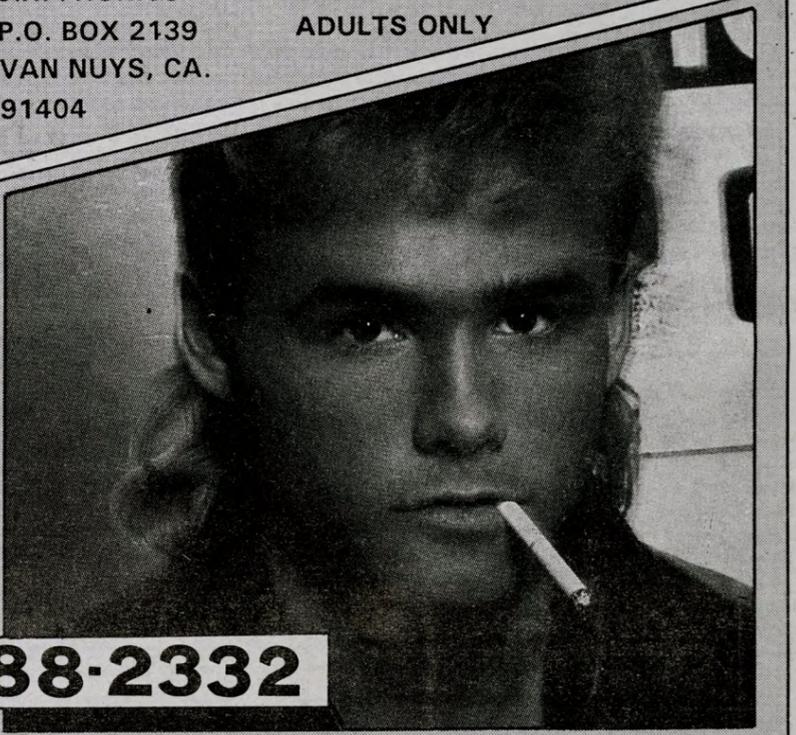
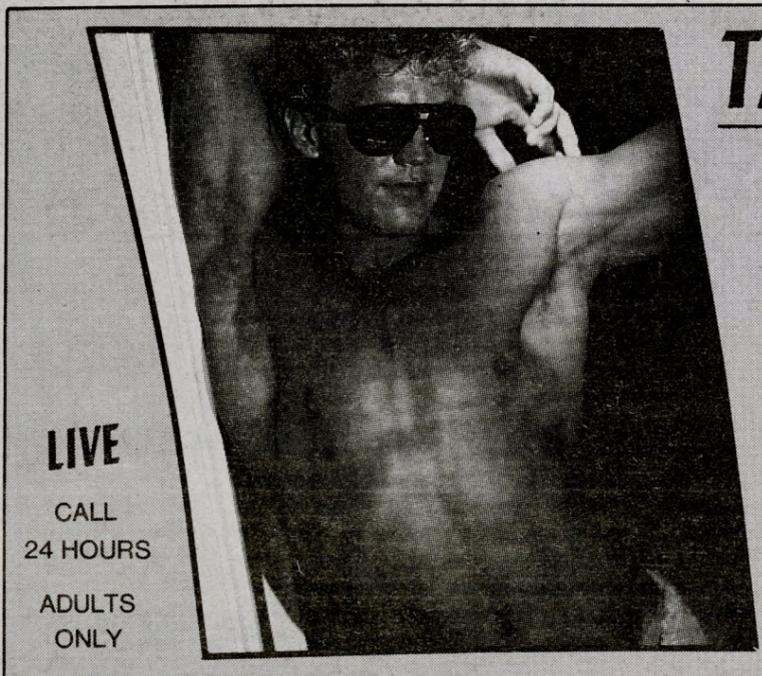
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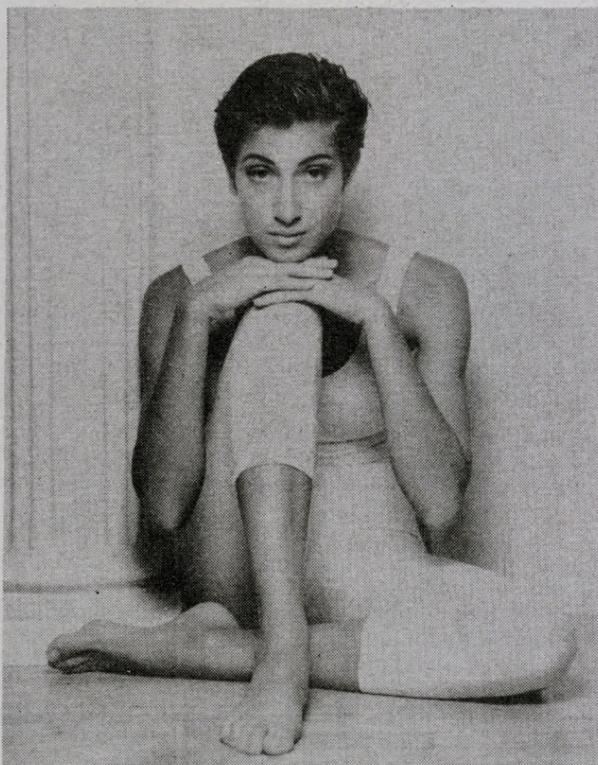
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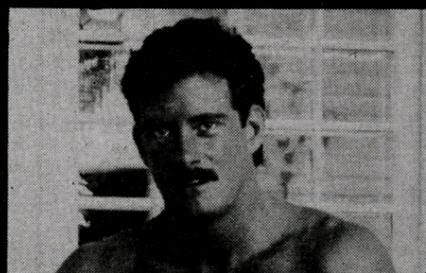
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