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Outlawing gay rights

Tomlin, Van Sant, Navratilova and others lend names, efforts to block constitutional amendments in Colorado and Oregon that would ban protections for gays and lesbians

Measures to outlaw anti-discrimination protections for gays and lesbians are on statewide ballots this year in Oregon and Colorado. The campaign against both those measures has been spearheaded by grassroots organizations led by gays and lesbians. But the drive to block those measures has been boosted by celebrity fundraisers sponsored by the likes of filmmaker Gus Van Sant, actor Lily Tomlin, and tennis great Martina Navratilova, who lent her name to a fundraising letter sent out by EPOColorado.

"I need your help to defeat the worst attack on civil rights in recent history," wrote Aspen resident Navratilova. Amendment #2 would automatically repeal gay rights laws in Aspen, Boulder and Denver, as well as Gov. Roy Romer's executive order protecting state employees.

The letter calls Colorado for Family Values (CFV), the organization responsible for putting the amendment on the November ballot, "an off-spring of the Traditional Values Coalition," a California-based religious right organization headed by the Rev. Lou Sheldon.

"Our perception is that the majority of Colorado voters are fair-minded," said EPOColorado assistant campaign manager Joseph Marchione. "It's going to come down to who can get the message out as to who is most fair."

"CFV's message is 'no special rights,'" he continued. "If we can convince the voters of the truth—that we're not looking for special rights, just equal rights—then we'll succeed."

The "no special rights" tactic is a difficult one to argue, according to Eric Rosenthal, political director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

"The average Americans assume that there are civil rights protections for gays and lesbians," he said. "We have to educate people that we don't have the same rights as other people. Once they understand that, then they clearly see the need for fairness for lesbians and gays."

But getting out the word takes money. In the face of right-wing organizations that seem to have a limitless supply of cash, organizations like EPOColorado and Oregon's No On 9 (Measure 9 is the constitutional amendment on the November ballot in that state) are working overtime to get the resources to fund their efforts to stop the reactionary ballot measures.

In addition to the fundraising letter, which was sent out nationally via HRCF's mailing list, Navratilova, with Lily Tomlin, hosted a fundraising party in Los Angeles on July 15 for EPOColorado. And Tomlin, Gus Van Sant, Roseanne Arnold, Faye Dunaway, River Phoenix, Debra Winger and Tatum O'Neal attended a fundraiser for No On 9 four days later. Rock group Nirvana has also scheduled a benefit concert for No On 9 for late August in Portland.

In Oregon, even some Republican politicians have blasted Measure 9, which calls for public schools to teach that homosexuality is wrong as well as banning anti-discrimination measures.

"I'm a conservative Republican and I'm damn sick and tired of carrying bigots on my back," said city councilman Dave Moss at a rally in Portland on July 18. "A true conservative—and I'm probably the only one here—is pro-individual, pro-individual



choice, and pro-individual responsibility for the choice."

Across the board, activists fear Oregon and Colorado are "test states" for further efforts to legalize discrimination against lesbians and gays. While similar measures have passed—Springfield, Oregon—and failed—Concord, California and Corvallis, Oregon—on local levels, this marks the first attempts to change state constitutions to block protections for lesbians and gays. Oregon and Colorado may have been chosen because of the relatively easy process for amending the state's constitution—a small number of voter signatures to put the measure on the ballot, and a simply majority to pass it.

"Already the OCA [Oregon Citizen's Alliance—the group responsible for Measure 9] is making noises about moving to Washington state," said Ebie Briskin, a No On 9 spokesperson. "If Oregon's state constitution is amended to declare homosexuality abnormal—which is part of the text of the initiative—we will lose a lot, not just as gays and lesbians, but all civil rights. When you target a group for isolation, I don't think it can end with that one group."

Colorado's Marchione said that he believes that what happens with the two ballot measures will determine the course of the right-wing's fight against lesbians and gays. He cites the difference in the wording of the two initiatives.

"The Oregon measure labels homosexuality 'abnormal,' 'a perversion,'" he said. "The Colorado amendment is more moderate. I think the right wing will go for whichever plays better."

For EPOColorado and No On 9, the goal is to stop both.

"If they lose, it will be a serious blow to the extremist agenda—not just in Colorado, but throughout the country," Navratilova wrote in the Colorado fundraising letter. "It's a critical opportunity to stop

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Pictured: Writer/director Gus Van Sant
Photo by Abigayle Tarsches

Amending Georgia's Constitution—Could it happen here?

Georgia law does not allow for voter initiatives. Constitutional amendments in the Peach State must go through the legislative process—passing both houses by a two-thirds majority and being signed by the governor—before reaching the ballot. Observers here doubt that an amendment such as the ones in Colorado and Oregon would muster enough support to pass the Georgia General Assembly.

"I could see it being introduced by some of the troglodytes in the legislature," said Teresa Nelson, executive director of the Georgia chap-

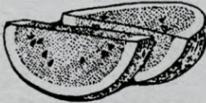
ter of the American Civil Liberties Union. "But by and large most of the legislators are not troglodytes. They may be afraid to stand up to oppose Georgia's archaic sodomy laws because they're afraid of their constituencies, but politically speaking there are very few legislators who would be willing to pursue legislation that denies rights to any group of people."

"Besides, to do that they'd have to admit that gays and lesbians exist," she added.

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Bush campaign worker claims he was fired because he's gay

Washington, DC—A worker for the Bush-Quayle campaign told ABC's Nightline on July 22 that he has filed a complaint claiming he was dismissed from his job because he is gay. Tyler Franz, who joined the campaign last January to work at an information resource center, appeared on the television program Wednesday night and said he was forced to resign because of pressure from the religious right.

"I believe my rights have been violated. I'm an openly gay man, I have been for many years. I was forced out of my job because of it," Franz said on the program.

Franz, 37, said he was offered a month's salary in exchange for waiving any legal claim against Bush-Quayle '92.

The Nightline program quoted a campaign spokeswoman as saying that Franz was let go not because of ideology, but because "he was burned out" and because of complaints that he was being rude to people.

Franz said he worked as a supervisor of workers assigned to telephone banks at the information resource center. On July 14, he told the Wall Street Journal, he was reassigned by the campaign's personnel director, Tom Harvey, to an unoccupied floor of the campaign headquarters, where his sole responsibility was to set up desks.

Franz said that other staffers told him

Harvey had met with Mimi Dawson, head of the campaign's coalition department, and that Dawson wanted him dismissed.

"She told him she wanted me out of the campaign because of my ideological differences with the religious right," he told the Wall Street Journal.

Victoria Clarke, a campaign spokesperson, called Franz's assertions "absolutely untrue," while Harvey said that Franz had grown "surly" to visitors to the campaign office.

"We tried to move him to a different job that frankly would have less visibility, and less moment-by-moment stress," Harvey told the Wall Street Journal.

Franz had met with Robert Mosbacher, the Bush-Quayle general campaign chairman, on June 12 to discuss ways of increasing the participation of gay Republicans in the '92 campaign. Shortly after that meeting the leader of a religious right group requested an ethics investigation of Franz. That problem was attributed to a "misunderstanding," and there was no further trouble until July 14.

When Harvey reassigned him to the unoccupied building floor, Franz was offered a 10% raise and a job as an "assistant for building services." Franz considered the new job a demotion and offered to resign.

Franz filed a complaint Wednesday with the District of Columbia's Office of Human Rights, alleging that he was dismissed in violation of a D.C. law that prohibits a person being denied a job based on sexual orientation, according to the ABC program.

Franz said that he still supports Bush/Quayle, and adds that his lawsuit could help gays and lesbians gain access to the campaign.

"Call me naive," he said. "I think he's the right man for the job."

said that Grady is "less likely to proceed without the full support of the commission."

AIDS activists are outraged at another delay in expansion of the clinic. Most decried what they termed the "petty politics" of DeKalb's commissioners.

"They would say that 'we can't afford any more delays,'" said Jeff Graham, an ACT UP/Atlanta member who attended the July 21 meeting, "and then vote to delay."

Brad LaFoon, a member of ACT UP who has AIDS, stormed out of the commission meeting after the vote.

"We're dying and you're stalling," he shouted. "And it's blood on your hands."

To commemorate earlier promises that the IDC would be in a new permanent location by August 1, ACT UP plans a 24-hour demonstration at the Presbyterian Center on that date.

"It is obvious that we have reached a crisis point as far as this expansion is concerned," said Graham. "August 1st makes exactly one year of delay on this project. All we have to look forward to are more delays."

"We cannot afford to ease the pressure to expand the clinic immediately," he added.

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Anti-violence TV announcements will focus on gay bashing

Susan Sarandon is chair of campaign; other stars lend support

Imagine relaxing in front of the television one night when the sitcom you're watching goes to a commercial break. Just before you zone out, you notice that the local used car dealers aren't on your screen, and instead you're gripped by what you see. This isn't any ordinary late-night commercial.

A man is walking down a dark alley when he's stopped by three threatening young men brandishing chains and bottles whose menacing calls of "faggot" strike a look of fear in the man's face. He pleads that he just wants to be left alone and starts running. They chase him to a fence where he's cornered.

As the bashers lunge at their victim, the camera focuses on one attacker's face which turns into the face of a snarling, barking dog that gets yanked back by its leash and collar.

The screen blackens to the message, "HATE. IT'S NOT HUMAN."

If the New York-based Anti-Violence Project gets it way, that 30 second spot and three other professionally-produced public service announcements about homophobic hate violence will air on local television stations nationwide in the next year, including Atlanta.

"The important thing is that they're nothing like anything that's ever aired on local or national TV. They come out of an in-your-face activist mentality, taking direct action from the streets to the airwaves," said Allen Klein, whose Public Impact Media produced the clips.

According to Klein, the short and convincing scenes were purposefully created in an MTV-fashion, "fast-paced and fast-cut," in order to speak the language of the campaign's target audience—men in their teens and twenties—the demographic group that statistics say bash gays the most.

"This campaign makes a statement to young people in a way that engages them into the debate. They're hot, hip videos that can be readily identified with by testosterone-filled young men. They're not preachy, but hopefully they'll shift [young people's] reality enough to change their behavior."

Klein described his motivation for starting up the campaign.

"Every Monday morning we'd hear about another friend who'd been beaten. What we were doing [as activists in Queer Nation] wasn't enough. I wanted to change the perception of gays on the local and national level."

"People think of bashing as a sporting event. The perception isn't even there that what they are doing is hateful and inspired by bigotry. There's nobody in our society



telling us that gay bashing is wrong," Klein explained.

In the one year that the campaign's been up and running, it has garnered a great deal of big name support, including actor Susan Sarandon as its national chairperson, recording artists Deee-Lite, and directors John Waters, Gus Van Sant, and Rob Epstein as members of its national council.

"It's very important for people to understand, whether they're gay or straight, that to contribute by silence to any kind of violence against anyone is only inviting that hatred to move to some other group," Sarandon told Donna Minkowitz in *The Advocate*. "So anything that I can do to try to make it clear that everybody's interconnected and the fate of one person ultimately is your own fate, I think I need to do."

Klein says the campaign is banking on help from its big name allies in convincing the roughly 500 local stations across the country to run its message.

But he strongly feels that celebrity support isn't enough. In fact, one of Klein's primary goals is to rally lesbian and gay community backing for the public service announcements, because when push comes to shove, it will be community pressure that forces local stations to run the spots.

"Gay bashing is on the rise in most major cities. We're more visible than ever before and we're experiencing a backlash, which only means we have to fight harder and use more innovative techniques," he explained.

Klein is also looking for financial support from the lesbian and gay community to fund the more than 1,000 copies of the videos that need to be distributed to television stations nationwide.

Checks can be made payable to the Anti-violence Campaign/Media Network, and mailed c/o AVC, 77 Hermann Street, Suite 56, San Francisco, California 94102. Call (415) 255-7336 for more information.

RACHEL TIMONER
Pictured: Susan Sarandon

DeKalb Co. rejects site for IDC

Decision will likely delay much needed expansion of Grady clinic

Decatur, GA—For the second time, the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners has rejected Grady Hospital's plan to buy a facility on Ponce de Leon for its Infectious Disease Clinic (IDC). The Commissioners 6-1 vote last Tuesday came less than a week before Grady's deadline to close the deal, and a week after the Fulton County Commissioners voted to support the proposed purchase.

Grady's deadline to buy the old Presbyterian Center on Ponce de Leon Avenue is July 27, and officials say that the purchase plan is now up in the air.

"Our Board of Trustees meets on Monday and then we're going to try to close the deal," said IDC acting assistant director Curtiss Morriss.

The DeKalb Commissioners told Grady to look elsewhere for space for the clinic, particularly in its current downtown location or the old Sears building.

Several commissioners questioned why Grady had not included expansion of the clinic in its current renovation project, including Commissioner Annie Collins, who asked Grady planning director Dewey Hickman why Grady had not purchased land and built a new facility.

John Fletcher, DeKalb District 5 commissioner who made the motion to reject Grady's plan, said, "I think it can be done quicker, cheaper and faster in the Sears building."

After the meeting, Hickman told the Daily News that "it's easy to be a problem solver when you're not burdened with the facts."

For over a year, Grady has been trying to find a permanent location for the IDC, which is in desperate need of expansion. The clinic has a 4-6 month wait, and no space to add staff so

that the wait can be reduced. A deal to move into the Great Mall of China building fell through earlier this year, and then Grady put earnest money down on the Presbyterian Center.

The Fulton County Commissioners initially rejected the deal as well, but voted in favor last week. Ponce de Leon neighborhood and business groups have also opposed the move, mainly on a perception that the addition of the IDC would make Ponce de Leon a "social service corridor," since several services for the homeless already exist on that avenue. However, support for the Sears location, less than a mile east on the avenue, would seem to contradict those complaints.

Grady officials disagree that the Sears building, now owned by the City of Atlanta, is a better idea than the Presbyterian Center. According to Morriss, the Sears building space is "a big open area with lots of columns." The area would have to be sectioned off into office and clinic space, leaving many rooms on the interior with no windows.

Additionally, the space is not on the ground floor, meaning that accessibility is a problem.

"We'd have to build an elevated ambulance ramp, which would be over the existing load dock," said Morriss, "as well as pad parking by the building for drop offs."

"And the parking that's next to the building is already taken, so we'd have to build a new deck across the street on North Avenue," he continued, "and since there's no safe crosswalk there, we'd have to add an elevated crosswalk to the building."

"I'm not an architect," Morriss said, "but it's clear there'd have to be some fairly large structural work done. And after all that, we'd end up with a not so suitable building that we were only leasing. The Presbyterian Center is a much better facility for our needs."

While everyone acknowledges that doing something about the IDC is a priority, Morriss

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Election results mixed for gay and lesbian community

Atlanta—Results of Georgia's primary elections last Tuesday offered a mixed bag for the state's gay and lesbian citizens. Some candidates supported by various factions in the community won, some lost, and still others were pushed into run-offs. Through it all, voter dissatisfaction with the status quo was evident, as 40% of all incumbents in the state either lost or will continue their campaigns until the August 11 run-off.

In one of the more closely watched Congressional races, DeKalb County District Attorney Bob Wilson, endorsed by the Human Rights Campaign Fund, lost to State Sen. Cathey Steinberg in the 4th District Democratic primary by 54%-46%. Steinberg had been harshly attacked by Wilson for her voting record in the State Senate, and by some gay activists for her refusal to back the gay/lesbian civil rights bill and the repeal of the military's ban on homosexuals.

Despite HRCF's endorsement of Wilson, much of the gay and lesbian support in the 4th district race seemed to split along gender lines, as many lesbians backed Steinberg because of her strong record on women's issues.

"I feel we have to evaluate our candidates on more than what they say," said Chris Carroll, who organized a meeting between Steinberg and several members of the community—men and women—on Friday before the election. Carroll said she thought the meet-



ing was good for the candidate, and good for the voters.

"We told her that our community has changed a lot in a very short time," she said. "I think Cathey didn't really realize that. Her record in the Georgia senate shows that she has real political courage. And after speaking with her, I'm certain she'll use that courage on our issues."

In the November general election, Steinberg will face the winner of a John Linder-Emory Mosberger Republican run-off.

Of the other HRCF-endorsed candidates, only John Lewis fared better, easily winning in District 5's Democratic primary. David Worley (District 3) and Ben Jones (District 10) both lost their primary races, to incumbent Richard Ray and Don Johnson.

In other Congressional races, State Rep. Cynthia McKinney landed a run-off spot against George DeLoach—the only white candidate in the new majority-black 11th District—and incumbent Rep. Roy Rowland, who has worked to repeal immigration restrictions on people with HIV, will face Republican Bob Cunningham in November in District 8. Arch-conservative Newt Gingrich won a very narrow victory in the Republican District 6 primary. He'll face the winner of the Leonard



Brown-Tony Center run-off in November.

In another statewide race, Justice Leah Sears-Collins defeated Stephen Boswell for the State Supreme Court. Sear-Collins had been appointed to that seat earlier this year by Gov. Zell Miller to fill an unexpired term. Boswell, a Superior Court judge in Clayton County, ruled against Leigh VanderEls, a lesbian mother, in her appeal to keep custody of her son in 1990. VanderEls' former husband had sued for custody because she is a lesbian.

Local races

In DeKalb County's 67th House district, lesbian candidate Samantha Claar finished with 15% of the vote, behind three other candidates. The August 11 run-off will pit Steve Vaughn and Mike Polak against each other. Polak received good support from the lesbian/gay community.

Disappointing to many, however, was the DeKalb County CEO race, where Sherry Sutton finished third behind Liane Levetan and Annie Collins. Sutton had received considerable support from the community for her long-standing commitment to gay and lesbian issues. Collins also had received support from the community, including an "acceptable" rating from GAPAC, but has come under fire recently for her opposition to Grady Hospital's attempt to move its Infectious Disease Clinic to the Presbyterian Center on Ponce de Leon Avenue. Collins and Levetan both move into the run-off.

In Fulton County, Jackie Barrett will continue her effort to become the country's first African-American woman sheriff as she faces incumbent Robert McMichael in the August 11 run-off. And Judge Dorothy Vaughn handily defeated former Cracker Barrel attorney Raoul Lerow for State Court Judge.

GAPAC members, who provided a candidate rating for many of Georgia's races, while disappointed with some of the results of individual races, were pleased with the lesbian/gay community's involvement in the primary.

"Over all the number of people we rated acceptable who won or are in the run-off is encourage," said GAPAC chair Ed Stansell. "But more than that we were encouraged by the number of candidates who talked with us and even sought us out. And some of these people are counting on our community to help them through the rest of the election process." "We can see some races," he continued, "where the community clearly made a difference."

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Pictured: (above left) State Representative Cynthia McKinney (top) Justice Leah Sears-Collins

Ga. DHR under fire for plan to report names of HIV+

Atlanta—The Georgia Department of Human Resources (DHR) last week got an earful of opposition to its plan to start a registry of people who test positive for HIV. At a hearing held at the Georgia Mental Health Institute on July 21, some 25 people spoke, all but one opposed to the proposed rule, which would require doctors and health care workers to report names and addresses of HIV+ patients to the DHR.

No members of DHR's board of directors, or of the department's public health committee, were present at the hearing, but transcripts of the speakers and written testimony will be presented at the public health committee's next meeting on August 19, where the committee will make recommendations on the proposal. The full board meets that afternoon to act on the committee's recommendation.

Those who testified at the hearing—ranging from people with AIDS to nurses and doctors to representatives of interested organizations—cited the public perception that names and addresses would not be kept confidential and the added cost of tracking people who test positive for the virus.

The new proposal, which does not apply to anonymous testing sites, would require a "confidential" listing, meaning that only public health workers would have access to the list.

"Relying on the law to protect against discrimination is akin to closing the barn door after the horses are gone," Sharon Hill, an attorney with Legal Aid's AIDS Legal Project, testified. "It will harm the very people you are trying to serve."

Many speakers noted that even with state assurances that the list would not pass out of government hands, the existence of the list would deter people from being tested out of fear their names could become pub-

lic, drawing housing, employment or other types of discrimination.

Other speakers testified that the added cost of tracking the names—estimated by DHR to be near \$1 million—would be better used for education.

Jeff Graham, of ACT UP/Atlanta, cautioned the DHR to "beware of fly by night proposals," a reference to a DHR-sponsored AIDS education program, featuring Dracula ("beware of fly by night relationships"), widely regarded by AIDS activists as ineffectual because the campaign failed to discuss specifics about AIDS prevention.

Following testimony from a DHR staffer that "it is not DHR's responsibility to provide total education," many in the audience became incensed. Marty Worsham, who has AIDS, countered that the gay/lesbian community has done its part to provide education, proven by the leveling off of new cases of the disease in the gay community.

"Maybe if you try some of our techniques, with specific information instead of a damn vampire flying into a room, you might get results," he said. "If you're not going to help me, then at least quit trying to make my life harder."

The DHR contends that reporting of names and addresses will help the public health department in its fight against the spread of AIDS.

"We believe it's the right thing to do from a public health standpoint," said Dr. Joseph Wilbur, head of DHR's communicable disease branch.

According to Dr. Wilbur, the rule change will help health workers get treatment to HIV+ people faster, and will assist in voluntary partner notification.

AIDS activists and advocates disagreed, however.

"It's a very unwise and frightening change in regulations," said Dr. Stosh Ostrow, "which will hinder people from being tested rather than encourage them to be tested. Ultimately it will result in exactly the opposite of what the DHR is intending, which is to provide for the safety of the citizens of Georgia."

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OUTLAWING GAY RIGHTS

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the right wing dead in its tracks."

No On 9's Brisikin agreed. "I don't think they'll win," she said. "But it's going to depend on how much information we get to the voters."

"Part of it is letting them know who we are as individuals," said HRCF's Rosenthal, "and part of it is letting them know what our legal status really is."

"These two measures are particularly

important because they are so extreme," he added. "They are not simply overturning an ordinance. They are embodying in the state constitution provisions that would outlaw any protections whatsoever, or even an evenhandedness on the part of the government in dealing with our community."

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Oregon's Measure 9

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sexuality, pedophilia, sadism and masochism as abnormal, wrong, unnatural, and perverse and that these behaviors are to be discouraged and avoided.

Colorado's Amendment 2

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Texas Republican Party Equates Gayness With Incest, Etc.:

The Texas Republican party, in its 1992 platform, equates gay and lesbian relationships with "necrophilia, pedophilia, bestiality, or incest," according to the Washington Blade. Despite opposition from Texas gay Republicans, the party described homosexuality as a "perversion of natural law...biologically, morally, and medically unsound." Paul Von Wupperfeld, president of the Log Cabin Republicans of Texas, said that gay delegates to the state's convention were harassed and threatened by other delegates at the convention.

Virginia School Board Bans Verbal Harassment Of Gays:

Fairfax County, Virginia school officials plan to punish students who verbally insult gays and lesbians, just as they punish people who insult others because of race, sex, religion, national origin or disability. The School Board unanimously approved the rule, which was introduced by a non-voting student representative to the board. "The...vote by the School Board shows its time has come," said 16 year old Sean Bryant. Fairfax County Republicans scoffed at that assertion. "I think it's another typical example of a lame duck, liberal, Democrat School Board trying to send a message out that it's okay to be homosexual," said Fairfax County Republican Committee chair Patrick Mullins.

Ohio Mall Evicts Hand-Holding Gays:

Three gay couples dropped by City Center Mall in Columbus, Ohio, on Pride Day last month, only to be evicted for holding hands. According to the Gay People's Chronicle, 40-60 people from the Pride festival went to the mall to "be visibly gay." In an ensuing scuffle with mall security, at least five people were injured and two—an Ohio State University professor and a 14-year-old girl who was holding her sister's hand—were arrested. On July 8, City Center Mall officials released a statement apologizing for the incident, saying that the mall "has no policy which interferes with the lawful rights of gay and lesbian individuals visiting the facility, including same-sex couples holding hands." The mall management also said that it would ask city officials to drop charges against the two people arrested. The agreement came about as a result of negotiations between the mall and Stonewall Union, which also agreed not to pursue legal action against the mall. Stonewall Union will also conduct sensitivity training for mall security personnel.

Univ. Of New Mexico Cans Gay Film Fest:

University of New Mexico student body president David Standridge cancelled that school's two-year old gay and lesbian film festival this year, claiming that "there is [not] a place for any gay and lesbian films that will significantly enhance meeting the students' true needs." Student activists claimed that "there will be political action across all lines" if the festival, which regularly sells out all shows, is not reinstated. "I think David's decision shows how you really can't divorce ignorance from bigotry," said Dean Knickerbocker, president of Common Bond, one of the oldest gay and lesbian organizations in New Mexico.

North And South Dakota Pull "Portrait":

Public Television stations in North and South Dakota are refusing to run "Portrait of a Marriage," the Masterpiece Theatre film about Vita Sackville-West and her marriage to Harold Nicolson. Both Sackville-West and Nicolson were gay, and the film contains slight nudity. Al Kirts, South Dakota Public Television program director, said that the gay content of the film was not the reason he rejected the show. "The part about sex preferences, no," he said. "However, a couple of the love scenes was nudity between two females. I felt a good portion of our audience would find that objectionable."

Missouri Town Bans Discrimination:

The Columbia, Missouri City Council voted 5-2 last week to ban discrimination against gays and lesbians, but a group called Citizens Alert vowed to collect enough signatures to force a referendum to overturn the vote. The new law mandates that complaints will be heard before a Human Rights Commission for mediation. Citizens Alert leader Eric Niewoehner said that his group's efforts were based on concerns about "the quality of education in our schools...[and] too much government regulation in our lives." "It will be a difficult battle emotionally," he said. "Never in my life have I been labeled a bigot, a racist, a homophobe or a hateful individual."

Bronx School District Bans "Alternative Lifestyle" Lessons:

Bronx Community School Board 8 has banned parts of an elementary school curriculum that teaches about households headed by gay parents. The School Board, the 5th in New York City to ban the curriculum, did so because it encourages "instruction in alternative life styles and non-traditional family units." The resolution defines the traditional family as one headed by "a legally married couple, surviving spouse," or legal guardian. Single parents in the city are incensed by the decision. "I've been a single mother for 28 years," said Ana Rosado. "Parents are completely disgusted by this. The board is saying they don't recognize us."

**Head Of Episcopal Church Urges Gays To "Hang In":**

Speaking at the 14th national convention of Integrity, Inc., in Houston, Texas, The Most Reverend Edmond L. Browning, chief bishop of the Episcopal Church, told the members of the lesbian/gay Episcopalian organization to "hang in there. It is extremely important for your voices to be heard." Bishop Browning preached and celebrated the Eucharist at the convention's opening service on July 10, and led an open forum with Integrity members the next day. About 200 persons representing almost all of the 52 Integrity chapters in the U.S. attended the convention.

Photo by Scott Heisel

Lawsuit Against Julia Child Settled:

Daniel Coulter has settled a \$3 million lawsuit against Julia Child and the American Institute of Food and Wine. Coulter claimed in his suit that the Institute's chairwoman, Dorothy Cann, told him when he applied for a job as executive director of the organization that Child was "rabidly homophobic" and it would undermine his effectiveness if he was named to the post. The terms of the settlement were not disclosed. Child said at the time the lawsuit was filed that she had nothing to do with the selection process and that she had never heard of Coulter.

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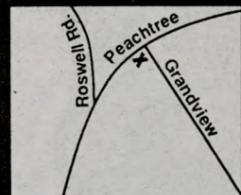
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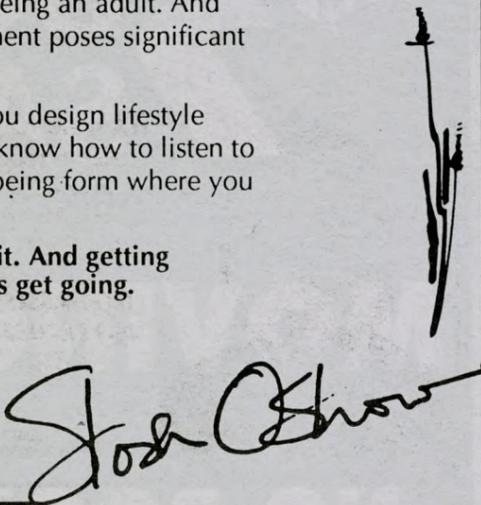
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News from the 8th Annual International AIDS Conference

Amsterdam, Netherlands (AP)—The Eighth International Conference on AIDS got underway last week in the Netherlands, where the conference was moved because of U.S. immigration restrictions on people with HIV. Researchers, activists and advocates gathered to discuss the state of the disease.

On Monday, however, it was not the scientists, but actress Elizabeth Taylor, speaking at a meeting of the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) in Amsterdam, who drew the most attention. Taylor thrashed President George Bush's response to AIDS, saying, "I don't think President Bush is doing anything at all about AIDS. In fact I'm not even sure if he knows how to spell AIDS."

Taylor, who is the chairwoman of AmFAR, also announced that the organization was donating \$300,000 to community groups in Argentina, but added that the battle against AIDS cannot be left to charities.

Women

Researchers at the conference reported on Monday that women are now contracting HIV almost as often as men, and will probably become the primary victims by the end of the decade.

During heterosexual encounters, women are biologically more likely than men to catch the virus from infected partners. So "by the year 2000, more than half of all newly infected adults may be women," said Dr. Michael Merson, a New York City native who heads the WHO's Global Program on AIDS.

"With every passing year, the gap ...between the sexes has narrowed, in both developed and developing countries, as heterosexual transmission has become more common," he said.

Dr. Jonathan Mann of Harvard Univ., the meeting's chairman, contended the growing number of infected females also reflects the subservient status of women in the world.

Men typically initiate sexual encounters, he said, and women often are unable to demand that their partners use condoms. Condoms are the primary way of preventing the spread of AIDS among sexually active men and women.

"Male-dominated societies are a threat to public health," Mann said.

Vaccine

Vanderbilt University scientists reported that a potential vaccine improves immune system response if an interval of at least four months passes between the first shot and a booster.

"We have found that the interval between priming and boosting is important and that the longer the interval, the higher the response," Dr. Barney Graham said.

The finding means studies of a vaccine to prevent acquired immune deficiency syndrome cannot proceed as quickly as researchers would like, said Graham, director of the Vanderbilt AIDS Vaccine Evaluation Unit.

"You don't get results as fast because every experiment has to be six or eight months long," he said.

More testing is needed before a potential vaccine is ready for large-scale clinical trials, Graham said. He reported at last year's conference in Florence, Italy, that the primer-booster approach tested here had produced the greatest immune response so far in AIDS vaccine trials.

Eight potential vaccine products are being tested in 14 different trials at Vanderbilt and four other U.S. medical centers.

Cost

The price of caring for one person with AIDS in the United States has soared to \$38,000 a year, while developing countries harder hit by the disease struggle to spend a few hundred dollars per patient. Researchers said costs have risen substantially in the last year alone, in part because of the high price of drugs.

"Other types of costs can't be expressed in dollars—the cost of fear, the cost of grief, the cost in inequity and discrimination and the long-term cost of a pandemic that does not receive the attention it deserves," said Dr. Daniel Tarantola of the Harvard School of Public Health.

Dr. Tarantola's research found that 94 percent of all money spent treating the disease is in the United States, Western Europe and other industrialized regions. About 80 percent of the new cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome are in poor countries.

While one year of treatment for an AIDS patient in the United States costs \$38,000, only \$400 is spent a year for a patient in Africa.

Protests

In Boston, the original site of the conference, activists marched on the federal building on Sunday, the opening day of the conference.

"We're protesting George Bush's lack of leadership in any aspects of fighting AIDS," said David Stitt of ACT UP/Boston. "The immigration law is the most disgusting at-



AIDS activists stage a die-in outside a pharmaceutical company to protest the high price of AIDS-related treatments. Protestors also smashed a display provided by Astra Pharmaceuticals. Astra manufactures Foscarvir, a drug which prevents AIDS-related blindness. Foscarvir costs about \$440 per week. Photo: peter Dejong/AP



Elizabeth Taylor kisses Thomas Fabregas, who is HIV+, after his speech at the 8th International AIDS Conference. Fabregas, a resident of Oakland, Ca., challenged U.S. Immigration restrictions against people with HIV. Taylor, in her speech, blasted Bush for his neglect of AIDS—and raised the question if the president could even spell the word. Photo: peter Dejong/AP

tempt by Bush to put AIDS under the carpet.”

Bush, when told of the conference's move out of the U.S. last year, told reporters, "They'll find some other way to get together."

Immigration rules do not completely bar the entry of HIV+ people into the U.S., but the restrictions do force people to identify themselves as having HIV.

Meanwhile protestors in Amsterdam dumped 40 cardboard coffins in front of the U.S. and other consulates to protest visa restrictions against people with AIDS and HIV. Other demonstrators ransacked a display furnished by Astra Pharmaceutical Products, manufacturers of Foscarvir, protesting against exorbitant prices of that drug. Foscarvir, which prevents AIDS-related blindness, costs about \$440 per week.

Quick notes

Dr. Gerald Myers of the Los Alamos National Laboratories in New Mexico said five distinctly different strains of HIV are now spreading. That may complicate the search for a vaccine to prevent infection.

Dr. Renslow Sherer of the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases said men and women infected with the AIDS virus go on to become sick at about the same rate. His study of nearly 3,700 men and women found "no clear evidence of a gender difference."

Dr. David Ostrow of the University of Michigan said a study shows that including a quick psychological assessment with AIDS testing pinpoints people likely to relapse into high-risk sexual behavior. Men who showed signs of depression or who said they lacked social support were more likely to continue to have many sexual partners and refuse to use condoms.

Dr. Helen Ward of St. Mary's Medical School in London said a five-year study of 304 prostitutes showed that 97 percent used condoms with all their clients. But two-thirds said they did not regularly use condoms with their non-paying lovers, which left them open to infection.

Researchers disclosed new evidence that the virus becomes more lethal over time as it evolves inside the body. Dr. Jay Levy of the University of California, San Francisco, said a slight genetic change is enough to alter the outer coat of the virus so it escapes destruction by the body's immune system.

Dr. Deborah Holtzman and others from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta said nationwide polls of high school students demonstrate a modest drop in sexual activity. They found that between 1989 and 1991, the proportion of students who admitted having sexual intercourse fell from 59

percent to 54 percent. The researchers noted that more students were getting AIDS education, but were not able to say if that was why fewer were having sex.

Dr. Chin-Yih Ou of the CDC said two distinct forms of the AIDS virus are spreading in Thailand, one among drug users and the other among homosexuals and prostitutes.

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HIV+ Republican woman to speak at her party's Convention

Houston (AP)—A member of a highly influential Republican family who has tested positive for the HIV virus will speak about AIDS during next month's GOP convention.

Mary D. Fisher, 43, daughter of Max Fisher, honorary chairman of the Bush-Quayle 1992 National Finance Committee, has had formal discussion with GOP officials about speaking, according to A. James Heynen of the Greystone Group Inc, a non-profit organization. The group helped set up Fisher's non-profit organization, the Family AIDS Network.

Sources say President Bush reviewed a list of speakers and made the decision late last week.

Heynen said Fisher, a mother of two, contracted the virus from her ex-husband. Neither of her two young children are HIV-positive, he said.

"I do know that everybody familiar with her story and with her personally is greatly moved," said Republican National Convention spokesman Joe Fleming.

Elizabeth Glaser, one of two HIV-positive speakers at last week's Democratic National Convention, said she is pleased that Fisher will be able to speak at the Aug. 17-20 GOP convention in Houston.

"Mary Fisher is an important voice and is definitely a testament to the fact that this (AIDS) is all of America's problem," Glaser told the Houston Chronicle. "It is important she not let the Republican Party off the hook, because they have not done what they need to do."

Fisher was the first female "advance man" for the White House, working with former President Gerald R. Ford.

She founded the Family AIDS NetWork about two months ago to provide a national support group for friends and family of those infected by the HIV virus, said Heynen.

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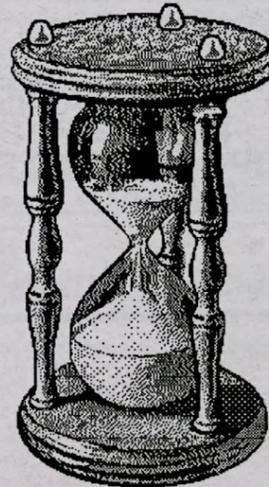
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In addition, it often happens that the victim, usually the wife of an abusive husband, will file and then fail to prosecute a charge of assault or battery, either because the couple has "made up," or because the victim fears retribution, or believes the (nearly always false) promises of the perpetrator that "it won't happen again." Frequently the couple will continue to live together, the police will be called a number of times, charges will be dropped, magistrates will become tired of seeing the same couple in court again and again, and the victim is emotionally and physically helpless to resolve the situation. Too often, these sick and abusive relationships end in serious injury or death to the victim.

As society becomes more sensitive to the issue of violence in heterosexual families, the gay and lesbian community should also be prepared to confront this difficult and dangerous problem. Certain remedies available to the traditional "battered wife" can be applied in the abusive gay or lesbian relationship as well.

A number of criminal and civil statutes may apply to domestic violence in a gay or lesbian relationship. First, there are criminal charges ranging all the way from simple assault, a misdemeanor, to aggravated battery or kidnapping, both felonies. The statutory definition of these various "crimes against the person" are found at Title 16, Chapter 5, Articles 2 and 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated ("O.C.G.A."). Any experienced domestic relations lawyer can advise you concerning the elements of these offenses. In addition, charges of criminal trespass, O.C.G.A. Section 16-7-21, or criminal damage to property, O.C.G.A. Section 16-7-23, may be appropriate in the case of violent crimes involving property damage. If you have been the victim of a physical attack or the serious threat of a physical attack by your partner, you should not assume that things will get better. If you have filed criminal charges as a result of an attack or a threatened attack, keep your courage and do not drop the charge

— no person is entitled to abuse another simply because they live together in the same house.

A second legal avenue available to the victims of domestic violence is the Georgia Family Violence Act, enacted by the Georgia legislature in 1981. The statute can be found at O.C.G.A. Section 19-13-1, and defines "family violence" to mean the occurrence of any felony or any commission of any of the offenses of battery, assault, criminal damage to property, unlawful restraint or criminal trespass, between spouses, parents and children, or other persons living in the same household, a definition that should apply in the case of a gay or lesbian couple who are or have been living together. A person may seek a protective order under the family violence statute by filing a petition in Superior Court. Upon a showing that family violence has occurred in the past and may occur in the future, the court may issue an immediate order restraining the perpetrator from acts of family violence. The court may order the eviction of a party from the residence or household, and may order psychological counseling to prevent further acts of violence. It is a very good idea to obtain the assistance of a lawyer in presenting a family violence petition to the court.

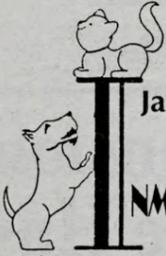
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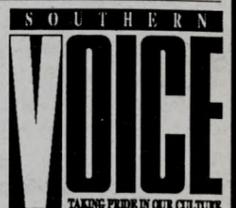
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President Bush, this is who we are:

Andre Jacinto of Thousand Oaks, California is the gay father of Catie, 12, and Matthew, 10. Andre's kids have lived with their mother since the divorce five years ago, but talk to Dad every other day and see him at least once a week. Catie and Matthew stay at Andre's house every other weekend. Both kids know that their dad is gay and understand what that means. "We've raised our kids to accept people as individuals," says Andre, "and not to judge them by the color of their skin, or their religion, or who they sleep with."

But like all doting fathers, Andre would rather brag about his wonderful children. "Matthew played first base for his Little League team and they finished the season in second place," Andre says. "All those hours playing catch and working on his hitting really paid off." Catie just graduated from her elementary school, but Andre is worried about next year when she'll attend a junior high school overrun by drugs and gangs. "That is what parenting is all about," he continues, "spending time with my kids, and seeing that they have the opportunity for a bright future."

Six-year-old Evan lives with his two moms, Valerie and Diane, in New York City. Diane, a physician, and Valerie, a psychologist, have lived together for the last fourteen years. In 1985, they decided to have a child and Valerie became pregnant by donor insemination. Last year, the couple filed for a "co-parent adoption," asking the Court to legally recognize their mutual status as Evan's parents.

The Court found the adoption in Evan's "best interest," and the judge's summary was particularly eloquent: "Today a child who receives proper nutrition, adequate schooling, and supportive sustaining shelter is among the fortunate, whatever the source. A child who also receives the love and nurture of even a single parent can be counted among the blessed. Here this Court finds a child who has all of the above benefits and two adults dedicated to his welfare, secure in their loving partnership, and determined to raise him to the very best of their considerable abilities. There is no reason in law, logic or social philosophy to obstruct such a favorable situation."

Melissa, a 40-something nurse in a major midwestern city, lives with Sarah, her lover of the past four years. Rounding out the household is Melissa's daughter, Jessica, who works in the dental field since completing college. But Melissa and Jessica haven't always been together. When Jessica was five, Melissa came to realize that she was a lesbian and filed for a divorce. Her husband's

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attorney told Melissa to give up custody of Jessica or she would never see her again. Overwhelmed and underfunded, Melissa agreed. For eight years, she saw Jessica every other weekend. But then her ex-husband remarried and Jessica went to live with an aunt and uncle in an abusive household. They worked to ruin Jessica's relationship with her mother and for five years, all of Melissa's attempts to reach out to her daughter were rebuffed.

"What kept me going," says Melissa, "was the knowledge that someday she was going to grow up and make her own decisions. We were taught in nursing school that the most important formative years in a child's life are from birth to age three. At least we had that—she was loved, and she knew she was loved." When Jessica was 18, she again contacted her mother and the two have picked up the pieces of their relationship and their lives. "Today Jessica's as supportive of me as any kid can be of a parent," Melissa says.

Jeffrey Menzer and Eric Rosenthal, a couple for the last seven years, live in Washington, DC. Less than one month ago, their three-year-old son, Joshua, died of compli-

cations associated with AIDS. Eric befriended the boy, who was infected at birth, when he volunteered for Project CHAMP as a buddy for children with HIV/AIDS. As Joshua's mother became more ill, the couple took an increasingly active role in the child's care. After her death, Jeffrey and Eric legally became Joshua's foster parents.

Joshua loved school, his friends, dogs, buses, guitars, playing on swings, Sesame Street, and dancing to Madonna. "He really became the center of our lives during the time we had him," says Eric. "We knew that he would die, but we felt it was our job to give him the best life he could have. Everyone should have the chance to reach his or her potential—that's what we tried to give Joshua."

We've told you the story of just four American families. It is estimated that there are over four million lesbian mothers and gay fathers in the United States, raising eight to ten million children.

President Bush, you and Vice President Dan Quayle have been talking about the need to strengthen the American family—and we agree. To strengthen the family, we need a serious discussion about the issues that make a difference in our lives: the economy, affordable health care, child care, an education system that works for all children, and non-discrimination in our legal system—to name just a few.

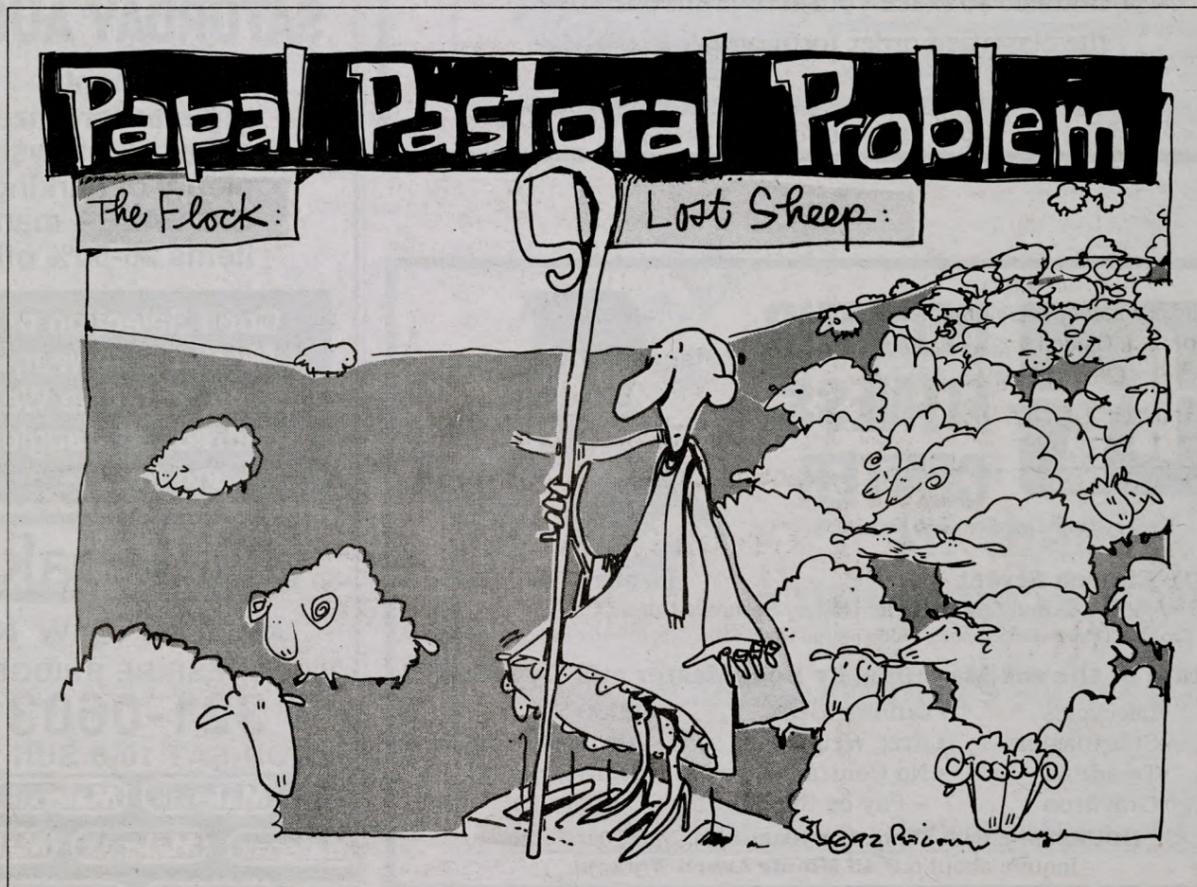
What we don't need is more rhetoric about "family values" and what is "normal," which only panders to the fears of the ill-informed and the intolerant. Gay and lesbian parents don't pose a threat to the American family—we are the American family.

We don't want our kids teased on the playground because of who we are—and we cringed when we heard your recent statements. Labelling same sex parents as "not normal" only serves to reinforce hate and homophobia. Instead of strengthening the family, your comments do exactly the opposite, and hurt real people in the bargain.

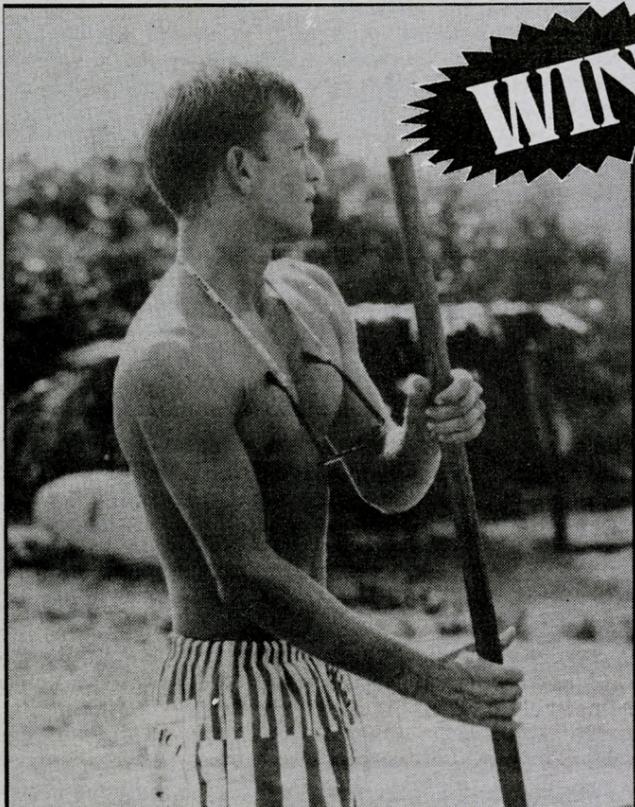
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OCCASIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Judi Jones, president of Lesbians and Gays with Children and a member of First MCC, celebrated her 44th birthday on Friday, July 24th. To celebrate, she says her partner and family took her out to dinner, and to get her hair done.

Scott Johnson celebrated his 30th birthday July 25th. Hope it was a happy one, Scott.

Mary Elliot, entertainment director for the Southeastern Gay Rodeo Association and past-president of Southern Country Atlanta turned 60 years young on July 28th.

Tripp S., valued member of Lesbians and Gays with Children, celebrated his 29th birthday July 24th. Congrats!

HOLY UNIONS

Southeastern Gay Rodeo Association members Earl Schweiss and Michael Windham were joined in a commitment ceremony Sunday, July 26th, at Wynn Park on Peachtree Circle. A reception was held at Blake's. Michael says the two met in January when Earl was a bartender at Hoedowns. They are going through the court process of legally changing their last names to Windham-Schweiss, and will be telling the court they want the change because of their commitment to one another. Lawyers tell Michael this is the first time such a reason has been given to the court. Watch this space for the outcome.

ANNIVERSARIES

Happy 18th anniversary to John Lyons and Dan Ahern. They celebrated that momentous occasion June 18th. Dan says he and John met in Syracuse, New York...and were intro-

duced by Dan's brother...a Catholic priest who had no idea he was playing matchmaker. Congratulations, Dan and John, may you have many more happy years together!

4th Tuesday celebrated its 10th year with one of their famous parties, held this year at the Castlegate Hotel.

OTHER SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Congratulations to Stosh Ostrow who had a letter to the editor printed in both the Atlanta Journal and Constitution. (The letter appeared in both papers, a couple of days apart, giving it double impact.) His letter takes AJC staff-writers to task for repeatedly using the word "homosexual" to refer to gays and lesbians in attendance at the Democratic National Convention. As Stosh put it, "The use of the word 'homosexual' connotes that all we know about is our sexual behavior, whereas 'gay' is inclusive of an entire lifestyle. The use of the term 'homosexual' is as inappropriate as using the word 'Negro' to refer to African Americans." Can't wait to read the responses.

Lesbians and Gays with Children will hold a summer retreat to Lake Hartwell August 8th and 9th. The trip will include camping, swimming, skiing, and a serious discussion or two about being gay and lesbian parents. Certified childcare professionals will be on hand to take care of the kids while the parents play and relax. For more information, call Judi Jones at 373-3089.

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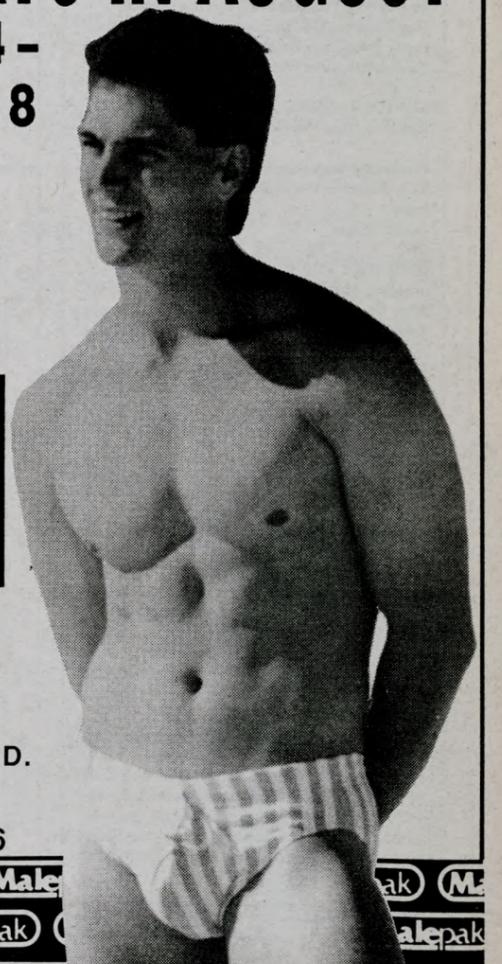
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THOM BEAN

BWMT provides safe space for diversity

The National Association of Black and White Men Together (NABWMT) held their 12th annual convention June 21-28 in Dallas, Texas. The 300 conventioners were welcomed (in writing) by Governor Ann Richards and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Chris Luna, who later addressed convention-goers at a black-tie banquet. MACT (Men of All Colors Together) in Dallas put a lot of work and planning into a week of workshops, entertainment, and speeches.

Each NABWMT convention has special significance to the gay male multiculturalist because it is a call for community. There is no other national organization which embraces men of color in the same way. NABWMT is a "safe space" in which men may celebrate their diversity without detraction and rejection from the larger community.

And it is supposed that when a man puts his money on the line for an event, a membership, a convention that he is interested in men of another color and/or culture and not prejudiced. Wrong! Even though BWMTers are offered consciousness-raising workshops, manuals and ongoing support in confronting and fighting racism, there is still work to do within the organization as well as without.

NABWMT, whose national headquarters is in Chicago, has a volunteer board. It has no paid staff, but has many volunteers who believe in the mission of the organization and who work to make it happen.

The Pluses. NABWMT helped produce many of our national Black gay leaders, has set the standard for racial parity in gay organizations, built a community, did pioneering work in AIDS and safe sex education for People of Color, recognizes excellence in multicultural work done by other organizations and individuals, and consistently fights against all forms of oppression inside and outside of the lesbian and gay community. NABWMT has a House of Delegates comprised of representatives from its 32 affiliates in good standing.

The Minuses. A reputation for being sexually libertine; for being more social than political. NABWMT has a burgeoning alumni of ex-members who do not pay homage to the group. There are a small but increasing number of chapters which have refused to pay their national dues. As a result, there are chapters which are not in compliance which have not been dealt with and, consequently, there are limited funds. So limited, that the board is sometimes prevented from carrying out its charge. Often, the election to the board is more of a popularity contest than a search for substantive skills and expertise.

The name of the organization has been an ongoing source of internal conflict. Some favor Men of All Colors Together. Some favor People of All Colors Together (some chapters have women members). Some favor the name remaining BWMT. Many feel it is the only interracial spot for Black men in the gay community. However, the name and mission of the organization must remain the same in order to retain the bequeathment of approximately \$370,000 from BWMT's founder, the late Mike Smith. An additional bequeathment was received this year from the estate of the late Tom Horan, an ex-San Franciscan and past national co-chair. Tom's sister Pat, who presented the check for \$50,000, said:

"I would like to take this opportunity to

thank all of you for your good work. It has been a great comfort to me when our family has been in denial and rejection of the whole man that Tom was, that he had all of you, his other family."

Because NABWMT is a microcosm of the larger society, and does not have the demographic focus other organizations do, there is constant discord. Some members have no political conscience. Some do. Some members are conservative. Some are liberal. Some are relationship-oriented. Some are not. Each year the convention is held in some place where the temperature is 95-100 degrees. Each year there is some flap over what is politically correct.

Politically Correct vs. Freedom of Speech. This year, the shit hit the fan when Miss Gay Texas, Kormin Hawkins (Amazing Grace), mimicked some stereotypes of Black, Asian and White women in her act. Grace is the kind of Black southern drag queen by whom you do not wish to be read. Grace embodies a provincial and cultural humor that one hears from drags who work the streets. She exhibits a veneer of southern refinement but her humor has a much more coarse side. You know, exemplary of the kind that sell "pussy" and carry razors. It is southern, Black, and hysterically funny—but definitely not politically correct.

Grace is a BGM whose humor is provincial and largely affected by his culture and class. The performance he gave in Dallas might not fly in other parts of the country, but that night in Dallas he received a standing ovation and was the queen bee.

Since MACT-Dallas relied so heavily on the local bars, they deserve a few words: Cedar Springs, the main drag, is like a condensed Castro with cowboy hats, no beggars or homeless and shops with touristy, pricey do-dads. The bars are more blatantly racist, and though they smiled sweetly and took our money, after the remembrance of green dollars is gone, their attitudes will remain the same.

Attitude Adjustment. Approximately 100 gay men of all colors together descended upon Mesquite Texas (outside of Dallas) for dinner and the rodeo. Mesquite locals were surprised to see these men in Mapplethorpe and gay positive tee shirts come to dine with them and watch the rodeo. Their mouths were agape. They stared a lot. We were the entertainment.

When we took our seats, the area cleared. Parents grabbed their children, covered their eyes and led them away. Some of us did not stand for the pledge of allegiance. Some of us cheered the bulls and whistled at the cowboys. Some of the cowboys who roped cattle were booed—especially if they weren't cute. A good time was had by all, and Mesquite had the benefit of seeing 100 interracial queers enjoying themselves and making no apologies for who we are.

The site of the 1993 convention will be Chicago. Added to the week's activities there will be a Cultural Institute. The Institute will recognize writing, cinema, performance and fine art. For more information, please call: 1-800-NA4-BWMT or write National Association of Black and White Men Together, 4753 N. Broadway, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60640-4907.

Thom Bean was a founding member and first chair of BWMT/San Francisco where he works as a social worker.

Job protection is being overlooked

To the Editor:

Recently, the Lesbian/Gay Rights Chapter of the ACLU of Georgia sponsored a panel discussion on employment discrimination. Blame it on scheduling (a week and a half before Pride), the discussion was poorly attended. In light of the continuing fight against Cracker Barrel, the revocation of Robin Shahar's job offer with the Attorney General's office, and the regular dishonorable discharges of the military, I am dismayed with our community's apathy concerning this problem.

Almost daily, the Lesbian/Gay Rights Chapter receives calls from individuals who have been fired from their jobs because of their sexual orientation or perception thereof. When are we going to wake up and address the preservation of a basic, fundamental right—the right to have and keep a job?

When I hear of other states passing non-discrimination policies protecting lesbians and gay men in employment, I wonder why we cannot do the same in Georgia. I understand that the sodomy law must be repealed, but that does not preclude us from demand-

Boycott Myron Dvoskins

To the Editor:

It has recently come to my attention that a local company, often patronized by members of our community, has radically changed their health insurance coverage. The company in question is Myron Dvoskins, and they have switched from a standard insurance policy to a self-insured policy. This policy has a \$1,000,000 lifetime cap for all illnesses with the exception of HIV. In the case of HIV, the lifetime cap is limited to \$20,000. I think that we are all well aware that this coverage could be wiped out with a single hospitalization.

I am very aware that these are hard

Our goals are the same

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to the article in Southern Voice regarding Lynn Cothren's comments in the Atlanta Journal and Constitution.

As anyone who has interviewed with the media knows, one's comments can sometimes be taken out of context, and thus appear to be something far different than their original intention. I, too believe, as do many members of our community, that AIDS is a disease that no one segment of our community can claim ownership. Indeed, it is disease that affects every segment of the gay and lesbian community. It is also a disease that affects all humans, no matter what our sexual orientation, color, age or creed.

I have personally known and worked

ing civil rights protections as well. As it stands, only the City of Atlanta, DeKalb County and a few companies like AT&T, PacTel and Lotus have policies banning sexual orientation discrimination in the state of Georgia. If you are not fortunate enough to work for one of these entities, then you have little, if any, recourse against a homophobic employer. It seems to me that above all other protections and benefits our community wants to gain including domestic partnership we should work to ensure that every lesbian and gay man is protected from discrimination on the job.

In the next few months there will be more discussion about enacting domestic partnership policies, hate-crimes legislation and repealing the sodomy law. I encourage everyone to get involved in these efforts. But more importantly, I call on the community to organize and support the effort to enact legislation which will protect all of us from losing our jobs simply because of our sexuality.

Sincerely,
David van der Griff
Vice-President
Lesbian/Gay Rights Chapter
—ACLU of Georgia

economic times, and that companies often have to make hard economic decisions. While this decision may be legal, I feel that it is both unethical and morally reprehensible. It is time for the HIV affected community to make some hard economic decisions as well—we have to stop shopping at Myron Dvoskins.

It is time that we send a loud and clear message to companies such as Myron Dvoskins that we will not tolerate this kind of blatant discrimination, and that we will use our economic clout to make a difference.

Sincerely,
Stosh Ostrow, M.D.

cc: NAPWA
ACT-UP Atlanta

with Lynn on several projects for many years. I do not believe he is "AIDS-phobic" or insensitive to the AIDS community. He has for many years been involved both privately and publicly in the struggle against AIDS and in helping people living with HIV.

I long for the day when our community can turn its efforts outward instead of inward. The goals of ACT UP are the same as those for the HRCF. The goals for NGLTF are the same as those for Queer Nation. There needs to be a consensus to agree to support our brothers and sisters who are fighting the same fight we all are. Lynn Cothren deserves the same support Jeff Graham does. Kathleen Brockel deserves the same support Sandy Thurman does. To paraphrase Rodney King: "We all must get along."

Sincerely,
Joseph W. Blount

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Mr. Milton Faris
Chairman, Fulton Co. Commissioners
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Dear Commissioner Farris,

While many die, some play politics with their lives. This seems to reflect your vote against supporting the Grady AIDS clinic in its move to the Presbyterian Center on Ponce de Leon.

As a resident of Virginia Highlands, I and many of my neighbors are glad to welcome a professional and compassionate group as the clinic to our area of the city. I am ashamed of any elected official in our city or county government that would hold

hostage this proposal because of unrelated contract disputes and a budget debate on the hospital itself.

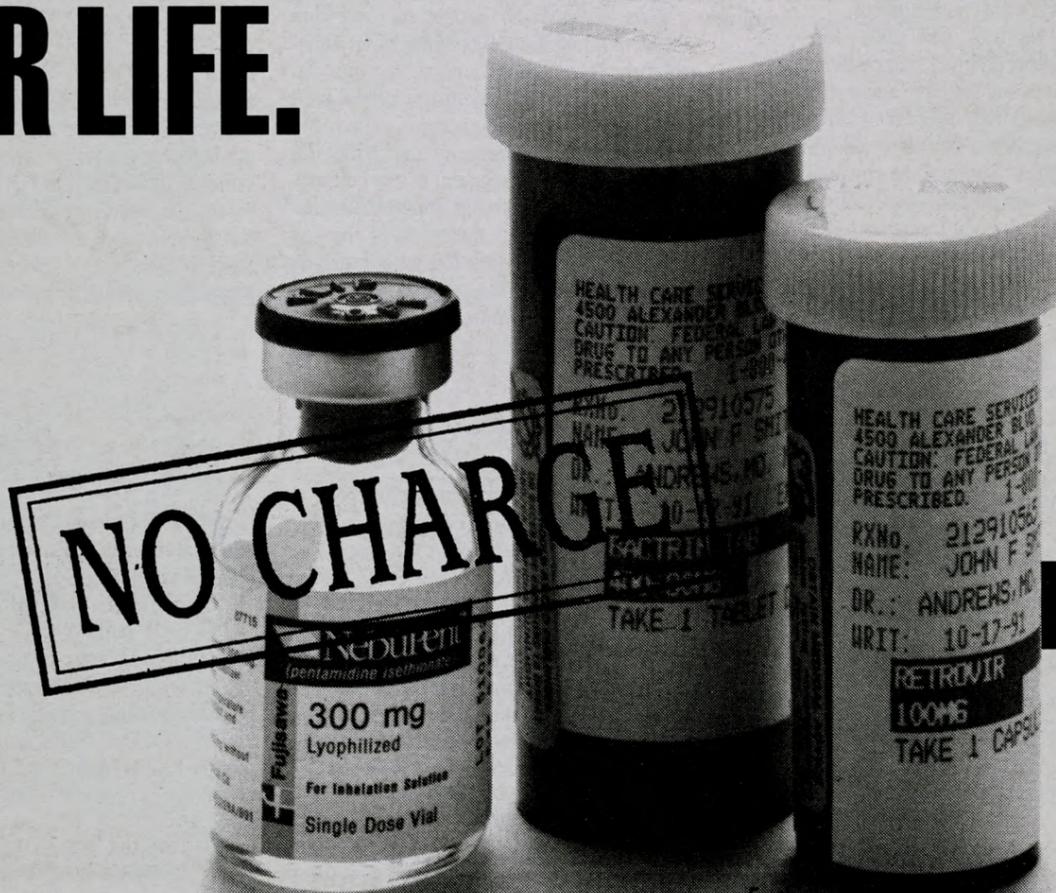
SHAME ON YOU MR. FARRIS!!

Get the politics OUT of Health Care and put a LOT more compassion into your "governing." We need people who care, not politicians with personal agendas. I call on you to VOTE FOR the Grady AIDS clinic proposal before the July 27th deadline and urge your fellow commissioners to do the same. It's the least you can do unto the least of them who suffer with this dread disease.

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GAY COMIC DANNY WILLIAMS, THE PERMANENT EMCEE ON RSVP CRUISES, WENT FROM HOSPITALIZATION TO HUSTLING TO HELPING OTHERS ON HIS WAY TO THE STAGE

DANNY WILLIAMS "Watching straight men tell jokes is the worst form of torture I can think of," says Danny Williams, who may be America's funniest fag.

A recovering Pentecostal, Williams traces his style to a Jewish tradition—tummeling. It's how all the great Jewish comics—including his idol, Jack Benny, "the greatest entertainer who ever lived"—started out, he explains. Their performing duties at the Catskill resorts included running around all day "making things happen, seeing that everyone had a good time."

Williams tummels at various events, and as permanent emcee for RSVP cruises. "I love it!" says the 19-voyage veteran. "I work 20 hours a day, and when I get home I don't want to do anything for a couple of weeks, but I love being at sea and being in an all-gay environment. I just love us a lot. Every lesbian and gay person I've met has gone through some struggle to get where they are as a person."

I recently heard the story of Williams' own struggle in two different styles, as one-on-one conversation and in his solo performance piece "Danny Williams' 1970." He estimates, probably accurately, that the play is "60 to 70 percent funny," which is more than you can say for the period of his life it deals with.

Born in New Orleans, Williams was raised in Phoenix. He struggled through school, where he recalls "growing up as a little faglet." Being small, he tried not to attract attention so he wouldn't be the one the other kids chose to pick on; but because "Danny Williams" was the name of television characters played by Danny Thomas on "Make Room for Daddy" and James MacArthur on "Hawaii Five-O," insensitive teachers would interrupt the roll call on the first day to say, "We have a celebrity in the class!" and he had no place to hide.

Besides that, "I was scrawny and sickly," he says. "I practically had a bull's-eye on my back." His survival instinct taught him to make his classmates laugh, and he became "like a little mascot."

Williams studied drama at Arizona State until "everything fell apart" when he came out as gay. Having been told all his life how sinful that was, he was rather easily persuaded to enter a mental institution. He trusted the doctors who offered to "cure" him because doctors had kept him alive through a childhood blood disease.

Life in a mental institution, he says, is "75 percent watching television," and being so heavily drugged all the time that there are gaps in his memory to this day: "I may or may not have had shock treatment. There are whole pieces missing."

After two institutions failed to cure him, Williams made his way to San Francisco and became a hustler. He won't see "My Own Private Idaho" because he hates to see the profession romanticized. "Hustlers may hang out with each other," he says, "but you're nobody's best friend" the way the River Phoenix and Keanu Reeves characters are portrayed. As for clients, "You

mostly got people who didn't feel good about themselves and wanted you to 'be straight.'"

Thanks to social services, many of which no longer exist because of budget cuts, Williams was able to get off the streets and get on with his life. "Baker Place (a halfway house) saved my life," he says. "Eight years after I got out I was on their board of directors."

His inner need to repay such nonbinding debts ties in with what Williams calls "the only thing I learned from the Boy Scouts: Always leave your campground better than when you arrived." He frequently performs at benefits, for which he takes no payment; he notes that some performers charge top rates for these events, while basking in the audience's assumption of their nobleness. To him it's a matter of "paying back all the people who helped me get off the streets." Williams helped emcee Atlanta's HRCF Dinner in May, and left the audience wanting more.

Williams also contributes by giving "AIDS and Humor" workshops. His own sense of humor has gotten him through tough times, so he knows what a great healing tool laughter is; but some people need permission to find humor "in the most horrible situations. If it makes you laugh, go with it," he says. "Don't beat yourself up for finding it funny."

The comic still had to travel a long road to his present career. "It took me more than a decade after I got off the streets to really do anything with my life," he says. He had a managerial position at the University of California San Francisco Medical Center, where he "hated being the boss." Not only was it lonely at the top, but he was one of the few openly gay people on that level at the time; the other managers were either straight or closeted.

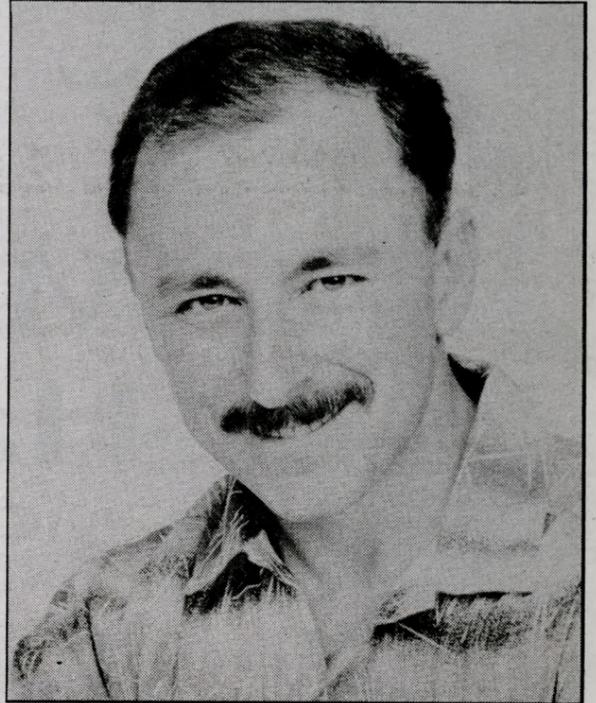
Shortly after the onset of the health crisis Williams instituted AIDS Awareness Month at the hospital, with very little help from his colleagues. "People trashed the volunteers," he says. "They didn't want to hear about AIDS."

In 1980 Williams entered a relationship, which continues to this day, with attorney/activist Carl Wolf. The comic calls Wolf "my best friend on the planet" and says he's lucky he met him when he did because of the nature of his work. "I couldn't start or maintain a relationship now."

Shortly after he and Carl got together, friends convinced Williams to record "Castro Boys," his gay spoof of Moon Zappa's "Valley Girl." This led to his debut as a stand-up comic at the old Valencia Rose cabaret. He was so successful that he branched out into comedy clubs, where he found that "(the late) Sam Kinison, Gallagher and Andrew Dice Clay were the norm. Comedy is the last bastion of the Straight White Male." When you play those clubs, Williams says, "if you're not one of those straight white guys you gotta sound like them."

"I stopped playing 'em a bunch of years back." He recalls two incidents on the last night he performed in a straight comedy club. One of the other comics on the bill asked Williams afterward what he'd thought of a stereotypical gay joke he'd told. Williams told him in no uncertain terms, itemizing the harmful myths perpetuated by the simple one-liner. When he'd finished, "the guy told me I was too sensitive."

On the up side, however, Robin (no relation) Williams was in the audience. When he came backstage after the show he ignored all the straight comics and sat down and talked to Danny.



From there the journey led, with a certain queer logic, to emceeing wet underwear contests, which Williams sees as a great training ground for a tummeler. "That was Comedy University for me." Not a joke-teller, his regular act is about half ad libbed and he does nothing but ad lib on cruises. "It's my favorite kind of comedy."

It's also dangerous, especially with sensitivity running high these days in so many areas while insult humor is as popular with gays as straights. "It's all a fine line about where you take this stuff. How far can you kid somebody without hurting them?" Williams asks. "If I err, I hope I err in favor of not being funny." Of the complaints he receives, he says, "nine out of ten" are from people who claim to be offended on behalf of someone else.

The comic says he sometimes discusses the issues "Danny Williams' 1970" raises when he speaks at political dinners. He first did a shorter, very different version of the piece at the Valencia Rose about nine years ago ("It was easy to talk about my past then because no one knew me").

"A lot of stuff happened to me that street kids need to know about," he says. He also wants to deromanticize and demythologize the hustling scene for gay men: "It's nothing like the porn films..."

"If it were okay to be gay and we got rid of homophobia, 90 percent of the hustlers would be gone." And on a still broader scope, "The streets are filled with people and each has a story that got them there—all symptoms of illnesses our country has. We need to hear more of their stories to realize how human they are."

Danny Williams will be tummeling for all he's worth when he co-emcees the finals of the Mr. Hotlanta Contest on August 7th along with Tina Devore.

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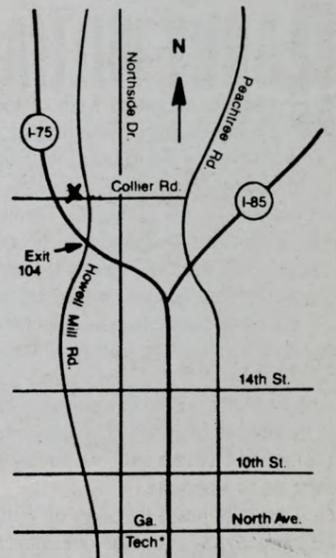
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31 FRIDAY

HOTLANTA CLASSIC IV. July 31-Aug 2. 36 gay

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

THE WAR WIZARD. Through August 1. Atlanta Shakespeare Co. presents a post-civil war play on the life of soldier, showman and master storyteller Professor Gus Rich. Fri. and Sat. 499 Peachtree St. 874-5299.

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BODY HEAT. A collection of new works from Gary McMillan offer electrifying images of the male torso with an untamed inner spirit. Exhibit runs through Aug. 8. BurnNoff Gallery. 1529 Piedmont Ave. Mon. - Sat. 11am-6 pm, or by appointment. 875-3475.

BIG RIVER. Thru August 15. Huck Finn and Jim, the runaway slave, set out down the mighty Mississippi in search of their dreams. Decatur's Neighborhood Playhouse. 373-5311.

THE ART OF ARCHIBALD J. MOTLEY, JR. Thru Sept. 25. The first

1 SATURDAY

ACT UP DEMONSTRATION. ACT UP/Atlanta will hold a 24-hour vigil at the old Presbyterian Center on Ponce de Leon Ave. to draw attention to the continuing need for a new and larger space for the Grady Infectious Disease Clinic. Begins at 10 am with a rally. 874-6782 for more information.

FAMILY BLOCK PARTY. A celebration from 5-9 pm in honor of the National Black Arts Festival will feature live

music, dancing and food. The High Museum at Ga. Pacific Center will be open for tours of current exhibitions such as "The Art of Archibald J. Motley, Jr." and "Back Home." Bernardine Mitchell and the Mose Davis Trio perform at 6:45 pm. 577-6940 for more info.

HIV UPDATE. The nationally syndicated cable TV show on AIDS-related issues is now shown in Atlanta. This month's show focuses on Atlanta. Same show runs every Saturday. 6 pm. Channel 12. People TV.

2 SUNDAY

OPEN HEARTS FOR PROJECT OPEN HAND. Performers including Lena Lust, Tina Devore and Ashley Nicole, among others, lend their talents for an afternoon to benefit Project Open Hand. Clothes provided by Rags by Regina. \$12 at the door or \$10 in advance includes the show and brunch. Noon-3 pm. Blake's on 10th St. 433-0612 for more info and advance tix.

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out. Lakewood Amphitheatre. 249-6400.

RHYTHMFEST. Sept. 3-7. The 3rd annual gathering of women atop Lookout Mountain. Performers include Boink Dee Deek, Suede, Yer Girlfriend and many more. Write to: RhythmFest, 2009 Chapel Hill Rd., Dept. PR, Durham, NC 27707 or call (919) 419-1923.

BONNIE RAITT & LYLE LOVETT. Sept. 4. What can you say about two of the greatest to ever come along? Lakewood Park Amph. 627-9704 to check when tix go on sale.

GAY SPIRIT VISIONS. Sept. 18-20. The third annual gathering for gay and bisexual men offers workshops from HIV and Spirituality to Erotic Touch. For a brochure write to: John Stowe, 232 Landsdowne Ave., Decatur, GA 30030.

series about the marriage of British author and horticulturist Vita Sackville-West and British diplomat Harold Nicholson, and Vita's affair with Violet Trefusis. In the last episode, Vita and Violet decide to spend their lives together, but Harold steps in with some poop on Violet. This is the unedited British version. 10 pm. Channel 8. GPTV. Thank GPTV for running the unedited version by calling Marcia Killingsworth at 756-4748.

3 MONDAY

OUT IN ATLANTA. Atlanta's own gay and lesbian television program. 10:30 pm. Channel 12. People TV. Same show airs on Wed. at 5:30 pm.

NATIONAL BLACK ARTS FESTIVAL. A week-long extravaganza of music, dance, theatre art and more. Today a seven-day celebration of African-American artists begins at Nexus Gallery with three exhibitions in honor of this year's NBAF. The exhibits include: "Subject/Object," a retrospective of works by Atlanta photographer Christian Walker; "Installation," photographs and ceramics by Carrie Mae Weems about the Gullah people of Sea Island, Ga.; and the National Black Arts Festival Invitational Exhibit which presents the work of nationally acclaimed visual artists. Nexus Contemporary Art Center. 688-2500. For a complete listing of all NBAF events, please call 730-7315.



4 TUESDAY

DAUGHTERS OF THE DUST. The incredibly beautiful film about the struggle of changing values in the early 1900s as a Sea Island Gullah family prepares to migrate to the North. Bring your picnic dinner to Piedmont Park at dusk and see this haunting film under the stars. Inaugural Stage. Rain date: Aug. 5. 438-9497 for more info.

THE WIZ. Stephannie Mills stars in this Tony award-winning musical adaptation of The Wizard of Oz. Runs through Aug. 9. Fox Theatre. 881-2100 or 249-6400 for tickets.

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Pictured:
ABOVE: Tina DeVore and other entertainers will perform at "Open Hearts for Open Hands," a benefit for Project Open Hand, at Blake's on August 2.
ABOVE LEFT: Daughters of the Dust can be enjoyed under the stars at Piedmont Park on August 4.
BELOW: Black Belt, Oil on canvas, by Archibald J. Motley, Jr.



FILM REVIEW

ZENOTROPA Sensual and hallucinatory, Lars Von Trier's "Zenotropa" opens with the sound of Max Von Sydow's soothing voice mesmerizing the audience.

"You will now listen to my voice," he says softly. "My voice will help you and guide you still deeper into Europa. On the count of ten you will be in Europa..."

We open our eyes to hell—Germany, 1945, six months after the war's end. The Germany we see is one of blackened debris. War's detritus lies everywhere. The charred landscape teams with the homeless, who move about like dazed and stumbling prey.

As "Zenotropa" opens, Germany is in a state of noxious breakdown and repair. Nazi patriots are hunted as criminals. Packs of them, known as Werewolves, work underground as terrorists. You might be talking to one.

The film centers on a young American conscientious objector named Leo, arriving in Germany with the idealistic desire to help rebuild it. Through the influence of a rigid uncle, he gets a job as a trainee sleeping car conductor with Zenotropa Railways.

Zenotropa's mighty tracks are suffused with irony. They are the shoulder on which Germany's commerce rests; yet, during the war, they also transported Nazi soldiers, and their cattle cars were used to herd victims of the holocaust to the camps.

On his first journey as a conductor trainee, Leo meets Katharina, the enigmatic and beautiful young daughter of Zenotropa Railways' owner, Max Hartmann. She invites Leo to her family's home for dinner, where she introduces him to her disillusioned gay brother Larry—a morally equivocating Catholic prelate—and Col. Alex Harris, a dead-eyed American officer who tries to recruit Leo to spy on the Hartmanns.

In order to retain control of Zenotropa Railways, Max Hartmann must cleanse himself of associations with the Nazis, with whom he collaborated in the transporting of Holocaust victims. Col. Harris, acting on behalf of American economic interests, and out of his friendship with Hartmann, forces a death camp survivor into lying that Hartmann hid and fed him during the war. On this foundation, Germany will be rebuilt.

When the Werewolves kidnap Katharina and threaten to kill her if Leo will not place a bomb on one of the trains, the pacifist



Leo faces a crowning moral dilemma. Will he save Katharina or send hundreds to their deaths?

"Zenotropa" is one of few works in which one can see the moral obscenity of the Catholic Church's conduct during the war. It's also one of the few works that pays heed to the treatment of homosexuals at the hands of the Nazis. It's Katharina's gay brother, Larry, who will not give in to the Nazi blackmailers and pays for his stand with his life. "One less faggot in the world," spits one of the Werewolves.

In thematic terms, "Zenotropa" is cold-blooded realism. It

doesn't reward the bravery of its characters with halcyon outcomes to their lives, and it doesn't leave the audience comforted.

Because Von Trier directs in a style to challenge the intellect rather than stroke the heart, some viewers may not see past his film's cold, ironic veneer. But this film is grief stricken on behalf of its characters. Its controlled passion is the icy tone of a victim calmly recounting the details of a horrific crime.

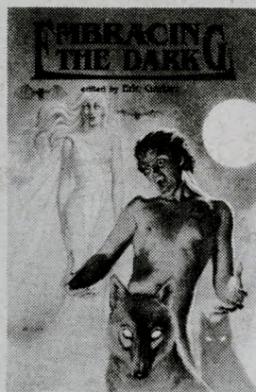
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Pictured: Barbara Sukowa (Katharina) in "Zenotropa"

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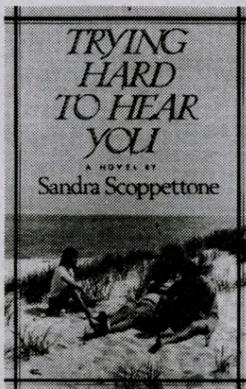


(\$10.00). *Steam* won the recent first-novel contest at A Different Light bookstore in San Francisco, and quickly climbed to the top of the best-seller list there. "Laws is right on the money, pacing his action sequences nicely and lacing his story with enough gruesomely

exciting scenes to make Stephen King blush with appreciation," writes *Lambda Book Report*.

Coming-out stories have always been an important part of gay

literature. In **TRYING HARD TO HEAR YOU** (\$8.00), Sandra Scoppettone tells about a close-knit summer theater group that discovers two of its members are gay. By the end of summer, writes the narrator, "two of us were going to suffer like we never had before."



Forty years ago, James Barr wrote one of the earliest coming-out novels.

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On Monday, July 20, the Miss Georgia Continental Pageant was held at Backstreet to an SRO crowd (that's squeezing room only). The night was a marathon event, starting as promised at 10:30 and winding up at 4:00 am. The only thing missing was a time clock to punch in and out.

Of course, the number of contestants (11) contributed to the length of the show but two intermissions were totally uncalled for. When Charlie Brown announced the second intermission, the audience protested loudly with choruses of "No!" but to no avail. It's simple math, folks—the longer the crowd stays, the more money they spend.

Otherwise it was a smoothly run affair, featuring a veritable pantheon of goddesses for worshipping. Amber Richards was in top form, displaying the face and grace which won her the title of Miss Continental USA '92. Newly crowned Miss USA Tandy Andrews displayed her ample curves and stunning wardrobe for the glamour hungry audience. Last year's winner, Lauren LaMasters, looked radiant in a succession of beautiful gowns and masses of curls, enjoying her night to the fullest. Also entertaining the crowd were Lauren Michaels, Apple Love, Cezanne, and Tina DeVore. Among celebrities in the audience were Tasha Wallis (in from Hawaii), Dawn Dupree, and looking wonderful in a flirty black and white cocktail dress, Ashley Nicole.

The categories included swimwear, talent, and evening wear, plus a question and answer session for the finalists. There was no clear cut leader in all categories as is often the case. The crowd roared its approval for Jasmine Bonet in Swimsuit, Ashley Kruiuz, Tasha Kahn, and Amy DeMilo in Evening Gown, and Motion and Christiana Sinclair in talent.

The thick competition came to an end as Leah Stetson came in 5th, Jasmine Bonet 4th, Motion 3rd, and Amy DeMilo 2nd. Statuesque newcomer Christiana Sinclair was named first runner-up to winner **Ashley Kruiuz**. Both will go to Chicago in September for the national competition.

A recent Saturday evening for me began at the Inman Park home of Rosser Shymanski, better known as the Palmetto trailer park teenage beauty and host of her own television show, DeAundra Peek. Rosser greeted me at the door wearing a typical evening ensemble consisting of a vertical striped t-shirt over horizontally striped shorts, clog shoes, and a pair of socks which had nothing in common except that they may have come from

AFTER HOURS

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the same drawer.

His head was adorned with a chic black and white dalmatian spotted hat. Long drop earrings completed the look. Rosser, as well as DeAundra, sets his own fashion course, rather than following the lemmings of conservative dressing.

Our destination that night was 800 East where the artists of the Living Room Group were putting on their "Bar Code Show." But first I was compelled to explore the array of objets d'art occupying every available inch of space in Rosser's bedroom. A vast collection of jewelry was displayed on the dresser, while framed photos of his fellow entertainers hung on the walls. Arranged in a grouping on the neatly made bed was a collection of stuffed animals, many of which double as handbags (tonight's choice was a panda).

There was a large turnout to see the works of the Living Room Group, which consists of young, cutting edge artists who

are more than willing to take risks for their art. Some of the more interesting pieces included a painting done on a toilet lid, and a flea market-found painting of an autumn woodland scene repainted to include a day-glo path through the woods and menacing UFO's in the sky.

The most accomplished works belonged to artists Lou Majors, Ramondo, and Terry Hardy. Terry's works blur the line between painting and sculpture. His canvases are augmented by human figures which stand out from the canvas and become the center of attention. His largest work in this show was "Venus Envy" which depicted a seamy lingerie modeling establishment fronted by a Bottecelli inspired Venus in the foreground. This particular Venus though was blessed (or cursed) with the lovely breasts of Aphrodite and the genitals of the male messenger of the gods, Hermes, rendering him/her a hermaphrodite.

Raymondo is a painter and sculptor whose main contributions to the Bar Code Show were a large number of gargoyle sculptures made from machine parts. These creatures were of varying sizes, from a foot or so high up to a life sized version who was pushing a lawnmower. One mid-size creation hung from the ceiling and seemed to fly on very realistic pterodactyl wings.

After leaving the show, Rosser and I drove to Einstein's, the popular restaurant/bar at Juniper and 12th. While waiting for friends Alexis Christian and her companion Sonya, we waited on the front porch of the renovated house. One young man, lounging on a sofa, took in the image of Rosser, then asked "Are you DeAundra?" beginning a conversation which revealed he had seen "The Teenage Music Club" a couple of years ago and had written in requesting some DeAundra paraphenalia. He had received among other things a bumper sticker which reads "My child is a member of DeAundra Peek's Teenage Music Club" which he proudly displays. Here's a bit of dish for you. A certain editor of a certain local publication is also a huge DeAundra fan and proudly displays the same bumper sticker in her office. Catch DeAundra on Cable Channel 12 on Friday nights at 11:30.

Pictured: (l-r) Amber Richards, Miss Continental USA; Ashley Kruiuz, Miss Ga. Continental; Lauren LeMasters, last year's Miss Ga. Continental; and Tandy Andrews, Miss USA.

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Several of my friends have responded to Cracker Barrel's bad habits by deciding to eat at **Po Folks**. Sounds okay to me. Fact is Po Folks' fried chicken, fried chicken livers, and fried fish are some of the best to be had, if you can stomach the terminal country cutes menu and decor. And gobs of grease—albeit tasty grease.

True, everything fried here is fried in vegetable shortening, but that's hardly the same as low fat.

But the folks at Po Folks are not dumb. They know that Americans, even the ones that scarf up platters of all-you-can-eat fried chicken, are supposed to be paying more attention to what and how they eat. So voila, the menu now contains a "Favorites From Our Grill" section with a limited selection of chicken, pork, beef, and fish available.

I ordered the new items with trepidation. Some of it turned out to be warranted. A hamburger steak ordered rare arrived that way and was as juicy and flavorful as you could want. Problem is the patty had been made by a machine, and doubtless frozen too, and so it was dense and chewy. Not at all bad if Morrison's is the standard by which you judge your burgers, but not what I wanted.

On the other hand, a grilled rainbow trout was so good that I almost ordered seconds. The small, whole, headless fish was moist, rich with flavor and devoid of all but the tiniest soft bones. I might not be so enthusiastic about it had I not had equally sized servings of truly forgettable trout foist upon me at much higher prices several times over the past few months.

A fat fillet of grilled white fish was equally well cooked, just charred outside and moist and tender within. Unfortunately, whitefish was just not meant to be grilled. Order it fried, say to hell with the fat, and you'll be happier.

Since neither is offered grilled, that's just what I did with a plate full of shrimp and clam bellies. I haven't had the latter since I was a kid and would gobble them like candy at Howard Johnson's. Po Folks variation is much more tender and moist—remarkably like good fried calamari. The shrimp were less pleasing, but at \$6.50, far from bad. The accompanying cocktail sauce is long on catsup and short on horseradish, but better than the bland tartar sauce. Hushpuppies are fat, sweet and downright addictive.

Trout is also available fried. Assuming it's the same fish that I had grilled, it should be great.

Too many of the vegetables at Po Folks are a disappointment. Only fried okra and red beans and rice made me want to demand larger portions. Macaroni and cheese is all but tasteless. Slaw, fried green tomatoes, turnip greens, green beans and super sweet baked beans are all only okay.

Fruit cobbler, topped with vanilla ice cream, is a waste of calories, but Mississippi mud pie is a winner. Imagine warm, gooey, not quite baked brownies, topped

with ice cream, in a pie shell. Could this be bad? No way. Bread pudding tastes like it is made from left-over cake rather than bread. It's tasty, especially for 99 cents, but not really bread pudding.

Food quality at the numerous Po Folks locations should be consistent. It isn't. A friend who has eaten at the newest store in Marietta says the Decatur shop is yards better. I prefer the Druid Hills/I-85 location to Decatur, but that may be because I see more gay and lesbian faces there.

What strikes me as most remarkable about Po Folks (especially in light of Cracker Barrel's rudeness) is the unfailingly warm welcome that openly gay folks get. It's almost as if management had decided to cash in on Cracker Barrel's errant ways. That's okay by me.

Stay Away

I don't get to Lilburn very much. Used to have some friends out there, but they moved to Snellville, so I don't go to Lilburn much anymore. But I said that already didn't I? Well, let me say this several times, too. Avoid Early Duggar's Wharf Seafood Restaurant and Oyster Bar on Highway 78 as you would avoid Cracker Barrel. Stay away. But not for the same reasons.

The folks at Duggar's are as friendly as can be given that the place feels more like a sinking ship than a thriving wharf. The huge dining rooms are only sparsely populated by patrons and one taste of the food is enough to tell you why.

That's not totally fair. A side salad with "Greek trim" (feta cheese and canned beets) is tasty. Hush puppies are serviceable. So are the cheese grits. Everything else (and we tried more than a dozen items) ranges from dismal to inedible. Po Folks fried seafood is five times better at half the price.

A sign on the wall claims that a restaurant critic in Tallahassee says that the original Early Duggar's is that city's best restaurant. If that is so, folks in Tallahassee would do better to stay home and eat Velveta.

Fast, Easy, Delicious

I was so put off by the dismal trout experiences mentioned above that I decided to cook some of my own to see if it was me or the trout that needed fixing.

I've always preferred trout grilled, but since this was before I had taken my grill out of mothballs I decided to use a frying pan. I served this to several folks who gave it raves. Try it.

Dredge trout fillets (or whole, boned, headless fish) in flour that's been seasoned with a little salt and pepper. Saute quickly in a hot pan that's been anointed with a little oil—two minutes a side should be plenty. Put the trout on a plate, reduce the heat and deglaze the pan with some white wine, lemon juice and capers. Dill, tarragon, or balsamic vinegar could be substituted for the wine. Throw in fresh herbs if you have some. Swirl a few pats of butter as the mixture cools. Pour the whole mess over the fish.

Serve it with parslid new potatoes, green beans, crusty bread and a nice sauvignon blanc. Yum!

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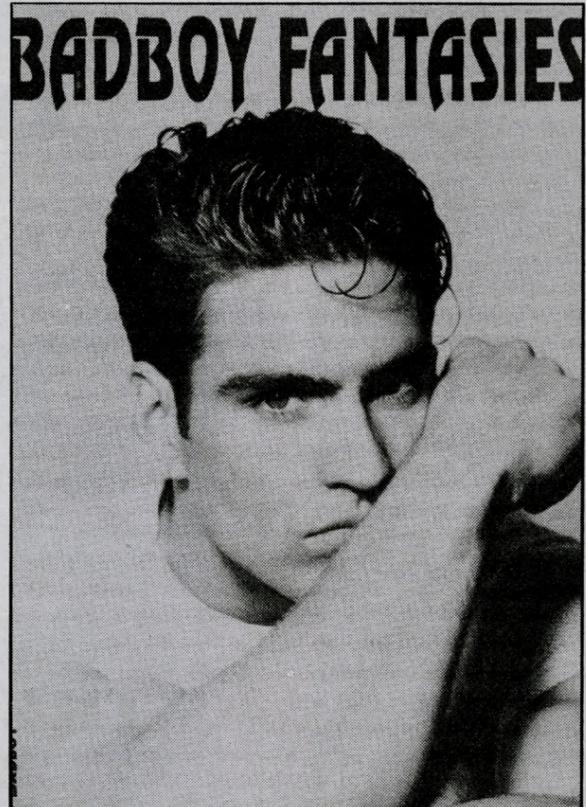
Bad boys, good boys: Novelist John Preston's idea to have a big party (in New York) complete with "scantily-clad leather boys, and dozens of the most distinguished Mistress and Masters of New York's SM leather community" and donate all proceeds to a local AIDS organization sounds like a great idea to us. Preston, best known these days for his book, "Hometowns," is also the author of "Mr. Benson" — the yardstick by which all SM leather fiction is measured. The big party on Aug. 6 celebrates the reissue of "Mr. Benson" along with several other like-minded novels published by BADBOY (such as the one pictured here). The \$10 door charge at NY's premiere SM club "Paddles," and all money raised from the sale of BADBOY books, will go to the People With AIDS Coalition of New York. Preston recently came out as a person with AIDS.

Rights Writ Large: Not only does the New Republic have an openly gay editor and publish thought provoking articles about lesbian and gay issues, now it's got openly gay advertisers. Well, at least one. HRCF took a full page with the headline "Tolerance is a Traditional Value" in the July 13 issue of the N.R. Dish thinks this sort of advertising can definitely help the cause, but what will really make us cheer is when we see such an ad running in, say, Parade Magazine.

Bad News: The vice-presidential bid of Atlanta's very own Maria Helena Dolan has been quashed by the Hatch Act. Huh? Seems that Dolan was supposed to be on the ticket in Tennessee (with black drag queen Joan Jett Blakk as president), but the fact that MARTA (where Dolan works) receives substantial federal funding makes it illegal for her to run for national political office. This is very confusing to Dish since George Bush's and Dan Quayle's entire salaries are paid with federal tax dollars and they can run for national office. We were all set to campaign for Dolan especially after we heard that her platform included "28 positions," most of which we assume included acts that would be illegal in Georgia, Tennessee and D.C.

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



Train Time: Speaking of the District of Columbia, Dish has heard rumors that the March on Washington organizers in Los Angeles, New Orleans, and Atlanta are trying to put together an Amtrak charter that will originate in L.A. and then pick up additional riders in N.O. and Atlanta and then proceed to Washington for the March and allied events. Sounds like a winner to us, but we do wonder just a little bit about the possibility of culture clash.

Wet World: The folks from L.A. might want to think about getting that train to make a quick stop in Dallas (Texas) where we understand that The Wave (that city's version of White Water) sports a special "underwear night" once a week. Teen-aged boys (naturally) are said to be the biggest supporters of the event. Dish wonders if cameras are permitted.

But Is It Art?: Hidden inside the August issue of Vanity Fair (the one with Demi in her painted-on birthday suit on the cover) is a short but fascinating article about the East Hampton home of Ted Dragon and the late Alfonso Ossorio. The exterior is black stucco, the interior walls are black, the swimming pool has a black bottom (with pink and blue decks surrounding it) and the whole thing is for sale for a cool \$25 million. Dish knows a couple of queers who have this kind of money, unfortunately none of them choose to be quite so ostentatious as were Dragon and Ossorio. Check it out.

One Man's Fetish...Another's Fantasy?: The kinkiest press release to come our way in months sports the following sub-head "Circumcision, Foreskins, Masturbation Techniques, Celebrity Cocks, Nude Celebrity Photos, Sex in the Service, Sex With Father, Gay Travel Tips..... Yes, there's an organization publishing a quarterly newsletter devoted to these and other subjects." Do the "other subjects" include such arcana as making pesto without oil? or changing the oil in your car without getting your foreskin greasy? Dish does not know and does not care, but if you do, send a SASE to Chuck Thompson, PO Box 691024 West Hollywood, CA 60069. And please don't tell him we sent you.

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If there ever was a window of opportunity for bringing about major changes in our world, this is it. We need to clarify our beliefs, our personal and community priorities and find ways to express our values. It's time to speak up and speak out! **ARIES**, creativity, passion, play and adventure are all good avenues of expression for you. Since you can't do it all at once, set some priorities and manage your time skillfully. Have fun and be safe! **TAURUS**, how's life? All this constant change may be a little wearing for you, so it is very important to speak gently and kindly to yourself. Be very aware of self-criticism and find all possible ways to encourage yourself and others. **GEMINI**, remember above all else that life is good and that you are part of that goodness. It is true that many Geminis seem to lead a charmed life, so forge ahead and know that the road will rise up to meet you. **CANCER**, if all the worries of the world seem to be beating a path to your door, it may be time to borrow a trick or two from your fun-loving cousin Gemini and head out for an evening of

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good food and good company and maybe even all night dessert! Happy Birthday, **LEO!** If you have any inclination toward political activity, this is the perfect time to get involved! Take your enthusiasm, energy and love of life and pump it into your personal favorite issue or candidate. Dear **VIRGO**, if life isn't giving you the return you feel you deserve, it may be that you are being a little too defensive or expecting the worst instead of the best from other people and situations. Try to relax! **LIBRA**, take time to surround yourself with beauty and create harmony wherever you go. With all the hustle and bustle, it seems that no one is taking much time to nourish their spirits or their soul. Take a break when you need one. **SCORPIO**, seriously, are you taking yourself too seriously? Lighten up and

find ways to have some fun this summer. You deserve a good time, a good life and a good mate, but you may have to step out of the gloomies. **SAGITTARIUS**, it is play time! If you haven't taken a vacation, then get on it and if you haven't even thought about it then you really do need to get moving. Even low budget vacations can be fun, if you plan it ahead of time. **CAPRICORN**, this is an excellent time for a trip or even for attending a seminar in another city. You can mix business and pleasure, so plan to have some fun on your next business trip. Stay an extra day and treat yourself! Dear **AQUARIUS**, are you taking really good care of yourself? Good food, plenty of rest, the company of good friends and good loving? If not, then you need to look at your priorities and arrange your life so it is more enjoyable. **PISCES**, if you seem to be viewing life from the bottom of the trash dump, then you need to change locations before you get covered up. If you have lost your initiative, then you need to unearth your inspiration and get going again. **MARY BAILEY RULE** is a professional astrologer who specializes in personal, relationship and career interpretation. She can be reached at 364-6073.

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OUTLINES

BRIAN McNAUGHT

Age: 44

Relationship status: together 16 years

How long in Atlanta:

since September 1991

Last book read: "In Search of Gay America" by Neil Miller



Brian McNaught frequently asks his audiences if anyone had a book about homosexuality in their family library. "No hands go up," he says, "and then I ask them if their school library had any such books and again no hands go up. And I say, 'is it any wonder to you that you are feeling anxiety about this issue?'"

The issue in question is homophobia. A brilliant communicator in writing as well as on video, Brian has become an ambassador in the fight against homophobia in the corporate world as well as in academia. He is the author of the much lauded "On Being Gay," a collection of essays and articles written from his personal point of view about being gay in America. After several printings it has become standard reading for those coming out, their families and their friends.

The walls in the studio of the Ansley home he and his lover Ray (an investment banker) have restored, are covered with community service awards, letters of thanks and commendations from the likes of Ted Kennedy and Boston Mayor Kevin White, with whom Brian worked as the first Gay liaison in that city's history.

After graduating from Marquette University with a degree in journalism in 1970, Brian went to work for the Catholic press of the Detroit Diocese. His large family's religious beliefs were deeply rooted in the traditions of Catholicism. At one point Brian was considering priesthood.

"I wrote a column geared towards young people," he recounts, "and became very well known, won awards from the Catholic press and was a featured speaker at graduations."

All of this changed in 1974 when Brian founded the Detroit chapter of Dignity (a lesbian and gay Catholic support organization) and was interviewed by several Detroit area newspapers.

"I was dropped from the paper the next day, and since I was so well known in the Catholic Press, they had a hard time explaining it."

Brian countered the dropping of his column with a strict fast. "I said I would only stop when the Bishops promised they would educate the clergy positively about homosexuality. They promised after 17 days—and I ended the fast. They fired me the next day. And this is what began a career of writing and speaking about gay issues."

Brian became a syndicated columnist for twelve papers in the lesbian and gay press. These articles were published collectively by Dignity under the title of "A Disturbed Peace." It met with extraordinary success both critically within and outside the gay community. This led to the creation of Brian's most recent book, "On Being Gay."

But it is the workshops where Brian feels he is able to change the way people view homosexuality. "My biggest client is AT&T. I conduct workshops in a way in which people do not feel threatened." He explains homophobia in the workplace and its effects with a simple but devastating example:

"Let's say you're at the water cooler and a co-worker tells a 'fag' joke. Do you stop him and tell him to think about what he's saying or do you swallow your feelings and return to your desk, disturbed, or worse yet, laugh with the joke teller, hiding your identity, but dying inside? This reflects negatively on worker

productivity because that disturbed and maybe angry person who hid his identity is not going to work well. The energy you put into *not* being you does *not* go into your work."

To counter homophobia Brian doesn't "preach from the choir" as he puts it. "I make the most of my time with my workshops, by putting people at ease, using humor to ease anxiety and I'm very personal with them. If nothing else, they can identify with me."

By relating his own story Brian brings the listeners to a point where they can understand why, in desperation over his sexual orientation, he drank a bottle of turpentine at age 26.

Brian believes that sexism is the fuel of all homophobia. "The first time a little boy picks up a ball and his mother or father says, 'don't throw the ball like a sissy,' or 'don't throw it like a girl,' the words girl and sissy become interchangeable. And as a child we are taught to be a man in direct opposition to the way girls do things. This creates a value system which teaches us to loathe feminine characteristics in men and vice-versa. Therefore my audiences often think we're not 'real' men."

College audiences often ask Brian "in a gay male relationship who plays the wife?" "They think one of us is in the house spraying Endust." He proceeds to ask, "who do you hold contempt for the most?" And, he continues, "they will say the one in the home. Once again I think its because we are raised to despise feminine traits."

This is only a minuscule sample of the content of Brian's workshops and writings. As he continues to learn more about homophobia in the workplace it becomes the engine for further writings as well as videos. He is also updating "On Being Gay." During the interview the phone rang often with requests for workshops from AT&T offices across the country, a testimony to both his effectiveness and popularity.

Brian is of course out to his family. His father was a public relations director for General Motors before retiring. Though he was steeped in the macho corporate mystique, his father now openly accepts both Brian and Ray. "He expects a kiss and a hug from both of us," Brian starts smiling. He has a younger brother who is gay as well.

To relax Brian enjoys cooking, swimming and playing cards and aerobics. A friendly lab named "Britt" follows Brian around his house with canine devotion.

Perhaps, if there is any one part of his philosophy that sums up his views it is his belief that "most people are good and don't want to hate. They believe in fairness when given the opportunity—and they will grow."

IAN W. GINSBURG

ORGANIZATIONS

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Childkind—936-9655
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The Living AIDS Memorial Park Project—633-0634
National Assn of People With AIDS/Atlanta—874-7926
The Names Project/Atlanta—605-7386
The Names Project Quilting Bee—872-2246
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People's United Pet Support—370-0178
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Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus—627-7830
"Funny... That Way"—875-2275
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Incognito—857 Collier Rd. 355-5189
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The Metro—48 6th Street, 874-9869
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The Otherside—1924 Piedmont Rd. 875-5238
The Pear Garden—11 Luckie St. 659-4055
Petrus—1150 Peachtree St. 873-6700
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Scandals—Ansley Square. 875-5957
Tin Lizzie—Ford Factory Square. 874-3961
Visions—2043 Cheshire Bridge. 248-9712
Weekends—688 Spring St. 875-5835

Direct Action/Political

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ACT UP—874-6782 (O) and 605-7458 (info)
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Gay/Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation—605-7477
Gay Republicans—Republicans for Individual Freedoms, 2980 Cobb Parkway, Suite 192-172, Atlanta, Ga 30339
Georgia Committee for the 1993 March on Washington (GOCMOW)—(404) 662-4199 or PO Box 5282, Atlanta, GA 30307
GAPAC—Georgia Political Action Committee—872-8095, FAX 874-8628
Human Rights Campaign Fund—Field Committee, 231-5751
LEGAL—605-7476
National Association of People with AIDS Hotline—874-7926
National Organization for Women—875-0176
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Hotlanta Volleyball—621-5062
S.E. Gay Rodeo Association—PO Box 8262, Atlanta, GA 30306. 874-6556
Women's Rugby—659-6916 or 761-8939
TRICKS Bridge Club—2980 Cobb Parkway, Suite 192-172, Atlanta, Ga 30339
Underwater Escapes—289-0696

Service/Support

African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance—458-3003
American Educational Gender Info Service—PO Box 33724, Decatur, GA 30033. (404) 939-0244 (evenings).
Athens Gay and Lesbian Association—P.O. Box 2201 Athens 30612-0201 or call 404/549-9368
Athens Lesbian Information Line—(404) 613-7661
Atlanta Couples Together—365-2455
Atlanta Gay Center—876-5372
Atlanta Lambda Community Center—PO Box 15180, Atlanta, Ga 30333. 662-9010
Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Comm—662-4533
Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance—PO Box 5502, Atlanta, Ga. 30307, phone 378-9769
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Men of Little 5 Points—PO Box 5425, Atlanta, GA 30307
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Overeaters Anonymous (gay/lesbian group)—892-5868
Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays—296-0830 or 875-9440
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Wordsmith Society—Chris at 498-0137
Young Adult Support Group—876-5372
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Gays & Lesbians United for Equality—Kennesaw Comm. College 426-8160
Georgia Tech Gay Alumni Group—P.O. Box 50291, GA Tech Sta., Atlanta 30332; 873-2263
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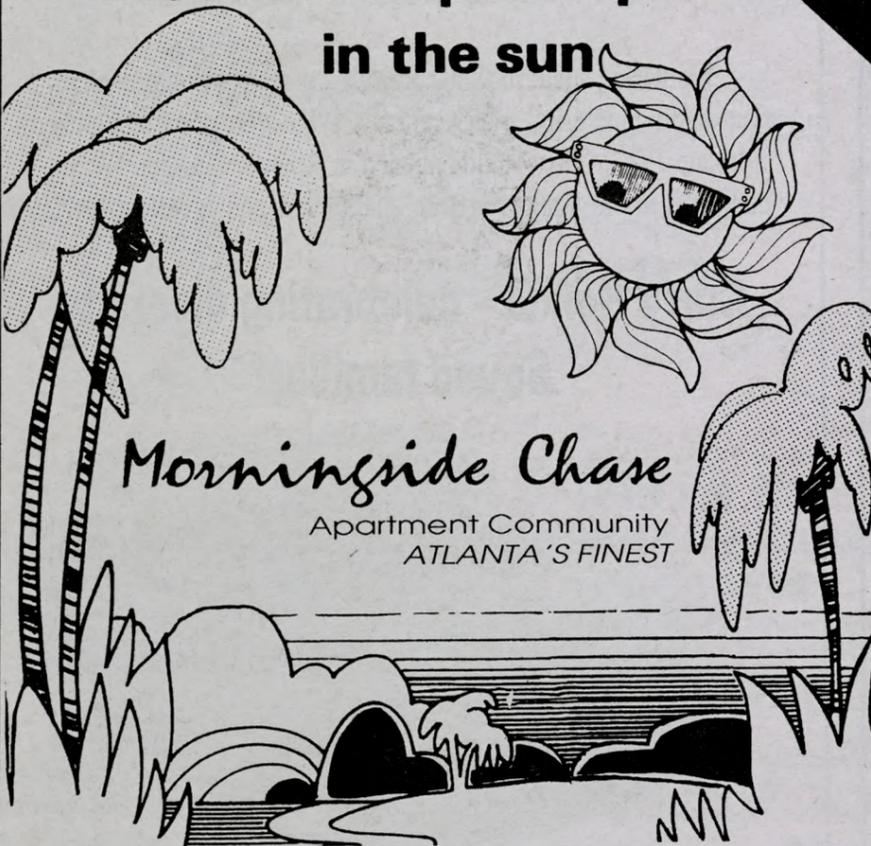
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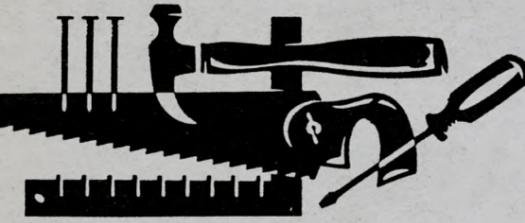
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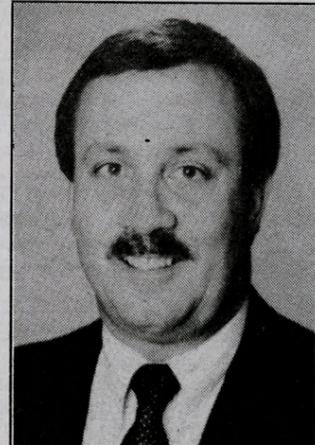


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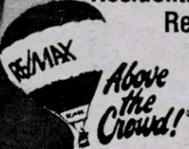
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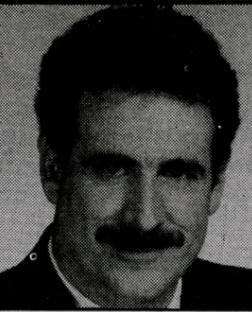
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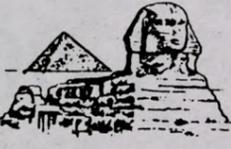
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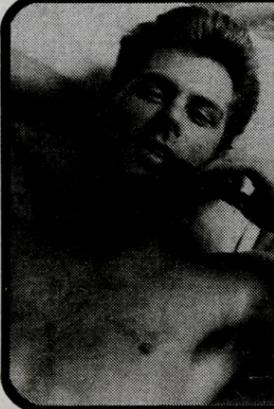
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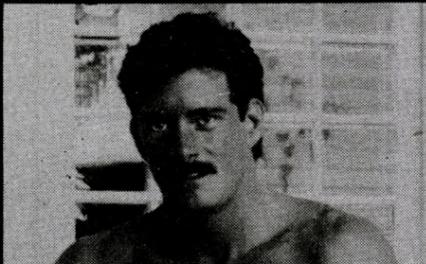
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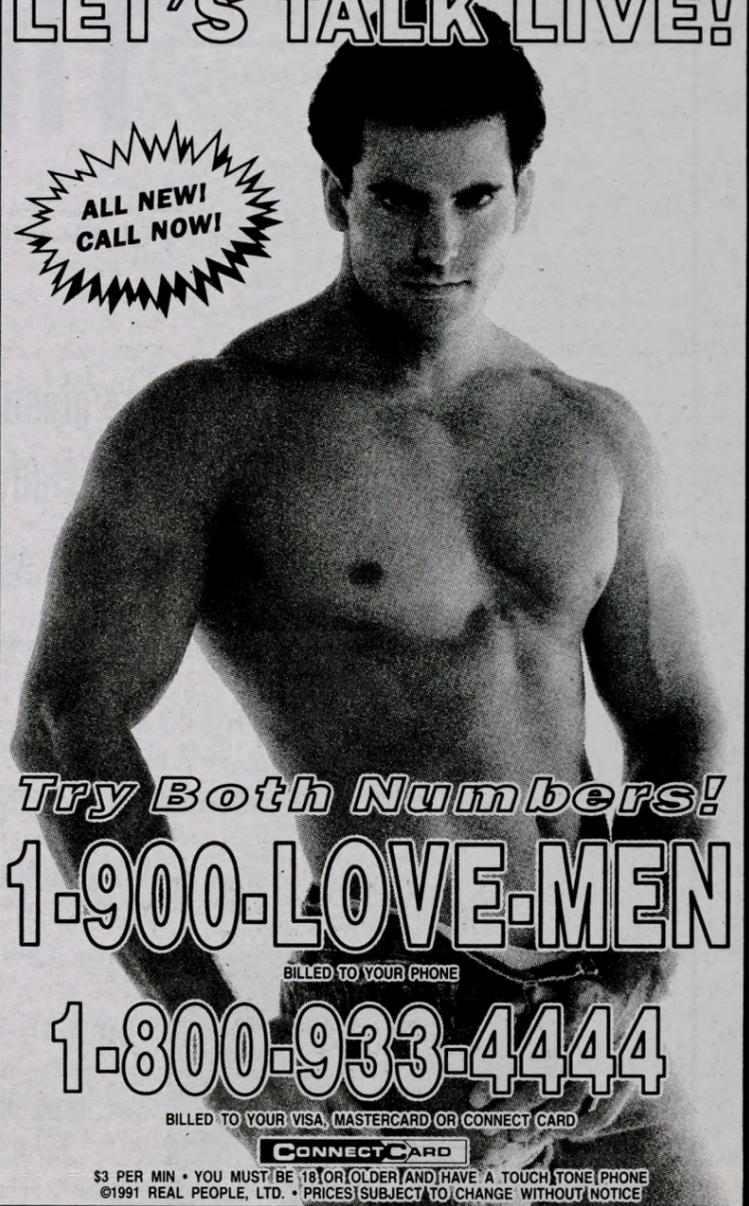
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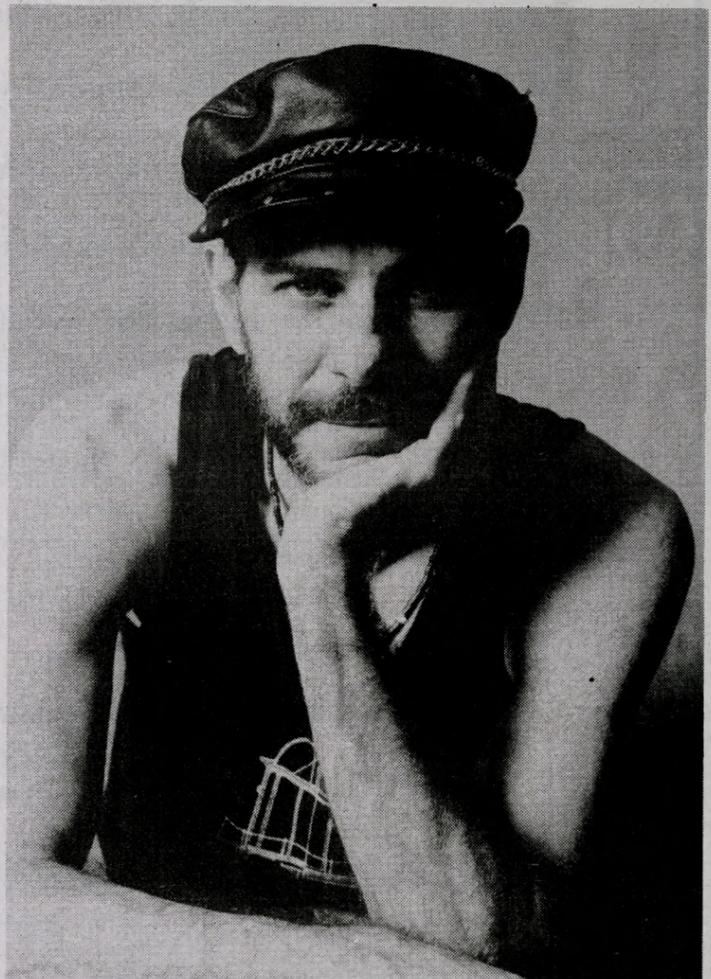
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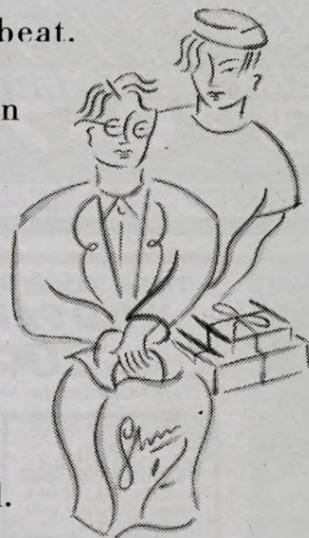
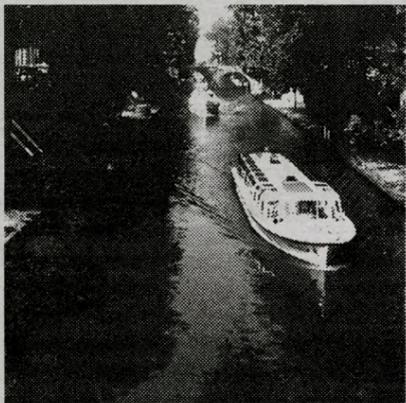
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