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## GOP: Gay rights never

The Republican Party makes it clear that their campaign for the presidency will focus on opposition to gay rights

Houston—For the first time in history, gay rights have become a major presidential campaign issue. The Republican party, during its national convention in Houston last week, made it clear that a major focus of their '92 campaign would be opposition to gay and lesbian rights. The Republican's stance follows the strong endorsement of gay rights by Bill Clinton taken during his primary campaign and at the Democratic National Convention. Clinton has gone on the record opposing discrimination of gays in the military and in the workplace, and has included gay people in his "vision" for America.

### Convention comparisons

The difference in tone between the Republican and Democratic Conventions was striking. 110 openly gay delegates attended the Democratic National Convention in July, while only two attended the Republican convention as alternates—and no pro-gay signs were seen on the convention floor. Security was tighter than at any previous Republican convention and delegates were not allowed to make signs of their own. The signs on the floor were all made by party volunteers and distributed to the delegates, including the ones which read, "Family Rights Forever/Gay Rights Never."

At the Democratic Convention, numerous speakers, including presidential nominee Gov. Bill Clinton, Gov. Mario Cuomo of New York, Sen. Ted Kennedy and presidential hopefuls Paul Tsongas and Jerry Brown, mentioned gay and lesbian issues. Clinton's acceptance speech at the convention marked the first time that a presidential candidate had ever mentioned the word "gay." Bob Hattoy, a worker for the Clinton campaign, who is gay and HIV+, spoke to the crowd saying, "The gay and lesbian community is family in the best sense of the word," as he explained that the gay community had been pioneers in the fight against AIDS.

Patrick J. Buchanan, who sought the Presidential nomination and ran advertisements accusing Bush of funding art that "glorified homosexuality," set the tone for the rest of the week with his speech on Monday night. Buchanan said that a "militant leader of the homosexual rights movement" who spoke at the Democratic Convention called the Clinton/Gore ticket "the most pro-lesbian and pro-gay ticket in history." "And so it is," Buchanan told the crowd, to thundering applause.

Buchanan went on to include gay rights in a long list of negatives, along with abortion and women in combat, that he said Clinton would impose on the country. "It's not the kind of change we can tolerate in a nation we still call God's country," he said.

Georgia's Newt Gingrich, who is the second-ranking Republican in the House of Representatives, spoke out against the "promotion" of "radical values and lifestyles." "If you believe in radical values," he said, "then vote for the Democrats. But if you want to strengthen the family, and perpetuate the values of the American people, then vote for George Bush and a Republican Congress."

Vice President Dan Quayle, who has been speaking out on family values since early summer, said in his speech that it was wrong for parents trying to "raise their children to understand right and wrong—only to be told that every so-called 'lifestyle alternative' is morally equivalent."

The only exception to the family values theme was the speech given by Mary Fisher, a 44-year-old mother of two with AIDS. Fisher, whose father is a Michigan millionaire and a Republican insider, pleaded with the crowd not to make AIDS a political issue. She called for compassion from the delegates, and said she was one with "the lonely gay man sheltering a flickering candle from the cold wind of his family's rejection." Interesting to note was that Fisher's speech did what no other speech did during the convention: people stopped talking and milling about and listened intently to her words.

### Protests and arrests

While "traditional family values" were extolled inside the Astrodome, outside gay and AIDS activists made it clear where they stand on the administration of George Bush and his party's stance on AIDS and gay rights. Some 20 people were arrested during the course of the Convention while protesting speeches by Dan Quayle, Jerry Falwell among others and the AIDS policies of the Bush administration.



On Monday night while Pat Buchanan spoke, demonstrators and police clashed as over 1,000 activists from ACT UP, Queer Nation and other groups marched to the Astrodome to complain about Bush's lack of leadership in fighting AIDS. A die-in and the burning of a George Bush effigy prompted police to charge the crowd, first on horseback and then on foot in full riot gear. Three people were hospitalized and six arrests were made. Robert Bray of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force said he watched "stunned" as police beat back the protestors with clubs. The Houston Police Department denied that they used any force.

Earlier that day a few activists gained access to a "God & Country" rally and interrupted keynote speaker Dan Quayle. Pat Boone, Pat Robertson, Pat Buchanan, Jerry Falwell and Phyllis Schlafly were among those in attendance.

On Wednesday nine activists interrupted Rev. Jerry Falwell while he spoke at a rally sponsored by the Christian Action Network, while 150 demonstrated outside. The zap sponsored by Queer Nation/Houston and NGLTF, was "to challenge the stranglehold the evangelicals have on the [Republican] party," said Robert Bray. The activists "dressed as Republicans," said Bray, and quietly made their way into the room. When Falwell began to speak the activists made their presence know. They were quickly subdued and seven were arrested. Bray contends that Jerry Falwell's son beat one of the activists. A convention delegate listening to Falwell told the Associated Press that some security guards overreacted. "The protestors didn't do anything violent," he said, "but they took some significant body blocks." After the arrests Falwell called homosexuality a "moral perversion." It's not genetic. It's a choice," he said.

Late Wednesday night a reporter from Gay Cable Network was arrested on the floor of the convention. Beth Leibo was handcuffed and detained for nine hours and charged with assault. GCN claims that Leibo and other GCN reporters were questioned at length about their credentials during the convention. "Whenever I mentioned the network I am with," said Leibo, "the reaction from delegates and police on the floor was to view me with suspicion." Just prior to the arrest, GCN was gathering floor footage following the speech by Mary Fisher.

### Historical backlash

While the Republicans have never courted the gay vote, or been gay-friendly, their position this year has taken even the most seasoned activists by surprise. Some activists believe that the blatant anti-gay stance of the Republican Party this year is the result of a meeting in February between Robert Mosbacher, chair of the Bush/Quayle re-election committee, and members of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force. In that meeting, gay

Pictured: President George Bush is burned in effigy during a demonstration on opening night of the Republican National Convention

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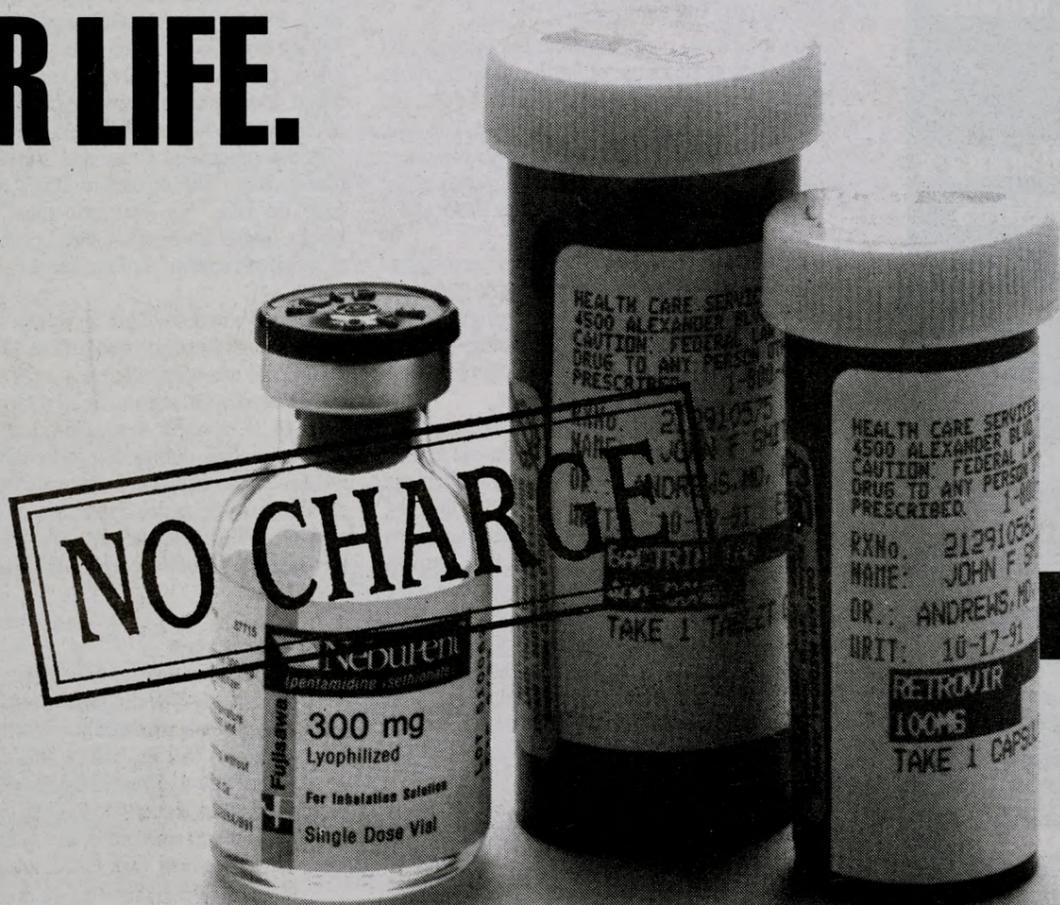
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## Fulton Co. bans discrimination on sexual orientation

New gay liaison will create committee to provide guidance

Atlanta—In an unexpected unanimous vote, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners resolved August 19 to protect employees from job discrimination on the basis of disability or sexual orientation. The expansion of the county's Equal Employment Opportunity Policy was drafted by gay activist Gary Cox and introduced by Commissioner Nancy Boxhill, whose intown Atlanta district is home to the city's most concentrated openly gay population.

In testimony before the vote, Cox said that two HIV-positive county employees privately told him their antiviral drugs were not covered by health insurance. The men did not complain to county officials because they feared loss of their jobs. Cox told Southern Voice that in response to their plight, he and Boxhill developed the policy proposal with the support of county manager John Stanford and redrafting by the staff of county attorney Susan Forsling. Boxhill then presented the resolution at a commission "retreat" and circulated it for comment.

Despite the extensive groundwork, surprises emerged August 19. Commissioner Tom Lowe repeatedly questioned Forsling to establish that the policy would not "lean toward" the designation of gays and lesbians as a "full-fledged minority," while Commissioner Emma Darnell spoke passionately in favor of the resolution.

"Government is not God," she said after the meeting. "Our job is to ensure that a person's tax money is not used against them for any reason." Calling the "vicious attacks" at the Republican convention "unacceptable and ridiculous," she said, "I'm very pleased that we are going the opposite way and affirming the rights of gays and lesbians under the law." Saying the original resolution was not specific enough, Darnell promised to introduce amendments to make it stronger.

Although Lomax made no comment during the meeting, he later told Southern Voice, "I was delighted to support the resolution and also pleased the vote was unanimous... We're going to make this more than just words."



### Gay liaison appointed

Action on the resolution and other initiatives will be headed up by Jeff Cheek, appointed by Lomax on June 1 as his staff liaison to the lesbian and gay community, a half-time position paid for with county funds. Cheek has so far devoted most of his time to his other, federally funded half-time appointment working on AIDS projects. To make a start on the liaison job, he has sent letters asking to meet with about 35 gay and lesbian organizations.

"It's important to hear from the community," says Cheek. "Then, we'll set up an advisory committee to provide further guidance and direction. To keep this a workable number, I envision 15 to 20 members to be appointed. I'd like it to be a real working group. Chairman Lomax also wants to set up a group of gay and lesbian Fulton County employees."

Cheek says he asked county attorney Forsling whether the new nondiscrimination policy will apply to contractors who do business with Fulton County. The answer, he says, is a conditional yes. If contracts include a routine clause referring to the county's equal opportunity policy, violations can result in a penalty or even void the contract.

Anyone who knows of job discrimination by Fulton County or any company that does business with the county, or who wishes to talk with Cheek about any of his projects, is encouraged to call him at 730-8204.

GARETH FENLEY  
Pictured: Nancy Boxhill

## Georgia demands names of HIV-positive

DHR board member John Watson, Jr. says rule will protect those who "live an acceptable lifestyle"

Atlanta—As of January 1, 1993, the names of people who test positive for HIV in Georgia will be reported to the state Division of Public Health. An epidemiologist will then contact the infected person and offer to notify their sexual partners of exposure to HIV. The new requirement of named reporting and contact tracing was made law by unanimous vote of the Georgia Department of Human Resources (DHR) board on August 19. Before a packed room and several television reporters, the motion passed with no public discussion or comment. Several members of ACT UP/Atlanta protested by briefly chanting, "Shame!"

John Watson, Jr., a prominent Columbus physician, made the formal motion proposing the rule to the board's public health subcommittee earlier that day. Watson was appointed by Governor Zell Miller late in 1991 to fill a vacancy; his term will expire in 1994.

"Most of the people who contract this disease do it through their lifestyle," Watson told Southern Voice. "Some contract this through no means of their own, such as through blood transfusions, but 80% is through homosexual

activity and 10% through IV drug use. I cannot feel that sorry for those people if they wish to do that, and particularly if they pass it to their wife or spouse. We must protect that vast majority of people out there who live what we consider an acceptable lifestyle," Watson said. "The public hearing was a one-sided debate," he said, referring to the 26 oral comments and about 275 letters received by DHR. Two were in favor of the rule, two were neutral, and the rest against. "Nobody's going to change their mind. We read and heard all of that, but we have all these other people to protect.

"I'm sorry, but about 90% of you did this through your lifestyle," Watson said. "The thief always complains he's sent to jail when he's caught. I would ask these people, How did you get this disease? Are you changing needles? Are you performing strange types of sex outside of your own monogamous relationship? Maybe you should be ashamed."

Watson continued, asking, "How do we control the homosexual transmission? Do we just assume every homosexual has it? We have tried to talk with these groups, and for some reason they feel they're victims. If I drive a car 120 miles an hour blind drunk and hit a telephone pole, then I claim I'm a victim of society," he said sarcastically. "If you practice inappropriate sex, if you use IV needles

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and exchange, you're putting yourself off the block. But there's the 10% of people not in this category.

"If I had my way, I would test everyone, every adult. Until we identify and know where these people are, we can't stop the transmission," Watson said. One way to ensure that everyone is tested, he suggests, is to require applicants for a driver's license to show proof that they have been tested for HIV. "You can do it. You can do whatever you want to," he said. Citing a cost of \$60 million for a Georgia universal testing plan, Watson said it would be a justifiable expense.

"Probably the next step you're going to see is routine testing on hospital admission," said Watson. According to lobbyist Nick Danna, exactly that plan is high on the legislative agenda of the Medical Association of Georgia (MAG), of which Watson is past president. MAG gives more money to candidates for the state legislature than any other entity, according to Kathleen Brockel, executive director of the Atlanta chapter of the National Association of People with AIDS. "MAG is even more conservative than the American Medical Association," she said. "They seem to be most interested in punitive measures."

Watson himself would like to see those who knowingly transmit HIV punished as criminals. "It's assault with a deadly weapon," he said. "If in the judgment of the attorney general we can't prosecute under existing statutes, then I think we should have specific legislation." Prisoners, for example, who attack guards with "spit in their eyes, bite them, cut themselves to get blood and throw it in their mouth" should be warned, "you're not going to do it and get away with it."

Watson also advocates unprecedented punishment of physicians who refuse to submit to the new rule. At the public health subcommittee meeting, Dr. Joseph Wilber, director of the DHR's communicable disease branch, testified that "doctors can do it anonymously" by submitting their test samples to labs with number identification and simply refusing to dis-

close names. Although Watson did not publicly object, he later told Southern Voice, "Physicians must by law report this. If they do not report it, they can be prosecuted. If we're going to do this, there's no use going half-way."

According to Wilber, failure to report is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and up to one year imprisonment; in addition, the physician's license can be revoked. "The historical fact is that we have never prosecuted a physician for failure to report in the memory of anyone in this department, and that's going back 30 years," he said. "We're not going to start now."

Political appointees Watson and public health subcommittee chair Joseph Morrison both told Southern Voice that the rule originated with the public health division, not themselves. However, the DHR hearing officer's report states that the board "directed the Division of Public Health to draft an amendment... to require that certain segments of the medical community report the identity of the subject tested in all positive HIV test results."

"Yes, it was a directive," said deputy director of public health Richard Cunningham, although he was uncertain whether it was a formal request. "I was at that meeting of the public health subcommittee. They said, 'Go look at this issue and draft us up a rule.' We developed the rule for the board."

"In public health, the question is the timing," said Wilber. "I just hope we're right... I would rather have done this after we had better antidiscrimination laws and more money for treatment." Confirming that Georgia's federal funds for AZT have run out, he said, "We need another \$2 million for AZT this year, and at least 27 other states are running out of money."

Wilber added, "In my opinion, we don't need reporting by name. We can do contact tracing without it. But now that this rule has passed, this department can handle it so it won't hurt people."

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## '93 Pride board elected

Atlanta—Two lesbians and nine gay men were elected August 20 to the 1993 board of the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee. With a goal of drawing 100,000 people to next year's celebration, the new board members pledged to start work immediately on fundraising, community outreach, and the pursuit of corporate sponsorships.

In response to controversy that rocked the 1992 board, outgoing co-chair Lynn Cothren urged the new members to rewrite their bylaws so that elections reflect "inclusion and parity." Under the current rule, a person must attend three consecutive Pride meetings to vote.

Only 12 voters selected this year's board, and eight were candidates themselves. Judy Siff of ACT UP/Atlanta, the only candidate who identified herself as someone who had criticized the board and now wished to become a part of it, was not elected.

The new members are Hubert Alexander, Dale Biggers, Monty Corley, Ken Gallups, Richy Howard, Skip Marklien, John Paquette, Pasquale Ferro, Robbie Rogers, Tom Whitehead and Paul Stone. They encourage all interested volunteers to attend monthly Pride meetings; call 662-4533 for information.

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Pictured: Nine of the eleven members of the 1993 Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride board. Photo by Ellen Gardner-Cook



## NC gay man wins parental rights in artificial insemination case

Asheville, NC (AP)—A North Carolina man has won parental rights to the child born to a lesbian who was artificially inseminated with his sperm. The mother had asked the court to rule the gay man is not the child's legal father. Judge Gary Cash ruled in favor of the man in what he said was the first such case in North Carolina, perhaps the nation.

"The importance of this case to lesbians having children just can't be underestimated," said Paula Ettelbrick, director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, an organization based in New York City working to reform laws relating to gays and lesbians.

But the man's lawyer, Michael Casterline, downplayed the significance of the case.

"It's just a case where a father wants to have a meaningful relationship with his child, and the mother wants to cut that off," he said. "There is nothing unique about it except the manner in which the child was conceived."

The Asheville Citizen-Times decided not to publish the names of the case's plaintiffs and defendant to respect the privacy of the minor child. The trial last month was closed to the press, and the court file was sealed by Cash.

The woman, also from Asheville, testified that the defendant was a friend when he agreed more than three years ago to provide his sperm. He also agreed she would have sole custody of the child, she said.

Both parents signed an agreement to that effect in June 1989. The child, a girl, was conceived the following February, and is now about 21 months old.

The agreement called for the gay man to have visitation rights, but no rights as a parent, and that he would not be "responsible emotionally or financially" for the child, the woman said. She said that each party gave up the right to sue for paternity.

"I understood that he would have no parental rights," she said. "I didn't believe going into this there would be any struggle whatsoever."

Ettelbrick, an attorney who advised the mother's lawyer, Ingrid Frisen, in the case, said the woman decided to sue after the man began violating the written agreement.

"He kept trying to insert himself into the child's life beyond the visitation," Ettelbrick said. "His mother started coming over and demanding to see the child, pounding on the door. It was interfering."

In 1971, the North Carolina Legislature passed a law that deals with sperm donations to married couples. It reads: "Any child that is born as a result of artificial insemination shall be considered the same as the naturally conceived and legitimate child of the husband and wife requesting and consenting in writing to the use of the artificial insemination technique."

The purpose of the statute is to prevent a sperm donor from seeking the right to visit the couple's child, Cash said. But the law does not address sperm donations to single women—lesbian or heterosexual.

"In anything other than what the statute would precisely cover, the sperm donor would have parental rights," Cash said. "That's the way I interpret the law."

she says she knows the hardships these children face. McCracken said she lived in Miami foster homes and was raped as a child. She said she doesn't want other children to suffer as she did.

Meanwhile, the decision by the state Department of Health and Human Services is being sharply criticized by conservative lawmakers who support the adoption ban and would like similar regulation for foster parenting.

"I think it's wrong for HRS to do it," said Rep. Steven Wise, a Republican from Jacksonville. "That's not the traditional family values. The way we bring up kids to respect that kind of system is not two women in bed with each other. That's not the kind of lifestyle children should be exposed to. And I can assure you, that's not what people in North Florida want."

McCracken said she eventually may fight to adopt a child.

## Charlotte cases dismissed

Charlotte, NC—According to The Front Page, a gay paper in Raleigh/Durham, The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's office recently dismissed cases against two Charlotte men charged by undercover vice officers in an on-going sting operation aimed at areas known to be "cruised" by gay men. Both men had filed formal complaints against the officers.

James Grinnan, 27, was arrested January 13 by an undercover park ranger and charged with assault, a charge that can be brought against anyone who touches another person without permission. The officer claimed that Grinnan touched his crotch.

The other man, who asked that his name be withheld, preferred that no facts about his case be reported. He would say, however, "I wonder how many men are in a situation similar to mine and just go along with de-

ferred prosecution or plead guilty. Nobody should (mentally or emotionally) have to go through what I went through."

Grinnan and the other man filed an official complaint through the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee, claiming illegal arrest.

Since March 30 when the First Tuesday Association for Gay & Lesbian Equality first started scanning arrest reports, no reports of arrests of men in parks by undercover male officers have been seen in Charlotte.

First Tuesday is a grassroots advocacy group, founded in Charlotte in 1988. Since then, First Tuesday has begun documenting harassment, discrimination and violence against gay men and lesbians in the Charlotte area, working in conjunction with the N.C. Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Equality. The Police Watch Task Force is a subgroup whose goal is to assist men who are charged by undercover male officers.

## FL lesbian wins foster parent license

Fort Lauderdale, FL (AP)—A lesbian who wants to care for an HIV-infected infant has been granted a license to be a foster parent. Sharon McCracken, of Fort Lauderdale, is believed to be Florida's first openly gay person to be licensed by the state as a foster parent.

A Florida statute bans adoption by gay men and women but says nothing about foster parenting. Civil-rights activists hope McCracken's case will help challenge the credibility of the adoption statute.

"I know myself I have done something to

make a change in the system," McCracken said. "I hope I've set a precedent, because there are so many other gay couples who would like to have a child and can't."

After eight months of waiting, McCracken, 50, received her license because she met the criteria for foster parenting, said Di'Ane Rogan, Broward licensing supervisor of foster care. McCracken passed the 12-week training course last November and received a positive home evaluation in June.

She said she wants to care for an HIV-infected infant. As the director of a Fort Lauderdale center for AIDS family counseling,

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## Alabama Boy Scouts plan to protest Levi Strauss

Foley, AL (AP)—Boy Scouts from Gulf Shores canceled plans for a march Aug. 15 protesting Levi Strauss & Co.'s recent move to pull funding from the Boy Scouts because of its refusal to admit gay troop members or leaders.

Tony Diliberto, Scoutmaster of Troop 49, said a Foley city official informed him the boys would need a permit to stage the march on the shoulder of a highway in front of Riviera Centre, an outlet mall at nearby Foley. The Scoutmaster said the protest may be rescheduled if city officials approve it.

In May, Levi Strauss stopped contributing to the Boy Scouts of America, saying the group's policy against homosexuals is "exclusionary."

"What they're really saying is, 'We'll give you back your funding if you will let gays be Scout leaders,'" said Diliberto. "But we are not going to change our fundamental beliefs for anybody."

A spokeswoman for the company's California headquarters, Mary Gross, said the protest will not change company officials' minds.

The Scoutmaster said the protest would not be directed at the outlet mall but at Levi Strauss. There is a Levi Strauss outlet store inside Riviera Centre, although it is not owned by Levi Strauss.

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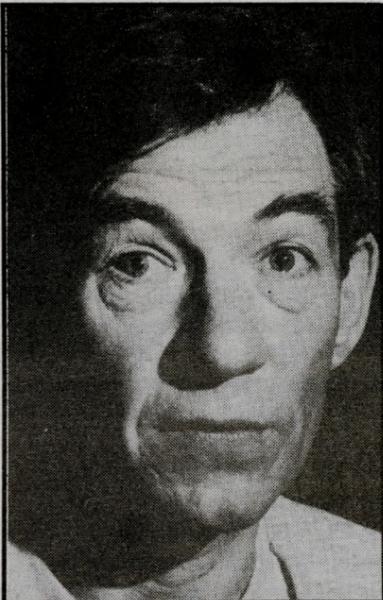
## Texas Woman Leaves Estate To 2 AIDS Agencies:

A San Antonio woman who was a friend and benefactor of people with AIDS changed her will shortly before her suicide to leave her estate to two AIDS agencies, her attorney says. Attorney Thomas Weir said Monday that he drew up the new will for Myrna von Nimitz two days before her body was discovered. Von Nimitz, 50, left all her separate property and her share in the community property of her and her husband, Dr. Peter V. Weston, to the San Antonio AIDS Foundation and Alamo Area Resource Center. "Only a few will understand my choice," she wrote to the River City Living MCC. "You and I have dealt with extreme suffering among the PWA (people with AIDS) community and we have learned that there is dignity in death. This money is to be used in any way you wish, I trust your judgment. I am leaving my worldly possessions to agencies that will continue the fight against AIDS."

**W. Va. Chamber of Commerce Says Gays Good For Business:** A city ordinance barring discrimination against lesbians and gays would be good for business, said the president of the Huntington, WV, Chamber of Commerce. "Gays are being discriminated against on the job and elsewhere simply because they're gay," Richard Bolen said. "Of course, there are moral and ethical reasons why we should cover gays and lesbians under the ordinance. But there are some selfish reasons, too. We know that about 10 percent of the population is gay and lesbian. That means that at least 10 percent, and probably more, of the business people who might be looking at Huntington as a place to relocate or start a business are gay. So if Huntington adds gays to those people covered by the civil rights ordinance, it can only be a plus for the city." Bolen, who is an attorney, said it would not be easy to add homosexuals to those protected by the civil rights ordinance. "I know I'll get a lot of criticism for it," he said. "... But I'm convinced it has to be done."

**Jury Awards Custody To Lesbian Mom:** A Travis County, Texas jury trial has ended with a lesbian mother being awarded custody of her two and one-half year old son, who, she says, will continue to live with her and her domestic partner, an Austin policewoman. The jury of nine women and three men voted the mother custody of the child in a 10-2 vote, with two of the women jurors casting the dissenting votes. The lawsuit was filed by a man once believed to be the child's biological father. According to testimony of the child's mother, the man brought suit and insisted on a jury trial hoping that lesbian issues would enflame a jury enough to award him custody even though he was not the child's biological father. Attorney Diane Henson essentially eliminated that possibility, however, by eliciting the juror's responses through the use of an informal public opinion poll about current issues. Approximately one-third of the jurors were eliminated due to responses that indicated "homophobic" tendencies before they even knew what the case was about.

**Shakespearean Actor Speaks Out For Gay Rights:** Sir Ian McKellen, hailed by



Vanity Fair magazine as the world's foremost Shakespearean actor, called a proposal to ban gay-rights laws in Colorado a "misguided venture" and said such measures can be far more insidious than they appear. McKellen called the proposal "abusive." "They don't really know what they're doing," McKellen said at a news conference in Denver, where he is appearing as Richard III with Britain's Royal National Theatre. "What are they going to do when their child comes to them one day to say, 'You know, father, I'm gay.' The family is likely to blame themselves." McKellen said he has spoken for gay rights in every city on the play's United States tour. He said he uses his knighthood and prominence as an actor to discuss the issue. "We don't want any special rights. We just want to be treated equal," he said. McKellen was also a guest on the Tonight Show last week where he stated three times that he is gay. McKellen sported a red AIDS awareness ribbon.

**March On Washington Office Opens:** The

national office of the 1993 March on Washington opened July 23 with a reception attended by about 50 people, the Washington Blade recently reported. The office is located at 1012 14th Street, NW, 7th floor, one floor above the office of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. The office has been fully furnished and is currently staffed by volunteers. On Aug. 10, Deborah Bell of Houston, Texas, began her job as the Director of the office on a full-time basis. The March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Equal Rights and Liberation, as it is formally known, is slated for April 25, 1993.

**Clinton Says Scouts Should Be Able To Ban Gay Leaders:** Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton said during a television appearance in Oregon that Boy Scouts "ought to have a right to whatever rules they want," in response to a question from the leader of the Oregon Citizens Alliance, the group responsible for a ballot measure that would outlaw civil rights for lesbians and gays. Clinton said that the Boy Scouts were a private organization, and "that's different from the United States government." Additionally, Clinton told the audience of "Town Hall" that he did not support the teaching of homosexuality as "a normal and natural alternative lifestyle" (words of Scott Lively, OCA president). Clinton, did however make a distinction between what he called "affirmative teaching" and "absence of discrimination." Clinton reiterated his position on gays in the military, saying he would consider a presidential proclamation banning discrimination.

**QN Knocks Twice At Cracker Barrel:** The Washington Blade reports that QN/DC stopped twice at a Cracker Barrel restaurant recently in what amounted to a couple of "visibility" actions. About 45 stopped at the restaurant on the way to an amusement park and again on their way back to D.C. Twelve police officers were present at the first stop, according to Lawrence Saltzman, a Queer Nation member and the trip's organizer. Saltzman said several people went used the restrooms and made purchases, but left after management pressured them to go. On the return trip from the amusement park the bus, decorated with "It's a queer world after all" banners, stopped at the same Cracker Barrel, which was not as prepared as the first time. Police arrived as the group was leaving, but no arrests were made at either stop.

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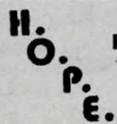
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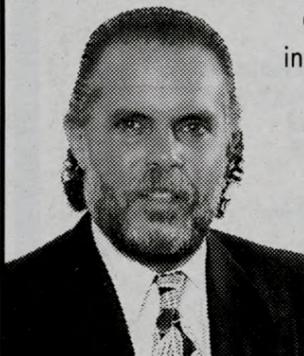
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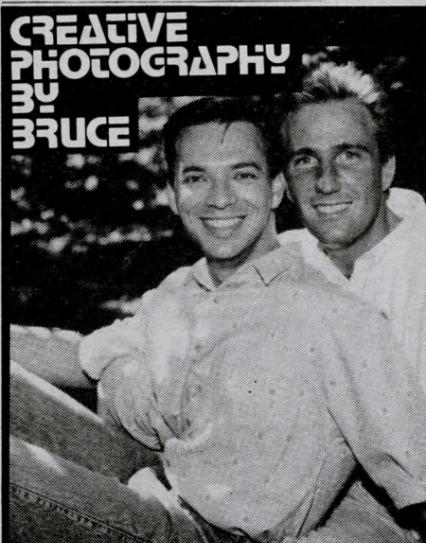
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## Study finds increased risk of lymphatic cancer for HIV+ persons

San Francisco—Epidemiologists with the City and County of San Francisco Department of Public Health AIDS Office stated recently that HIV+ gay and bisexual men participating in the San Francisco City Clinic Cohort Study have a five time greater risk of developing Hodgkin's disease than HIV-negative study volunteers. The data also showed that HIV-positive men had an estimated 38% increased risk of developing non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a variant cancer attacking the lymphatic system. The results of the study were published in the August 15 issue of "The Annals of Internal Medicine," a scientific journal.

The names of 6,704 homosexual and bisexual men participating in the San Francisco Clinic Cohort study, recruited as volunteers between 1978 and 1980, were cross-checked with the Northern California Cancer Center. Epidemiologists identified eight cases of Hodgkin's disease and 90 cases of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma among cohort participants. Among the eight men diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease, seven were determined to have HIV infection before the diagnosis, and one had

unknown HIV status.

Of the 90 diagnosed cases of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, it was determined that 87 had HIV infection, while three were HIV-negative.

"Clinicians need to be aware that people with HIV are at increased risk for Hodgkin's Disease," stated Nancy Hessol, epidemiologist with the DPH AIDS Office and lead author of the study. Both Hodgkin's disease and non-Hodgkin lymphoma are cancers which attack the lymphatic system. Symptoms for both disease manifestations include enlargement of the lymph nodes, fever and fatigue. "The difference with Hodgkin's disease is the presence of a certain type of tumor cell which you can only see with a microscope," state Hessol.

"Patients newly diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease should also be evaluated by their clinician for HIV infection," the epidemiologist added. Hessol emphasized that people with HIV should not become overly concerned with the reported higher incidence of Hodgkin's disease and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. "Hodgkin's Disease is still fairly rare even among HIV-infected people," Hessol emphasized.

ARTURO JACKSON III

## NIH investigating new AIDS-like illness but say it's no threat

In response to the emergence of an apparently new AIDS-like illness, the National Institute of Health has launched an elaborate series of clinical and laboratory investigations to gain more information about this recent phenomenon.

In July, at the International AIDS meeting in Amsterdam, over 30 patients were reported to have developed immune deficiency and/or low CD4 (T-cell) counts without any traceable HIV-1 or HIV-2 infection. Fourteen of the cases were reported directly to the CDC within the last two years. Of these fourteen people, one has died, and very few reported the high-risk behaviors associated with HIV infection such as intravenous drug use or unprotected anal sex. An additional twenty-one cases were reported in medical journals ten of which were in the United States and the remainder from Australia, Denmark, England, France, Germany and Spain.

"Reports of such patients are not a cause for panic," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "But it is important that we investigate these cases thoroughly."

NIH is calling for hospitals and clinics across the country to review their patient files and advise their clinicians and staff to identify cases with low CD4 (T-cell) levels, no apparent HIV infection and no defined immunodeficiency or depressed CD4 level symptoms. The general purpose of the study is to determine if the syndrome is a new phenomenon, if there is indeed a virus, the relationship between the virus and the syndrome, and the transmission mode if any.

On Friday, August 14, over 100 AIDS experts convened in Atlanta and agreed that as of yet there is no conclusive evidence of a new virus. Many scientists doubt the existence of a common transmission mode since no geographical pattern has been discovered. However, Donald Armstrong of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center cautioned, "The most important thing is the safety of our blood supply." He suggested an extensive screening process for donated blood for signs of immunodeficiency which would entail expensive new equipment and training. Celso Bianco of the New York Blood Bank disagreed. He said, "Screening blood for something that we are not even sure is a disease would be inappropriate and ineffective."

CRAIG WASHINGTON

## Activist urges more funding and research for breast cancer

At the 8th International Conference on AIDS held last month in Amsterdam, a longtime gay and AIDS activist from Boston, delivered a blistering attack against the U.S. government and breast cancer researchers, the Washington Blade reports. Ann McGuire's remarks came during a panel on "AIDS and Breast Cancer: Shared Lessons." McGuire said that breast cancer is also an epidemic and is grossly ignored

and in need of more research funding. She noted that one in 20 women had breast cancer in 1940, one in 14 in 1960, one in 10 in 1989, and one in 9 today. Relatively few researchers are looking into the cause, prevention, or cure for breast cancer, McGuire told the 100 attendees. She said she was deeply concerned that Congress was attempting to rectify this imbalance by taking money from AIDS research to put it into breast cancer research. She urged activists to fight that trend, and pleaded for gay men to join the fight against breast cancer.



**ACT UP protests CDC testing recommendation**

Members of ACT UP/Atlanta demonstrated outside the Centers for Disease Control on August 19. The AIDS activists were protesting the CDC's recommendation of HIV testing in hospitals located in areas of high risk infection.

CDC officials say that the screening could identify those who are unknowingly

HIV+, get people into treatment earlier and teach them how to prevent spreading the virus. AIDS activists pointed out that testing could lead to public disclosure of the HIV status of people and to possible discrimination. They feel time and money put into testing is better spent on massive detailed public education efforts.

Photo by E. Bennett

**Georgia runs out of money for AZT**

Atlanta (AP)—More than 1,000 poor and uninsured Georgians who need the AIDS drug AZT will lose access this fall because federal money has dried up and the state does not fund the medication. AIDS activists say the lack of funds for AZT means people will get sicker, won't be able to work and will have to be hospitalized. Some could die.

"It's somewhat scary and it's somewhat appalling," said Dave Wagner, treatment resource specialist with the Atlanta chapter of the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA), which says the state needs to come up with money for AZT and other drugs for AIDS patients.

The federal government gives the state \$1 million for the program, but that money has been spent. State health officials will have to turn away in the next six months 600 indigent people who doctors say should be on AZT. About 800 more who are already enrolled in a federally funded program will get bad news when the state's supplies of the drug dry up in October,

officials acknowledged Tuesday. The state provides no direct tax money for AZT, the only anti-AIDS drug it supplies.

Georgia is not the only state having trouble paying for AIDS drugs. Twenty-one states will decrease or close their programs this year because of shortfalls in federal and state funds, according to the National Alliance of State AIDS Directors.

Steven Colwell, 28, of Griffin, started taking AZT through the indigent program last fall. He says the infections he used to get are under control.

"I'm kind of numb about it," he said. "If I don't have this prescription, it's going to leave me wide open."

Colwell relies heavily on friends and family to pay for the other medicines he needs. AZT costs about \$200 a month—about half the disability money he now lives on.

State officials realized in July that the \$1 million they received from the federal government in April for a year's supply of AZT for indigents was not going to be enough. By then it was too late to ask for any supplemental funds from the state budget.

**Miller Brewing Co. signs Magic to talk about AIDS**

Milwaukee (AP)—Basketball star Earvin "Magic" Johnson will be a spokesman for an AIDS-awareness program sponsored by Miller Brewing Co., the Milwaukee brewery says.

The company said Tuesday it will donate \$500,000 for education and services involving the disease. Johnson announced last year he had tested positive for HIV, the virus believed to cause AIDS.

Miller spokesman Michael J. Brophy said details of the agreement with John-

son are under discussion, but will include speaking engagements by the former Los Angeles Lakers guard in several cities.

"We are both enthusiastic and proud to be associated with a person with the courage, character and tremendous popular appeal of Magic Johnson," Warren H. Dunn, Miller president and chief executive officer, said in a prepared statement.

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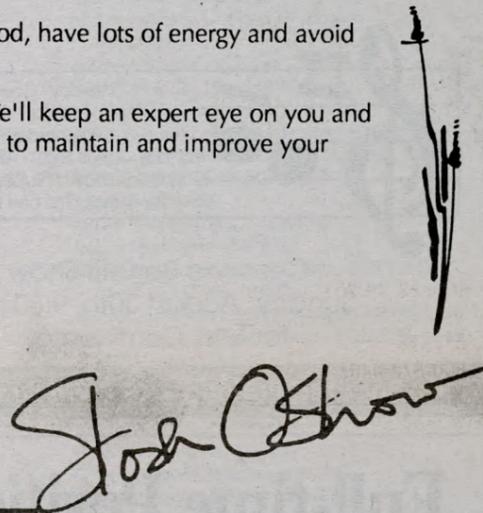
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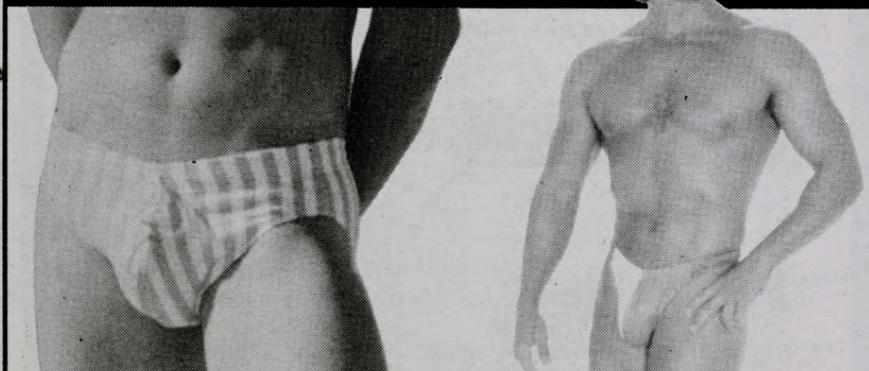
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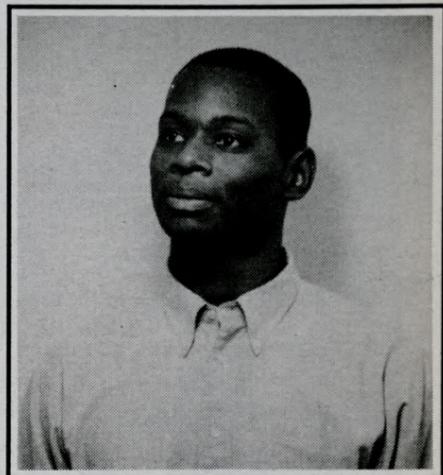
Labor Day weekend in Atlanta usually pulls gays and lesbians of color into town, on the streets, in the clubs and throughout the parks. And two new 1992 festivities promise to lend more focus to the jubilee.

On Saturday, September 5, the African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance (AALGA) will sponsor its first "In The Life: People of Color Pride Picnic" in Piedmont Park. Service organizations such as Hospitality Atlanta and New York's GMAD (Gay Men of African Descent) were invited to join AALGA and party with new and old friends and disseminate their information throughout the crowd.

On the following Tuesday, September 8, AALGA's PR person, Patrick Bell, will facilitate a roundtable discussion concerning younger gays and lesbians. This meeting will provide a long overdue forum for our young to speak for themselves about themselves and their issues. Bell anticipates that both events will foster some serious discourse among those who've come primarily to have a good time.

"We chose that name ['In The Life'] because the 'g' and 'l' words tend to scare black folks away," Bell explains. "People of color who are lesbian, gay or bi and others who are supportive are welcome, too."

AALGA's roundtable discussion on Sept. 8 will take place at Buckhead Library. "We've invited young people who've identified themselves as gay to speak among each other and to those outside their age group who will listen," Bell explained. "I tend to



hear more from middle-aged people about what we need to do to save the young from HIV-infection or killing themselves. I've yet to hear first person from these young adults."

AALGA has a six-year history of bridging gaps and providing comprehensive services for the community. Unlike most groups of its kind, AALGA retains a co-gender membership and is equally representative of the lesbian sector.

While AALGA may be considered politically assertive, it eschews the confrontational tactics of contemporary gay activism. "Black people regardless of sexual preference are first concerned with survival, including economic survival," Bell explained. "Many have families who don't know about their lives and don't feel it's worth risking that support or their jobs to make a political statement."

For information regarding AALGA and these events, contact Bell at (404) 458-3003.

CRAIG WASHINGTON  
 Pictured: Patrick Bell

## OCCASIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

Happy 43rd birthday to Skip Marklein, who will be celebrating on September 18 with partner Darlene Warren.

Dale Carrico turned the big 27 on August 24.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Happy first of many anniversaries to Lori Morris and Karen "Skeeter" Grizzard. Skeeter and Lori met through SoVo personal ads. They wrote to tell us that they are thankful every day that SoVo brought them together. We're thankful that they are such faithful readers, and so happy! The couple will celebrate the occasion on September 14.

At RhythmFest over the Labor Day weekend, Zan Thornton and Robin Reid will be "committed" in a celebration ceremony of their two years of love, commitment and challenges. Zan says this is a re-dedication of their love for one another. All festival attendees are welcome to join in the celebration.

Judy Buchanan and Elaine Chesney have proven that love is better the second time around. They will celebrate their first anniversary on August 30. But the two were also an item from 1970 to 1972, and they rekindled their love last year when Judy came to Atlanta on vacation. Congratulations!

### GRADUATIONS

Can't wait to see Susan Fuller in her cap and gown, and I'll bet she can't either. Susan will graduate from Georgia State University on August 30 with a Masters in English. I hope I used good grammar in this particular Occasion, Susan...

### REUNIONS

Rob Harlow called to tell us that he attended his 5th high school reunion last weekend. Rob, a 1987 graduate of Redan High School in Stone Mountain, took his boyfriend Eric Dood to the event in Buckhead where the two held hands, danced and chatted with old school chums. The two got no hassles, hostility or even a stare except from one former classmate, Chelle Bowers, daughter of State Attorney General Michael Bowers. Rob admitted to being more than curious as to whether Chelle would tell Dad about the gay couple she saw dancing at JJ & Woody's in Buckhead. Don't worry, Rob, he's only concerned if you either try to marry Eric or, well... you know.

### VISITS

Lainey Richardson and Linnie Martin played host to good friend Alan Perrault who recently came to Atlanta for a visit. Other friends stopped by to greet Alan and enjoy the barbeque Lainey and Linnie cooked up. Alan spent some twelve years in Atlanta before moving to New York about four years ago. Lainey says Alan is working as a private dining manager at the Lotus Club, and is doing quite well, thank you.

### OTHER OCCASIONS

An alcohol/drug awareness group has now been formed for deaf individuals. Please contact the Georgia Council for the Hearing Impaired for details. 292-5312 TTY/voice, ask for Amanda.

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**The South, new battleground for gay rights**

Beginning its third century of constitutional government, our country continues to struggle with the meaning of "We the People." Who are we?

In March 1789, "we" were white, land-owning males. African-Americans were 3/5 of a human, women could not vote, Native Americans had not lost their sovereignty, and the term "homosexual" had yet to be invented. Through the generations, "we" have changed: The 15th and 19th Amendments provided suffrage to blacks and women; Waves of immigrants, westward expansion, and southern migration created a multi-cultural society; the riots of Haymarket, Watts and Stone-wall questioned social justice; the trials of Scopes vs. Tennessee, Roe vs. Wade, and Bowers vs. Hardwick raised troubling questions about individual and state rights.

In July 1992, Governor Mario Cuomo, nominating Governor Bill Clinton for President, spoke passionately of the need to replace the old political arithmetic of division and subtraction with a new democratic formula of addition and multiplication. In his acceptance speech, Clinton spoke of the costs of dividing our world into "us and them": them the blacks, them the elderly, them the poor, them the gays. The South has played a pivotal role in our evolving understanding of the place of the "us" and the "them" in "We the People." The most recent example is the modern day Civil Rights Movement.

National gay rights leaders are fond of drawing parallels between the Civil Rights Movement and our own fledgling movement. They cite similarities in minority status, legalized discrimination and random violence perpetrated against each, and the need for legislated equality. Not surprisingly, some African-Americans find such comparisons disturbing. I agree.

Drawing such parallels focuses on only one goal of the Civil Rights Movement (equality) and ignores fundamental principles such as the transformational power of resistance, coalition building, and individual responsibility for social action. These parallels gloss over differences in economics (compare, for example, the earning power of two white gay men living together with a single black mother of three) and discrimination (you can't hide your skin color).

Since Stonewall the movement has rooted itself in urban areas (primarily on the coasts), adopted the model of minority politics (claiming 1 in 10 to be gay), and built separate homosexual communities. Acknowledging the accomplishments of the Stonewall generation, we must also recognize that Main Street has yet to cross the Castro.

The next revolution is upon us. It will not be fought in a Greenwich Village bar or on the State House steps. It will be a struggle for the hearts and minds of Main Street Americans. The major battleground will be the South: southern communities, southern families, and southern churches. And the major activists will be thousands of individual Southerners.

The South is an important battleground for the Gay Rights Movement not because the region has most of the nation's sodomy laws or because there are fewer gay friendly communities within which homosexuals can reside. The South is important because it is more representative of American society than gay enclaves on the coasts, because of the South's history and culture, and because of the growing impact of AIDS in the region.

In our devotion to church, community and family, Southerners most reflect those conservative values which for many define

the heartland of America. While social science research has shown the South to be less tolerant than other regions of the country on political and social issues, during the past two decades, while other regions of the country have become less liberal, the South has become less conservative. With the exception of major urban areas, the United States is becoming Southernized.

Finally, the South is important because, according to the Centers for Disease Control, AIDS is increasing faster here than in any other part of the country. While the number of AIDS cases increased 5% nationwide from 1990-1991, it increased 10% in the South. As cases increase, community networks of AIDS organizations have been established throughout the South and more people in rural, southern communities have been touched by the disease.

Given the Southernization of the country, the South's unique culture and history, and the growing impact of AIDS, the South

## GUEST EDITORIAL

can become the major battleground in the struggle for gay rights in the '90s and the birthplace for a Human Rights Movement paralleling the Civil Rights Movement a generation earlier. How can this occur?

First, gay Southerners must recognize that it is no longer acceptable to leave the South for seemingly more hospitable conditions in other regions of the country. There are so many gay Southerners in New York City, for example, that they have established an organization for themselves. The South is also a source of major financial support for non-regional gay newspapers and foundations. People and resources must stay in the South in order to transform it.

Second, gay Southerners must resist forming separate communities. While only a few of the largest southern cities can support these, their development separates the lesbians and gay men from those on whom we can have the greatest impact: our heterosexually-dominated institutions; our churches, our communities, our families. It is time for lesbian and gay Southerners to make our presence felt by supporting gay-owned and gay-

supportive businesses, by refusing to ignore bigoted comments, by challenging Scriptural interpretations, and by disclosing our sexual identity to family members.

Third, gay Southerners must forge coalitions with other progressive-minded groups that share a common interest in social justice and human dignity. While gay individuals are often active in environmental, feminist, and human relations groups, lesbians and gay men seldom reveal their sexual identity. Also, gay organizations have never forged a common, working agenda with other groups.

Gays and our heterosexual allies must vow *today* to celebrate gay pride *everyday*: we must challenge discrimination with determination, we must meet clinched fists with open hands; we must dissolve fear with familiarity. And a new movement will transform America by reaching into her heartland.

If we march for the rights of gay people to love each other then we must also bring love to those urban poor drowning in a sea of despair. If we support the rights of gay people to work then we must also join in solidarity with those who have no jobs. If we support the rights of gay people to raise children then we must also act for mother earth on which our children's children must live. If we demand the rights of gay people to live in the housing of their choice then we must also build housing for those who have none.

For too long we have been invisible in the march of time. But we were *there* in the march to Selma; we were *there* in the march for women's rights; we were *there* in the march on Washington. But, like the marchers to Selma, we cannot get to the promised land of social justice and human dignity by ourselves, and we cannot march into tomorrow while clinging to the prejudices of the past.

As we continue the struggle to expand the meaning of "We the People," we must add "them" to "us" to multiply our effectiveness in pursuit of our common agenda: social justice and human dignity. Again, the South is the battleground.

JAMES T. SEARS

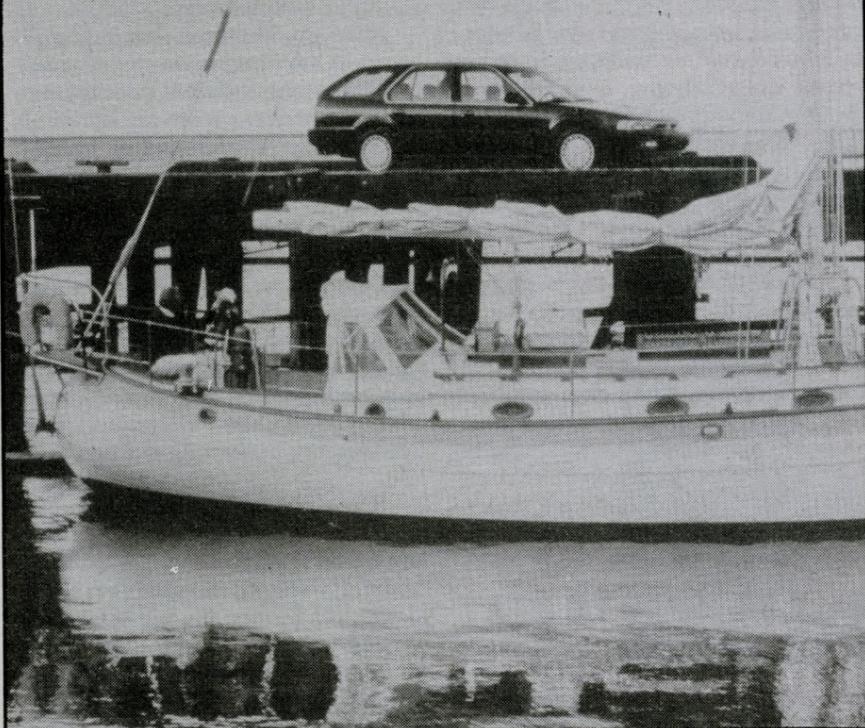
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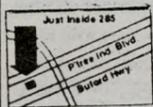
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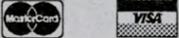
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leaders asked Mosbacher to ask Bush to be inclusive of gays and lesbians, and to talk about AIDS in an overall health care context. Mosbacher, whose openly lesbian daughter helped set up the meeting, was "responsive" according to the activists. Immediately following that meeting, however, the White House distanced itself saying that the meeting was a "personal decision" on the part of Mosbacher. That distancing was a response to numerous letters from conservatives including Morris Chapman, president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Morris urged Bush to "...disavow any support or sympathy for the homosexual civil rights agenda."

Several months later, on April 21, Bush met with evangelical Christians and told them he opposed "special laws" to protect the rights of gay people. In May, Beverly LaHaye, president of Concerned Women of America, sent out a fundraising letter which said "the homosexual movement poses the most serious threat" of all to American children. In June, Quayle spoke to the Southern Baptist Convention coining the term the "cultural elite" and describing

cans was a tough one. "We can either become Democrats and try to change their fiscal policy, which isn't likely, or we can stay in the Republican party and try to change its platform on social issues."

Marvin Leibman, a founder of the modern conservative movement who came out as gay two years ago, held a press conference in Houston to reproach the GOP for targeting gays. Leibman also believes gays should not give up and leave the party. Remaining a Republican "is tough," he said, "but it's vital that we do it. It's important that we don't let the bigots take over."

**Willie Horton revisited**

But many believe the "bigots" have taken over, and they believe it's going to get much worse before it gets better. Urvashi Vaid, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, told the New York Times, "This is the most explicitly anti-gay campaign we've ever seen." Vaid went on to say that the Republicans are using gays as scapegoats "...to beat on to divert attention from the economy and other failings." Vaid and other activists expect an advertising campaign that will make gays the target of fear and hate just as the ads about Willie Horton did in



them as people "...who think the family is an arbitrary arrangement of people who decide to live under the same roof, that fathers are dispensable and that parents need not be married or even of the opposite sex."

In July Rev. Lou Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition, a regular advisor to the Bush campaign on social issues, said that homosexuality and opposing the gay civil rights movement "galvanizes our public more than the right to life."

Those sentiments found their way into this year's Republican party platform. Going against its position in 1988, this year the Republican platform committee would not allow gay or lesbian activists to speak, and unlike four years ago, the Republican platform includes a reference to gays: "We oppose efforts by the Democratic Party to include sexual preference as a protected minority receiving preferential status under civil rights statutes at the Federal, state and local level." The platform opposes "marriages" between gay people and allowing gay people to adopt children or be foster parents.

**Gay republicans**

The openly anti-gay stance of the Republican party this year has even alienated gay Republicans. Tim Kincaid, Southwest Regional Coordinator of the Log Cabin Club, said his organization resolved at their recent convention to not endorse Bush or the GOP platform. "The platform doesn't reflect the feelings of most of the party," he said in a telephone interview. "And the delegates don't reflect the majority of the voters...they're hand-picked by the party machine."

Kincaid said the choice for gay Republi-

1988. Horton, a convicted murderer furloughed by Michael Dukakis, murdered again while out of prison.

The New York Times reported on the last day of the convention that Republican campaign officials are considering radio ads, that would run only in the South, portraying a Clinton victory as a move to more gay teachers in the schools. The same officials claimed that President Bush is not anti-homosexual but merely opposes special treatment for lesbians and gay men, setting the theme that voting for Clinton and the Democrats will give preferential treatment to lesbians and gay men.

**Ironic ending**

In an ironic twist to the convention's anti-gay messages, the theme song from "La Cage aux Folles" was played after Barbara Bush's speech on Wednesday night, background to the entire Bush family, including the President, waving to the crowd. "La Cage aux Folles" is a play that celebrated the relationship of a drag club manager and his drag queen lover. The producer in charge of the convention said the song was merely a coincidence—not a statement. "We wanted something upbeat," said David Nash. Asked if it could signal some approval of homosexuality, he said, "Actually, the musical director thought of it and I never even thought of it in those terms."

CHRISTINA CASH

Pictured: A Virginia delegate speaks with Oliver North on the convention floor. The sign atop his hat reads, "Family Rights Forever, Gay Rights Never." Photo by Patsy Lynch

SHELLY ROBERTS

# Still faithful after all these years

Aunt Renee and Alice are not lesbians. And they've been busy *not* being lesbians for the last 50 years.

The reason I even bring it up at all, is that we just got back from attending the 50th anniversary of another one of Judi's aunts, and it really struck me how sad it was that the family would come together to celebrate when it was heterocelebrational, and not take note or notice when it wasn't.

Now you have to understand, this lack of a family response for Aunt Renee and Alice's chronological accomplishment is not the family's fault. They'd be willing. It's just that if you ask Aunt Renee and Alice, though nobody would ever dare, you'd know that they're not lesbians.

Interestingly, thanks to the two of them, Judi and I had none of the problems you'd expect. When Judi, a lover or two ago, brought her lover home for the first time to meet the family, it was another Auntie who said, "Oh. Yes. You two are like Renee and Alice. That's fine, Dear." And that was the end of that. Matter of Midwest fact.

Whenever Judi brought home a new mate, the family would do what families will do with newly inducted in-laws. Deal with the previous divorce, and then decide if they liked the replacement. As a person. Not as a lesbian person. So it made it quite easy for me to join the homecoming, to laugh and joke basketball playoffs with the men, and childrearing with the women, and antiquing with the fellow flea-marketeers. It was, I have to tell you, nice to be surrounded by family, nice family, welcoming family. Nice to discover that for the most part, I liked my in-laws. And even more importantly, my in-laws liked me, or didn't, based on me, and not some Phil Donahue/Enquirer Magazine standard. These friendly people didn't judge any more than any family does. They included me inside the ropes that bound off the outside world, with as many rights and privileges and flaws as Don's wife or Christina's husband. Was I kind to widows and orphans? Could I tell a good joke? Was I good to Judi? The stuff that anybody judges in-laws on.

Let me get back to Aunt Renee and Alice, who have been together fifty years and aren't lesbians. They met when they were children and discovered that they made beautiful music together. One on the trumpet. The other on the trombone. After high school they toured the country in an Ina Ray Hutton adventure few young ladies from those middle states that all start with a vowel ever get permission for. They played and toured, away from home and prying eyes, in an all-girl dance band. They spent every day together. And, not surprisingly shared whatever fleabag hotel room or bus backseat was available between small town gigs on the road. Shared seats and sheets and Snickers bars. Oh, but, they're not lesbians.

We met late one red-and-yellow September afternoon at Judi's New Hampshire Inn. They came every year or two, were quite, quite comfortable, and never men-

tioned to anyone that they were in a lesbian Inn. With 40 lesbians a day surrounding them, perhaps they just never noticed. Certainly it never came up in conversation.

They were due to arrive hours before the completion of my 150 mile weekly commute from Massachusetts Proper. So, crunching through the last fraction of the one half mile gravel curve from the road, when I spotted Judi talking to two older ladies who were obviously a dyke couple come to register for the weekend, I thought nothing of it. I'd seen dozens of couples like them before. It never occurred to me that this might be Aunt Renee and Alice arriving late. From the stories, I expected blue hair and maidenly camouflage. What I saw was as butch and fem a couple as the 1940's could carve. Whittled into an each-other definition by a four decade daily association. All my are-they-or-aren't-they questions were answered from behind my windshield before I even shut down the engine.

They lived with their parents into their thirties, till their parents died. Then finally moved in together. But they're not lesbians. They bought a summer house on a lake long before as a shared investment. But they're not lesbians. Their apartment in town is a two bedroom layout, and they sleep in the master bedroom in the same double bed even when there's no company. But they're not lesbians. The place on the lake has a number of guest rooms, and they sleep in the same double bed. But they're not lesbians. Oh, yes, and they never married men. But they're not lesbians.

One breathes in and the other breathes out. One pours the gin-and-tonics and the other one stirs. One puts the all-bran in the shopping cart and the other one pays. But, you guessed it, they're not lesbians. So they know that nobody knows.

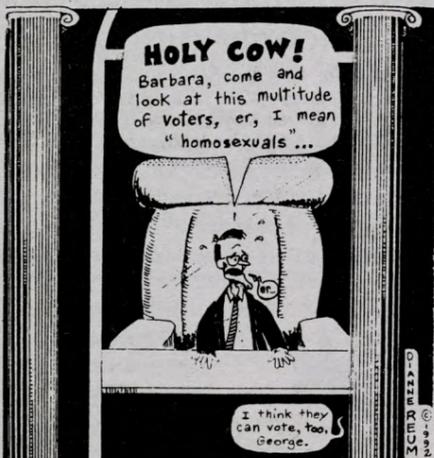
And isn't that too sad? They've lived a very long time together. Maybe not had the rich, full life they might have if they'd been born in a different decade. But happy. You could tell. It's rare company that holds together so well and for so long. It's a relationship that should have gotten its share of the applause.

But of course it won't. Because they have a need to believe that no one knows. So there will be no friends and frosting in a local Holiday Inn ballroom. No well wishing cards and letters. No cash rich envelopes paying tribute. No big celebration for their fifty years. Because, of course, they're merely friends. Not lesbians at all.

Happy Anniversary anyway, Aunt Renee and Alice. It's not such a scary word anymore. Lesbian, lesbian, lesbian. It's too bad you never found that out. Your longevity could have served as an incredible example.

It's too bad you spent so many years being not lesbians. We would have thrown you one hell of a party.

*Shelly Roberts is the author of "The Dyke Detector, How to Tell the Real Lesbians from Ordinary People," November, Paradigm Press.*



## AIDS caps a trend, but there's help

To the Editor:

I have read with great interest the stories in Southern Voice regarding AIDS caps placed in group health insurance plans. Unfortunately, AIDS caps of this type are an alarming trend which will affect an increasing number of sick individuals who depend on group health plans for medical benefits. The AIDS Legal Project has represented a number of individuals who were affected by AIDS caps. Many readers may be aware of the pending case we have against Storehouse, another perpetrator of a discriminatory AIDS cap. This case is awaiting a decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

## C A R B O N C O P I E S

National Public Radio  
c/o WABE FM 90  
740 Bismark Rd NE  
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Re: National Public Radio  
Friday, August 7 1992  
Larry Boondorf-retraction

Dear Sir/Madam,

I listened with a mixture of sadness and fury at the retraction/story about the 1.1 million dollar lawsuit filed by Secret Service Agent Larry Boondorf against NPR as a result of an earlier NPR story about the assassination attempts against President Ford which incorrectly identified Agent Boondorf as a homosexual.

It is symptomatic of a pervasive ignorance and deep seated bigotry against gays and lesbians, perpetuated by society's stereotypes, that Larry Boondorf's life could have been so "destroyed" by being misidentified as a homosexual in your report.

He would be mocked and called a lunatic if he filed a similar suit claiming damages of any amount for being misidentified as being left-handed or born with brown eyes, yet scientists and responsible psychiatrists would tell him that these "maladies" are no more controllable before, during or after birth than sexual orientation.

I do pity Mr. Boondorf, but only for

The Honorable Sann Nunn  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Nunn:

I am really getting disgusted with the ruined lives caused by the military's anachronistic policy on homosexuality. Do you think Vice Admiral Jack Fetterman, who developed the Ethics Training, acted in an unethical manner by shielding his staff member? We do not have details, but I suspect he acted in a very moral and ethical manner by disobeying an immoral Navy (military) policy. This man headed the largest on shore command and, indeed, is "5, 10, 20 years ahead" of his time. What the Navy should have done was allow him to develop sensitivity training for both sexist and homophobic behavior in the military. They go hand in hand. It makes this action against Adm. Fedderman more unfair to realize that so many heterosexual Navy officers did much more than merely "propose a woman military person," and no action was taken! In fact coverups probably extend to all ranks and levels. Such hypocrisy!

Sincerely,  
Edward O. Nix, M.D.  
cc: Atlanta Constitution

At the AIDS Legal Project, we remain optimistic that AIDS caps such as the one at Myron Dwoskins can be successfully fought in the courts. Now that the Americans With Disabilities Act is in effect, people with HIV have important new legal rights to protect them from discriminatory tactics such as these. The AIDS Legal Project encourages any individual affected by discriminatory AIDS caps in their group health insurance policies to seek legal advice. The AIDS Legal Project provides free representation to low-income persons with HIV. We may be reached at 614-3969.

Sincerely,  
Chip Rowan  
Director  
AIDS Legal Project

having surrounded himself with friends and family so eager to dismiss his strengths as a person because they now perceive that he may express love and compassion for other men.

Maybe the people Mr. Boondorf should be suing for damages are the people who would scorn and hate him or justify acts of violence against him because of his sexual orientation. These are the people and the beliefs that are "destroying" lives and reputations. If these types of damage suits were available, the court dockets would soon be overwhelmed and the pockets of a great many Republican politicians and fundamentalists would be a lot lighter.

I hope Agent Boondorf will come to more fully understand the discrimination and the senseless hatred directed at gays and lesbians now that he has walked a mile in the shoes of the millions who have gone before him. I hope he will use this experience to educate his friends and families to the pain and senselessness of insidious homophobia now that he has learned first hand what it is like to be a target of those who would limit the rights of and/or indiscriminately rid this country and the planet of all who do not fit within their concept of traditional family values.

Sincerely,  
Randall H. Stephens  
cc GLAAD Atlanta



# Southern Women's Music & Comedy Festival denied land usage in Georgia

Producer Robin Tyler believes the Jewish camp caved into homophobia

The Southern Women's Music & Comedy Festival is no longer held at its location at Camp Coleman in the North Georgia mountains. Camp Coleman, owned and operated by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), provided a space for the festival from its beginning in 1984 until 1991. But this year the UAHC decided it would no longer rent its camp to Robin Tyler, producer of the Memorial Day weekend festival.

Almost from the beginning, the SWMCF experienced problems both with the townspeople of White County and with the UAHC. In 1985 a White County commissioner asked the county to review the tax-exempt status of the Jewish retreat because the camp was host to a feminist gathering with women "going around half naked and kissing each other." Commissioner Carlton Turner said "we don't want that kind of thing going on here," and questioned that the festival is for-profit, casting doubt on the camp's tax exemption. At the time, the UAHC stood behind the festival, and the investigation was dropped.

But while the county appeared to become more accepting of the "radical feminists" who

visited them en masse once a year, Camp Coleman began to take steps to stop Robin Tyler Productions from bringing the yearly gathering to their grounds. According to Tyler, contracts each year were given with more and more conditions, and over an eight year period the fees for renting the land for the 5-day weekend increased from \$5,000 to \$40,000 for its final rental in 1991. The increase is highly questionable, says Tyler, since similar site rentals to other festivals generally average about \$1,500 with an upper end of \$5,000.

Other conditions and fees were added. The most difficult of these and the incident Tyler feels severed the relationship with the UAHC, was the demand made during the festival in 1990 by Camp Coleman director Ralph Kurland, who insisted that he be allowed to wander the grounds at will. The festival offered to let a woman walk the grounds and inspect anything necessary, but this solution proved unacceptable, and Kurland, says Tyler, threatened her with removal from the camp.

The following year the festival was allowed to rent the land but at the price of \$40,000. In 1992, Kurland proved successful in his threat

and the Festival was forced to move its site to a North Carolina location. And after eight years in which there were no stated logistical problems with renting Coleman, suddenly the UAHC voiced logistical reasons why the Festival could not be held there, citing infrastructure problems. To Robin Tyler all of this added up to one thing: homophobia.

"The UAHC throwing us off the land bothers me because I am Jewish, and proudly Jewish. When the most supposed liberal Jewish organization in the country—with a pro gay and lesbian stand, where most of the gay and lesbian synagogues belong—does this, when they throw us off the land using a bald face lie like infrastructure, what else can I think?"

But various representatives of the UAHC, each gave different reasons for the refusal to rent. The new camp director, Bobby Harris, said that a policy change had been made, and a new provision stated that UAHC camps would be rented only "to our 'own' (synagogues)." This rule seems to be applied as needed, as the UAHC does rent one of its camps in California to a small fairy gathering.

David Sapperstein, Vice President of

UAHC, contends the reason that the festival cannot be held there is that it makes it impossible to get the camp ready for the summer season. But the Festival rents the land on Memorial Day weekend, a full three weeks before Coleman begins its usual renting on Father's Day weekend.

Andy Hoges, Assistant Camp Director for 10 years, who worked with the festival for its first seven years said: "The Festival cleaned the grounds and cabins so well that basically all we had to do was mow the grass and put out toilet paper to open." In a letter to the Festival, Andy also thanked the Festival workers for the repairs that had been made to the camp, and for the extra food and supplies that were left for camp use.

On the phone, Mr. Hoges made it clear that Robin Tyler Productions cleaned up the camp in the spring in addition to helping to make the facility more accessible by building wheelchair ramps and adding security rails to bathrooms and showers.

Rabbi Allan Smith, Camp Director for the UAHC, offered a third reason that the camp could no longer be rented by Robin Tyler Pro-



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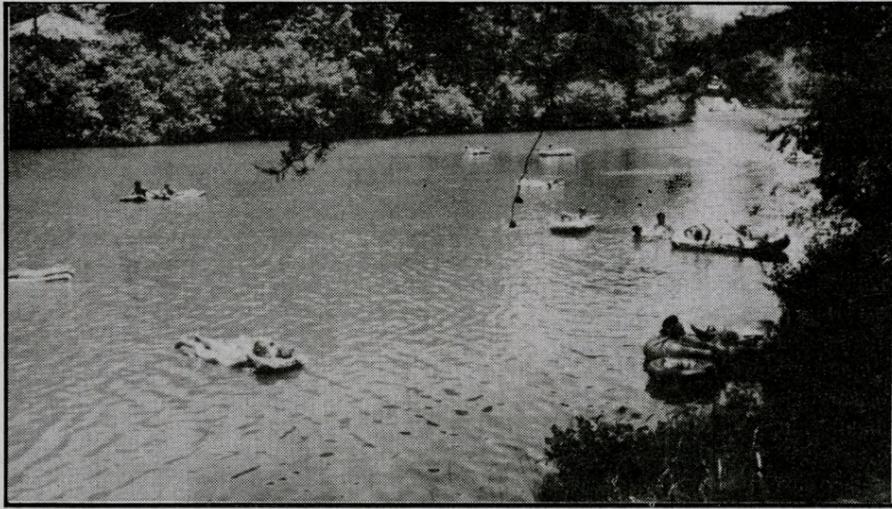
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ductions. He said that "It was not meant to be used as a campground" and the Festival was larger than the intended use of the facility. This objection was not raised in the beginning when the Festival drew 2,000, and seems weak since the Festival has gotten smaller and now expects no more than 1,500 women.

Tyler has enlisted the help of friends in high places, like Patricia Ireland and Rep. Ted Weiss of New York to protest UAHC's decision.

In a letter to Rabbi Alexander Schindler, Ted Weiss, Congressional Representative from the 17th District of New York wrote: "I am confounded by UAHC's refusal as owners of Camp Coleman, to renew the Festival's lease. This decision, coupled with last year's unprecedented request for a large security deposit (\$5,000) and an exorbitant one-year rent increase, give credence to claims that the Festival has been treated unfairly. I am even more concerned by allegations which have been brought to my attention that homophobia may be the root cause of such treatment, particularly given UAHC's forward thinking reputation."

Tyler says she will pursue legal action to force the UAHC to rent to the Southern Festival again, and has already enlisted the help of the American Civil Liberties Union. Tyler believes that not only her festival but many festivals, who depend on rented land, are in jeopardy of losing their space. And a safe space for women, she says, is vital. "There is no other place we can go and have safe space. A lot of women come from small towns, and for a lot of them for the first time in their life they can feel what it's like to be free."

To express your views on this matter, please write: Rabbi Alexander Schindler, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 935 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10021

**Other festivals in jeopardy**

The Southern Women's Music & Comedy Festival is not the only women's gathering which has experienced site problems. Wanda Henson, a grassroots organizer who produces the Gulf Coast Festival, reports similar rental problems.

Her festival has been moved from a Girl Scout Camp to a United Methodist Camp to a city-run camp outside of Biloxi. The church-

run camp, Wesley Pines, overcharged the festival by about \$8,000, Henson maintains. A grand jury investigation about the overcharge by the Camp Director resulted in his conviction, but not in the return of the money. The district attorney assured Henson that she should be able to recover the money if she could get an attorney to take the case. But Henson says it is practically impossible in Mississippi to get someone to go up against the sacred cows of religion and the good ole boys' network.

The Biloxi-run camp posed security problems this year and campers were subjected to harassment by teenage boys who found cruising the lesbians to be more fun than hanging out in Biloxi. The city refused to offer security for the festival and would not allow organizers to control traffic onto the city-owned land.

Henson also helps to organize Spiritfest, which takes place just north of New Orleans in a National Forest campground. It is a small but secure space, but is not large enough to hold the annual Gulf Coast Festival.

Henson believes that the best solution for continuing festivals is to buy land so that lesbians will have control over the space and be able to insure security and privacy for festival attendees. Her group is currently raising money to do just that.

Control of the land is one of the issues which lead to a permanent home for the Michigan Women's Music Festival. However, as Robin Tyler points out, it is hardly fair to say that lesbians should be forced to hold their gatherings in primitive sites and be denied access to more civilized surroundings. "They should," she says, "be able to enjoy the outdoors with cabins and swimming pools like other groups." This is particularly important since many older lesbians and disabled lesbians find primitive camping impossible.

**Good news**

RhythmFest has been luckier than many other festivals. Currently it is being held in Northern Georgia at a privately owned camp-

ing facility that rents to various types of groups. The size of the land (more than 700 acres) and its location along a mountain ridge mean that there are not the usual problems with neighbors or security.

It is, however, a facility which is not really equipped to handle groups the size of the festival, so RhythmFest finds itself upgrading the camp systems. Currently, the producers are negotiating for a long term lease which would allow them to help make permanent changes to the camp facilities such as building a larger kitchen. Already they have improved water pressure problems, and rented tents to extend the existing kitchen. They have also set up stage facilities with adequate electrical power to handle evening performances.

Held on Labor Day weekend, September 3-7, RhythmFest will feature more writers, filmmakers and workshops. More than 19 sexual awareness workshops will be offered, along with karate classes and various affinity groups. A special late night offering will be a "sleeping bag drive-in." Rumor has it that the special mystery guest from last year will be returning. In addition to camping and cabins, nearby motels are also available to those who find the hardship of camping restrictive.

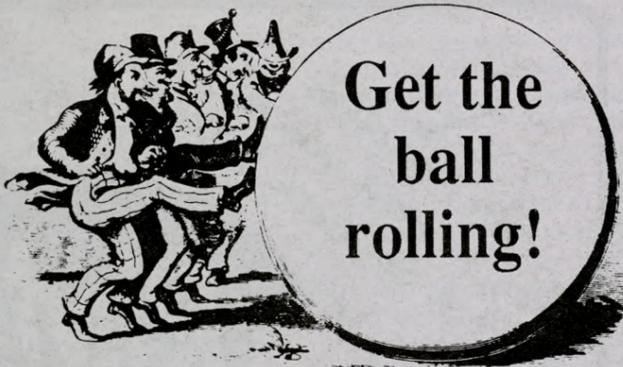
Funds will be raised this year to promote the April '93 March on Washington which Michelle Crone, festival organizer, and Robin Tyler will be working on together. Tickets for RhythmFest are available in Atlanta at Charis Books and More. For more information call 919-419-8315.

This year's Spiritfest will focus on politics and spirituality, and will feature Kay Gardner along with more than 20-30 workshops and other cultural activities. For more information on the Sept. 3rd weekend, call 601-896-3196.

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Pictured: Robin Tyler holds a workshop at the 1988 Southern Women's Music Festival (left). The lake at Camp Coleman (right). Photos by Maile Klein

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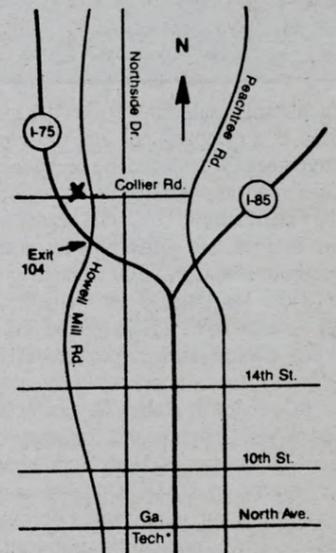


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# OUT & ABOUT

## TELEVISION

### CITIZEN COHN

Of course I've never agreed with anyone who says people with HIV "got what they deserved;" but if Roy Cohn didn't deserve to die from AIDS, he did merit the treatment he receives in the HBO film *Citizen Cohn*, which has its first airing Saturday night, August 22. The slimeball attorney, vividly portrayed by James Woods, says on his deathbed in 1986: "...Jew-persecuted Jews; Gay-crucified gays...did whatever I wanted to do. I can't believe you let me get away with it."

Around the bed he sees ghosts of people he's been involved with, many of whom lived to regret their association with him. One of them is Ethel Rosenberg. Cohn made a name for himself in 1951 by successfully prosecuting her and her husband for giving nuclear secrets to the Russians. "All the Jews were afraid," she tells him, "because they thought if you killed me all the Jews would die."

He did kill her—or the state did, with his help—and he hitched his wagon to Sen. Joseph McCarthy, who was becoming notorious for finding "communists" everywhere. A period news-reel intones, "Communism is not a political party, it's a way of life. An evil, malignant way of life." Substitute "homosexuality" for "communism" and you have the Republican platform.

Today the term "witch hunt" is tossed around by people too young to remember the real thing. None of us were in Salem, but the Army-McCarthy hearings came pretty close—the slightest, unsubstantiated hint of a link to communism was enough to cost people their jobs. Being gay was almost as bad. When Army counsel Joseph Welch (Ed Flanders) tries to out Cohn during the hearings by working the word "pixie" into his testimony, defining it as "a close relative to a fairy," McCarthy deflects the attack and winds up being made a laughing stock by Welch, whose ghost condemns Cohn on his deathbed "for persecuting in public those who are in private no different from you."

The first scene, showing young Roy's closeness to his domineering mother (Lee Grant), is a stereotypical giveaway. Except for a visit to the hospital from his lover Peter (Joe Salter), the first hint of Cohn's homosexuality comes in his closeness to G. David Schine (Jeffrey Nordling), a dilettante who is appointed Cohn's assistant as a favor to conservative columnist Walter Winchell (Joseph Bologna), "the real Voice of America." When Schine is drafted, Cohn's efforts to bully the Secretary of the Army into arranging his assignment almost proves their undoing.

While Cohn denied to the end that he was gay or had AIDS, *Citizen Cohn* doesn't let him get away with anything. It cuts like a scalpel and moves like a forest fire through the high points of his low career. Also portrayed are FBI director J. Edgar Hoover (Pat Hingle) and his lover/assistant Clyde Tolson (Daniel von Bargen), whose home life is made to look rather normal, all things considered.

While this is not an outing film per se, Francis Cardinal Spellman is also mentioned as a closet case. Cohn refers to Lillian Hellman as "probably a dyke—she writes all those plays about 'em," and makes a homophobic speech that gives him



away to his boss. "Michelangelo... was a pervert," he rants, "and he was disloyal to his prince." Later, in trying to manipulate the Army, Cohn threatens to reveal "a homosexual nest of generals."

Nobody exposes Hoover, it's pointed out, because he's been collecting dirt on everyone else and they don't dare attack him. "My files are a great source of comfort and protection," he says.

Aside from Peter, the only instance we see of Cohn involved with a man concerns a young Italian (Joseph Scorsiani), who proves an amusing embarrassment to him in two scenes. Peter woos Cohn at a gay party on Cohn's yacht. The men in the background are only dancing—it's no JFK-style orgy sequence. How Peter, an apparently nice New Zealander, could have loved Cohn all those years is a mystery the film doesn't get into.

*Citizen Cohn* was directed by Frank Pierson, who wrote "Dog Day Afternoon," from a screenplay by David Franzoni, who penned the semi-final script for "The Mayor of Castro Street." Before a preview screening for a mostly gay audience in San Francisco, Pierson noted that Cohn was "one of us;" but when I asked him afterward which "us" he was aligning himself with, he replied simply, "We're all in the same tribe."

When outing is debated, Roy Cohn's name is one of those most often cited by the "pro" side as one who hated himself and all gays and hurt enough of us that he deserved to be exposed for the hypocrite he was.

*Citizen Cohn* could become a cult film where audiences hiss the homophobes and encourage the closeted characters to come out, but first it merits a serious viewing or two as a warning of the potential for abuse in our democratic system. If it happened once, it could happen again.

*Citizen Cohn* will air on HBO Aug. 22, 25, 27 and 31.

STEVE WARREN

Pictured: James Woods as Roy Cohn

## THEATRE REVIEW

### M. BUTTERFLY

"Only a man knows how a woman is supposed to act." This provocative line by Song Liling, the Chinese opera performer in David Henry Hwang's play "M. Butterfly" now at Theatre in the Square in Marietta, raises fascinating questions about sexual identity, sexism, sex roles, romantic illusion, and self-deception.

The plot of "M. Butterfly," based on a true story, tells of a French diplomat—the shy, repressed Rene Gallimard—who loves and lives with Song Liling, performer with the Chinese opera, for 20 years claiming never to have known that his Chinese "mistress" was in fact a man. The secret came out when Gallimard

was tried for treason in France. He had been unwittingly (according to his account) giving secret information to Song concerning American military strategy in Viet Nam, and Song passed it on to the Chinese Communists.

Gallimard tells his story from his prison cell in Paris, recounting how he met and fell in love with Song—his "Butterfly." "I was loved by the perfect woman!" Gallimard boasts. One of the play's many ironies is that Gallimard thinks of this Chinese "woman" as the Japanese heroine in Puccini's opera "Madame Butterfly," and fancies himself a callous ladies' man like Pinkerton, that opera's male lead. Other ironies abound: Gallimard feels that he has become a "real man" by seducing a shy, fragile Chinese girl, when in fact he is the one seduced—in a cold, calculating way—by a prima donna in drag reporting to the Maoists.

Tim McDonough plays Rene Gallimard as awkward, self-deceiving, and sadly passionate, while M. Ordonia is charming and exquisite as Song Liling. His interpretation is softer than B.D. Wong's, who created the role in New York, but equally effective. Noteworthy also is Tina Hightower's performance as a swinging Sixties girl, with whom Rene has an affair. Her frank, outspoken femaleness contrasts with the delicate but unreal womanliness of the female impersonator.

In addition to its provocative questioning of sex roles, "M. Butterfly" raises the question of racism as well: in particular, white Western men have a "rape mentality" towards nonwhites, Song Liling tells a French judge; they deceive themselves that nonwhites are passive, childlike, "feminine," wanting to be dominated by the superior white man. Furthermore, an Asian man is never perceived as completely a "man" by a white man.

This is strong political stuff, and the fact that it is being accepted by mainly white American audiences—many of whom are men—seems at first glance surprising. Ah, but white Americans will listen to their own racism—and even sexism—denounced from a stage if the packaging is pretty.

And the packaging is exquisite. Theatre in the Square's production truly delights the eye, making unpleasant political truths palatable. So palatable that one could come away from this play and still not make the connection between the oppression of nonwhite males, nonmacho males, and gay males, and the oppression of women. One could still not see that these oppressions are structured exactly the same, that they are set into place, taught, and enforced in the same ways. One could be dazzled by the illusion of exotic drag, by the beauty and strangeness of it all.

And indeed, beauty and strangeness (to admittedly Western eyes) are part of the pleasure of this play.

*M. Butterfly* will be at Theatre in the Square through Sept. 26. 422-8369 for reservations.

CHARLENE BALL

Pictured: M. Ordonia and Tim McDonough star in "M. Butterfly"



16 O U T & A B O U T

If you like theatre that takes risks, catch **Barbara Banta** in her highly acclaimed one-woman show at Seven Stages. **Through Ruby's Eyes** is a play concerning a woman learning to see herself through her own eyes rather than through the eyes of those around her.

Ruby, the central character, remembers four women whom she has known in the past: Miss Lacey, a former teacher who now sits alone on a park bench, wearing an old fur coat and a plastic bag over head, feeding the pigeons whom Miss Lacey speaks to as if they were her students; legal receptionist Bonnie (who works for the firm of Bigger, Better, Biddle, and Better), Cynthia, a heartless summer stock actress, and Faith, who teaches aerobics on the radio.

"Should the play be described as a comedy?" I asked. "Some parts are very funny, but much is poignant and insightful. I have been conducting acting workshops for the female inmates at the Women's Correctional Institute in Milledgeville and they loved the character Miss Lacey. They couldn't stop laughing at her."

The play runs September 3, 4, and 5, also the following week on 10, 11, and 12 at 8:00pm at Seven Stages at 1105 Euclid Avenue in Little Five Points. Adult tickets are only \$8.00 and seniors and students are only \$5.00. Call 523-7647 for tickets.

If you missed *Carmen* you still have a chance to catch some great opera and impress your friends with your cultural elitism. **Albert Herring**, presented by The Atlanta Opera on Sept. 3, 5 and 6, is the story of a man being named "May Queen." No, we don't believe Albert (sung by Atlanta native Richard Clement) is gay but we do know that composer Benjamin Britten was. William Fred Scott conducts this compelling and comic coming of age story. All performances are at 8 pm at Symphony Hall. Call 892-2414 for tickets.

Also beginning the first weekend in September is *Always... Patsy Cline* which opens on Sept. 3 at the 14th St. Playhouse. This two-woman musical features 17 Cline songs and has broken house records at Spoleto in Charleston, S.C. It runs for three weeks with previews on Sept. 1 & 2. For tickets call 892-2414.

**AFTER HOURS**

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The **White Orchid**, Atlanta's new gay supper club, will have its grand opening extravaganza Aug. 28-31. Entertainment begins each night at 6pm and features Allison Whitfield, Kim Williams and Lee LaForge among others. The club is at 1803 Cheshire Br. Rd. Call them at 892-3520 for more info.

Some nights though you just want to stay at home, right? Yes, even the party set occasionally enjoys an evening spent within the cozy confines of home. Of course, for maximum enjoyment of such an evening, a little planning is in order. Unlike the chic people who populate the daytime soap operas, those of us in the real world can't pose all evening with one hand on the mantel and a drink in the other. Think about it—have you ever seen anyone on a soap actually watching television? Never. They are always freshly showered, made up, and accessorized to the teeth as they glide in from the bedroom or answer the doorbell. "What are you doing here?" she asks

the man at the door.

"I've come to... TALK... to you, Sylvia. May I come in?" "Well, I am rather busy. I was just running my fingers through my long, blonde, shoulder-length hair. But come in, I'll fix you a... drink."

And so it goes, they drink, they pose... sounds almost like a night at the bar, doesn't it?

For a change of pace, why not plan an evening at home with your favorite person? You can build a great evening around a good movie, and thanks to the many video outlets available to us here in Atlanta, the choice is virtually endless. Aside from the many branches of the large chains such as Blockbuster and Turtle's, there are other options for the discriminating intown videophile.

At Ansley Square, a lively, eclectic shop called **Brushstrokes** offers a wide variety of videos as well as an extensive array of magazines, books, novelties, cards, T-shirts, poster, and even ceramics. Videos line the back wall of the store with a wide selection of current video releases, and several videos of particular interest to our community. These include films of the Mr. International Leather contest as well as several years of coverage of the Miss Continental Pageant.

In the Virginia Highland/Morningside area, there is **Movies Worth Seeing**, which offers a huge selection of movies, from the latest Hollywood release to the most obscure cult gem. The best thing about *Movies Worth Seeing* is that an entire section is devoted to films which are categorized "Gay and Lesbian." Familiar titles such as "The Boys in the Band," "Tongues Untied," "Common Threads," and "Longtime Companion" share the shelf with newer films "As Is," "Before Stonewall," "Lesbian Humor," and "Lesbian Sexuality." Also there is one selection we could all do without, the ghastly "Cruising," starring Al Pacino in a totally twisted tale of murder among the leather crowd. This film presented a segment of our community which even I have yet to encounter, leather drag queens. Pahleeze!

Pictured: Richard Clement sings the title role in the Atlanta Opera's production of *Albert Herring* Sept. 3, 5 & 6. Photo by Keiko Guest

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**CITIZEN COHN.** HBO's original drama on the life of Roy Cohn. James Woods stars as the Communist witch-hunting lawyer—"one of the most notorious men of our time." And we all know what he's else he's notorious for. Also the 31st.  
**AS YOU LIKE IT.** The Atlanta Shakespeare Co.'s outdoor production of Rosalind's cross-dressing adventures in the Forest of Arden continues at Gross Lake in Conyers. Thru Aug. 28. 922-3143 for reservations.

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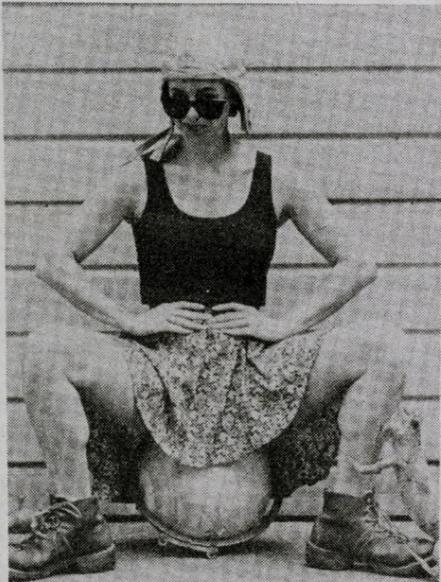
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ON GOING AND UPCOMING

**BACK HOME: REFLECTIONS OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES.** Through October 16. An exhibit of works which includes portraits by James Van Der Zee during the Harlem Renaissance, chronicle of the Great Depression by Walker Evans, and contemporary work like Christian Walker's hand-colored family photographs. High Museum of Art at Ga. Pacific Center. 577-6940.  
**M. BUTTERFLY.** Through Sept. 26. 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. Theatre in the Square in Marietta. 422-8369 for reservations.  
**THROUGH RUBY'S EYES.** Sept 3-5 & 10-12.

**JANN ROSEN-QUERALT AT NEXUS.** A reception and opening at Nexus that explores the history of Nexus' new location through sculpture. Find out what it meant in Old Atlanta if you "drank red rock, ate Stone cakes and lived on Means Street." Reception at 5pm, artist's lecture at 6pm.  
**ART PARTY.** The First E-Congregation will be hosting an exhibit of watercolors and photography by local artist Patrick Downing, with music by Dwani & Shanti, Bleu Velveeta, Coincidence and others. Also an open mike for your own poetry and music. 7pm til Midnight. 470 Candler Park Dr. 86-9384 for details.  
**ELLEN DEGENERES.** A babe-fave appears in HBO's One Night Stand comedy series. Check your cable listings.



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**RHYTHMFEST.** Sept. 3-7. The 3rd annual gathering of women atop Lookout Mountain. Performers include Boink Dee Deek, Suede, Yer Girlfriend and many more. Write to: Rhythm Fest, 2009 Chapel Hill Rd., Dept. PR, Durham, NC 27707 or call (919) 419-1923. Look for the SoVo give-away on the back page of this issue!  
**PEOPLE OF COLOR PRIDE PICNIC.** Sept. 5. The African American Lesbian & Gay Alliance (AALGA) invite all gay

29 SATURDAY

**SCOTT AND JANNA** (Hooker and Nelson, respectively) will perform jazz, song standards and some of Janna's original compositions at the First E-Con, 470 Candler Park Dr. 378-5570 for details.  
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**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. Ch12. People TV.

30 SUNDAY

**A GATHERING OF MEN.** Bill Moyers' much celebrated interview with Robert Bly—you know, the one that got straight men interested in drumming, feeling and thinking about fathers and inner children—is re-broadcast. WGTV, Channel 8, 9am.  
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**MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG.** Auditions for the Neighborhood Playhouse production are today (5pm) and tomorrow

(7pm) for their fall production of the Stephen Sondheim musical. 373-3904. 430 W. Trinity Place.

31 MONDAY

**STILL AIN'T SATISFIED.** Lots of women (most of them queer, some of them even out about it) on the radio. 7pm-9pm, WRFG, 89.3FM.  
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**MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING.** Opening night for the Alliance's new season brings Shakespeare's comic

Pictured: Above: k.d. lang, in concert on Sept. 1. Photo by Albert Sanchez. Left: Barbara Banta performing in "Through Ruby's Eyes," Sept 3-5 and 10-12. Photo by Robert Pierre Wilken Below: Left to right, Gregory Wallace, Katherine Meisle, Stephen Markle and Candy Buckley in "Much Ado About Nothing." Photo by David Zeiger

couldn't get tickets last run, this is your chance. Sept. 8 & 10 are special preview benefit performances for Atlanta NAPWA and GAPAC & P-FLAG, respectively. Call these organizations for tickets for those nights. There is also a preview on Sept. 9 at the reduced rate of \$10. Actor's Express. 290 Elizabeth St. 221-0831.  
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## EAT

**J**udging a restaurant still in its infancy is a tricky proposition. But a preview peek at **JoHanna's** (1580 Piedmont Rd. 885-1816) menu had me lusting for a plate of scrumptious sounding ravioli sauced with gorgonzola, garlic, and sun dried tomatoes, so I gave the place a try barely a week into its young life. Like any new restaurant, there's good news and bad; luckily the former outweighs the latter.

The dining room space is far more open and inviting than in its previous incarnation as Gene & Gabe's. Two large cloisonne cranes provide visual focal points, while plants and flowers abound. One side of the room feels like a formal parlor, the other like a country kitchen/dining room. But the sound of the piano drifting in from the adjacent bar sets the tone far more than does the decor. The air is definitely romantic and upbeat.

The menu too has a definite feel of a bygone era. There's no free range chicken, polenta, or even carpaccio to be found here. Just old standards like fried calamari, chicken cacciatore, and spaghetti with meatballs.

Garlic bread, should you choose to order it, costs \$1.50 a pop. We declined, which was probably a mistake. The gratis garlic butter that accompanies otherwise mediocre bread is truly heady stuff. It would be delicious melted onto the nastiest of store-bought white breads; fantastic drizzled over the top of a rare steak.

An appetizer of fried calamari is light, moist and slightly chewy. Add a squeeze of lemon, a dash of salt and dip it in the accompanying marinara and it's as good as any in the city according to half the votes cast at our table. The other half were not so impressed.

Everyone voted nay on a characterless Caesar salad that screamed out for more garlic and even a hint of anchovy. On the other hand, a simple house salad with a very basic vinaigrette had us all purring with pleasure. Go figure.

Hot rabe, spicy sausage, small pasta ears and a simple sauce of garlic and oil had us grinning from ear to ear despite the fact that the advertised rabe (a slightly bitter green) was little more than ordinary broccoli. Loaded with flavor and nicely contrasting textures, this one is a winner, though far better suited to another, chillier season.

The ravioli sauced with gorgonzola and fat, luscious sundried tomatoes is also a winner, though again better suited to cooler weather. Scallops (with spinach) served over pasta in a marsala cream sauce were fat, plentiful, tender and a tad on the predictable side. Not bad, just not the equal of either of the other entrees.

We were so full that we passed on a wicked sounding three ice cream bombe encrusted in chocolate. I'll definitely go back, eat smaller portions beforehand, and give it a try.

Service at JoHanna's is friendly and straightforward, though when only a single waiter is on duty, there are sometimes awkward delays. That should improve as business builds. The clientele strongly resembles the demographics of the neighborhood—very mixed. Plan to spend about \$20 a head for three courses without alcohol or tip.

**Under \$5**

Seems as though the \$5 lunch is a big ticket these days, especially in downtown restaurants where prices tend to be on the steep side. Personally I like the sound of \$4 better, and although I have some reservations, the \$3.95 lunch special served Monday-Friday at **Jewel of India** (1529 Piedmont Road. 875-0633) is truly a bargain.

Start with an appetizer or soup—we had a tomatoey mulligatawny laced with bits of lentil. A mite strange, but good.

Well seasoned basmati rice accompanies a variety of curries and vegetarian dishes. We tried chicken with spinach and chicken with mushrooms. Both were mild and offered well blended flavors, though the chicken tasted a bit tired. An accompanying onion salad made up for this transgression with bright, complex flavors and good texture variations.

Ditto mango malba for dessert. Think of rich mango flavored pudding with almonds and fat raisins added and you've got the picture.

Service is quick and friendly. Check it out.

**Party On**

I generally hate party food. Chips and dips, greasy chicken wings and moribund platters of veggies are simply not my idea of a good time.

But **Two Chef's** (1101 Euclid Ave inside Sevananda, 577-5425) has changed my mind with the food that they prepared for a birthday party I attended last weekend.

First, the food all looked great. The vegetable platter was such a work of art that folks seemed disinclined to disrupt its arrangement, despite three very good dips and pristinely fresh veggies.

The fruit and cheese platter was equally elegant and loaded with sweet, ripe fruit as well as a beautiful cheese, raisin and nut pastry that had people waiting impatiently in line as it was cut.

But the real winners were crisp nori rolls and sublime Parmesan rice balls. The latter were accompanied by a spicy marinara that had me craving a plate of noodles.

Kudos to Two Chefs and congratulations to Chris Cash whose 42nd we were celebrating.

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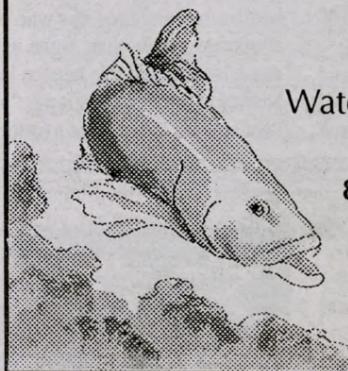
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## OUTLINE

## TERRY FOSTER

Age: 24

Relationship status: single

How long in Atlanta: 5 years

Last book read: "Hardball"

by Christopher Mathews

Pet Peeve: Narrow minded people

Terry Foster spends a lot of time thinking about the future of Democratic politics in America and the often hazardous tightrope lesbians and gays must walk to be included in the process. At 24, Terry already has some of the trademarks of a successful politician: an easy going manner, hearty laugh and an inclination to listen as well as voice his opinion.

A past Vice President of LEGAL (Legislate Equality for Gays and Lesbians) Terry has had the opportunity to observe politics, both Democratic and what he calls, "the often destructive divisiveness," within the Lesbian and Gay body politik of the community.

"Some people might think what I would like to see is impossible," comments Terry about his vision for the governing body of the lesbian and gay community. "There should be a Council of all the groups within our community based on a United Nations type of model in which all groups would be represented and yet maintain their sovereignty."

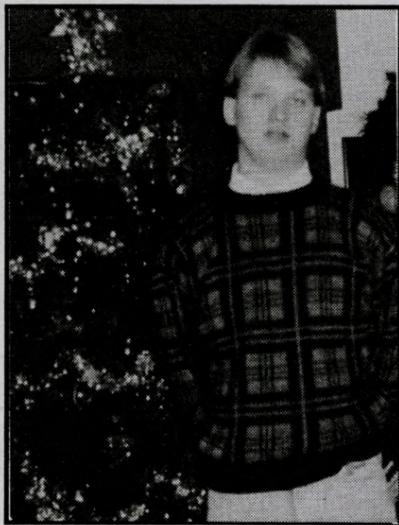
Terry points to the good intentions but overall failure of MACGLO (Metro Atlanta Coalition of Gay and Lesbian Organizations) as an example of lesbian and gay politics deteriorating into an ineffective forum as every group fought to carve out its own agenda.

"We cannot represent a united front to straight politics in this city if we don't have our own in order," he continues. "It is to their advantage for us to be splintered."

While Terry has plans for the lesbian and gay community he is also taking carefully considered and calculated steps towards assimilating himself into Democratic party politics in Atlanta. And while this all sounds very serious, Terry has a good time with it all, laughing at the omnipresent C-Span on in his living room and readily admitting that "politics is a game. But," he adds, "you have to know how to play it."

Terry has recently joined the "Young Democrats" of DeKalb County and was a co-chair of the HRCF's (Human Rights Campaign Fund) voter registration drive in DeKalb County. While in LEGAL, he was the state-wide coordinator of all Democratic caucus members.

Yet it is Terry's long-term goal in politics that he confesses makes him tick. He readily admits to wanting to work from within the



parameters of mainstream Democratic politics. "I don't believe you achieve anything, in politics at least, by focusing on one issue and jamming your sexual orientation down someone's throat. There is a lot of behind the scenes work that is still very important in Democratic politics and in DeKalb County. I want to be a Democratic candidate who happens to be gay, not the other way around. And I'm out to everyone, so I won't hide it."

Terry is his own Horatio Alger story on a business level, having begun a career in hotel management without prior training. He came to Atlanta in 1987 on behalf of the Residence Inn chain, a subsidiary of Marriot. He helped open the Residence Inn on Piedmont and is currently working for Lenox Inn as a night auditor. Having survived a period of what he calls "co-dependency and destructiveness," Terry is rebuilding his life and living on his own in Decatur. He is a native of Waterloo, Indiana, a small farm town, and describes his childhood as that of a loner. "I wasn't unhappy, I just looked inward," he explains.

Terry has been out to his entire family for almost four years and says matter-of-factly that it has strengthened the bond between him and his truck-driving father whom he calls "his best friend."

While politics is his hobby, Terry enjoys bowling and going to movies. He hopes to return to school in the Fall at Georgia State to sharpen his self-learned accounting skills. Terry is ever-optimistic about both his future and the future of lesbian and gay politics. "If you find the right niche, and stay focused on it I believe you can achieve anything you want even," he says with a wink, "the Presidency."

IAN W. GINSBURG

## IN THE LIFE

## Hospitality Atlanta

Type of organization: Social/Support

Number of members: N/A

Recent accomplishment: 1st Annual Red Top Mountain Memorial Day Picnic

Future event: Lady Star Search Competition, Saturday, August 29

Contact information: Post Office Box 55410, Atlanta, Georgia 30308, (404) 627-0520

Hospitality Atlanta, a social and support organization for lesbians of color, was founded during the National Lesbian Conference. "We were the hospitality committee for the NLC," says Charlene Cothran. During the conference, three of the women on the hospitality committee decided that they would continue to do much the same thing they did for the conference, but they would do it for lesbians of color.

Every other month, Hospitality Atlanta offers Sister to Sister, a poetry reading. The last program featured Dr. Shirlene Holmes from Georgia State University. On the alternate months, they hold a relationship seminar facili-

tated by noted local therapist Marlene Johnson. "She comes in and tells us how to keep our women happy," says Cothran.

In addition to the monthly programs, Hospitality Atlanta sponsors a bowling league, a softball team, and a basketball team. Their most exciting event may have been the 1st Annual Memorial Day Picnic at Red Top Mountain in North Georgia. "We were hoping for 100 women to show up," says Cothran. "It blew us away. We had 500 women show up, and most of them were over thirty."

They also have big plans for the upcoming fall. Besides the Lady Star Search Competition, they have scheduled an October Fest celebration to be held at Indian Springs State Park with music, dancing, fishing, and an annual cook-off. "We're planning a Women of Color Business Expo for late fall," Cothran adds. Anyone interested in participating in the Expo should contact Charlotte at (404) 814-1716.

DEBBIE FRAKER

## ORGANIZATIONS

## AIDS Organizations

AID Atlanta—872-0600  
AIDS Education/Services for Minorities—POB 87277, Atlanta, 30337, 762-6002  
AIDS Hotline for Women—888-9991  
AIDS Info Line—876-9944 (Atlanta); 1-800-551-2728 (State-wide). AIDS Legal Project—688-5433  
AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta (ARCA)—876-2317  
AIDSCHAIM—Edie, 642-3467  
Atlanta Buyers Club—(404) 874-4845, or POB 77003, Atl, 30357.  
Childkind—936-9655  
First MCC AIDS Ministry—872-2246  
Georgia AIDS Therapy Information Network—1-800-551-2728  
The Living AIDS Memorial Park Project—633-0634  
National Assn of People With AIDS/Atlanta—874-7926  
The Names Project/Atlanta—605-7386  
The Names Project Quilting Bee—872-2246  
Outreach, Inc.—(404) 346-3922  
People's United Pet Support—370-0178  
Positive Outlook On Health—872-9954  
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## Arts/Entertainment

Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus—872-4432  
Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus—627-7830  
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Buddies Midtown—239 Ponce de Leon. 872-2655  
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Visions—2043 Cheshire Bridge. 248-9712  
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## Direct Action/Political

ACLU/Lesbian & Gay Chapter—523-6201  
ACT UP—874-6782 (O) and 605-7458(info)  
Catalyst—(404) 776-1478  
Gay/Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation—605-7477  
Gay Republicans—Republicans for Individual Freedoms, 2980 Cobb Pkwy, Suite 192-172, Atlanta 30339  
Georgia Committee for the 1993 March on Washington (GOCMOW)—(404) 662-4199 or POB 5282, Atlanta 30307  
GAPAC—Georgia Political Action Committee—872-8095, FAX 874-8628  
Human Rights Campaign Fund—Field Committee, 231-5751  
LEGAL—605-7476  
National Association of People with AIDS Hotline—874-7926  
National Organization for Women—875-0176  
Neighbors Network—874-5171  
Queer Nation—605-7396  
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HomeGirls—622-0105  
Nat'l Federation of Career Women—(404) 659-0315  
OUTstaff (Emory)—727-2787 (Donna)  
Success Oriented Networking Group—662-4202

## Spiritual

All Saints Metropolitan Community Church—622-1154  
Catholic Gay and Lesbian Outreach—521-2962  
Christ Covenant MCC, Stone Mountain—297-0350

Congregation Bet Haverim—642-3467  
First Metropolitan Community Church of Atlanta—872-2246  
Gay & Lesbian Mormons—570-2561 (dig. page)  
Integrity (Episcopal)—642-3183  
Lutherans Concerned/Atlanta—636-7109  
Oakhurst Presbyterian Church—378-6284  
Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns—373-5830  
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Atlanta Team Tennis Assn—621-2699  
Atlanta Venture Sports—242-4899  
Atlanta Women's Social Tennis—662-GAME  
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Greater Atlanta Naturist Group—SASE to: GANG, POBo 7546, Atlanta 30357  
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Hotlanta Softball League—POB 14582, Atl. 30324, 873-4061  
Hotlanta Volleyball—621-5062  
Lambda-Dogwood Car Club—POB 941263, Atlanta 30341  
S.E. Gay Rodeo Association—POB 7881, Atlanta, 30357. 760-8126  
Women's Rugby—659-6916 or 761-8939  
TRICKS Bridge Club—2980 Cobb Pkwy, Suite 192-172, Atlanta 30339  
Underwater Escapes—289-0696

## Service/Support/Social

African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance—458-3003  
American Educational Gender Info Service—POB 33724, Decatur 30033. (404) 939-0244 (evenings).  
Athens Gay and Lesbian Association—POB 2201 Athens 30612-0201 or call 404/549-9368  
Athens Lesbian Information Line—(404) 613-7661  
Atlanta Couples Together—365-2455  
Atlanta Gay Center—876-5372  
Atlanta Lambda Community Center—POB 15180, Atlanta 30333. 662-9010  
Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Comm—662-4533  
Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance—POB 5502, Atlanta 30307, phone 378-9769  
Atlanta Lesbian Singles Organization (ALSO)—843-4492  
Atlanta Pro-Choice Action Committee—239-8016  
Black and White Men Together—892-BWMT  
Codependents Anonymous—239-1657  
Chrysalis Women's Center—881-6300  
Delphi—POB 14591, Atlanta, G 30324  
Emotions Anonymous—872-0979  
First Women—Write G.G. Richardson, POB 724711, Atl. 30339, phone 612-9473.  
Friends Atlanta—662-4501  
Gay Fathers of Atlanta—296-8369  
Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America—623-4099  
Gay Help Line—6pm-11pm 892-0661  
Georgia Girth & Mirth—POx 9678, Atlanta 30319. (404) 621-5710  
Georgia Lesbian Ecofeminists—525-9085  
The Group—892-0661  
Gwinnett Lambda—POB 464848, Lawrenceville 30246, 923-5874  
Hospitality Atlanta—627-0520  
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Lambda Group/Narcotics Anonymous—237-6262  
Leather S/M Discussion Group—873-2453  
Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous—325-4909  
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Lesbians and Gays with Children—766-3600  
Lesbians Over 50—850-1005  
Lesbians With Children—740-1729  
Men of Little 5 Points—POB 5425, Atlanta 30307  
Name the Violence—370-1317  
Out Youth—POB 78401, Atlanta 30357, 239-9286  
Overeaters Anonymous (gay/lesbian group)—892-5868  
Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays—296-0830 or 875-9440  
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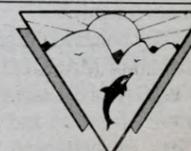
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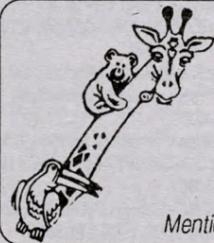
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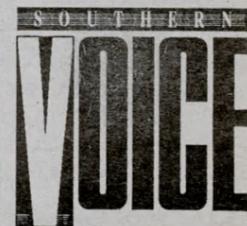
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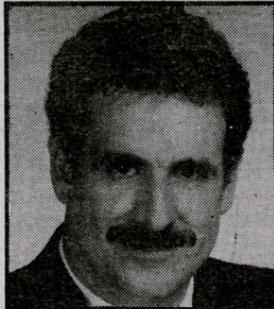
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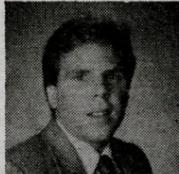
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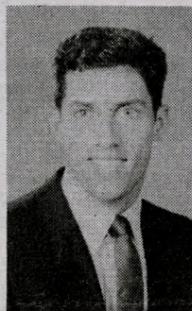
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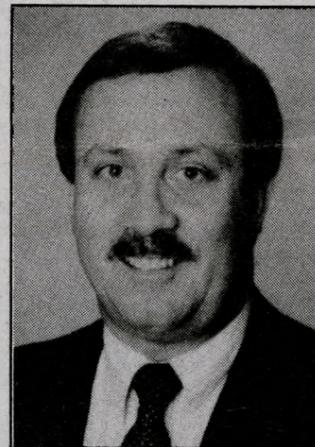
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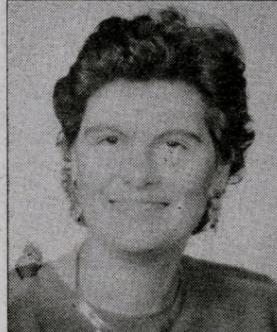
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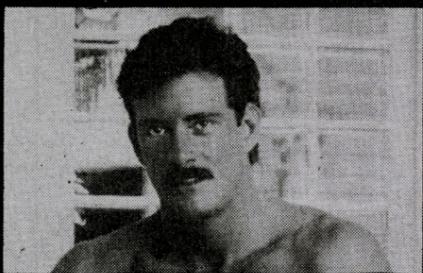
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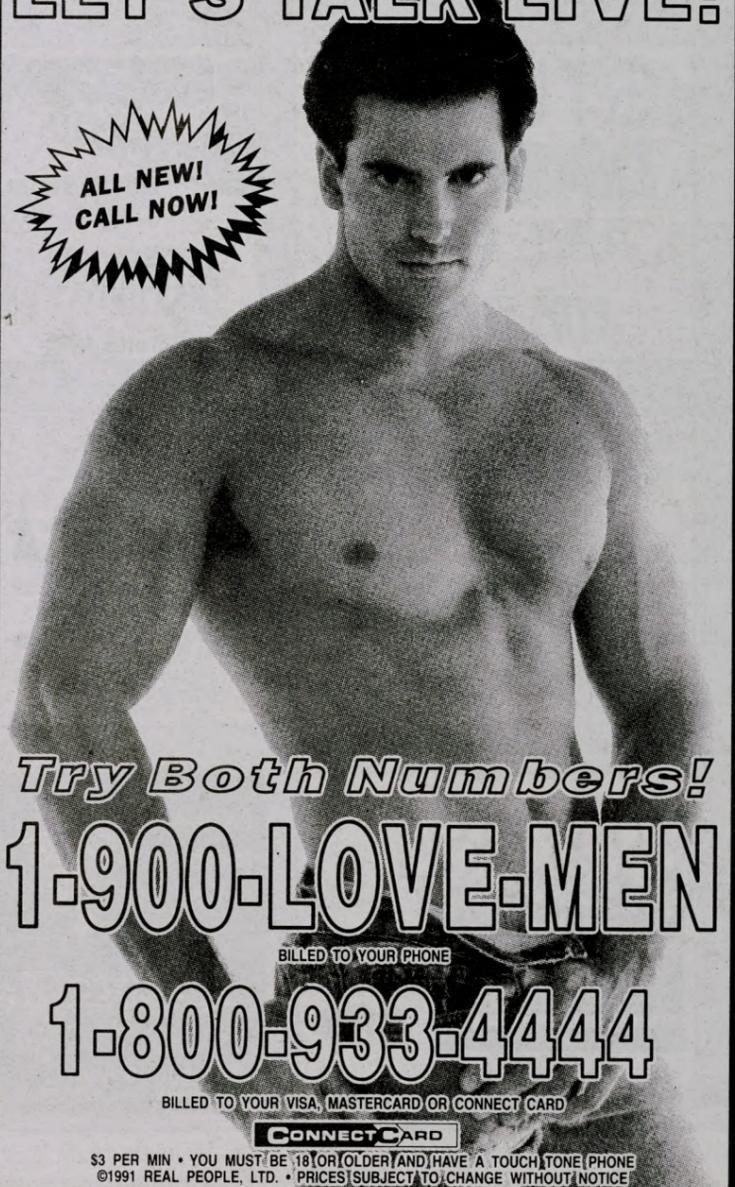
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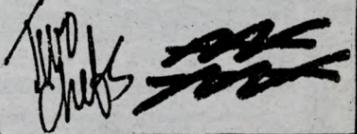
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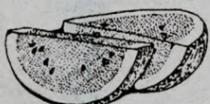
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