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THE MOSTLY UNFABULOUS SOCIAL LIFE OF ETHAN GREEN

INEXPLICABLY, ETHAN FINDS HIMSELF IN A HEALTH CLUB FROM ANOTHER PLANET

Where STRAIGHT GUYS OBSESS ABOUT THEIR WEIGHT, WHILE GAY MEN COULDN'T CARE LESS...



We have a case of the chicken pox, and "Leo" to thank for the gay comic strip smash, *The Mostly Unfabulous Social Life of Ethan Green*.

Ethan was born in 1990 when his creator, Eric Omer, contracted chicken pox, and had time to dwell on "20 of my most miserable dates." Omer, who had drawn since he was 3, and been a political cartoonist and magazine art director, decided to work out his frustration with cartoon send ups of those memories.

Since that time, Ethan, appearing in gay periodicals around the country, has become something of a phenomenon. Now he's out in soft covers, as *St. Martin's Press* has published a collection of strips entitled, naturally, "*The Mostly Unfabulous Social Life of Ethan Green*" (\$8.95).

It's all here, from Ethan's first gay bar (complete with the insistent 7 foot man dressed like Nancy Sinatra) to perfect but unexciting boyfriend Ted, to Ethan being broken up about breaking up with Leo (a man, Omer says, not unlike one of his own heartthrobs, "Young, sexy, and totally self-involved").

A Chicago area native now living in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Omer comes by the political side of his nature naturally. "My stepdad was the mayor of a small town; my dad used to be party chairman of the county, and my mom runs a state agency." Currently, in the break between his first and second years-at law school, he's working for the reelection campaign of openly gay Congressman Barney Frank—although he's quick to point out he's just a soldier in the trenches, not a campaign strategist.

Personal and political came together with one of Omer's happiest creations, the redoubtable "Hat Sisters." He skirts pretty close to real life with them, he says: "There are two men in Provincetown, wonderful charming fixtures on the scene, called the Hat Sisters." He credits one of them with breaking the ice with his uneasiness at some of the more outer aspects of gay life. In their pumps and hats, he says, they look "about nine feet tall." On his first visit to Provincetown, "one of these nine feet tall men, dressed like Aunt Bea and wearing a hat for some reason shaped



like a Channel bottle" glided up and planted a big warm kiss. "That broke my tension over the scene."

The Sisters figure prominently in one of the strips he's proudest of, included in the book, in which they, and "400 of their closest brunch sisters" board a Greyhound bus to do a kind of eat in at Cracker Barrel restaurants. "Without tooting my own horn," Omer says, "I was out front on that one. The strip appeared a good eight months before the story began to appear in the national news, and maybe six months before it got a lot of play in the gay press." Not surprisingly, "it got a lot of reaction," he says.

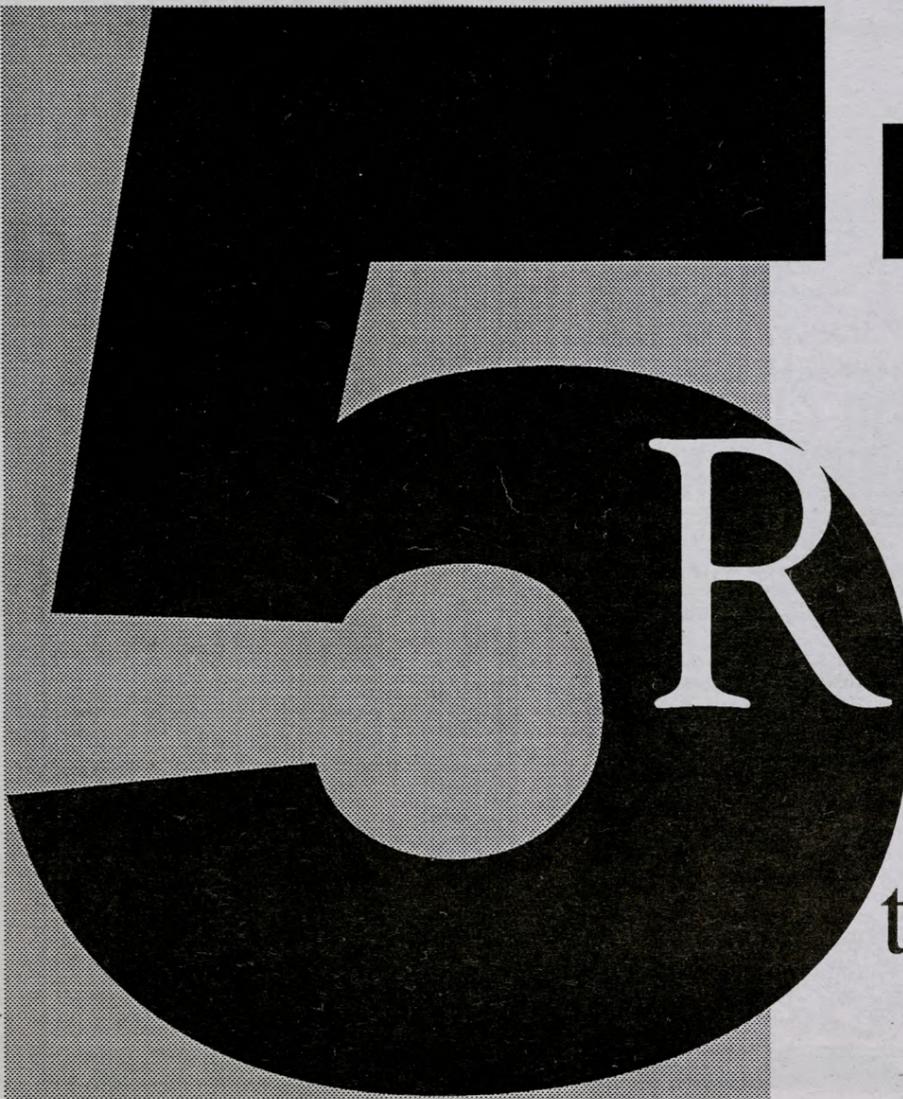
But while the politics may enliven the strip, it isn't the reason for its success. "There's no competition," Omer jokes, before going on to say that he "hates all that 'gay everyman' stuff about Ethan, but I think people like him because he's average — although not in a bad way — he's reasonably intelligent, reasonably good looking. You don't have to be hideously ugly or stupid to feel like you're not getting satisfaction, specifically nobody in your bed satisfaction."

One of the reasons Omer likes publishing in gay newspapers is he doesn't have to worry about editors getting "squeamish" about things like Ethan having sex—another one of Omer's happier inspirations. "It hit me like a lightning bolt. I was at a beach in California and I just thought, Wow! Ethan has never had sex in the strip."

It was a natural, he says, because "so much of sex is funny: it's awkward, it's uncomfortable, a lot of times it's a let down. It's something to write about: there's a lot there to mine emotionally." One of the funniest strips, reproduced on the book's back cover, has Ethan and Leo in bed—Ethan not sleeping (if you don't count his arm falling asleep), but worrying. "There's a lot of me in that," Omer confesses. "I don't like being strapped in by someone's strong, sexy arm—I have a lot of nervous energy."

What with attending law school (and his summer political work), he needs all that energy to get

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Canadian non-discrimination law now protects lesbians and gays

Ottawa, Canada (AP)—A court ruled the Canadian Human Rights Act unconstitutional on August 6 because it fails to protect gay men and lesbians from being discriminated against because of their sexual orientation.

The Ontario Court of Appeals added that from now on until a new law is passed or the current law amended, discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation should be treated as though it were covered by Canadian law. Federal Justice Department officials said they could not say whether an appeal would be filed with the Supreme Court of Canada until they had a chance to read the full ruling.

Philip MacAdam, the lawyer who argued the case, said the ruling means gays and lesbians who work in the federal sector can use the law to fight for spousal benefits or to fight discrimination, such as the military's ban on promoting gays.

"It's sort of like the door is open," MacAdam said. "Wherever gays and lesbians think they're being discriminated against on

the basis of their sexual orientation, provided it's within the federal sector, they can go for it."

The Human Rights Act protects federal government employees and people who work in federally regulated industries, such as airlines, banks and railways. MacAdam said the ruling "has huge implications for the military."

The Justice Department had appealed a lower court ruling that the act was unconstitutional.

The challenge was initiated in December 1990 by Graham Haig, an Ottawa gay activist, and Joshua Birch, a former air force captain forced out of the military after revealing he was gay.

"It's terrific to see that there is justice in the courts," Birch said Thursday.

The ruling was welcomed by Max Yalden, head of the Canadian Human Rights Commission, who has pushed the federal government for years to live up to its promises to include sexual orientation in the act.

In the past, the commission could not fight gay rights cases because the act did not allow it.

Justice Minister Kim Campbell has been working to amend the act. But she faces strong opposition from members of Parliament who object to gay rights.

Activists call for repeal of military sodomy statute

Washington, D.C.—Queer Nation and the Human Rights Campaign Fund teamed up to throw a birthday blast at the U.S. Capitol August 10, but the observance was hardly festive.

The date marks the 36th anniversary of the enactment of a federal sodomy statute used to drum suspected homosexuals out of the military. QN and HRCF held the press conference to ask Congress for repeal of the law.

The statute under the Uniform Code of Military Justice criminalizes "unnatural carnal copulation with another person of the same or opposite sex or with an animal" as sodomy, "no matter how slight the penetration." Those convicted "shall be punished as a courtmartial may direct."

Gay activist Greg Scott, a writer for the Manhattan-based weekly QW and national biweekly The Advocate, was discharged in 1987 after brass "extracted a confession by threatening prosecution" under the Code.

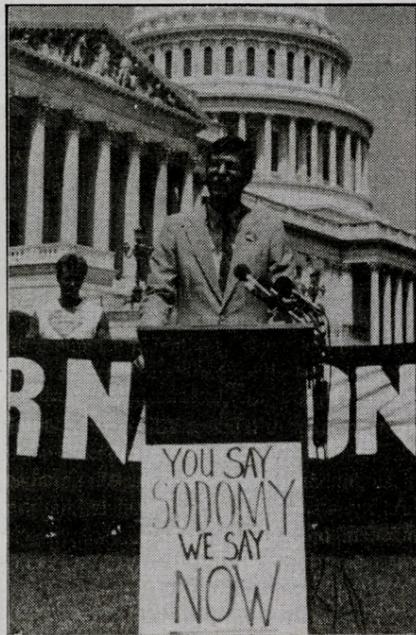
"I have been very pleased to see the progress here on Capitol Hill regarding [work toward] the repeal of the military's ban on hiring and retaining homosexuals," Scott said. "But I want Congress to begin serious discussions about repealing this law."

A delegation of five activists walked to nearby House office buildings afterwards to lobby staff members of openly-gay Massachusetts Reps. Gerry Studds and Barney Frank for a resolution to overturn the statute.

Citing the recent General Accounting Office report that dismissal and replacement of gay and lesbian servicepeople in 1990 cost \$27 million, QN activists blasted the Pentagon's unnecessary excess.

"Government witch-hunts waste tax-payer dollars, cause undue pain to thousands of individuals, and deprive our country of many talented gay and lesbian people who wish to or serve their country, or are already serving," said Scott, who is also active in Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Veterans of America.

The military's most recent abuse of the Code occurred this February when two sail-



ors aboard the USS Blue Ridge in Japan were courtmartialled, said QN spokesperson Michael Petrelis. They were given four to five months hard labor, forfeiture of pay, reduction in rank, and bad conduct discharges.

QN wants Congressional action "because good morale and discipline in the armed forces can be maintained without the statute," said Petrelis. "All Americans ought to be outraged that a single tax dollar is spent on witchhunts against military personnel who engage in consensual sodomy," he said.

Petrelis also said Queer Nationalists will confront presidential candidates George Bush and Bill Clinton for public statements on whether or not they support repeal.

The federal sodomy statute is the "backbone" of similar laws in 25 states and the District of Columbia, said Scott. "It would benefit our entire society to not have laws which make good, honest working citizens into criminals and patriots into rejects of their U.S. government."

"As such a reject and patriot, I want Congress to know that I abhor this law."

JOHN ZEH

Pictured: Activists call for repeal of military sodomy statute. Photo by John Zeh

Falwell says Queer Nation sent him HIV-tainted urine

Lynchburg, VA—Queer Nation has denied claims by the Rev. Jerry Falwell that the group again has threatened his life.

"He seems to have some kind of fixation on Queer Nation," John Woods, a member of the group in San Francisco, said last week. "We're not that preoccupied with him, however. But it's more publicity for us."

Falwell told parishioners Sunday at his Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg that he received a package last week that allegedly contained AIDS-tainted urine. The employee who opened the package at his Liberty University office was not exposed to the urine, and it was disposed of by workers using rubber gloves, said J.O. Renalds, Liberty's chief of security.

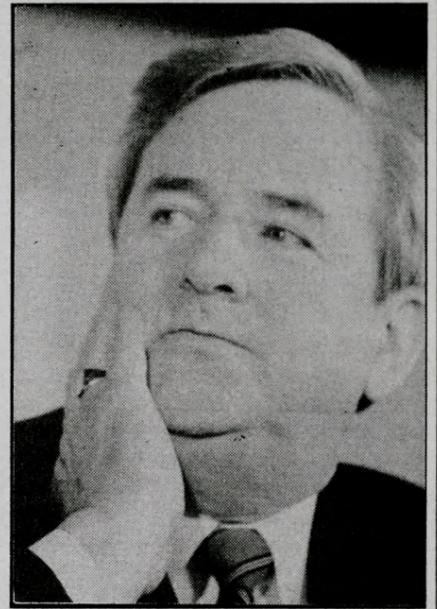
Falwell said the package contained "human urine, vulgar, terribly hard-core pornography and a letter that said whoever opens it, he is infected; you are now infected and you will die now."

Falwell said the typed letter also warned if the infected urine didn't kill him, "we will kill you."

Falwell, who routinely condemns lesbian/gay practices and gay-rights groups from the pulpit, said the letter was signed by Queer Nation.

"Unfortunately, I don't know anything about it," Woods told The News and Advance newspaper of Lynchburg. The paper, apparently unaware of Queer Nation groups closer to Virginia, in Washington, DC and Atlanta, contacted Woods in San Francisco.

Last fall, Falwell said in a fund-raising letter that 2,000 members of Queer Nation and Fighting Fairies tried to storm a hotel where he was eating in an attempt to kill him.



Queer Nation denied at the time that the group tried to harm Falwell.

Woods said the package sent to Falwell last week could have come from one of Queer Nation's estimated 2,000 members across the country.

"We don't ordinarily advocate killing people, but certainly we don't condemn the anger that probably contributed to the death threats," Woods said. "He regularly from the pulpit makes death threats to our community as well."

Falwell said Liberty's campus police were investigating the latest matter.

A counselor at the Centers for Disease Control's AIDS hot line said the HIV virus has been isolated in urine, but that the virus weakens as soon as it hits the air.

"It's not very likely to get infected by a urine sample sent through the mail," the counselor said.

Pictured: Rev. Jerry Falwell
Photo by Jim Marks

Conservative Congressmen call for boycott of companies who pulled funds from Boy Scouts

Washington, DC—Capitol police wearing rubber gloves threatened gay activists with arrest on August 12 while protesting the announcement by conservative Congressmen of a boycott against businesses fighting the Boy Scouts of America's homophobia.

Queer Nation and ACT UP members cooperated by lowering signs saying "BSA=Bigotry," but continued to loudly boo speakers outside as tourists strolled by.

Lame-duck Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-CA) ignored questions contrasting President Bush's alleged mistress Jennifer Fitzgerald and his claims to uphold "family values," posed by activists Margaret Cantrell, Bob King, and Michael Petrelis.

"We have a major cultural war going on in America," Dannemeyer said. "In California, we're going to send a message to Wells Fargo, and the CEO better wake up, because he's going to find the money in his banks in that state leaving to go to other banks that affirm our values."

He and a dozen other House members joined Rep. Dana Rohrabacher's (R-CA) call for the boycott, thought to be the first such move by members of Congress. The call for the boycott followed by just a few weeks a failed attempt by House members to freeze funds in the Federal Reserve System that belong to banks that have pulled funding from the BSA. Levi Strauss, Wells Fargo,

Bank of America, First Interstate Bank, and other corporations have all announced recent cuts in donations to the BSA.

Former Reagan administration domestic policy advisor Gary Bauer was also on hand, attacking "assaults of radical homosexuals, strident feminists, and militant atheists." He promised a national advertising campaign to expose companies in alliance with "the radical movement which seeks to overthrow traditional values in this country."

The Boy Scouts have recently come under fire, not only for the anti-gay policy, but also for refusing to admit atheists, and for refusing to allow girls to use Scout facilities when no other facilities were available.

At least 39 Congressmembers added their names to Rohrabacher's "Dear Colleague" letter. "We believe in freedom of association and freedom of religion," Rohrabacher said as he outlined the boycott against companies "trying to use economic pressure to force [BSA] to hire homosexual Scoutmasters or to take God out of the Scout oath or both."

"It is outrageous that these large corporations are bullying the Scouts into changing their values and traditions. The Scouts have the right and the responsibility to carefully set their own standards in choosing the type of individual they want to lead and shape our young. We are asking fellow citizens to join our boycott."

Gay activists pledged to continue their fight against the Boy Scouts.

"If [BSA] won," said Ken McPhearson, founder of Forgotten Scouts, a group of gay ex-Boy Scouts, "it would mean that other groups could say they don't like black people or Jews."

JOHN ZEH

More heads are better than one



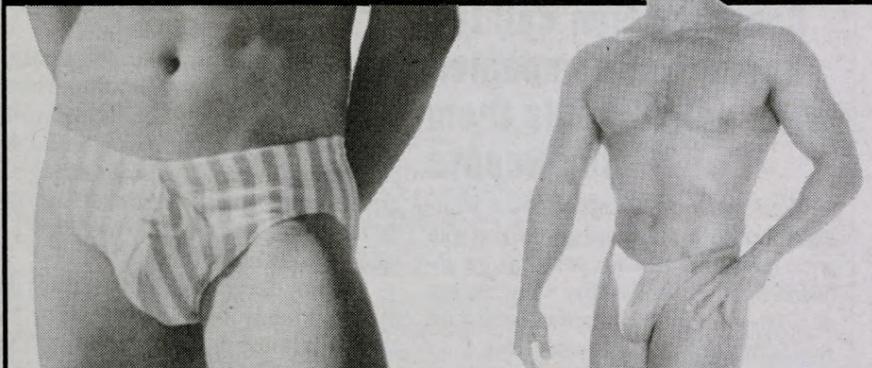
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AIDS Athens growing to meet demand

As the number of people with the AIDS virus, or who have become HIV positive, continues to escalate, the city of Athens, Georgia, has become a force in helping those in the area faced with the disease.

AIDS Athens, a non-profit organization begun in 1987, has gradually made the move from an intimate, grass-roots group to a more expansive, professional one. Made up of volunteers consisting of educators, social workers, students, doctors and concerned citizens, AIDS Athens provides free direct services to PLWAs (people living with AIDS) in the 10-county N.E. Health District, and provides education to concerned community members. The number of members has doubled in the last year, to more than 75, due to increased awareness of the disease, volunteer recruitment and a showing of panels from the NAMES Project Quilt last winter.

In the fall of 1990, the B-52's (most of whom hail from Athens and whose guitarist Ricky Wilson passed away in 1985 of AIDS) donated proceeds from one of their performances to AIDS organizations across the country, including AIDS Athens. With that money, and with more raised at various benefits, the organization established a downtown office and a part-time office worker. And with the additional manpower, the group has been able to sponsor panel discussions, speakers bureaus in residence halls and other locales, and to start up a volunteer-staffed information line.

Recently, the month of May was proclaimed "AIDS Awareness Month" by Athens CEO Gwen O'Looney in light of all the

ceivably become traditions. "We were trying to think of something long-term, that could be held year after year. Now that the first one's out of the way, I think it'll be easier to do annually," Richardson said.

Finally, there was the now-legendary Boybutante Ball, now in its third year. The Ball, a combination variety/drag show, was started originally just as a small party among friends. So much money was gathered, however, that it was turned into a benefit the next two outings. This year's co-director, Jason Shadix, who was one of the original five who came up with the idea, dedicated last year's Boybutante to his companion Duane Garrett, who died of AIDS in February of 1982.

Combined, more than \$10,000 was raised from the events, and the community supported all the events heavily.

What pleases AIDS Athens co-chair Steve Hollis the most is seeing that the organization seems to be branching out and to be reaching the public more.

"I'm delighted that the organization is getting the message out to so many areas. The turnouts for the benefits were amazing, especially the diversity of people. The community seems to be getting aware of us and perceiving what we do," he said.

AIDS Athens, though, is hardly the only AIDS-related story around town. Others are banding together and doing their part. The NAMES Project Quilt Committee, a mostly student group, brought The Quilt back to Athens again this year and are organizing a trip to Washington, D.C. in October to see the entire presentation.

And then there's Joyce Jones, a local woman who recently started a support group



fundraising events that were going on at the time. In addition to a few musical benefits by local bands, there were four other highly-successful events. Near the beginning of the month was the Classic City Golf Association's "Putt-In It On Just For You" Benefit Ball '92. The Association, an organization of African-Americans from various professions, holds a benefit annually, and this year AIDS Athens was their charity.

Erica McCarthy, a former UGA student, showed her short film "People Who Live to Dance" at the 40 Watt Club to raise money as well. The film, nominated for a regional student Oscar, charts the return of disco in Athens in the mid-to-late '80s, and how dance was, at the time, a way of life for six young Athenians. Among those profiled is Calvin Smith, a local semi-celeb who was in Broadway's "Peter Pan" with Cathy Rigby last year and in "The Music Man" with John Davidson earlier this summer.

May also saw the first annual "Show of Feet" 5K run/walk, held throughout the historic Cobbham neighborhood. Despite the absence of B-52's singer Kate Pierson (who had planned to shoot the starting gun but had to do extra work on the "Good Stuff" video) over 250 participants were on hand for the race.

Co-directors Diana Schuh and Beth Richardson came up with the race idea when they were thinking of events that could con-

for African-Americans dealing with AIDS or HIV. Jones lost a sister last year to the disease, and has been active in area support groups for a while.

"At the other support groups in town there, unfortunately, aren't a lot of blacks and we felt that if we had a group especially for African-Americans, it might be a little easier for them to open up and join," she said. "The most important thing is that they feel at ease and are able to benefit from these groups. You don't come to these groups to learn to die, but to learn to live and learn ways to take the best care of yourself."

JIM FARMER

Pictured: 1st Annual Show of Feet Run/Walk in Athens

Charlotte will host '94 gay chorus conference

The Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses has chosen Charlotte, NC as the site for its 1994 Leadership Conference. Charlotte was chosen by GALA's board of directors at last month's chorus festival in Denver, Colorado. The annual conference brings together board officers, interested members and music directors, and features workshops, meetings and social events over the two day period.

Delta Settles First Bias Complaint: Delta Airlines has settled the first of 300 complaints made against it by applicants who claimed the Atlanta-based airline asked discriminatory questions during its hiring process. A man identified only as John Doe was awarded \$13,958 and will be hired by the company. Doe claimed he was turned down for a job because he is gay and HIV+. The interview form prepared by Delta said that Doe was a "delicate personality" and recommended not hiring him. The New York City Human Rights Commission stated that Delta asked questions of applicants that are illegal in New York, including questions about sexual orientation, charges that Delta denied. Most of the 300 complaints were filed by former Pan Am Airlines employees seeking work with Delta.

Gay Men Dressed As Nuns Disrupt Catholic Service: About 15 gay men dressed as nuns disrupted a Sunday service at Westminster Cathedral in London, parading in front of the altar with placards and attempting to deliver an alternative sermon. The demonstrators, from the group OutRage, said they were protesting the Vatican's recent condemnation of homosexuality. Police were called to the cathedral, Britain's main Roman Catholic church, after which the protesters left the church peacefully, joining a larger group of demonstrators outside. No arrests were reported.

Kansas Senate Candidate Decries Lesbian-Baiting By Opponent: Kansas Democratic Senate nominee Gloria O'Dell called her opponent's attempts to characterize her as a lesbian as "sleaze tactics," saying her sexual orientation "is not an issue." O'Dell, who said she is heterosexual, declared that Fred Phelps, Sr.'s tactics were used "to divert voter attention." O'Dell handily defeated Phelps during the primary, and will face Republican Bob Dole in November. Phelps, who is pastor of the Westboro Baptist Church, stuck by his claims that O'Dell is a lesbian, and pledged "to continue with unabated campaigning against Gloria O'Dell." He has frequently demonstrated against gay rights, including picketing the funerals of people he believed died of AIDS.

BART Offers Domestic Partnership Benefits: San Francisco's Bay Area Rapid Transit company (BART) has become the first transportation station in the nation to offer domestic partnership benefits to lesbian and gay employees. The measure was adopted by BART's board of directors on August 6, and includes full health benefits. A measure that would have given benefits to partners of all employees regardless of sexual orientation was voted down at the same meeting.

TX Minister Says Clinton Not A Christian: For the past two Sundays, a fundamentalist Texas minister and about 50 followers have protested outside Gov. Bill Clinton's church, saying Clinton cannot call himself a Christian and embrace gay rights, abortion and feminism. "We believe that Bill Clinton ought to either repent of his stand with the sodomites, the militant feminist movement and the abortion crowd...or either withdraw himself from this church," said the Rev. W.N. Otwell outside Immanuel Baptist Church. Otwell shouted at Clinton as he left services on August 2, but the Democratic presidential candidate did not respond. Clinton later told reporters at the Governor's Mansion that the protestors had a right to express their views.



Photo by RINK FOTO

Boston Hotel Fined For Harassing Employee With AIDS: The Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination has ordered the Boston Harbor Hotel to pay the estate of Douglas

McKinley \$30,000 plus attorneys' fees, agreeing with attorneys that the hotel harassed the former waiter because he had AIDS. MCAD Chair Michael T. Duffy also ordered the hotel to put its managers through civil rights and AIDS awareness training programs run by outside professionals. McKinley, who died in October of last year, filed his complaint in September 1990.

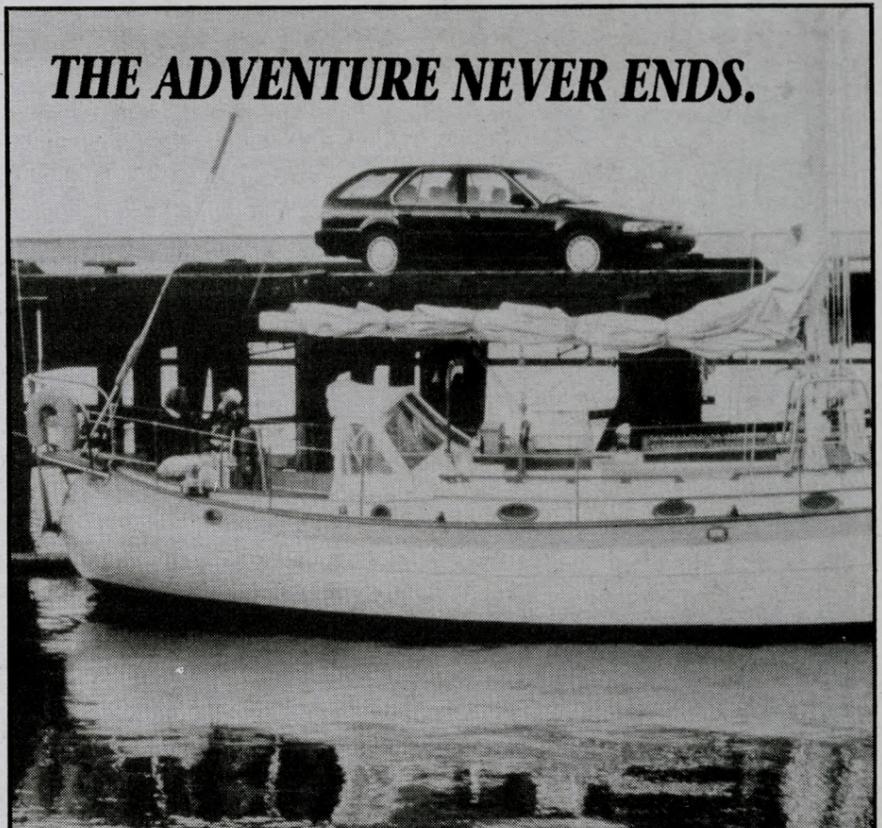
NPR Correspondent Goofts: National Public Radio correspondent Daniel Schorr has apologized after he said on the air that the chief of the Secret Service detail that still guards former President Gerald Ford was a homosexual. Schorr, who made the statement during a broadcast last April, confused Larry Buendorf with Oliver Sipple, a San Francisco resident who thwarted an assassination attempt against Ford in September of 1975. News stories soon after that incident disclosed Sipple's sexual orientation. Attorneys for Buendorf have filed a \$1.1 million lawsuit against NPR because of Schorr's comment.

Lesbian Minister's Appointment Affirmed: A lesbian minister who was ordained before she declared her homosexuality can be appointed to a Rochester, NY, congregation, a Presbyterian judicial commission has ruled. Rev. Jane Spahr was appointed co-pastor of the Downtown United Presbyterian Church late last year, but 10 upstate New York churches challenged the appointment. The 9-1 ruling by the Permanent Judicial Commission of the Synod of the Northeast will almost certainly be appealed.

FL Chancellor Will Work For Protections: Florida Chancellor Charles Reed told several professors and students that he would work with them to increase protection of gays and lesbians in the state's nine public universities. "I will do more than I have done in the past to support [anti-discrimination legislation]," he said, repeating his belief that he has no authority to extend the university system's ban against discrimination to include bias based on sexual orientation until state law is changed.

ABA Admits Gay Group: The American Bar Association voted last week 314-123 to admit the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association as an affiliate organization. In addition to the NLGLA vote, the General Assembly of the ABA endorsed abortion rights during its national convention in San Francisco.

Amnesty International Protests Nicaraguan Anti-Gay Law: Amnesty International called a protest against Nicaragua's newly enacted anti-gay law, bringing some 25 people to the Nicaraguan embassy on August 5. The Nicaraguan National Assembly passed a law that criminalizes advocacy and practice of homosexuality. Nicaraguan president Violeta Barrios de Chamorro did not veto the bill, but also did not sign it by the August 4 deadline, prompting the AI protest.



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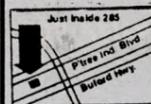
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Abortion protests heat up prior to Republican Convention

Houston (AP)—Anti-abortion protesters knelt in prayer while abortion rights advocates rallied in front of a clinic August 10 in what promised to be the first of many demonstrations for the Republican National Convention. The anti-abortion forces wanted to protest a court order restricting their access to women's clinics.

The temporary injunction orders protesters to stay at least 100 feet from clinics' doors and 25 feet from clients until the Aug. 17-20 convention is over. As he stood across the street from the clinic, Operation Rescue spokesman Patrick Mahoney tore in half a copy of the order to show his "disgust" for it.

The abortion rights supporters overwhelmingly outnumbered their opponents at the midday demonstration. More than 100 abortion rights advocates locked arms

and shouted chants in front of the clinic while Mahoney and about a dozen supporters prayed across the narrow street. Several other women with their children also stood by holding anti-abortion placards.

As the anti-abortion group left on foot, they were followed along the sidewalks for several blocks to their cars by a few persistent abortion rights supporters who carried placards and shouted loudly every time Mahoney talked to reporters.

Anti-abortion organizations had vowed to stop women from getting abortions during the convention and the week prior to the event, and abortion rights supporters have been training for weeks to keep the clinics open.

LAURA TOLLEY

New Clayton County school board against sex ed

Jonesboro (AP)—The Clayton County school board now has a majority of six people on its nine-member board who advocate the most conservative approach to sex education: abstinence. Of the six incumbents seeking re-election in the primaries, all were removed from office except conservative Linda Barrett, who championed a program last year that stresses abstinence before marriage.

The state Department of Education now requires an abstinence-based program of sex education, but it also requires curriculum on the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS, said Dr. Eloise Barron, associate director of curriculum and instruction for the department.

One of the most conservative of the new members is cafe owner Jimmy Oliver, who is opposed to sex education in any form. He said the voters decreed a change for the school board.

"They voted to elect me and that's the way it stands," he said.

The defeated board members said they are worried about how sex education will be taught in the schools.

"I'm sorry for the school system and the schoolchildren and the schoolteachers," said Ann Stacy, who supported teaching sex education as a health issue.

Since the board is non-partisan, the August 11 runoff was the final election for the board taking office in January.

New Gwinnett rape clinic first of its kind in Georgia

Duluth (AP)—A new clinic opening in Gwinnett County this fall will treat rape victims away from hospitals, aiming to limit the humiliation and trauma that follows a rape.

It's the first such clinic in Georgia, said Ann Smiley, director of the county's Rape Crisis Center. Proponents say the new facility could increase both reporting and prosecution of rape cases.

"As with every crime victim, the bet-

ter they were able to understand what's going on, the better they were able to make a decision" about whether to prosecute, said Patricia M. Speck, director of nursing services for the Memphis Sexual Assault Resource Center.

She said the number of women reporting rape in Memphis doubled the year after the city opened its clinic, the model for Gwinnett's.

Hospital patients injected with HIV virus

A San Diego hospital patient and at least two others elsewhere were injected with the AIDS virus in 1990 because of sloppy work by employees who didn't follow basic precautions, federal officials said. The injections occurred while the patients were undergoing a procedure in which samples of their blood were to be re-injected into their bodies, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control reported last week.

The patients received infusions of blood or blood particles tainted with the HIV virus that causes AIDS because hospital staff improperly disposed of dirty needles or re-injected the blood samples into the wrong patients. Two of the three patients tested positive for the virus test results; results were not released for the California patient because of a state confidentiality law.

Living Benefits donates \$25,000 to NAPWA

Living Benefits, Inc., the company that pioneered the purchase of life insurance with cash payments, donated \$25,000 to the National Association of People With AIDS. Rob T. Worley, Jr., president of Living Benefits, presented the check to NAPWA executive director William Freeman in Washington, DC.

"NAPWA is a resource for those who need all kinds of information about AIDS," said Worley. "Through their advocacy programs, information and referral services, and management training programs, they provide valuable assistance to individuals and groups involved in the AIDS crisis."

CDC recommends HIV testing in hospitals

Boston—Government scientists said last week that routine AIDS testing at hospitals could identify up to 110,000 people a year who are infected with the virus but don't know it. The goal of finding such people is to offer them early treatment, which can delay the onset of AIDS symptoms and perhaps prolong life, as well as help them prevent spreading the infection to others.

The study, written by Dr. Robert S. Janssen and colleagues from the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control, was published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Dr. Timothy Dondero, a co-author of the report, said the analysis "is something less than outright recommendation" by the CDC, although "we would anticipate that some hospitals may be encouraged to consider this seriously."

Researchers estimated that in one year their plan would identify 11 percent of all Americans who carry the virus. About 1 million Americans are thought to be infected, and about one-fifth of them are hospitalized annually. About two-thirds of those are treated for conditions unrelated to AIDS, and most probably don't know they are infected.

AIDS activists and advocates oppose large-scale AIDS testing for reasons of privacy and/or cost-effectiveness.

The CDC report suggests routine, voluntary testing of all patients between 15 and 54 who are seen in hospitals with one

or more newly diagnosed AIDS cases for each 1,000 discharges. This would mean testing about 3 million people nationwide.

In an accompanying editorial, Dr. Thomas C. Quinn of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases said routine AIDS testing in hospitals makes sense.

However, he noted that such a program would carry costs and responsibilities: Hospitals would have to gear up their labs to handle the extra tests. More counselors would be needed to talk to those who test positive. And safeguards would be necessary to keep results confidential.

Dr. Roy Widdus, executive director of the National Commission on AIDS, said the CDC plan "is a defensible part of a big strategy if it's handled correctly."

But he worried that focusing exclusively on hospital patients would miss many infected people.

"My concern is that there is not a major program in the United States to encourage the rest of the million to recognize that it's in their benefit to get tested," Widdus said.

DANIEL Q. HANEY

Mexico approves test for HIV that uses saliva

Mexico has approved the commercial use of an Oregon-made test for HIV that uses saliva instead of blood, its makers announced last week. The Portland-based Epitepe, Inc., said Health Minister Jesus Kamate approved the procedure after extensive testing showed the same results as the usual blood test. Mexico is the first country to approve the test device, called OraSure.

OBITUARIES

Alison Gertz

Alison Gertz, who said she contracted the AIDS virus during her first sexual encounter at age 16—and who publicized her infection to show that anyone can be at risk—died on August 8. She was 26. Gertz, whose story was told in the television movie "Something To Live For," died at her parents' home in Westhampton Beach, Long Island. In addition to her parents, she is survived by a grandmother. Her family asked that donations be sent to a group her parents founded called Concerned Parents for AIDS Research.

Randall M. Klose

Randall M. Klose, co-chair of the board of directors of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, died Wednesday at his home in Washington, DC, of AIDS. He was 37. Klose also helped organize and finance lobbying efforts for the 1988 AIDS Research and Education Act, a cornerstone of the federal AIDS research effort. Klose, a native of San Antonio, became active in the gay movement after being infected with HIV.

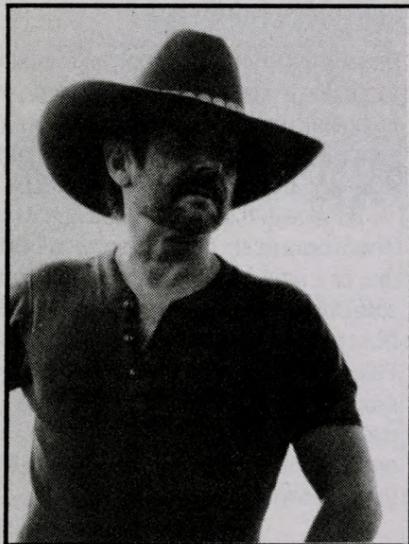
Daniel House Sumner

Daniel House Sumner, 53, died at home on August 10, of AIDS, in the steadfast care of his nurses. He was a fixture in Midtown since the early 1980s, having worked in construction and as a mover for many interior designers.

Dan will be remembered for his sense of mischief and humor, which were larger than the ten-gallon hats he favored.

He is survived by his loving companion Mitch Gould and his mother and father, as well as many friends. A memorial service will be held at the Atlanta Friends Meeting House (the Quakers) on Sunday, August 30 at 6:30 pm. 701 W. Howard Ave., Decatur.

If we fail to fetch you at first, Dan, we shall keep encouraged. Missing you one place we shall search another. You've stopped somewhere, waiting for us.



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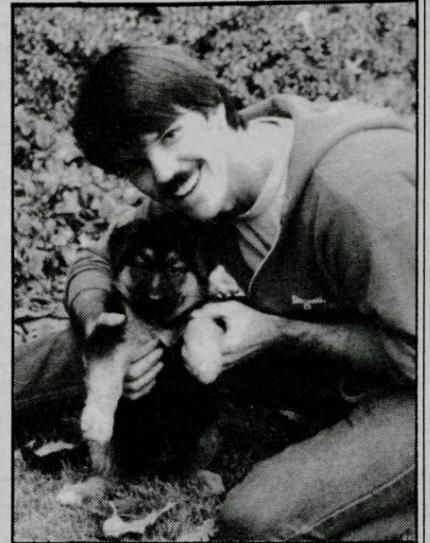
John Jay MacDonald
12/4/56 - 7/28/92

My Dear Jay,

I always thought if I held you tightly within my arms, and rubbed my fingers through your dark hair and across your face with love and tenderness, then nothing could possibly pull us apart. If love, passion, dreams and commitment were all it took to survive, we should have lived forever. It took more than we had and time was no friend. I'm so sorry for both of us.

You left me two weeks ago and I thought maybe I was prepared for our last moments together. Sure, we had discussed it and all the arrangements were made. (I guess you noticed I made a few small changes. I hope you were pleased with what I did.) By the way, thank you for taking the time to spare me from making all those painful decisions, and thank you for having wonderful friends to take special care of me during those final hours. It was one of those ways you continuously show how much you loved me.

I learned so much about life from you. I learned about love without exception, trust with no limits, and honor to do the right thing. Your bravery, determination, and drive to excel in your life was an inspiration. I feel humbled by the manner in which you ran your life, with so many



barriers placed before you. Jay, you were my teacher, my best friend and confidant, my lover, my business partner, and finally my patient.

You asked me if I regretted having our relationship and having to go through the trauma of a long-term illness and death. I told you then and I repeat, I would never trade a moment of the eight years we shared together. You honored me as your lover and I know we will be together again. Our life was rich with emotion and we experienced its full range. Few can compare and ever will.

Gay America loves you, Jay.
With all my love, David

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Eric Orner

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the strip out. He carries a notebook around to jot down story ideas, but the hard part is finding time to draw. "I've sort of painted myself in a corner, because the drawings are so detailed."

He doesn't plan to stop, however. That's because there's a message in Ethan, that is a little bit political and a lot personal, one he wants to get out to the "kids" he says are his biggest fans. "It sounds so Pollyannish, but I don't want to be too satirical, too sharp. For all the things I make fun of, the fact is, being gay ended up kinda nice. When I was 16, I didn't think that was possible."

JIM MARKS
Pictured: Eric Orner



N E X T W E E K

Republican National Convention. News and photos from a gay perspective. The Republicans appear to be planning to make lesbian and gay people the Willie Horton of their 1992 campaign.

Citizen Cohn. This HBO movie which first airs on Aug. 22 takes a close look at Roy Cohn, who may well prove to be one of the most hated gay men in history.

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L E T T E R S

We must vote for Clinton

To the Editor:
The HRCF's courageous endorsement of Bill Clinton for President is a mandate for all bisexuals, gays and lesbians and for all people with AIDS/HIV. The time is right.

Granted, we are all complex people, with varying views and opinions on a wide array of issues. And in the vast majority of cases, it is that cherished diversity that is our strength. Yet, I believe in this election we must vote solely on our sexual orientation and/or our HIV/AIDS status.

I am a Presbyterian minister who is openly gay, also HIV+, and now working as the Dir. of Pastoral Care at the Damien Ctr., an HIV/AIDS service and support center in Indiana. I, like many of you, face the tragic battle that is the AIDS epidemic on a daily basis, both in my personal and professional lives.

I considered myself, once, to be a patriotic American. I treasured the freedom and vitality that our nation was founded on. Yet, over the past six years, I felt all sense of that patriotism die out in me as I watched my country believe the stigma/myth of AIDS created by the lies of the "tele-fundamentalists." I, like many of you, had given up on our nation's leaders, and authority in general, to solve this crisis in my lifetime.

As I listened to the acceptance speeches of Sen. Gore and Gov. Clinton recently, I felt a glimmer of patriotic hope again and it felt good after all these years. My heart sang when Clinton mentioned us as one of the "them"—along with minorities, the homeless, people caught in welfare, people needing health care. The "them" our current administration hopes will simply go away quietly. Could the gay community finally have a presidential politician on its side?

We must help our lesbian sisters and gay brothers step out from the cynicism created by past political betrayals and register, work and vote for not only the Clinton/Gore ticket, but also to retain Democratic control in Congress. It is time for us to raise our voices at the voting booth, to vote for Clinton/Gore who will help create an America which is

united, not an America that dumps on "them."

A lifelong friend died last year and left me some money to repay funds I had given him. He asked that I hold onto this money to use when my HIV becomes AIDS. I have taken \$1,000 of this money and made a contribution to the Clinton/Gore Campaign. As I do this, perhaps there will be more money, more laws and more opportunity for us to live as bisexual, gay and lesbian people and also strive and thrive with HIV/AIDS.

The gay community must take this nomination as a symbol of a new opportunity to have pride in our nation. Cynics may say that I might lose \$1,000 in wasted words. But I feel it is up to us to support the vision and hope we see in order that more can live a fuller life.

Reverend Howard B. Warren, Jr.
Presbyterian minister living with HIV/AIDS

The following is the letter Rev. Warren sent to Gov. Clinton

Governor Bill Clinton
Clinton for President
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Dear Governor Clinton:

Every check has a story to go with it. I hope mine will reach you and you will use it.

This check for \$1,000 comes from the small amount of money I have saved for the time I will move from full employment to disability. I am an ordained Presbyterian minister who is openly gay and HIV+ and currently working as Director of Pastoral Care at The Damien Center, an HIV/AIDS service/support center in Indianapolis, Indiana.

I have been reading about and watching you for months. When the Human Rights Campaign Fund endorsed a candidate for President for the first time (you), it intensified my interest. During the week of the Democratic National Convention, I marched with 10,000 other HIV/AIDS persons and their supporters in New York City. I immediately returned to work and then as I watched/listened to your triumphant speech, I realized that I could not keep this money safely for myself, but must use it to help ensure your election as President to help America eliminate the "thems."

Words will never express how I cried to hear Gays at least and at last mentioned in an acceptance speech for President of the United States. Earlier both you and Senator Gore had mentioned the inactivity of the Republican administration on HIV/AIDS, something that has very real consequences to those of us who must deal with this epidemic every day of our lives. Your speech, and Al Gore's speech that evening, helped ignite my patriotism which has grown so cynical in the Nixon, Reagan, Bush days. I am already spreading the word of the New Covenant in the grassroots.

Please know that I will send a copy of this letter to the Human Rights Campaign Fund and the gay/lesbian press to get our own people and their supporters out to vote.

The Democratic ticket is in my prayers daily.

Blessings,
Reverend Howard B. Warren, Jr.
Director of Pastoral Care

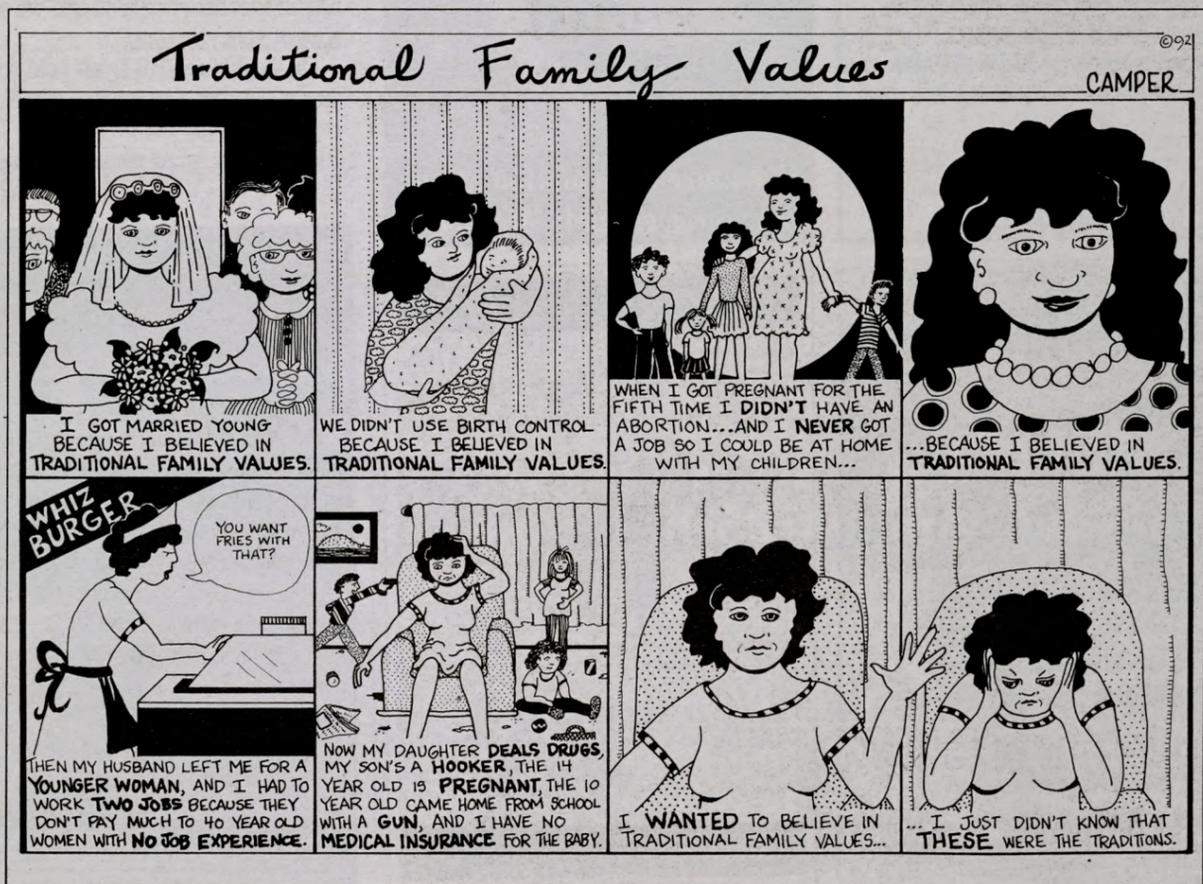
Gay trekkers still invisible

To the Editor:

Last summer, Gene Roddenberry, (now deceased) creator of two Star Trek television series, released a statement to The Advocate (Iss. 84, Aug., 27, '91) confirming that viewers would see "gay crew members in day-to-day circumstances" on the 1991/92 season of "Star Trek: The Next Generation." Mr. Roddenberry's statement would appear to have been the result of a letter writing campaign begun by Franklin Hummel of the Gaylactic Network, an international umbrella organization of gay/lesbian science fiction clubs. While the episode 'The Outcast' was an interesting sexual/gender parable, it did not end the invisibility of gays/lesbians in the Star Trek universe, as Mr. Roddenberry had stated.

The Star Trek co-producers are Michael Piller and Rick Berman. I encourage your readers to write Messrs. Piller and Berman (and a copy to Paramount Pictures chair Brandon Tartikoff, 5555 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90038) requesting that Star Trek include gays and lesbians.

Sincerely,
J. DeSort, Jr.





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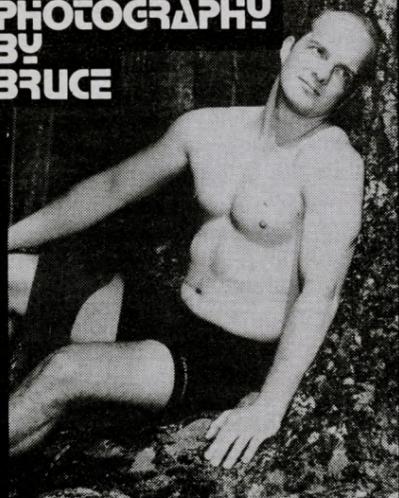
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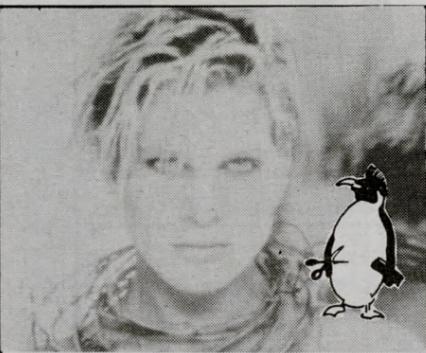
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OCCASIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Mona Bennett would like to wish Alicia Culver a happy birthday. Culver, one of the leaders of the AIDS Hotline for Women will turn thirtysomething on August 19th. Mona says, "Have a hot time with the Hotline, Alicia, and get plenty of cat love." That goes for us too, we think.

Openly gay Massachusetts Congressman Gerry Studds will be honored with a reception this week, co-sponsored by the Human Rights Campaign Fund's Federal Club and GAPAC. Studds, who is facing an uphill re-election battle this year, is hoping for a good show of support at the reception August 20th at the home of Tom Tabor and Ross Guedry.

ANNIVERSARIES

Skip Marklein and Darlene Warren will celebrate their 2nd wedding anniversary on September 7th. Congratulations and many happy returns!

OTHER OCCASIONS

Psychologist David McDonald has begun sensitivity training classes at the Atlanta city jail. This is the first time such a program has been given to the correctional officers, according to McDonald, who says they will work with the entire staff of about 300 people. McDonald has put together a diverse team to help him with the training: Latina lesbian mom of four Julia Perilla-Parker, P-Flag leader Judy Colbs, and African-American gay man Archie Freeman. McDonald hopes the classes will become a mainstay with the corrections department.

Todd Fuller and Kevin New are celebrating two years of togetherness August 18th. That's pretty impressive considering their weekly commutes between Athens and Atlanta. The couple plans to celebrate with a quiet evening at home.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Ricky Wilson and Joan Garner were instrumental in making Dr. Marjorie Hill of New York feel right at home when she visited Atlanta earlier this month. Hill is the Director of Lesbian and Gay concerns for the NYC Mayor's office and was in town with her lover, who was participating in a conference. Wilson says they had a reception for Hill at Frederick's on Decatur Street, where Hill told the gathering about her job, and urged more visibility among African-American lesbians and gays.

It could be shaping up into the NOW/Queer Nation Olympics. A simple NOW/QN challenge to a softball game on September 19th has snowballed into a call for more sports, to be played at the event. More details on the way!

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If you would like to report an important "occasion" in your life, please call us at 876-0789 or write to us at: Southern Voice/Occasions; PO Box 18215; Atlanta, GA 30316

Hotlanta volleyball

Atlanta played host to 36 volleyball teams from around the country recently as they spiked it out on the Emory and Mercer campuses in the Fourth Annual Hotlanta Volleyball Classic. With teams from as far away as San Jose, California, competition was stiff.

New Orleans TQ's finished third.

"We have the reputation for throwing one of the best tournaments in the country," says Kevin Jerome, an organizer of the Classic. "It ran smoothly. Most teams had an excellent weekend and we played a lot of volleyball, too."

Division B finals were held on Emory University's campus and the Dallas Divas were first. The Atlanta Backstreet, the only hometown team to finish in a top spot, were second, and the Charlotte Scorpions placed third.

In the division BB finals held on Sunday at Mercer University, the Norfolk Beechnuts came out on top. The Dallas Blockbusters were runners-up and the

The New York Las Gatitas were the champions of the A division, while the Orlando Storm were second and the Washington DC Network rounded out the top three.

The double-elimination tournament was capped off with a wrap-up party and awards presentation at the Armory. Proceeds from past tournaments have been donated to Project Open Hand and the Gay Games.

CRAIG PATE



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An Olympic-sized opportunity

So that's Barcelona—an ancient city that is completely functional in the modern world, hospitable, cultured, proud of its artistic heritage, slightly eccentric in its love of enormous spectacle and pomp—in short, an Olympic city.

And it only took a flaming arrow flying through the Spanish night to cause all of Atlanta to wonder how we will manifest *our* vision of an Olympic city. We do not have the cultural legacy that inspires Barcelonians to schedule 30 minutes of "Carmen" and "Traviata," or send stupendously overdone Cubist ships sailing into on-charging bull horns in an Expressionist Mediterranean created by iridescent blue potato chips floating over the stadium floor.

And even more worrisome, Olympic Czar Billy Payne has done little to show us what we *do* have as our Olympic vision. Take Whatizit—a computer-generated light blue sperm with lightning bolts for eyebrows and half a set of Freedom rings wrapped around its tail. Unless its voice is dubbed by Jim Nabors or we discover it eats peach grits for breakfast, Whatizit will manifest nothing literally, figuratively, stereotypically, fancifully, ridiculously or accurately Atlantan. No, I wouldn't have preferred Fuzzy the Peach or Bobbie Jo Possum. But I would like something that *says* something.

At least we've escaped the worst case scenarios. I don't think we'll be seeing a hundred Scarletts and Rhett's parachuting into an Olympic Stadium full of dancing peaches, or a dozen country music stars singing "Rocky Top" in 10 different draws. But we remain unenlightened as to how these Olympics will show that Atlanta is a Special Place, an Olympic City.

The best answer Payne has given so far is "Atlanta's people," and I see his point. Our citizens—a combination of Georgians, generic Southerners transplanted into Heaven in Dixie, and non-Southerners appreciative of a can-do city with manners and hospitality—are Atlanta's strongest asset. But do we really think that 1,000,000 international travellers can be "Y'all-ed" into submission, especially in July and August? Can we rely on our manners to get us through this thing? Not by a long shot.

If Mr. Payne is interested in my opinion, I would point him toward our Civil Rights history as Atlanta's Most Special Thing. As the home of Martin Luther King, Jr., as the city that set a non-violent example of the turbulent 1960s, as a place that still generates positive interracial karma for the rest of the world, Atlanta is the exact right message to send to a world of Yugoslavians and Middle Easters.

But how do you send that message in an Opening Ceremony? You could start, maybe, with a multiracial interpretive ballet set to "I Have a Dream." Bring in as grand marshals people like John Lewis, Rosa Parks, Nelson Mandela, the students of Tiananmen Square—people who have demonstrated Olympian courage around the world. Use the rainbow as a symbol to echo both the Olympic Rings and the Rainbow of the Peoples in the World. And us? We should generate an effort to bring to the Olympics an acknowledgment of gay issues.

Our community's differences with the Olympic movement go back to the mid 1980s, when the US Olympic Committee went all the way to the Supreme Court to prevent us from calling our quadrennial sports festival the Gay Olympics. Then they sued the terminally ill founder of the Games, former Olympian Tom Waddell, for legal expenses, and ultimately drove him from his home. One reason these Olympics aren't in San Francisco is that city's gay community virtually forced the withdrawal of its bid with outrage over this issue.

Some in other cities thought our community shouldn't have been so uninvolved in the Olympic bidding process, shouldn't have ignored the homophobic behavior of USOC, but we are creatures of where we live. We were just as proud as anyone here that the best city of our still-ridiculed region has pulled off a herculean achievement by winning these Games. We too want the World to know that Atlanta is a special place.

But now that the Games are a runaway train headed right at the heart of Atlanta, we should ask for something. Though it's a long shot, why don't we call on our Mayor and say, "Mr. Mayor, when you welcome the World to Atlanta, would you specifically and explicitly welcome to Atlanta the gay men and lesbians from around the world who are here as visitors or athletes?"

FIRST PERSON

It'll never work, you say. No one can say anything that controversial in an Olympic context. This will be the one time we don't even get lip service from Maynard.

Maybe, but if we take seriously that civil rights is our message, then we must acknowledge that civil rights isn't just smiles and glad-handing and back-slapping. It more closely resembles a hearty dose of castor oil. It requires being humbled, when we realize that those unsavory people over there might have something to teach us about tolerance and self-respect. It involves understanding that we might actually be better people if we make an effort to understand their differences. And it rewards us when we realize that accepting another person's differences is glorious food for the soul. These are all lessons that are appropriate and consistent with the Olympic Spirit.

Would the IOC let Hizzoner say these words? Perhaps not, but if he *really* wanted to say them, there's no way they could stop him, live, in front of three billion people.

Would he be willing to say them? Well, if he *really* believes the rhetoric he feeds to our community every time he runs for reelection, there would be more than reason enough for him to spend three seconds of his welcoming speech on our community's behalf. If we were really on his agenda, then the message would be one that Olympic bigots the world over could not ignore.

This gesture is in keeping with Atlanta's civil rights past, as well as with the actual fact of its current gay and lesbian populace. And who knows—little Whatizit might even show up wearing a *full* set of Freedom Rings. Wouldn't that be festive?

It could happen here

To the Editor:

In commenting on radical right groups' current proposed amendments eliminating all protective status to lesbians and gays to the Colorado and Oregon state constitutions, Teresa Nelson, executive director of the Georgia chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, said that Georgia's constitution could never be amended to include similarly restrictive anti-gay language.

Although I agree that such an amendment, in the current political climate, is unlikely, Nelson is naive in assuming that equally restrictive statutes couldn't be put in Georgia's civil code piecemeal, gradually and in forms other than a constitutional amendment. The end result would be a civil code every bit as discriminatory as the proposed Oregon and Colorado amendments.

Don't believe me? Twelve years ago, I would have refused to believe that one man in the Senate could come close to wiping out the country's most important arts funding organizations. Twelve years ago, I would never have imagined that a court-packing President could unearth a bootlicker named Clarence Thomas who believes that beating prisoners in police custody is neither cruel nor unusual punishment.

Ms. Nelson, a respected, committed civil libertarian, should know better than anyone how quickly and completely the political winds in America can change. She should also know better than anyone that it is a fundamental *modus operandi* of all far right extremists—from the Nazis to the Traditional Values Coalition—to gradually chip away at basic rights and to use political maneuvering to subtly gut others.

Hitler's Brown Shirts (SA) had been infiltrating the Reichstag for years before they began the thrust to abolish the rights of lesbians and gays. And they didn't do it through the passage of sweeping new legislation, but through the slight altering of Paragraph 175 of the German civil code (1935), a law that had been on the books for 64 years. Far right forces in Germany had at

their disposal rarely enforced laws to serve as legal precedence for their anti-gay crackdown, exactly as Georgia has little used but very real and enforceable anti-sodomy laws languishing on its books. On May 10, 1933, all books "inimical to the state" were burned in public view. Scholarly books and research from the country's premier sexual research institute were among the first to be burned.

In our own country, Jesse Helms is using carefully manufactured fear and loathing of the gay-inclusive funding of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Public Broadcasting Corporation to make the idea of state-sponsored censorship palatable. Abortion and homosexuality are fundamentally linked in the fascist mind. Nazi literature, like Phyllis Schlafly's propaganda, constantly mentions homosexuality and abortion in the same breath. The first government office the Nazi party organized after gaining full control of the German government was the Federal Security Office for Combatting Abortion and Homosexuality (Oct. 26, 1936). Most instructive of all is the fact that, from a legal standpoint, lesbian sexual activity did not even exist in Hitler's Germany. Thus, no anti-homosexual laws were used to send untold numbers of lesbians to the death camps. Our sisters were incarcerated and killed for their "crimes" as social dissidents, not homosexuals.

The usually astute Ms. Nelson needs to—to paraphrase a Refuse and Resist slogan—wake up and smell the Third Reich odor of the New World Order. At any time far-right radicals could—with entirely legal means—make Georgia over in the image of Hitler's Final Solution. And not with Oregon- and Colorado-style constitutional amendments, but with the malleable legal precedence already on the books.

If our best and brightest civil libertarians are not vigilant about the precarious legal situations of Georgia gays and lesbians, we, at least, must be.

Sincerely,
Patrick Allen

CARBON COPIES

Mr. Douglas Jones, president
Ponce de Leon Corridor Association
c/o Woodruff Bed & Breakfast Inn
223 Ponce de Leon Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

Ms. Margaret Lupo, member
Ponce de Leon Corridor Association
c/o Mary Mac's Tea Room
224 Ponce de Leon Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

Dear Mr. Jones and Ms. Lupo:

I am a property owner and resident of Midtown, Atlanta. My purpose in writing to you is that you both are listed as businesses which make up the Ponce de Leon Corridor Association and your opposition to Grady Hospital's purchase of the old Presbyterian Center.

I am very disappointed in your efforts to keep such a worthwhile and much needed project from finally becoming a reality. With the growing AIDS epidemic, I feel the Metro Atlanta area needs this clinic and it is all too slow in coming.

The stance your organization has taken by trying to block this project by filing a lawsuit, and your insisting that Grady officials look elsewhere, has further delayed the project and will only add to the suffering of those who much need this clinic. The experts have decided that the old Presbyterian Center would make an ideal setting for this clinic. I get the distinct opin-

ion that your association does not want people with AIDS or HIV to frequent your neighborhood. Why? Your silence in the past over such issues as the prostitution problem, the homeless problem, the halfway house for former convicted criminals, and the vacant buildings in our area only can be taken as a sign that you have singled out people with AIDS and HIV as "undesirables." It seems senseless that your organization would oppose a move that would obviously bring revenue into your businesses along Ponce de Leon. Are you trying to voice your prejudice against people with AIDS or HIV, or are you just ignorant?

I would like to see some type of official response of the Ponce de Leon Corridor Association as to why you do not want the new Grady clinic to be opened in the old Presbyterian Center. Until I hear from your organization, I will urge everyone to not eat at Mary Mac's and to tell their out of town friends to stay elsewhere besides the Woodruff Bed and Breakfast Inn. You should remember just how diverse our neighborhood is and how that could affect your businesses.

I sincerely hope you respond to this letter and copy to Southern Voice, so they may print your response.

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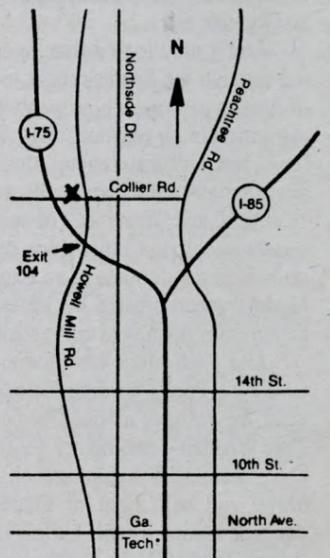
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OUT & ABOUT

FILM REVIEW

RAISING CAIN

It begins inauspiciously enough. A halcyon playground, a beautiful sunlit day, two neighbors trading friendly banter before sharing a ride home together. Then one of them, a child psychologist named Carter Nix (John Lithgow), suddenly suggests to his female friend on the drive back that she permit her son to join his daughter in Norway where they will undergo extensive psychological experimentation.

Her stunned refusal sends Carter, who secretly suffers from multiple personality disorder, over the edge. He renders her unconscious by holding a cloth soaked in chloroform over her face, intent on kidnapping her son before she regains consciousness.

When Cain, the most evil of Carter's personalities materializes beside him in the car, he offers to kill the woman so she can't go to the police. The befuddled Carter, acting on orders from his father (who might actually be one of his alter egos), realizes he hasn't thought through his plan. Of course his victim will go to the police, he finally reasons, abdicating the dirty work of the murder to the leather-clad Cain.

After Carter discovers that his wife, an oncologist named Jenny (Lolita Davidovich), is having an affair with the handsome Jack, the husband of one of her former patients (Steven Bauer), he degenerates completely. Reports mount of mothers, children and their sitters missing from the playground.

And Carter has grown obsessed with the couple's applecheeked daughter. When Jenny wakes up in the middle of the night after a savage/sexy dream and reaches for Carter, she sights him on the closed circuit TV he's installed to monitor their daughter's every move.

On the grainy black and white screen, we see Carter lying beside the girl as she sleeps peacefully in her bed. He meticulously, hysterically pecks at her blanket, making certain that she's covered perfectly. The startled Jenny, clearly ready for middle of the night passion, shakes her head in nauseous disbelief.

In tone, "Raising Cain" most closely recalls "The Fury" (1978), another of director Brian DePalma's nightmarish visions. That film also was wickedly sure in its humor. The most gifted visual storyteller at work in American movies today, DePalma is also our most scathing satirist.

In "Raising Cain," DePalma satirizes both modern parenting and technology by advancing them to extremes. He's saying, "In our zeal to protect our children, we may be terrorizing them." There's nothing innocent in his vision, and lust's festive

head rears itself in nearly every scene. He's suggesting that beneath the veneer of that respectable nuclear family lurks something creepy and hidden from view.

"Raising Cain" gives full satirical voice to people who raise their children according to the tenets of psychobabble and worry at the same time that their sex lives aren't what they would like them to be.

In one way or another, everybody in this movie is on the make. DePalma's movies have always unnerved people who were thrown by his characters' openness. By invading the personal and sexual aspects of his characters' lives, DePalma invades our psyches, too. And perhaps some of us are less willing than others to see the clammy aspects of our thinking exorcised in satirical terms onscreen.

Structurally, "Raising Cain" mimics Carter's own splintered personality. DePalma scrambles our bearings so skillfully we're sometimes uncertain for a few moments exactly what's going on in this movie, though clarity always follows and sometimes in surprising ways.

As the complex of characters inhabiting Carter's body, John Lithgow gives a bravura performance that utterly retains subtlety despite his character's elaborate design. Lithgow's split-second shifts between the evil, sexed-up Cain and the mewing, frightened Carter are miracles of timing. This is a major performance.

Sensual and dizzying, "Raising Cain" probably could only have been brought off by Brian DePalma. This is fiery, disreputable commercial filmmaking that satirizes a lot of serious issues, and it does so gleefully. Are the reviewers who have been most angered by this film so shell-shocked by the six o'clock news that they're willing to trash this country's most formidable film satirist?

TERRY FRANCIS

Pictured: John Lithgow stars as child psychologist Dr. Carter Nix who suffers from multiple personality disorder in Raising Cain.

Photo by Phil Bray

ALTERNATIVE CONCERTS

LOLLAPALOOZA II

Many people might think the Lollapalooza II tour is just a bunch of great sounding bands who decided to get together to put on a show. And a popular show at that since the first performance on August 20 sold out in just three hours prompting a second show to be added for September 1.

But the tour is more than just aesthetically pleasing to the ear. It is an alternative rock tour and arts festival meant to bring about cultural awareness and understanding, according to Perry Farrell, former lead singer of Jane's Addiction and one of the organizers of the tour.

Farrell recently told *The Advocate* that he is bisexual. "How can you deny part of yourself? Why deny love — gay, straight, or whatever?" Farrell asked.

In a recent interview with MTV, Farrell said the tour should be educational as well as entertaining. Along with the seven bands, there will be artists displaying their work, an AIDS awareness booth, an Amnesty International booth and a Rock the Vote booth, sponsored in part by MTV to help make the younger generation aware of how politics work and what a difference a person's vote can make.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers, a punk-funk band from Los Angeles, is the headliner for the tour. Anthony Kiedis, lead singer, and Michael Balazary, bassist and better known as Flea, founded the Chili Peppers in 1983 with Hillel Slovak, the band's original guitarist, and drummer Jack Irons. The band's latest hit, "Under the Bridge," has hit the top 10 and the Peppers are enjoying mainstream success after nine years, five albums, two record labels and several personnel changes. Kiedis told *Rolling Stone Magazine* recently that he has mixed feelings about the tour this year and says, "it's way too male, and way too guitar oriented" for his taste.

Kiedis also told *Rolling Stone* that Lollapalooza's success along with Nirvana's, their Seattle-sub Pop brethren, and the Chili Peppers themselves, "is emblematic of a healthy and vital



discontent revitalizing rock & roll: "The world at large is just completely bored with mainstream bullshit. They want something that not only has a hard-core edge but that is real music, written by real people who wake up and have the unignorable need to create music."

The Chili Peppers are hardly a one sound band. They generate such sounds as spacey acid-rock in "Behind the Sun" on "The Uplift Mofa Party Plan" album and an eerie waltz with Mellotron in "Breaking the Girl" on the "Blood Sugar Sex Magik" album.

Kiedis makes a point to ensure that his music is not only enjoyable but makes a point as well. Kiedis has taken cracks at several social and environmental ills in "Green Haven" (on the band's 1984 debut, "The Red Hot Chili Peppers") and the persecution of indigenous peoples in "Johnny, Kick a Hole in the Sky" from the album "Mother's Milk."

Also featured at Lollapalooza is Soundgarden, the first of many bands to emerge from the fertile Seattle scene. The name Soundgarden comes from a paper sculpture in Seattle's Sand Point that makes unearthly howling noises in the wind.

Soundgarden hit it big two years ago with their album "Louder Than Love." And now, two years later, its latest record, *Badmotorfinger*, was nominated for a Grammy and also was their first to go gold.

Pearl Jam, also featured on tour, is also from Seattle. But Pearl Jam and Soundgarden have more in common than just their hometown.

Guitarist Stone Gossard, and Bassist Jeff Ament from Pearl Jam teamed with singer Chris Cornell of Soundgarden in 1990 to make the album "Temple of the Dogs," a hard rock tribute to singer and long-time friend Andrew Wood.

Pearl Jam's first studio recording emerged as "Alive," a three-song Epic promotional sampler. Ten is the Epic debut album by Pearl Jam and contains 11 songs including, "Once," "Even Flow," "Release," and "Alive." These songs convey an overwhelming sense of empathy for the disenfranchised, while others like "Why Go" and "Jeremy" plunge into the abused psyche of the neglected child.

Also appearing at Lollapalooza will be Ministry, an industrial dance band, Ice Cube, a rap band, Lush and the Jesus and Mary Chain.

BRANDI TIPPS

For tickets to Lollapalooza II on Sept. 1 call Ticketmaster at 249-6400 to charge or go to any Ticketmaster center including Turtle's, Tower Records, Sounds Warehouse or Princess Pamela's in LSP.

Blood Sugar Sex Magik, the latest release from the Red Hot Chili Peppers, is available at Criminal Records in Little Five Points.

Pictured: Red Hot Chili Peppers



If the National Weather Service was baffled by the recent rise in temperature within our city, there can be only one explanation — the collective body heat generated by the *thousands* of scantily clad rafters (and rafter camp followers) who were in town over the recent Hotlanta River Expo Weekend, themed Hotlanta Beach: Remember When this year. What a whirl of events! From Miss Hotlanta on Thursday to the closing parties on Sunday night (and on into Monday morning), the four days were packed with things to do and places to go.

The major benefactors of the invasion of the boys of summer were the bars. The rafters and their admirers kept the cash registers ringing at all the centrally located establishments. Not to mention the Midtown (and some downtown) hotels who provided a few hours of much needed rest for the party-til-you-drop set. And restaurants earned their share of the rafter dollar, giving these growing boys plenty of the stuff which makes muscles grow.

My sources tell me I missed quite an evening at Mr. Hotlanta. Not only were the contestants the stuff dreams are made of, but Jim Bailey brought the crowd to its feet in response to his performance. He was the image and personification of Judy Garland as he sang several of that Legend's songs and delighted the audience with his very Judy-like patter between the songs. The Weather Girls, on the other hand, were less than wonderful, displaying little of the power and energy which we have come to expect from them.

Of course, the contestants for **Mr. Hotlanta** were the main attraction of the evening and deservedly so. The competition was fierce as the boys displayed their wares in tuxedos, swimwear, and "fantasy wear." One contestant's fantasy consisted of chaps and ropes, another was wheeled out on a float to reveal himself as a "Merman." No, not like Eihel Merman—a Merman as in *Mermaid*, complete with fishtail. In the end, Victor McHain, Mr. Atlantic City was named Mr. Hotlanta. Our Atlanta homeboy Tim Mullins was named first runner up, with San Diego's Jay Carvin placing second. Ably hosted by Tina Coquina DeVore and RSVP Cruises comic Danny Williams, the production was smooth and professionally done.

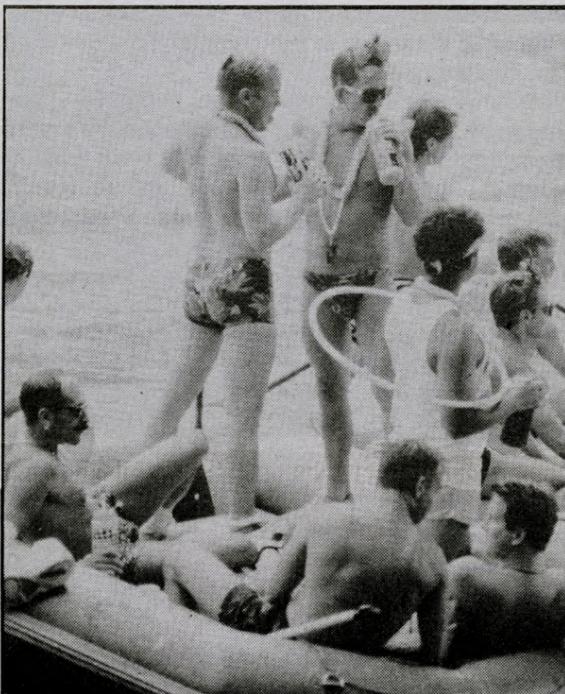
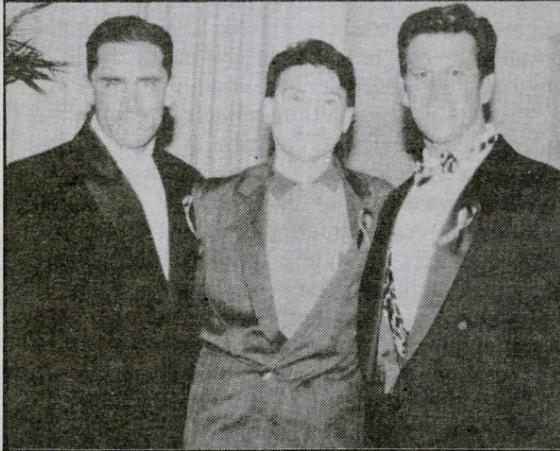
My plans to attend the Mr. Hotlanta Contest were altered by a visit by my nephew and his girlfriend Iris from Nashville. The three of us started our evening by driving downtown to the Sundial atop the Peachtree Plaza Hotel.

We entered the gaudy lobby area of the hotel and headed for the elevators which ascend to the Sundial. For those of us who remember the original lobby of this grand hotel, the new interior looks like a nouveau riche, Disneyesque fantasy. Tall pink and black wooden arches, inexplicably outlined with tiny Vegas strip lights fill the spaces along the outer walls. It seems to have been conjured up by some designer from the "More is Better" school of design; more furniture, more chandeliers, more twinkle, twinkle.

We sped past all this frumpiness as I lamented about the vast open space that had been the original lobby. Pools of

AFTER HOURS

DANNY ROBLE



water surrounded the central column of elevators leaving the first several floors open to the skylights above. But that was in the early '80s.

Luckily the Sundial was its reliable self. The vista afforded by this revolving lounge and restaurant is incredible. The Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium glowed with light and life as the Braves were playing host to the Dodgers. A few moments later the massive Georgia Dome came into view, followed by the Coca-Cola headquarters and Georgia Tech. The most impressive view is to the North where the newest and most beautiful buildings have sprung

up in Midtown.

After finishing our drinks (and revolving four times around the compass) we drove to Midtown. Our dinner destination was the **Bridgetown Grill**, near the Fox. Luckily there was no theatre crowd to contend with and we did not have to wait long for a table.

Iris chose the Poblano shrimp, Michael the man-sized combination of jerk chicken breast and tender pork ribs, and my choice was the barbeque chicken sandwich. There was liberal sampling of the three dishes and all were delicious. The inclusion of a bottle of white zinfandel wine rounded the meal out perfectly.

The following night I attended the opening reception of the "Illusions" show at Aliya, the gallery of Morningside. The champagne corks were popped around 7:15, kicking the party into high gear. Gallery-going regulars as well as the pre- and post-dinner crowds from the nearby restaurants Mambo, Indigo, and Partners, enjoyed the art and conversation about art. And what art there was to discuss...colorful figures by Absolut sculptor Daniel Meyer, paintings by Clarence Measelle, and the black and white nude photographs of Jim Long.

Though not included in the "Illusions" show, Aliya-represented artist Stephen Wolverine stopped by to say hello and see the show. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Wolverine at a show in the spring called "Sheetrock and Roll" which took place in a newly renovated house in Little Five Points. The goal of the show was to sell the art as well as the house, which was a huge two story with a wonderful pool in the backyard. Aliya also featured Stephen in a show earlier in the summer where his ethereal landscapes were napped up by several art patrons.

In other art news, **800 East** is putting on a show called "House of Love" each Sunday in August from 1 to 5PM. Various performers will take to the stage from 3 to 5 while the hours of 1 to 3 are more informal with guests encouraged to bring a covered dish for a communal meal. The hoped for atmosphere is that of an artist's salon, where artists and friends can gather to compare notes and exchange ideas.

Upcoming at 800 East is the annual "24 Hour Show" where every available inch of wall space is adorned with art and the music and performances go on non-stop for a full 24 hours.

And here is some very interesting news. From **All Walks of Life**, the AIDS walk benefit, scheduled for October 4 just announced the confirmed entertainers who will be present for the event. So far it's Dionne Warwick, Melba Moore and country singer Kathy Mattea. Quite an impressive list so far! Pledge sheets for the Walk are already available at locations all over town including Turtle's, Sportslife, South Trust Banks, Subway and more. For more info on the walk call their hotline at 885-6800.

Pictured, above, from left to right: Mr. Hotlanta '92, Victor McHain of Atlantic City, Jim Bailey and second runner-up Jay Carvin of San Diego
Below: Hotlanta River rafters on the Chattahoochee.

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C A L E N D A R

20 THURSDAY

ATLANTA LESBIAN & GAY PRIDE BOARD ELECTIONS. Nominations will be accepted up until voting time, but you have to have attended the last two meetings to vote. 7 pm. Plaza Hotel, 70 Houston St. at Courtland. 662-4533 for more info.

CARMEN. Tonight, Saturday night and Monday night. The Atlanta Opera's 1992 season continues with Georges Bizet's timeless paean to tragic passion. Delores Ziegler sings the title role. In French with English supertitles projected over the stage. 8 pm. Symphony Hall. 355-3311 for ticket info.

REPORT FROM THE 5th INTERNATIONAL FEMINIST BOOKFAIR. Linda Bryant of Charis Books attended the fair in Amsterdam and will share her experiences. 7:30 pm. CHaris Books & More. 419 Moreland Ave. 524-0304.

21 FRIDAY

MY QUEER BODY. Tonight and tomorrow night. Tim Miller, one of America's most outrageous queers, performs his latest piece, "My Queer Body." 8 pm. 7 Stages Theatre. 523-7647.

AIDS AWARENESS CONCERT. This "Slam Jammin' Rap Spectacular" starring The Boys, Mint Condition, MC Lyte and others is geared toward teens. Along with the music there will be "health experts" on hand to talk about how to reduce the risk of AIDS. We just hope the experts aren't afraid of the word c-o-n-d-o-m. 1 pm. Omni Coliseum. 730-SLAM for more info.

JOYRIDE. Avant-garde theatre from Elaine R. Howard. Come be a part of The New World where everyone gets their fair share. Runs through Aug.

30. 8 pm. The Storage Place, 115 Church St. in Decatur. 264-6198 for reservations and more info.

22 SATURDAY

THE WHITE PARTY. A benefit for Project Open Hand. Summer white attire requested. Music by Jimmy Marshall. 8:30 pm. Piedmont Grove, 10th & Monroe Dr. \$30 in advance (available at The Boy Next Door); \$35 at the door.



HIV UPDATE. The nationally syndicated cable tv program on HIV and AIDS has an Atlanta focus in the month of August. (See story on page 7). Same show airs every Saturday in the month. 6 pm. Channel 12. People TV.

SOUTHERN COUNTRY'S FOURTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. A weekend full of country and western dancing, food, cash prizes and more. Tonight's formal Western Ball is expected to be so big it will be held in three different locations! 938-0609 for more info.

23 SUNDAY

HOMOSEXUALITY AND THE BIBLE. First MCC of Atlanta presents a workshop about the myth of the Bible condemning gay people. 2:30 pm. First MCC. 800 N. Highland Ave. 872-2246 for more info.

BERNSTEIN'S BROADWAY. This Evening at Pops special, hosted by Bea Arthur, pays tribute to the genius of Leonard Bernstein. 10 pm. GPTV. Channel 8.

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24 MONDAY

CARMEN. Tonight is the final performance. See Thurs., Aug. 20 for details.

25 TUESDAY

M. BUTTERFLY. Don't miss this Tony award-winning play about a naive diplomat who thinks he finds the "perfect woman" in Song Liling. Hint: Actor M. Ordonez plays the role of Song. Play runs through Sept. 26. Theatre in the Square in Marietta. 422-8369 for reservations.

26 WEDNESDAY

4th ANNUAL AIDS RESEARCH UPDATE. The AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta (ARCA) will focus on information presented at the 8th Annual International Conference on AIDS held in Amsterdam in July. Topics include vaccines, new therapies, women and more. Also, 20 organizations will be present to answer questions and distribute



literature. 7 pm. Atlanta Civic Center. 876-2317 for more info.

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Shakespeare's comic battle of the sexes previews tonight through Sept. 1. Opening night is Sept. 2. 8 pm. Alliance Theatre. Symphony Hall. 892-2414.

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Pictured:
BELOW: Rep. Gerry Studds (D-MA). Photo by Jim Marks
ABOVE: Decatur native Delores Ziegler plays the title role in the Atlanta Opera's production of Carmen
LEFT: Tim Miller will be at 7 Stages Aug. 20-22. Photo by Chuck Stallard.

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

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BACK HOME: REFLECTIONS OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN

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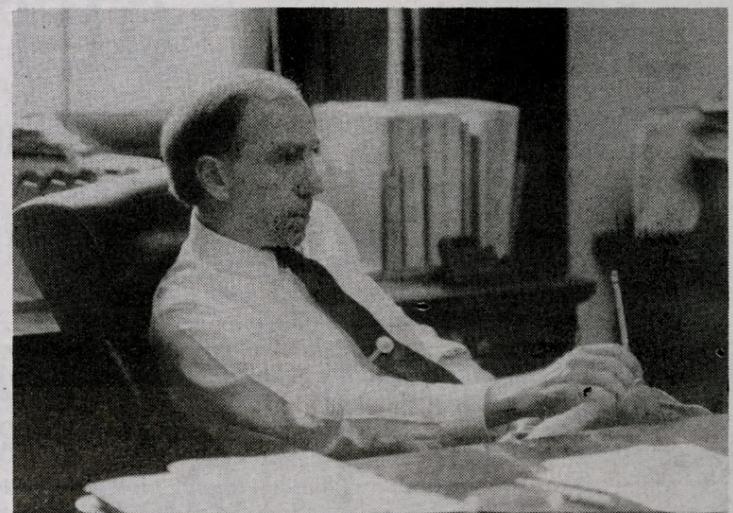
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PEOPLE OF COLOR PRIDE PICNIC. Sept. 5. The African American Lesbian & Gay Alliance (AALGA) invite all gay and lesbian people of color for a day of fun in Piedmont Park. 458-3003 for more information.

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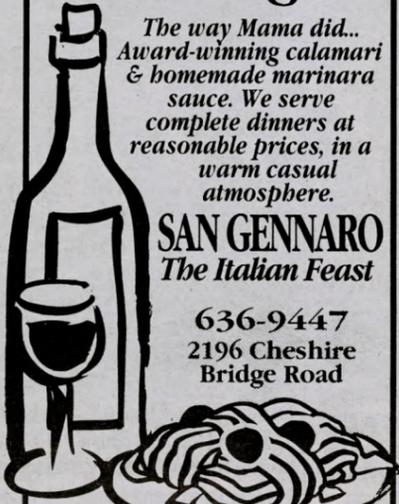
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Sous vide (it means under vacuum) is a method of food preparation that has been around since the mid-'70s. Food is vacuum packed in plastic bags and slow cooked in high humidity ovens. When done, it's dunked in cold water and then stored in the refrigerator for up to 21 days. After that it can be frozen.

When you want to eat, just heat the sous vide packets, either in simmering water or the microwave.

The resultant product has the potential to be so fresh tasting that only the most finicky palette could tell that you had not just spent hours bent over a hot stove. Indeed many fine restaurants in Europe are said to regularly use sous vide as a method of preparation.

The product as it's presented here in Atlanta is prepared by a company in Marietta. They sell it to hotels, institutions and restaurants. Unless I'm sadly mistaken this is the very same food that was served at the ill-fated Cafe des-Artistes in Buckhead, a restaurant that failed to develop a consistent clientele despite much promotion by its owners.

The basic problem with the food at des-Artistes are the same as those with the offerings at Sous Vide of Buckhead—much of it doesn't taste very good. Fresh? Sure. Well prepared? Only occasionally.

Predictably the simplest items are the best. Poached salmon could just as well come directly from the fish market through your pan to your plate. Sauce Provencale might have just come from your mama's long simmering pot. Cheese tortellini are fresh textured and tender, if a mite on the gummy side.

At the opposite end of the spectrum, a complicated dish like shrimp etoufee fails to inspire anything but yawns. The sauce is over-thick and tastes of little except of some kind of salty seafood base and black pepper. A real shame, given the fact that the shrimp are tender and fresh tasting when removed from the brown mire that surrounds them.

Chicken, available in almost a dozen ways and sampled in three, also fails to satisfy because it is monochromatically spiced and tastes over-cooked. Dill sauce is reminiscent of little more than dried milk. Shitake sauce is better, studded with tender pieces of the mushroom, though thin tasting and without much character.

Corn and crab chowder is starchy thick and salty, but under the sodium, it tastes remarkably right. Caponata, were it not overwhelmed with a single spice (clove?) would be good enough to fight for.

Simply put, for those with less than picky tastes (or prepared by another chef's hands) this is a great idea.

Me? I'd rather microwave a baked potato.

Roadhouse Rumors

Rumors (and at least one published report to the contrary), the American Roadhouse (842 N. Highland Ave) does not appear to have fired its lesbian and gay employees. When a friend had lunch there last week and asked her lesbian waitress about the story, the waitron replied that indeed a gay employee was fired but not because he is gay. To confirm her story the waitress pointed around the room at the waitstaff. "She is and she is and he is," she said.

The Bag Is Back

The African Brown Bag (699 Ponce de Leon) which graced Little 5 Points several years ago with its quirky atmosphere and Franco-Afro fusion cuisine has returned. The new location is in Ford Factory Square. Dinner only, begins at 6pm daily.

Good Reads

I'm indebted to my friend John (he who made the jalapeno cream pie last year) for turning me on to the food column written by Raymond Sokolov in Natural History magazine. Sokolov is fun to read and appears to really love food as well as know much about its origins, uses and historical lore.

The August issue features a fascinating piece on the cashew apples (the ripened stem of the cashew nut.) July's article was on barley producers and consumers in the Ecuadorian Andes. In addition to beautiful photographs, the articles also include recipes for the food item of the month. Check it out, especially if you are bored with the state of your culinary life.

The September issue of Met Home features the recipes of Olga's Cup and Saucer, a tiny take-out shop in Compton, Rhode Island. The prescriptions for veggie tarts with zucchini, leeks and corn and popovers stuffed with oven dried tomatoes and corn are not simple, but they look and sound absolutely scrumptious.

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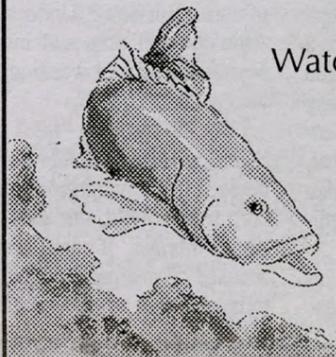
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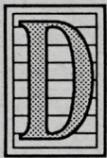
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THIS OLD HOE
EARTHSHAKIN' OBSERVATIONS

As regular readers know, I especially enjoy growing plants native to the Americas (eg. corn, squash, tomatoes, peppers). I feel that these choices honor the land more, as well as the land's native inhabitants. It's also a plus ecologically, since native growers are adapted to the soil and climate, with less danger of being "out of balance."

Let's discuss corn, whose scientific name means live maize. (Maize being an anglicized form of the Aztec name originally picked up by the Spanish invaders* in Mexico).

Corn as we recognize it today has been traced back as far as 7,000 B.C.E. in Central America (although some stiff botanists stoutly maintain that corn is not older than 3,500 B.C.E.).

This wondrous, ancient provider of primary sustenance was known by a multitude of names to those who held her sacred: Kaphutetash, Old Woman Who Never Dies (plains); Mother Corn (Dakotas); Irriaku, Corn Mother ("Who Has the Power of Life, the Power of Dreams"); Selu, Corn Woman (Appalachian); Kochinnenako, Yellow Rose Woman or Woman-Woman (New Mexico); Xilonen, Young Corn Mother (Mexico).

Who could fail to be entranced by the multitude of mysteries abounding in the corn? Is this not a miracle? To place a parched kernel,** unsuitable for eating, into the prepared ground. And, in a few weeks, long, green, vibrant stalks sass up out of the ground to greet Sol and sky. Spiky pollen-bearing strands adorn the top of the plant like a punky sun-hat. And then you notice a swelling on the side, with golden strands hanging down in a silky, sleepy little waterfall, signifying the husk's nurturing presence.

Why, empires could be built on these lovely stalks! Indeed, the entire Mayan civilization was constructed on a base



of corn. But how? Understand, corn is a low-input product. After the soil prep and initial sowing, there is little to do beyond occasional weeding and a bit of fertilizing (corn is a heavy feeder).

But the resulting "free" time can then be spent in temple building, and social fabric maintaining. In fact, Mayan law decreed that a hungry person was entitled to take two ears of corn from a field; this was proper, and would be enough to satisfy hunger. If more were taken, the person would be accused of stealing. Imagine a hungry person in *this* country today entering a field or a market and taking two ears.

Corn was life. It had a spirit, just a humans do. And spirits need release in order to do their work. The Mayans ritualistically smashed small statuary of human forms when the fields were planted, or a person was buried, so that the respective (and related) spirits could begin their journey.

To honor Corn Maiden, I perform a small, personal ritual when I plant. Scoff if you wish; the burdened stalks are now over seven feet high; we eat the ears right off the stalks without cooking, because they're so incredibly sweet.

With one foot in the past and the other in the present, we should note that amazing strides have been made in corn hybridization since the turn of the century, when intense focus on corn began. Even post WWII favorites such as Silver Queen (which I have enjoyed for years) are giving way before newer hybrids—or conversely, open-pollinated heirloom corns dating from the 19th, or even 17th century.

Nowadays, we are inundated with varieties of the five basic types of corn (pop, flint, dent—or field—flour, and sweet). I pore over fantastic catalogs in an almost pornographic smorgasbord of delights. "Seeds of Change," "Native Seed/Search," "Southern Exposure Seed Exchange," and "J.L. Hudson's Ethnobotanical Catalog of Seed"*** render undreamed-of corn (and other) delights.

Given the paucity of space available to me, however, this year I opted for Hawaiian Super Sweet Corn from "Southern Seeds." This, instead of Black Aztec, Hopi Red, Isleta Blue, June White or any of the 74 other varieties in these catalogs. (Hell, even "Burpee's" and "Parks" features about a dozen different types! Ah corn, truly a multifaced delight, in any language, variety, or form.

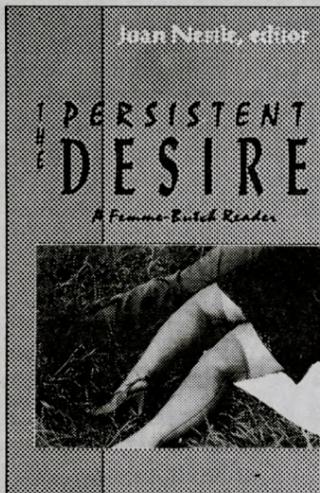
* It's a common error to say that corn came from the old world. Originally, the European words for corn genetically connotated "grain." (Hence, "Corned Beef Hash," while traditional in Ireland, etc. has no actual Zea Mays in it)

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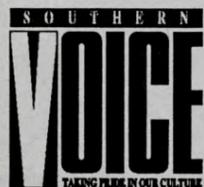
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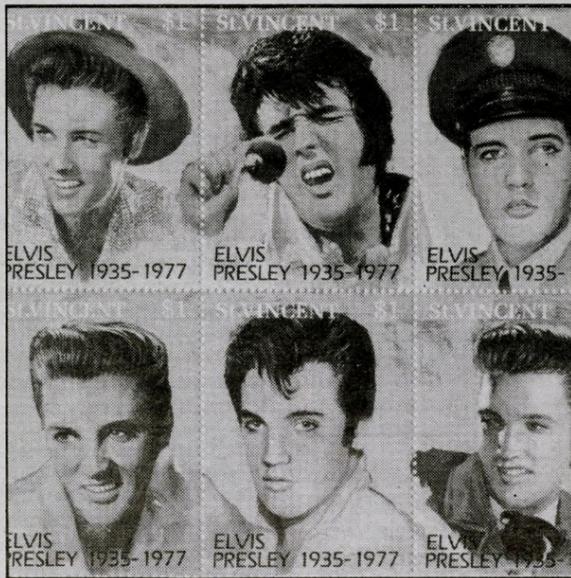
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Too Good to Be True? The folks who are promoting Network Q (which Dish told you about several months ago) claim that 1.5 million viewers will see their premier broadcast in September. It costs \$39.95 to join Network Q—you get an official T-shirt, your first tape and a \$5 discount on subsequent monthly tapes for your money. Dish's calculator is broken, but we think that \$40 times 1.5 million queers is \$60 million. We can't wait to see what's on those tapes that makes them worth that kind of money! For information call 1/800/368-0638.

We Get Letters: We get some pretty strange mail at the SoVo office. Like a press release from a group called "America's Perfect Teen" announcing the 1993 Georgia Teen Pageant. At first we thought we would just toss it in the trash, but then we got to wondering about looking for a really tough young diesel dyke to enter the contest. That might just cause the judges to sit up and take notice, don't ya' think? If you know such a woman (or a knock out femme) please ask her to call (412) 225-5343 for more info. And tell her to send a snapshot along to us if they allow her to enter.

A Holy Ecstasy: That's how one of the attendees described a "pep rally for Jesus" attended by 22,500 men in Boulder, CO a couple of weeks ago. Dish is well familiar with the idea of holy ecstasy in the context of that many men—even if only 10% were gay that's still a whole lot of testosterone in one place at one time. The group who is trying to pass an anti-gay rights amendment in Colorado had a booth which is said to have attracted more supporters than detractors at the two day conference. U of Colorado football coach Bill McCartney organized this rightwing mess—and claims that he is gonna take it on a national tour. Let's hope he tries to stage one in San Francisco!

Pennies From Heaven: Probably you've heard of the Pennies From Heaven Campaign designed to raise money for ex-Pres. Jimmy Carter's The Atlanta Project. Well, Southern



Voice's production manager Joan T. Sherwood has volunteered to be a penny collector for the project and has set a jar out in the office to collect pennies from cooperative queers. If you count yourself among that number, drop by the office at 1189 Virginia Avenue anytime between 9am and 6pm Monday-Friday and give us your pennies—which do not need to be wrapped or counted. Dish has already donated and it felt great, thanks.

Elvis Found: The King is apparently alive and well (well, at least his image is) on the tiny island of St. Vincent in the British West Indies. That nation has issued a set of nine stamps with images of Elvis from all stages of his career from doe-eyed boy to mean-faced man. Check with your fave stamp dealer or call the International Collectors Society at (800) 873-2003 if you can't (or won't) wait a year or so for the USPS to come up with their lickable Elvis.

Bad-Mart: We told you this in the news pages a month or two ago, but it bears repeating. Walgreen's, Wal-Mart, and Kmart have all refused to distribute Magic Johnson's book "What You Can Do to Avoid AIDS." It seems that the book (which says that abstinence is the only 100% safe approach to sex) also uses slang terms (in parentheses) for body parts and includes instructions on how to use a condom. Dish urges that you give this dangerous decision some consideration when you get ready to spend your hard-earned bucks at any of these three establishments—especially Walgreens which makes millions selling drugs to people who are HIV positive.

Tit for Tat: Some errant soul sent Dish a copy of "Baptists Today" a weekly publication for "Baptists in the USA." We found it interesting that the 20 page paper featured at least three news articles about gays and that none of them had a negative spin. One even contained info about MCC is pressing Defense Department to assign chaplains from that (primarily gay/lesbian) denomination to military duty. Sounds smart to Dish.

Portrait of a Marriage Redux: Dish didn't buy it and now we're sorry, because a recent issue of the National Enquirer (or one of its clones) had a front page picture of Whitney Houston and Bobby Brown that made us wonder if they might be trying to be cast for roles in "Portrait of a Marriage—Part 2 The '90s." Just in case you didn't watch the recent PBS series, it had to do with a gay man and a lesbian who were married to each other, but who also had same-sex relationships outside the marriage. Get the picture?

AUGUST 20 - AUGUST 26, 1992

As the Sun moves into the mutable (adaptable) earth sign of Virgo on Saturday, August 22, we may have a small break from the past month of high energy and intense emotions. The New Moon on the 27th is an excellent time to start new projects and better personal habits.

ARIES, with the Sun on your 6th house of work and health, you may find the kind of work you are doing is having a direct impact on your health. If your heart is in your work, you probably feel fine, unless you are over-doing the hours. TAURUS, the next month could be a very creative period for you, so you may want to arrange your schedule with more free time for fun and creative activity. Look for opportunities to express your thoughts and feelings to others. GEMINI, you may believe the entire world is your home and that you can carry your heart in your suitcase, but we all need some kind of roots and stability in our lives. Even the birds build their nests and the bees have their hives.

CANCER, if you haven't planned a major vacation for the summer, you might consider an extended weekend trip sometime this fall to your favorite spot for fun and relaxation. Take a

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new friend or an "old" one and have a good time. Lucky LEO, hopefully you have been able to put all your creative energy to good use without too many misfires. If you are feeling extremely stressed or overloaded with responsibility and tension, you may need a massage and advice from your favorite astrologer. HAPPY BIRTHDAY VIRGO! This is your month to celebrate with friends, lovers and family. Very important for you to do special things for yourself. If you haven't taken any real time off this summer, now is the time to do it. Have lots of FUN!

LIBRA, with the Sun and Venus cruising your 12th house of dreams and visions, you may find your dreamtime more active or your daydreams more vivid and powerful. If possible, keep a dream log or at least look for recurring themes. SCORPIO, if you have strong feelings about any of the political issues or candidates, this is the perfect time for you to get involved. Change is

inevitable and those who are active will help to shape the future. DEAR SAGITTARIUS, how is life? If things aren't exactly the way you want them to be or you are feeling somewhat disoriented, don't be too alarmed. Very important to focus on your personal priorities and values right now.

CAPRICORN, hopefully you have already had a wonderful vacation, but if not then you definitely should consider taking a special trip to someplace new, exciting, fun or all three. This is NOT the time to stay home and clean out closets. AQUARIUS, major projects may be on hold for another few weeks or possibly a month, so try to be patient with people and things even when you feel you are at your personal limit. Try more exercise or a massage to handle tension. PISCES, if you feel that your personal life is falling apart before your eyes, it may be that you are releasing the past and learning to be more in the present. You may have to do some re-rooting, but everything will be fine, promise.

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Dykes To Watch Out For



OUTLINES

LENNY LASATER

Age: 35

Relationship status: "We've been dating for a year and a half, but she just moved in 2 months ago"

How long in Atlanta: 6 years

Pet Peeve: White people who don't get it



Lenny Lasater has overcome her performance anxiety, although if you've seen her perform with SAME or heard her sing with the Feminist Women's Chorus, you might not have thought she ever had such a problem.

"I grew up in a performing family," she says. But she remembers a disastrous first solo as part of the church choir when she was a young girl. She opened her mouth, but couldn't sing loud enough to be heard. Those who know Lasater find that hard to believe.

But joining the Feminist Women's Chorus was a turning point for her as a performer. "I love the Chorus very much," she says. "The Chorus is great for many reasons, networking, of course, for business and girlfriends."

But she quickly adds, "It's a lot of work. It's a very disciplined group." Her first solo with the Chorus was "Built for Comfort," and she was somewhat nervous, fearing a repeat of her church solo experience. "It's one thing when you do it at your mom and dad's church; it's another thing when you do it in front of 500 dykes," she laughs. But she sang, and, though she knew she could do better, it went well. Now she vows 'em, singing with powerful confidence.

Lasater has also performed with SAME in musicals and comedies. Her first was "Well of Horniness." "Opening night was like my awakening," she says. She felt natural on stage playing a role, and the applause was addicting. "My character could be a great singer," she says. "My character didn't have performance anxiety." She can be seen soon performing with Southern Fried Productions musical version of "Why I Live at the P.O." by Eudora Welty. The play opens September 11.

An electrician by trade, Lasater calls herself the "Electrician to the Stars." "I don't want to say which stars, because their electrical problems are their own business," she says. She has been working as an electrician for 13 years. "I worked out of the union hall for 11 years," she says. "My home local is in Nashville. That's where I did my apprenticeship." She worked at the Savannah River Nuclear Plant for eighteen months before coming to Atlanta. "I believe I never got security clearance because I said 'yes,'" she comments.

For the last couple of years Lasater has been working for herself, which allows her greater flexibility. When she's doing well, she is able to give to the community. "I was able to donate a lot of electrical work to SAME, getting them moved into their new space," she says. In fact, she has an overall laidback attitude toward her work. "I've always had what I call a 'community rate,'" she explains.

Lasater is a member of a family of lesbians who call themselves the Bickersons. "That's my extended family here, my extended dysfunctional family," she explains. They don't claim to be perfect, just a family. The Bickerson clan has two moms and about 22 sisters. "We do the festivals together. At holidays, we'll end up at somebody's home." The Bickersons originated during a deep sea fishing trip at Fernandina Beach. It started out as a fairly small group of friends, but grew to the point that they needed two boats to accommodate everybody.

"It was hot," Lasater explains. The group wound up bickering a lot. "We came up with this Bickersons thing," she says. Each family member has at least one nickname that begins with 'B.' Lasater is Barracuda Bickerson as a result of a story from that first fishing trip. She tells it better than I could. Over the years, they've added family members and lost a few. "We do family things," says Lasater. "like mind each other's business." She adds, "I don't want to say that we're all a bunch of dysfunctional therapy addicts, but the fact is that the Bickersons fill a need that our birth families didn't."

Finally there are two important things that Lasater wants readers to know about her. "I'm an Aries with Virgo rising and a Gemini moon," and "I'm a great lover." She's also a flirt.

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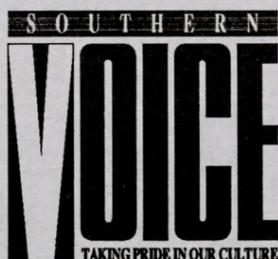
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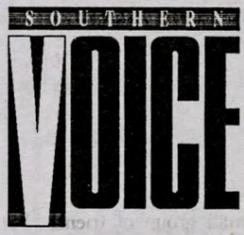
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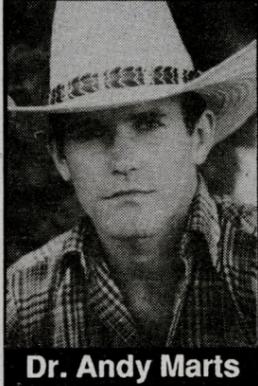
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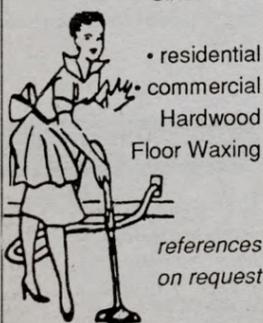
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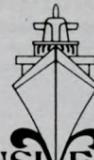
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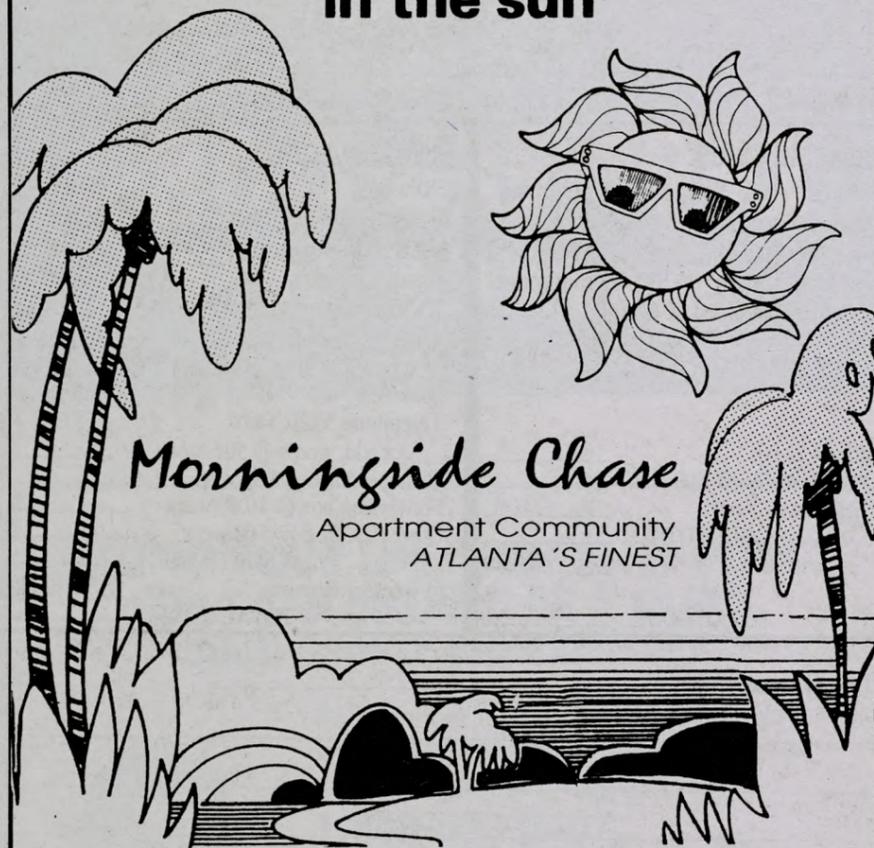
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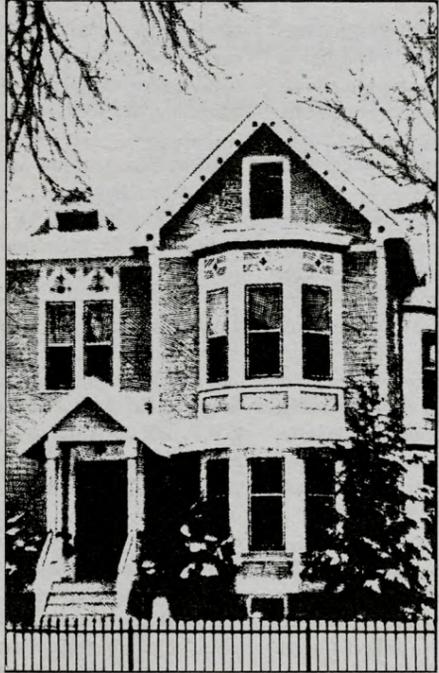
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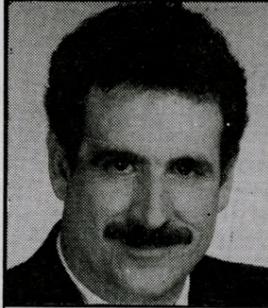
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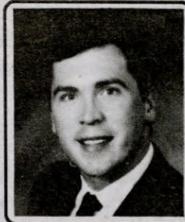
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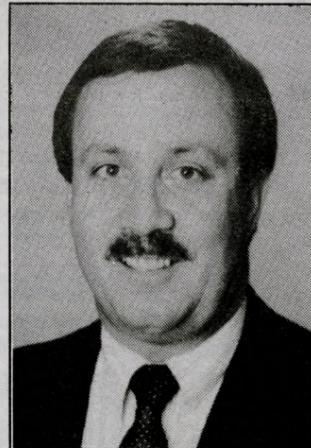
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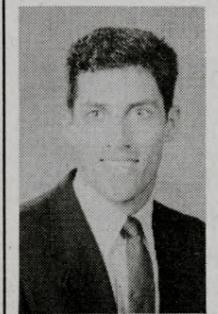
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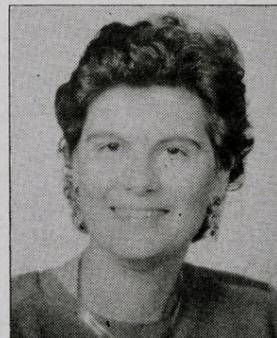
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GWM, 29, Professional, nice-looking, HIV positive, is interested in meeting similar professional guys for friendship or possible relationship. ☎ 50080

GWM, 20; attractive, non-stereotypical, passionate, relationship-oriented, W.G.C. student seeks cute, young GWM student 18-22 for friendship or more. ☎ 50071

WM, 31, 6'3", 230 lbs, professional, enjoys local music scene, movies, Braves, concerts, wants to meet intelligent non-stereotypical friends. ☎ 50067

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GWM, 31, 155, Br/Br, handsome, well-adjusted, hopeless romantic seeks swell guy (18-35) for relationship. ☎ 50065

GBM, 35, Ph.D., honest, sincere, professional, financially secure, aggressive, seeks GWM, Italian, Hispanic with similar qualities. Let's talk / get acquainted. ☎ 50062

GWM, 22, college student, feels disgusted by the effeminacy and crudeness typical of gays; is looking for someone else who is not at home among them. ☎ 50064

BM, 31, 6'3", 195, intelligent, masculine, adventurous seeks GWM, 18-28 very slim, boyish looks for friendship. POB 11576, Atlanta, GA 30355. (5.26)

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MASSAGE

Attractive, gentle, strong, mature, WM, 45, 6'0", 165#, blonde/blue, seeks masculine men 25+, fun/friendship. ☎ 50045

Attractive GWM, 35, HIV+, seeks other GWMs for friendship & fun, I'm 5'6" Bl/Bl, 122#. Healthy. Call ☎ 50053

WM 34 wants to blow you to Buffalo and charm you with sparkling Southern wit. 6 foot, 165, short black hair, avg build, good looks. ☎ 50019

Beguiling GBM, 30, Attractive-Long-Hair (bottom), seeks dominant attractive (top) but sensitive GWM Italian or Hispanic for relationship, good times. ☎ 50047

GWM, 23, cute, wants to meet guys 22-26, "semi-red necks," long hair a plus, pick up the phone & let's talk. No one-nighters. ☎ 50035

Attractive, trim, EZgoing GWM, good at massage. Good VCR flicks. Lay back and enjoy. All messages receive quick response. ☎ 50020

GWM - handsome, lovable, blonde, submissive, surfer type. Love animals, Midtown, endowed, Gemini, positive, sincere, honest, drug free, musician. ☎ 50036

WM, 24, blond, blue, 6', 158#, seeks guys 18-30 for great times. ☎ 50043

Submissive WM, 30, fit and attractive, total novice, wants to learn strict discipline and dominance. At your service! ☎ 50037

GWM, 32, attractive, tall & interesting with dark short hair & moustache seeking an attractive well-endowed GBM for fun & excitement. Age not an issue and all responses will be answered. ☎ 50011

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GWM does daytime cleaning, laundry, massage and service for attractive dominant. ☎ 50028

WM, Blond, Blue, 6', 158#, seeks WM 18-30 for special friendship. Looking for someone w/weekdays free. Call ☎ 50032

A piece is missing from my life's puzzle. Is it you? GWM, 41, 5'8", Brn/Bl. Let's talk. Let's meet. Today! ☎ 50033

GWM, 29, handsome, trim, honest, compassionate, traditional acting, a sense of self-worth, a thinking individual, looking for same 25-35. ☎ 50026

Attractive GWM, 40's, writer. Dark hair / beard. Blue eyes, 5'8". Into fitness, traveling, sex. Seeking prosperous 30's GWM author / publisher. ☎ 50031

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Sensitive GBM, bottom, 26, 5'10" seeks attractive GWM, 19-39, TOP, well endowed and romantic. For friendship, maybe more. No fems or bar flies. ☎ 50009

WOMEN

Fem GWF, 22, into politics as well as old-fashioned romance. Seeking butch for possible relationship. TRAY ☎ 50078

Hot Chocolate professional, mother of one, 32, slender & attractive, seeking tall, slender, handsome woman to share quality time. ☎ 50076

To my Dearest Sierra: Zwei Seelen und ein Gedanke, Zwei Herzen und ein Schlag: Love always your dearest Rebecca. ☎ 50075

GBF, 22 looking for GF's between 21 & 30. For friendship and possible relationship. ☎ 50073

Pretty GBF, 25, 5'5", 120 lbs, very affectionate. Seeks gay fem female who's intelligent and serious about a friendship / relationship. ☎ 50074

GBF, 33, good looking, fun loving, serious, aggressive, drug free. Seeking 100% lesbian, 19-33 years old, companion to travel with on a Caribbean vacation. Absolutely no bisexuals, smokers, no drugs, for friendship and possible romance. ☎ 50069

F musician seeks others (M/F) for new band. Blues / Rock / Folk / Country. No pop. It scares me. ☎ 50070

GWF, 34, 5'5", Med., brown/blue, Creampuff Dyke, but no twinkie. No drugs, alcohol, bars. Seeks friendship, possible relationship. ☎ 50061

Very attractive, feminine GWF, 31, professional, non-smoker who loves the arts, travel and theatre seeking same for fun or possible relationship. ☎ 50058

GBF, 38, professional, attractive, very effeminate, seeks the ideal aggressive female for serious relationship. Butches welcome. ☎ 50048

GWF, 28, intelligent, feminine, attractive non-smoker who lives near Asheville, North Carolina. Loves outdoors and romance. Seeks girlfriend for friendship, possibly more. ☎ 50057

GWF, 30, lonely, heart broken, seeking GWF for friendship, possible relationship. No more games. Honest, serious. Loves outdoors, movies and more. ☎ 50060

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Seeking attractive hermaphrodite female for friendship & possible romance. Me: attractive, androgenous female. Intelligent, funloving. Let's talk. ☎ 50040

GWF, 25, Attractive, fit, independent, professional, non-smoker. Love outdoors, time w/friends & romantic evenings. Seeking GF for friendship, possibly more. ☎ 50042

Adventurous, fit, responsible, cute, non-smoker, romantic, sporty outdoors lady GWF seeks to meet friends and compatible GWF. ☎ 50030

Single black female, 30, professional, discreet, seeking same. Enjoy movies, theatre, music and love to have fun. ☎ 50044.

GWF. You are: 30-40, health conscious, non-smoker, independent, self-assured, honest, You're slim, attractive, comfortable w/sexuality without making a statement. You like movies, snow, beaches, quiet times, good friends. You are not into outside appearance only. I am all of the above & more. ☎ 50039

Hot, sexy black female, 21 years, seeks same for fun, friendship & more. It's my first experience. Call & leave a message ☎ 50017

Looking for a friend, companion, and possible lover for fun, concerts outside, and sharing time. I'm 18, fem. Heaven seeker ☎ 50038

GBF, very tall, progressive looking, love variety, sucker for emotions, romantic surprises and corny movies. Favorites are dancing, talking from the mind and heart, eating, socializing, and life itself. Seeking woman with self-pride, crazy-streaked and monogamous. I want to learn and grow with someone. ☎ 50018

GWF seeks "sensual" lesbian over 27, not into playing games for long term monogamous relationship. ☎ 50041

Are you educated, fun, attractive, slim, feminine, a cat-lover? This similar GWF, 25, is interested in friendship or romance! ☎ 50046

Do you like walking in the rain on hot summer nights? Do you like romantic dinners? Not into drugs or bar scene? Call me. GWF, 26, looking to meet GWF between 21-? for friendship, possible romance. ☎ 50003

GWF, 30, professional, new to Atlanta. If you are looking for a wine & roses lady w/a good sense of humor, sensual nature & a try-anything-once attitude, call me and throw caution to the wind. ☎ 50016

Attractive GWF, 26, 5'6", 140#, shapely build, tomboy / feminine. Loves outdoors & old movies. Seek GWF, 25-35, feminine for possible romance. Call ☎ 50027

GWF 31. Me- slim, very attractive, physically fit, books, music, movies, beaches, independent, sometimes professional but not mainstream. You- attractive, slim, non-smoker, active, feminine, independent, comfortable w/sexuality. No drugs, Bi's. Let's talk! ☎ 50001

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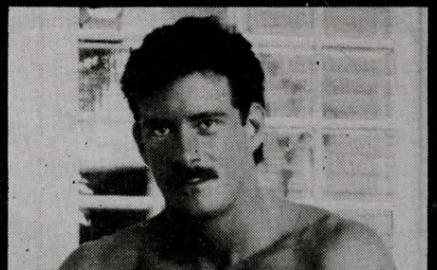
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Bashing and backlash follow high visibility of gays at Democratic Convention

Visibility of gays during the Democratic National Convention will likely be used as ammunition during Bush's re-election campaign; large protests expected from ACT UP, Queer Nation at the Republican National Convention in Houston this week

(AP)—As he stapled placards for a gay and lesbian procession across the Democratic convention floor last month, Albert Bell of San Diego reflected on the political season. "We've worked for years to have this kind of a year," he said.

Gays and lesbians have achieved unprecedented participation and visibility in the 1992 presidential campaign. If the attention has been hostile as often as sympathetic, at least it hasn't been lacking.

"The political establishment of this country is on the brink of taking our movement seriously," says Robert Bray of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF).

Bashing and backlash inevitably have accompanied the higher profile, and community leaders now fear they'll become "demonized" as enemies of family values by Republicans seeking to placate the religious right.

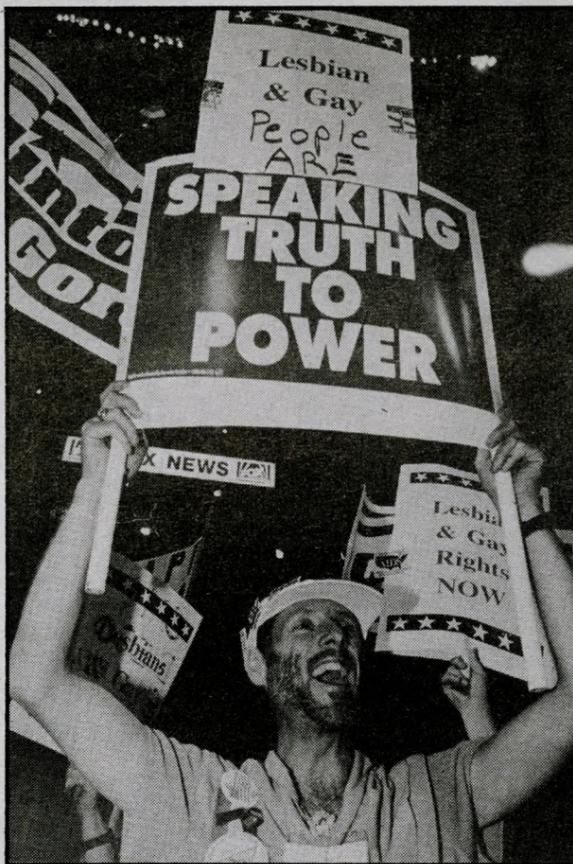
Some evangelicals see opposition to the gay rights movement as a greater galvanizing force than opposition to abortion. And in the past two months, President Bush and Vice President Quayle have said they don't think the gay "lifestyle" is normal or morally equivalent to traditional family life.

The clearest gains for gays and lesbians have come among Democrats. Nominee Bill Clinton says he would stop discrimination against gays in government, support a federal civil rights to protect them, step up AIDS spending and research, and crack down on anti-gay violence.

Clinton arranged for two openly gay speakers at the Democratic convention—one of them a campaign adviser who has AIDS. Two months earlier in Los Angeles, he spoke at a large, well-publicized gay fundraiser that some considered a turning point in gay politics.

Gregory King, media specialist for the 40,000-member Human Rights Campaign Fund, tried to describe the impact of Clinton's speech on the group's employees in Washington. They watched it on videotape the next day in their office.

"When it was over, people were crying," King said. "It's powerful in a way that only lesbian and gay people really understand. At one point he says, 'I have a vision of America



and you're part of it.' ... He really sees us as being citizens as opposed to being threats to American values."

Community leaders also look with approval on the odyssey of independent Ross Perot, who started the race saying he'd never met a gay person and ended it by endorsing gay civil rights and participation in the military.

But the signals from the Republican side have been decidedly mixed. The high point from the community perspective was in February when the general chairman of the Bush campaign, Robert Mosbacher, had a cordial meeting with representatives of NGLTF.

Mosbacher has a lesbian daughter living in San Francisco, but Bray said he opened the session by stating, "I want you to know I'm not doing this just to satisfy my daughter."

But conservatives in Congress and the evangelical movement immediately blasted the meeting as an affront to family values and "the White House started backing off, claiming it was a personal favor to his daughter," Bray said.

Other indicators are confusing at best. The President has said he supports the military ban on gays. He also says he has no litmus test for administration posts. His campaign removed gay aide Tyler Franz from a job that involved public contact. And Quayle recently said the administration has a non-discrimination policy where gays are concerned. Gays testified at Republican platform hearings in 1988 but weren't allowed to this year.

"They're politicians and they're being pulled by a very strong current in the party," said Rich Tafel, president of a network of gay GOP groups called the Log Cabin Federation, trying to explain the pendulum swings.

Tafel was angry enough about the Tyler Franz incident to go on television and protest it. But overall he says the intraparty conflict is a positive sign. "The important thing is that for the first time, people are aware that there are gay Republicans and that they have a voice," he said.

At this week's Republican National Convention in Houston, some organizers are forecasting bigger demonstrations than at last month's DNC.

"It's the Republican convention that's really the target," said John Bourgault, a member of Queer Nation, which plans to participate in protests. "People are really sick of Republican presidents."

"People are going to come to town to show their outrage and anger for the Republican administration," said Brian Bradley, an AIDS activist.

City officials and police, hoping for a peaceful convention week, have been meeting with demonstration organizers for months. They have designated an official "demonstration area" for groups' actions.

But groups such as ACT UP, Queer Nation, the Ku Klux Klan and Operation Rescue insist they will not be confined to the site.

"Our issues are 24 hours a day," ACT UP member Bradley said. "The whole idea of having a set-aside area for demonstrations is wrong. We have been lambs to the slaughter and we are not going to be sheeps to the meadow."

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Pictured: A gay delegate makes his wishes known on the floor of the '92 Democratic National Convention in New York City.

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