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Arson at Atlanta Gay Center

Atlanta—Arson has been listed as the official cause of a fire at the HIV testing clinic of the Atlanta Gay Center late Friday afternoon. Investigators said the fire was set in the kitchen of the clinic, using a pile of pamphlets and a piece of plywood.

The Atlanta Fire Department received a call about the fire shortly after 4 pm on Au-

gust 28 and arrived at the site at 4:12 pm. Firefighters put out the fire in six minutes.

Tim Szymanski, Public Information Officer at the Fire Chief's office, said that fire damage in the kitchen was moderate, while smoke and heat caused moderate to major damage in the rest of the facility.

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Germans wed to a cause

Denied marriage licenses, 500 couples expect their case to reach supreme court

Berlin (AP)—Talk about effective, grassroots, national queer organizing. That's exactly what happened Wednesday, August 19, when hundreds of gay and lesbian couples applied for marriage certificates at town halls in 50 German cities.

Challenging the country's ban on same-sex marriages, a nationwide wave of lovers simultaneously sought permission to tie the knot. Officials rejected their requests for marriage licenses, setting the stage for an appeal that's likely to reach Germany's supreme court.

"I love him, and there would be legal advantages to being married," said 21-year-old Heiko Ehrig as he nervously waited his turn with partner Thomas Schnur in Berlin.

The legal advantages include inheritance rights, tax breaks and pension rights.

Organizers say more than 250 couples took part in Wednesday's action in German cities including Hamburg, Hanover, Frankfurt and Leipzig.

"My God, we were nervous," gasped Andreas Voss, who wore a two-piece maroon dress, pearl necklace, stockings and high heels. He and his partner, Rupert Lummer, embraced for photographers after handing in their application in Berlin.

Same-sex marriages are legal in neighboring Denmark. And in the Netherlands gay couples can sign a legally binding "cohabitation contract" specifying rights in the event they split up.

Although nowhere in the United States is the marriage of gay or lesbian couples acknowledged by law, a few U.S. cities give some legal status to same-sex households. In March, the District of Columbia extended legal recognition and health-care benefits to unmarried people, including gays and lesbians, who are living together. San Francisco and Seattle have similar laws.

Superficially at least, the mass applications in Germany recall U.S. "zaps," the merry, theatrical political actions that marked the heady days of the gay-rights movement in the 1970s. During that era, same-sex weddings were staged at more than one city hall, some complete with gowns, tuxedos, rice, and cake served to everyone who'd take a piece. Positive publicity and fun were the twin aims of the zappers, who never took a case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Germany's gay community is certain to make a

test case out of the rejections of the marriage license applications, and many people predict the appeal will reach the country's highest court.

Germany is more tolerant of homosexuality than are most countries, including the United States. The only remaining German criminal penalty relating to homosexuality bans men over age 18 from having sex with boys below that age. There are few reports of "gay-bashing" attacks or discrimination. Yet, Germany's federal Parliament is certain to resist any attempts to legalize same-sex marriages. Conservative politicians oppose the idea, as do the Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches.

"We can't marry these people, because there's no legal basis for it," said Guenther Bahrtdt, head of the office that supervises civil marriages in Berlin's Schoeneberg district.

Asked about his personal feelings, Bahrtdt said, "From the start, I was taught not to recognize such a thing. So, there is a certain reluctance."

But he assured reporters he would go through with the marriages if the law were changed. Never losing his poise, Bahrtdt counseled a dozen couples one by one, dutifully taking their marriage license applications but explaining he couldn't grant their requests.

Toward the end, Bahrtdt was surrounded by reporters, television crews and photographers, as the nervous couples sat across from him in his tiny office.

"I think these unequal laws that we now have must be knocked down," said Edith Maria Stoll after the rejection of a marriage license for herself and her partner. "I think we can only do that by taking this action."

The most prominent lesbian pair seeking the right to marry is television comedian Hella von Sinn and Cornelia Scheel, daughter of former West German President Walter Scheel. They had applied for a marriage license before Wednesday's action.

KEVIN COSTELLOE
with GARETH FENLEY
and MICHAEL PETRELIS

Pictured: Peter Spitz (left) and Manfred Hiller (right) on their way to a civil marriage office in Berlin last week.

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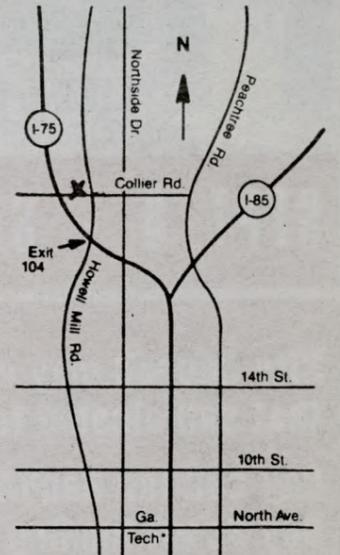


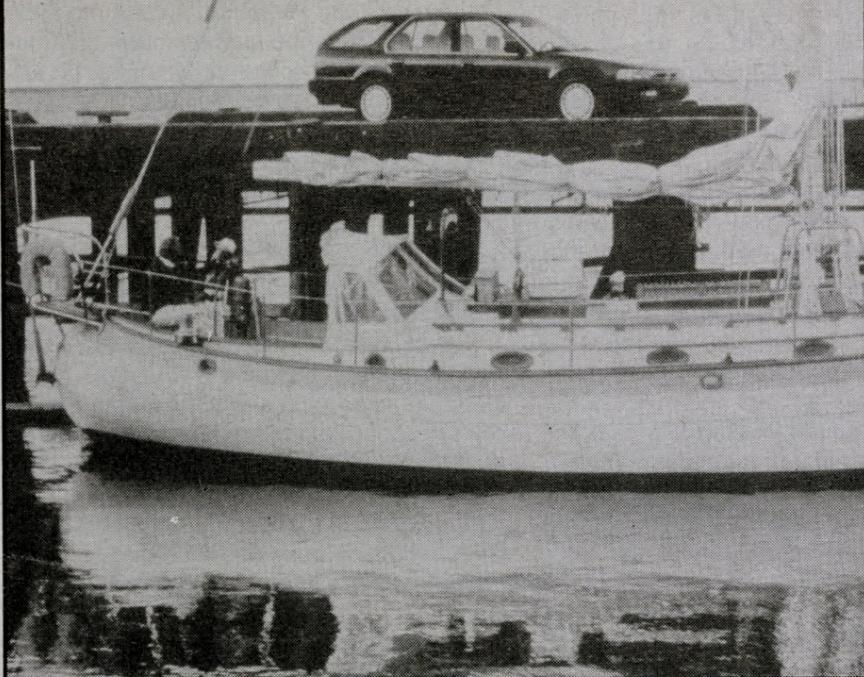
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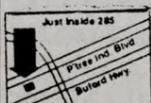
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Atlanta Council may order condom sales

New ordinance would affect bars and liquor stores

Atlanta—In the coming weeks, the Atlanta City Council will debate the merits of a proposal to require businesses that sell liquor to also sell condoms. The measure, proposed by council president Marvin Arrington and introduced on August 17 by council member Carolyn Long Banks, is aimed at reducing the spread of AIDS and HIV.

Calling the transmission of all sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS, a "public health emergency" in Atlanta, Arrington proposed the ordinance because, he said, the issue "needs the immediate attention of all responsible individuals."

The ordinance would require that all establishments licensed for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages also sell latex condoms, either over the counter or from vending machines. Noncompliance would be a cause to "suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew" the licenses of the establishment.

Atlanta is not the first city to try such an ordinance. Boston's city council recently passed a condom sales measure, but it was vetoed by Mayor Raymond Flynn last week.

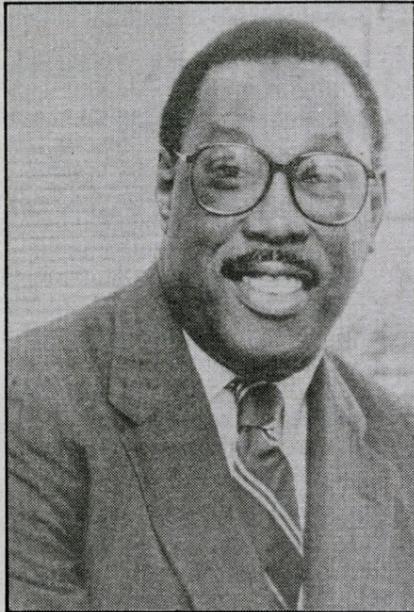
In Atlanta, local business owners expressed surprise and amusement at the ordinance.

"Obviously somebody feels that alcohol and sex are linked," said Fred Bradshaw, owner of Ansley Wine Merchants in Ansley Mall. "But that's not the only thing. It's a shot in the dark to do something about a problem, and it's pretty silly."

Palmer Marsh, owner of Burkhardt's in Ansley Square, agreed.

"It's just another thing that somebody thinks is a good idea," he said. "I'm sure the motives [for the ordinance] are good, but the logic isn't sound. What people are going to do in the privacy of their own homes is what they're going to do. I can't be responsible for the sex lives of my customers."

Nonetheless, Marsh and many other gay



and lesbian bar owners already provide condoms to their customers, free of charge. Through a program run by AID Atlanta, 27 clubs make the condoms available in bowls at the bars. Tricia Grindel, director of education at AID Atlanta, says that making condoms "more readily available" in the form of purchase points at bars and liquor stores will not change many behavior patterns.

"I'm certain that this ordinance is well-intentioned, and bars and liquor stores do seem like a logical place to make them available," she said. "But condoms have always been 'readily available,' and responsible people use condoms whether they're 'readily available' or not."

"It can't hurt anything," she said of the measure, "but it seems a superficial way of dealing with the issue. I'd rather see more extensive educational efforts, like letting us go into schools to talk about prevention in clear terms."

Additionally, Grindel says that many establishments—including convenience stores, gas stations, and some liquor stores—are already on the condom bandwagon, making such legislation unnecessary.

"If we're really concerned about the disease," she said, "let's do something about it that will make a difference."

Burkhardt's Marsh agrees. "Legislation isn't going to help," he said. "Education is the key."

KC WILDMOON
Pictured: Atlanta City Council
President Marvin Arrington

BankAmerica boycott declared

Bank "funds teen suicide" with Scout donations, boycotters says

San Francisco (AP)—A coalition of gay and lesbian groups on August 24 called for a nationwide boycott of BankAmerica Corp. over its decision to restore contributions to the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Gay community leaders said they felt betrayed when the nation's second-largest financial institution reversed its decision to halt funding to the scouts due to the group's anti-gay policy.

"Every time we start becoming a little part of this country, we get slapped in the face," said Peter Altman of the Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club.

A BSA spokesman has said homosexu-

ality is inconsistent with the organization's oath, which urges boys to be "morally straight." The Scout Handbook does not mention sexual orientation in defining the term.

"Anyone who comes out and says...they are homosexuals are saying they are not able to live in concert with the Scout Oath," said BSA spokesman Blake Lewis.

Leaders of the boycott asked people to close their BankAmerica accounts and said they would ask the city of San Francisco to halt all dealings with the bank.

The boycott will continue until the bank "reaffirms they made a mistake" and stops contributing to BSA, said John Woods of Queer Scouts. BankAmerica spokesman Peter Magnani said Monday that the company had no plans to halt contributions. Last year, the bank gave BSA \$18,000.

CONTINUED TOP OF NEXT COLUMN

The scouts' policy forces young gays to repress their sexuality and teaches heterosexuals that it's acceptable to discriminate against gays, said Al Kielwasser of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

"BankAmerica is proudly funding suicide among gay teens" who feel ashamed of their sexuality, he said.

Kielwasser, who is gay, said he never joined the scouts because "I couldn't have been one. I knew the Boy Scouts embraced exclusion rather than inclusion. I may have learned to hate."

Controversy over the scouts' policy prompted a number of corporate donors to pull funding, including the United Way of the San Francisco Bay Area, clothing giant Levis Strauss and Wells Fargo Bank. BankAmerica resumed funding earlier this month, saying that BSA assured the company that it was "open to all boys that subscribed to the Scout Oath and Law,"

including gays.

Besides contributions, BSA also has lost thousands of young people in its afterschool programs when local school districts banned the group from using school facilities, scout officials said. The Bay Area Scout Council said enrollment in its programs dropped by 50 percent, but participation in its traditional Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers grew from 12,800 to 13,000 in the past year.

"The Boy Scouts, frankly, have come out of this thing standing on principles," said Marty Cutrone, director of the Bay Area council.

The scouts initially lost about 15,000 young people in San Francisco, Oakland and some parts of Alameda County when they were booted off school grounds. But BSA has relocated its programs and expects to recover about 7,000 people by the end of the year, Cutrone said.

DARA TOM

Sodomy indictment handed down

Accused hairdresser closes shop

Thomaston, GA—A grand jury in Upson County has indicted a 29-year-old man on charges of aggravated sodomy with a minor, charges that he vehemently denies.

Roger Fields, a Thomaston hairdresser, denies the claims of the 16-year-old boy's parents, who allege that Fields sodomized the teen in the restroom of his shop when he came in for a haircut on May 7. Fields pleaded not guilty before the Upson County Superior Court on August 24.

Thomaston police arrested Fields on May 8, following a complaint by the parents of the unnamed teenager. Fields says that the boy came in without an appointment and waited until he could be squeezed into Fields' schedule, but the two were never even alone together in the shop. Another client, who has filed a deposition with the court, was in the shop at the same time as the boy.

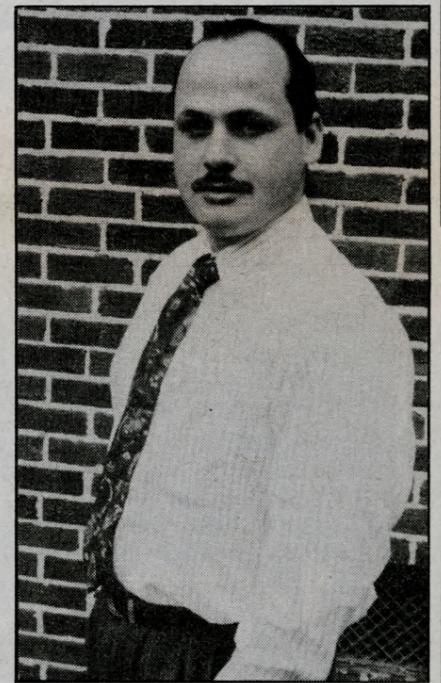
Following his arrest, Fields was released on a \$20,000 bond, which was revoked two days later because of an error. A Superior Court judge reset the bond at \$60,000 on May 12. To avoid being jailed at that time, Fields struck a deal to pay \$200 a week. But that figure has become impossible for the hairdresser to pay.

Fields closed his shop on Monday, having lost almost all of his clientele and sold off his equipment to pay the bond.

"I have no money, no furniture, no business, no phone," said Fields. "I've done all I can."

Fields said that the court agreed to allow him to move to Atlanta to find work in

order to continue his bond payments. At Monday's court appearance, Fields' attorney filed a motion to lower the bond, as well as a motion to move the trial out of Upson County.



"Everybody knows everything here," Fields said. "The newspaper even had photographers in there taking my picture."

The court will rule on those and other motions before the November trial date.

Fields is bitter about his treatment in the small central Georgia town.

"I fought as long as I could," he said about his four-month fight to keep his business. "They've definitely destroyed me," he said, "and they are still turning the screws."

KC WILDMOON
Pictured: Roger Fields
Photo by Evelt Bennett

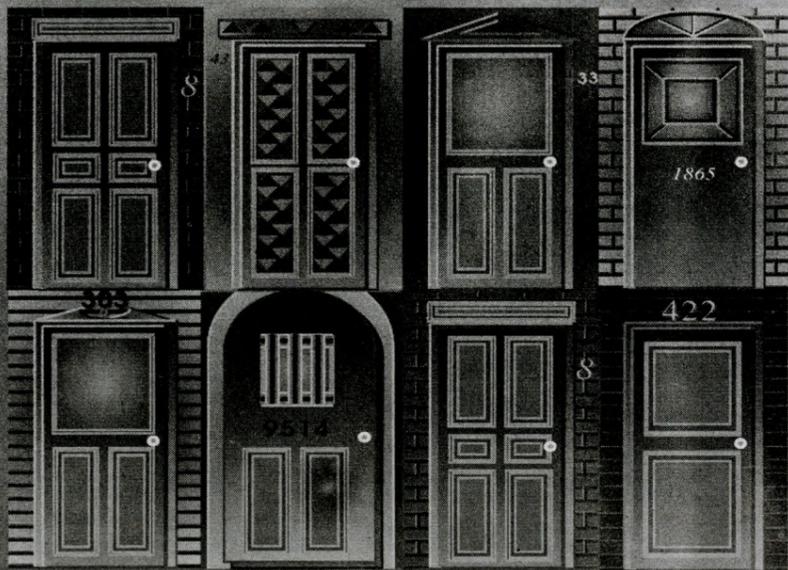
Sailor (and maybe Boortz) to speak at GLAAD annual meeting

The Atlanta chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) will host Ron Sailor of WXIA-TV at its annual membership meeting on Monday, September 14, 7pm in the Peach-

tree Branch of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library. Sailor is a television reporter and talk-show host as well as a columnist for Creative Loafing. He will offer his opinions and insights about the gay and lesbian community's relationship with the media, then take questions from the floor.

Also scheduled to speak, but as yet unconfirmed, is Neal Boortz, Sailor's co-host on "Backtalk," columnist for Creative Loafing, and host of a talk show on WGST.

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Fairness Campaign loses first round in Louisville

Louisville, KY (AP)—Proponents of an amendment to Louisville's civil-rights law say the Board of Aldermen's vote against protection for gays and lesbians won't stop their effort. After the vote on August 25, supporters at the meeting rocked City Hall with chants of "fairness now." The leader of their group said the fight had just begun.

The board's final vote was 8-4 against the ordinance. Louisville's civil-rights law already prohibits discrimination based on race, color, sex, religion, national origin or handicap.

Supporters of the ordinance, dubbed the Fairness Amendment, formed the Fairness Campaign. After the vote, people wearing T-shirts saying "I'm a friend of fairness and I vote" and other slogans stayed in City Hall and shouted, "fairness now" and "register, mobilize, elect."

After about 10 minutes, board Chairwoman Melissa Mershon, who voted in favor of the amendment, told people on both sides of the debate "to continue to exercise whatever feelings you may have about our actions as you exit City Hall."

About 500 people attended a lottery Monday to gain access to Tuesday's meeting. Those who were unable to get a ticket gathered outside, where the street was blocked off. Proponents of the ordinance stood across from the building, while opponents gathered by the steps.

After the alderman voted, about 400 people in the crowd voiced their opinions with chants and placards. At least 20 uniformed police officers patrolled the area.

No arrests were made at the demonstration, but a small altercation broke out when

shouts were exchanged between people on each side. The groups were quickly separated.

Fairness Committee coordinator Carla Wallace spoke to the crowd after the meeting. She promised that their fight was not over.

"The history of change shows it doesn't come easily," she said. "It's a step-by-step process. We've only begun to fight. Eventually we will have a board in there that will vote to represent all of this community."

Supporters outside City Hall called out "we want Jerry" after the proposal failed, referring to Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson, who had refused to take a stand on the issue before the vote. Abramson is a member of the U.S. Conference of Mayors' human-rights committee.

One opponent, Randy L. Stull, said he was sorry that the whole scene had to happen.

"They put their confidence in a man named Jerry," he said. "We put our confidence in a man named Jesus."

During the vote, Alderman Barbara Gregg said federal laws do not protect lifestyles.

"The fact is, there are no laws denying gays and lesbians the same rights as all people," she said. "This would give them special status."

The sponsor of the amended ordinance, Rhonda Richardson, said the board should remember that the United States is a country founded on the principles of individual rights.

"We should stop concentrating on our differences," she said.

Mershon said she was sorry to see the outcome of the vote.

"We must find a point of common ground," she said. "I know this issue will not be going away."

After the vote, Wallace promised it wouldn't.

"We will build and build and build, and victory will be ours," she said.

SUSAN SHAFFER

Conservative Christians criticize both Bush and gays

Nashville, TN (AP)—A Southern Baptist leader said he was contacted by White House staffers and asked to halt his criticism of President Bush's views on homosexuality, at least until after the election. But Richard Land, of the Southern Baptists' ethics agency here, said he reserves the right to speak out for Baptist values.

"I told them I work for God and the Southern Baptist Convention, not George Bush and the Republican Party," he said.

The "National and International Religion Report" newsletter reported Bush's aides asked some evangelicals to stop complaining and start backing the ticket. A White House spokesman said Tuesday he knows of no specific request issued.

Bush was blasted by some conservative Christians recently when he appeared vague when asked in a TV interview whether he would support an openly gay person in his cabinet.

The strong anti-gay rights position of the Republican platform is probably enough to satisfy most conservative Christian activists, including sometime Bush critic Land.

Land and other evangelicals are much more comfortable with the GOP platform than the Democratic Party platform on the subject of "family values," such as opposition to gay rights and abortion.

Last weekend's assembly of 5,000 conservative religious leaders in Dallas confirmed "born-again" Christian support for Bush over Baptist Bill Clinton, despite lingering worries that Bush is too moderate on the "values" test. The assembly was designed to give evangelicals a forum for defining social issues in the campaign.

"Clinton has openly invited the homosexual

community to vote for his ticket," said Memphis evangelical organizer Ed McAteer, who arranged the Dallas meeting.

"How can he expect Bible-believing Christians to endorse him?" McAteer continued. "If I were homosexual, I'd be a fool to vote for Bush."

Highway signs defaced near Pat Robertson property

Virginia Beach, VA—Adopt-A-Highway signs along Interstate 64 have been defaced with "anti-gay slurs" twice since the Hampton Roads Lesbian and Gay Pride Coalition joined the Virginia highway cleanup program earlier this summer.

Virginia Department of Transportation workers removed graffiti following the first vandal attack, according to Norfolk gay paper Our Own, but removed the signs after the second. The Department is now debating whether the signs should be replaced as they were, with the group's initials, or left off the highway altogether.

HRGPC adopted the stretch of Interstate 64 adjacent to fundamentalist televangelist Pat Robertson's empire.

New Orleans Vice Squad To Check Up On Gay Bashing

In a twist to the usual uses of city police vice squads, New Orleans' newly resurrected squad will keep an eye out for gay bashing, as well as the traditional vice crimes such as prostitution, gambling and liquor-law violations. Although the initial actions of the squad involved bar raids and the closing of 15 businesses, Superintendent Arnesta Taylor said that the purpose was not to close businesses, but to enforce the law.

Robertson: ERA Brings Lesbianism and Baby-Killing :

Fundamentalist televangelist Pat Robertson preceded his appearance at the Republican National Convention by writing a letter to Iowa voters urging them vote against an Equal Rights Amendment for that state's constitution. Robertson argued against the amendment by claiming that it is part of "a feminist agenda" that "is not about equal rights for women. It is about a socialist, anti-family political movement that encourages women to leave their husbands, kill their children, practice witchcraft, destroy capitalism and become lesbians."

Editorials in Military Papers Urge End To Ban On Gays: The Army Times and the Air Force Times both printed editorials last week urging the Pentagon to drop its ban on lesbians and gays in military service. In the Aug. 24 editions, Lee Ewing, the editor of the Air Force Times, wrote that "discrimination based on sexual preference is no more legitimate than that based on race, gender or religion." The Navy Times ran an editorial in June saying the ban should remain in effect but not be enforced. Ironically, the Army Times Publishing Company, which publishes the Army, Air Force, and Navy Times, was previously known for having rejected an ad praising gay veterans in the Persian Gulf War. The newspapers, which serve the military community, have no official connection with the Department of Defense.

Catholic Nuns Criticize Vatican Stance on Gays: The Sisters of Loretto, a Roman Catholic order of nuns, has criticized the Vatican document that calls for discrimination against gays and lesbians. The nuns say the missive "contradicts a belief in basic human dignity." In a statement adopted at its general assembly, the 517 member order said, "It saddens us that the Vatican would enter the U.S. political arena by encouraging a departure from the finest ideals of our political tradition, ideals which promote equality and basic civil rights for everyone." While concurring with a part of the Vatican's statement opposing "violent malice" against gays and lesbians, the sisters said the document "by approving of discrimination...helps create the very climate which fosters the violence and 'gay-bashing' which it seeks to condemn."

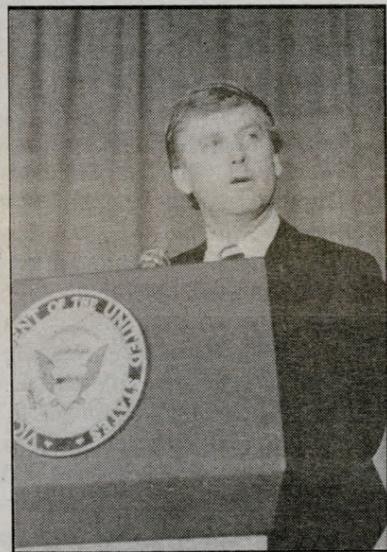
GOP Youth Disrupt Democrat Press Conference: Waving "Family Rights Forever, Gay Rights Never" signs and pounding on windows, about 100 members of the Republican Youth Coalition disrupted a press conference by the Democratic Party Chairman Ron Brown in Houston last week. Following the disruption, Jeanie Austin, a co-chair woman of the Republican National Committee, praised the youths, saying "I want to tell you all that you have really done wonderfully... We're really proud of you."

Quayle Says He Doesn't Gay Bash: Vice President Dan Quayle defended his convention

swipe at "alternative lifestyles" last Friday, saying that a "so-called gay marriage" is not the same as marriage between heterosexuals. On ABC-TV's "Good Morning America," Quayle denied his remark was gay bashing, although he did say that "homosexual lifestyles" are wrong. "That is not gay bashing," he said. Most Americans "think that lifestyle is wrong. That's not saying people don't have the right to make that choice." Sen. Al Gore, the Democratic Vice-presidential candidate, responded to Quayle's remarks, saying that Quayle and the Republicans are ducking the real issues. "What this country is about is the freedom on the part of Americans to live their lives," the Tennessee Senator said.

Photo by Jim Marks

Methodist Bishop Fights Against Colorado Anti-Gay Bill: In Denver, a United Methodist bishop has urged Colorado ministers to help defeat Amendment 2, the state ballot measure that would outlaw gay rights. Bishop Roy Sano



sent a letter to 290 Methodist ministers, saying that denying civil rights for gays and lesbians amounted to "twisted efforts." Sano criticized the group promoting the measure, Colorado for Family Values, saying it was attempting to "write prejudice" into the state constitution. Methodists in the region, as well as bodies representing the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the United Church of Christ, have gone on record opposing the amendment.

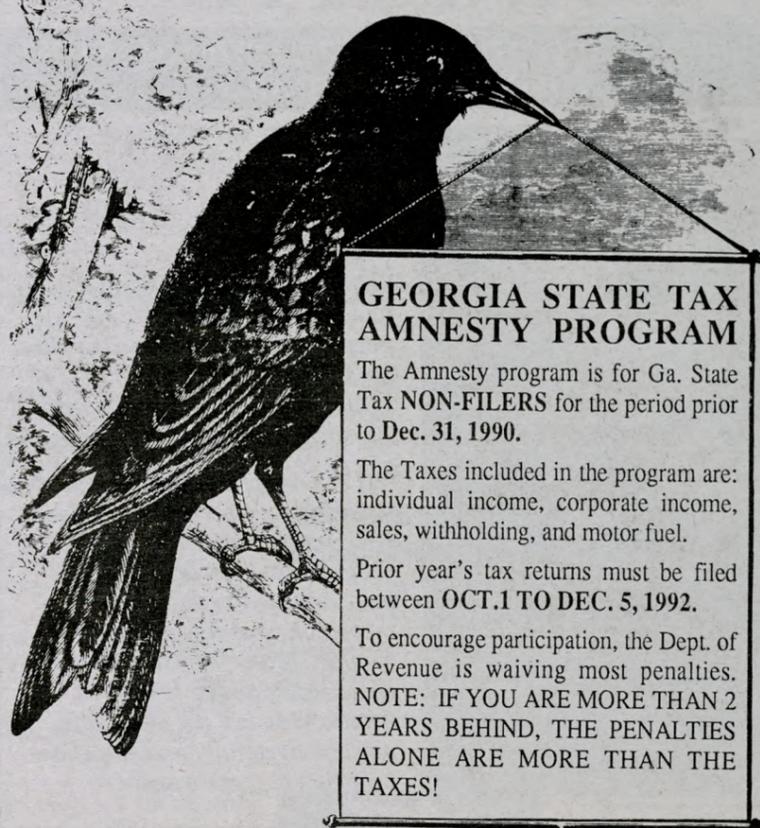
Methodist Bishop Opposes Gay Marriages: Meanwhile, in Indiana, United Methodist Bishop Leroy C. Hodapp sent out an order to ministers telling them not to perform gay marriages or allow their church facilities to be used for such ceremonies. The bishop was responding to a ceremony between two men performed at a Methodist church in Indianapolis last month. While making the order, Hodapp reiterated the church's resolve to minister to gays and lesbians, citing the church's book of rules, The Discipline, which states that "homosexual persons, no less than heterosexual persons, are individuals of sacred worth."

Ann Arbor Extends Benefits To Gay Employees' Partners: A resolution offering health insurance and other benefits to the gay and lesbian partners of city employees passed the Ann Arbor, Mich. City Council last week. Benefits were made available last fall to unmarried heterosexual couples who registered their relationship with the city. "The reason we did it was to deal with the discrimination against gay and lesbian people," said Councilwoman Ann Marie Coleman, who sponsored the resolution. "There is no way for them to go through channels and receive benefits, since society does not acknowledge their relationships."

CA Senate Passes Anti-Discrimination Bill, Deletes Gays From Another: Legislation to protect gays and lesbians from job discrimination passed the California state Senate on August 24, but opponents succeeded in deleting gay rights provisions from another civil rights bill. The anti-job discrimination bill by Assemblyman Terry Friedman cleared the Senate on a 22-11 vote, just one more than needed to pass the 40-member house. Meanwhile, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved a civil rights bill by Assembly Speaker Willie Brown after removing protections for lesbians and gays. Brown said he would seek to restore the gay rights provision on the floor of the Senate.

Insurance Problems Around Anti-Gay Measure in Oregon: Springfield, Oregon's insurer temporarily dropped liability coverage on the city last month, saying that it would not cover losses arising from discrimination lawsuit's over Springfield's anti-gay rights ordinance. Fireman's Fund, which withheld coverage from July 1-24, now says it will cover such losses, but only up to \$1 million. The terms of the original coverage would have been \$3 million. Meanwhile, the governor of Oregon, Barbara Roberts, said at a Rotary Club luncheon in Eugene, Oregon, that the state's economy could be hurt and its image tarnished across the nation by a statewide measure similar to Springfield's on the November ballot.

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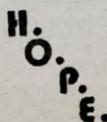
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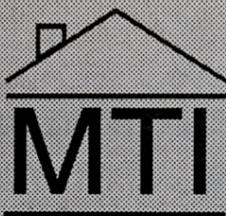
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Immune function tests said to predict AIDS progression

Researchers have devised an accurate test to identify those individuals with HIV infection who may progress to a full-blown AIDS diagnosis, according to a presentation at the recent Eighth International Conference on AIDS.

Frank Miedema of the Netherlands Academy of Sciences stated that Dutch researchers developed the T-Cell Function test, which is able to determine when the T4-helper (CD4) cell infection-fighting action has stopped before the decrease in immune function and subsequent T4-helper cells. "Use of the T-Cell Function test in conjunction with the CD4 count is likely to provide the best measure for the immune status of patients," stated Miedema.

Dutch researchers also developed an HIV Phenotype test to identify a viral strain that is evident in many people with HIV who progressed to an AIDS diagnosis. The two variant HIV strains were identified by the Dutch researchers as Non-Syncytium Inducing (NSI) virus, which was present in healthy people with HIV, and the more virulent Syncytium Inducing (SI) virus. In one study, 178 asymptomatic HIV-positive individuals were tested for the presence of SI variants and monitored for clinical disease progression. Forty-five of those in the study exhibiting SI variants were matched with a control group of 45 HIV-positive study participants without evidence of the SI HIV variant. Over a 30-month period, 30 people identified with the SI variant progressed to an AIDS diagnosis, while 7 identified without the SI variant developed AIDS.

"The mutation from NSI to SI is followed by accelerated CD4 decline and rapid progression to AIDS," stated Miedema. He noted that those with the SI variant experienced a T-helper cell loss three to five times greater than those who had the NSI variant. Research conducted at the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York by Dr. David D. Ho, utilizing the HIV Phenotype test, confirmed that the SI variant strain had become more aggressive in those whose immune health

had deteriorated, compared to the data recorded when the individuals felt healthy. "There are a number of groups all over the world studying HIV, concluding that the virus can mutate over time into a more aggressive variant," Ho added. He emphasized that the complexity of the laboratory tests require a research setting. "These tests are not available through a private doctor but in a laboratory that has the capability to grow the virus," he said.

The Dutch researchers also determined that AZT "did not interfere" with HIV mutating from the NSI variant to the more deadly SI manifestation. Particularly disturbing, Miedema stated, was that AZT did not have any ability to slow the progression to AIDS in those with HIV manifested as an SI variant mutation. "Patients who are already carrying the SI form of the virus may need to use a form of therapy other than AZT alone," he said. The presentation and its denouncement of AZT in delaying onset of HIV disease progression has alarmed clinicians, researchers and the HIV community. "We definitely need further trials to confirm the use of AZT, especially in relation to NSI and SI variant strains," stated Susan Buchbinder, a researcher with the San Francisco Hepatitis B Cohort Study.

"It's important that people know that the virus can change into a more pathogenic type over time and to keep it in check and from replicating," stated Dr. Jay Levy, a professor of medicine with the University of California, San Francisco. The reports follow an increased focus on why some people with HIV remain healthy for relatively long periods of time while others progress faster to an AIDS diagnosis. "The so-called surrogate test markers have not been satisfactory in helping determine those with HIV infection who will progress to full-blown AIDS," stated Dr. Jeffrey B. Green, clinical associate professor of medicine at New York City Medical Center. "The T-Cell Function and HIV Phenotype tests could be done on a large scale in a research laboratory setting without much difficulty," stated Ho. If they become widely available, the tests might become a valuable diagnostic tool to guide selection of an HIV treatment regimen.

ARTURO JACKSON III

AIDS definition can expand without new tests

Atlanta (AP)—The government says that tests already being used in many hospitals would allow federal health officials to broaden the definition of AIDS to include another 160,000 people.

A study released Thursday by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control found that 90 of 94 U.S. hospitals that treated HIV patients in 1990 monitored the white blood cells called CD4s. That is the latest year for which statistics were available from the National Public Health and Hospital Institute.

Federal health officials want to expand the AIDS definition to include people with the HIV virus who have very low levels of CD4s. Currently, patients are told they have full-blown AIDS when they get certain infections, such as pneumonia.

Under the expanded definition, another 160,000 people with the human immunod-

efficiency virus that causes AIDS would be added to the 230,180 already diagnosed in the United States.

"This is a relatively new technology and it's fairly expensive, but it's very important in monitoring the progression of the disease so you can institute the appropriate treatment at the right time," said Dr. John Ward of the CDC's AIDS division.

The CDC plans to meet September 2 with AIDS experts and activists to discuss expanding the definition of AIDS to include any patient whose blood shows less than 200 CD4 cells per cubic millimeter—about one-fifth the count in a healthy person. CD4s are the primary target of AIDS. As the HIV virus destroys these cells, the patient's immune system rapidly deteriorates. The CD4 cells are counted by a machine that separates the various immune cells in the blood.

Of the four hospitals that didn't monitor CD4 levels, one said it had no access

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to the necessary equipment, and three said doctors didn't order CD4 monitoring.

Ward said costs have kept CD4 testing from spreading faster. The hospitals in the study said it cost \$20 to \$297 to do

the tests, depending on where they were done and how extensive they were. Those hospitals charged patients from \$46 to \$570 for the tests.

LAURAN NEERGAARD

Safe-sex monitoring program collapses in Philadelphia

Philadelphia (AP)— Mayor Edward Rendell has suspended a city-funded program to monitor health guidelines for sex-related business in the city. Rendell acted after state Attorney General Ernie Preate subpoenaed Health Department reports on three businesses he called "anonymous-sex emporiums."

The 2-year-old program monitored businesses, including some linked with prostitution, to see if they were encouraging customers to practice safe sex. But its reports were ignored by health officials, even when unsafe sex practices were discovered.

"People in the Health Department had the responsibility of monitoring those reports and apparently they did not," Rendell said.

The monitors were employed by the AIDS Task Force through a Health Department grant of about \$25,000 per year. The program was intended to help fight the spread of sexually transmitted diseases through bath houses, adult bookstores, movie houses, massage parlors and escort

services.

Rendell spokesman Kevin Feeley said the mayor's office would set up a task force made up of representatives of the District Attorney's Office, the Health Department, the AIDS Task Force and the medical and business communities to develop new guidelines.

The old guidelines said patrons of these businesses should be provided with condoms and information on safe-sex practices. Rendell said the Health Department had no provision for reporting to police any illegal activities discovered by monitors, but he was most disturbed that reports of risky sexual practices brought no action. No businesses were shut down or even warned to change policies, he said.

He said he would ask the district attorney to determine whether the program had monitored illegal sexual activity.

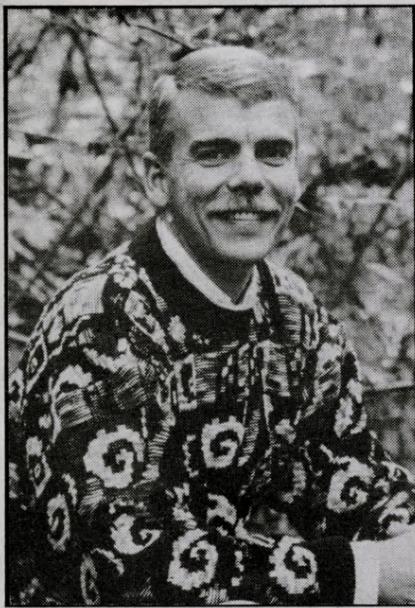
In seeking Health Department records, Preate said they would help his case against the Book Bin East, Danny's New Adam and Eve Bookstore and the Fantasy Island Bookstore, all in Philadelphia. The state already has obtained a temporary court order closing sections of the stores and scheduled a preliminary hearing on whether to close them for a year.

OBITUARIES

George O. Turner

George died July 30 from complications due to AIDS. Born May 26, 1951, George grew up in Rock Hill, South Carolina. He served seven years in the Air Force, with a tour in Vietnam. George's working career included managing offices for a physician, a periodontist, and a dermatologist. While he was disabled, George assisted Ellie Handsell (The Smoking Needle) by crocheting lap robes for distribution to people with AIDS. George is survived by his companion Ken MacLean, sister Merle Locklair, and brothers Larry and Jerry Turner.

George, you will be missed by your many friends, including Sandy, James, Cole, Wallace, and Ludie. We will cradle the impression you left in our hearts forever. Your loving companion, Ken.



Linda J. Laubenstein

One of the first physicians to identify the disease that became known as AIDS, Dr. Linda J. Laubenstein, died on Aug. 15 in Harwich, Mass. She was 45. In 1982, she and Dr. Alvin Friedman-Kien wrote the first paper to appear in a medical journal describing a sudden increase in the

incidence of Kaposi's sarcoma, until then a rare disease. In 1989, she and Dr. Jeffrey Greene founded a non-profit company that sold office furniture and employed people with AIDS. Dr. Laubenstein suffered from severe asthma and was a paraplegic from age 5 because of polio. She is survived by her parents and a brother.

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June 1992, Atlanta, GA
Piedmont Park around 7:00 p.m.

Victim was walking through the trails at Piedmont Park. He had been there for 15 minutes when he was approached by two police officers and was arrested. He was then handcuffed and taken to a van. Another individual was arrested and charged with solicitation of sodomy. The two were driven around town, taken back to the Park, and another individual was arrested. The three men were taken to the station and processed five hours later. One of the victims had HIV and was denied medical attention. All three were put in a cell without water or a phone. While the victims were in custody, the police officers joked about soliciting possible arrestees by saying "that guy is really hot for your ass." They also referred to the victim and one of the other arrestees as the "sucker and the suckee."

June 15, 1992, Norcross, GA
Best Friend Park around 10:30 p.m.

Victim was sitting in his car watching a baseball game. After the game, victim remained in his car. Three police officers drove by and circled around him. One parked in front of him. The officer got out of his car and came over to him. When he approached, he said "you have a homosexual sticker on your bumper and we don't allow that in Gwinnett County." He then checked the victim's license for 30 minutes and told him not to stay in the park too long.

June 13, 1992, Macon, GA
around 12:30 a.m.

Victim heard noises outside of his home and looked outside. When he opened the door, he was shot 4 or 5 times. The assailant wrote "fag" on his car and yard. Victim was reported to be in critical condition.

June 28, 1992, Atlanta, GA
Piedmont Park around 9:00 p.m.

A group of men were threatening and harassing people around the port-o-lets during the Lesbian/Gay Pride Rally on June 28. The men said they had "some sticks for some faggots."

June 29, 1992, Atlanta, GA
around 1:00 a.m.

Victim was standing in a local nightclub when a man punched her. Two other men said something to him but he just walked away. When she regained consciousness, some other men said "you fucking dyke. You deserved to get hit." Victim spent nine hours in the emergency room.

July 6, 1992, Atlanta, GA
Sinclair Avenue around 9:15 p.m.

Victim was walking from LSP area when a man followed her. She recognized him as a former co-worker. He abducted her from the middle of the street in an armlock. He put a nylon cord around her throat. He pulled it tight and stabbed her in the left arm with a needle. He proceeded to take her behind a tree in a vacant lot where he raped her vaginally and anally. When he finished, he stuffed her vagina and anus with leaves. He told her that he was raping her "because she was one (lesbian)." The assailant has been arrested and is in police custody.

July 18, 1992, Atlanta, GA
Ansley Square on Piedmont Avenue around 9:30 p.m.

Victim had just parked his car. As he got out, two men were behind him. One man kned him in the crotch while the other one hovered over him. The one who kned him called him "faggot, faggot," and continued to kick him. The two assailants robbed the victim. The victim was able to get back into his car and drove to safety. Before he started the vehicle, the man who kicked him **wielded** a knife.

July 20, 1992, Lawrenceville, GA
around 1:00 a.m.

Victim was harassed by his neighbor's children. The children rang his doorbell at 1:00 a.m. The victim went to his door and there was a sign posted that said "fag." He saw the children running from his house and confronted his neighbor with the situation.

July 20, 1992, Tucker, GA
around 7:00 p.m.

Victim and her partner were at a shopping center. A man jumped out of his car and yelled that they were in his way while he shook his fist at them. Victim managed to prevent him from hitting her as she rolled up her window. The man called them "fucking lezzies." He got back into his car. The victim yelled back that she didn't know what his problem was, but she was going to file a police report. He replied, "go ahead, fucking lezzies don't file police reports." He then left.

July 22, 1992, Atlanta, GA
between 7:00 and 10:30 p.m.

Victim received a male voice on her answering machine which said "you pig dyke."

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Joan Nestle talks about lesbians' "persistent desire" to recast gender images.

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Bigotry = brutality

"Don't kick him when the light is on!" For those who watched Nightline on August 17, these words, combined with the image of two police officers beating a gay man, will forever be etched in memory. The beating seen on late-night television was but a glimpse of the systematic police brutality faced by AIDS activists, most of whom were lesbian and gay, during the Republican National Convention in Houston. It is more than a bit ironic that while police in riot gear swung batons at demonstrators outside the Astrodome, Pat Buchanan was launching into a prime-time political attack on the lesbian and gay community, possibly the most vicious we ever have witnessed. Yet, with very few exceptions, the mainstream media chose to ignore or downplay the significance of the physical attack.

The current political season is only beginning to enter its full swing, and we, as lesbians and gay men, can be assured of one thing: the institutional beating of our lives has just begun.

What I witnessed in Houston is indescribable. Police on horseback charging, without warning, into a crowd of lesbians staging a die-in in the street. Men in blue—and yes, a few women—attacking a defenseless crowd under cover of darkness, yelling, "Fags don't walk, they run!" as they madly swung their batons at everyone in their wake. Meanwhile, vendors inside the Astrodome hawked bumper stickers with such all-American Republican slogans as "I don't brake for gays," and "Gays, lesbians, anti-gunners. Use them all for crash dummies."

The politics of hatred and division cannot be overshadowed by the grandmotherly figure of Barbara Bush or the pleas for tolerance by Mary Fisher. Pat Buchanan spoke for the core of the Republicans when he called for a religious war, and the cannon fodder is the lesbian and gay community.

Now, perhaps more than ever before, it is crucial that our community draw upon its strength as a diverse cross-section of those ignored by America. We must rise together as people who refuse to be exiled for lacking what the Republicans claim to be "traditional family values." Women, people of color, people living with life-threatening ailments

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such as AIDS and breast cancer are the faces of our community that have come under right-wing attack. People in suits and dresses, leather and sequins, denim and silk, Birkenstocks, combat boots, and penny-loafers, these are the forces that must rally together and fight back against those in power who would use us for their own political gain.

Becoming politically active means more than just casting a ballot for the least of evils. We must take action to guarantee our own survival as out, proud queers. Again, our diversity is our strength. We cannot afford to argue over tactics, but must utilize all of our options to fight back against those who view us with ignorance and hatred.

We must back up those who lobby for our defense in the halls of Congress or

Georgia's capitol by writing letters, making phone calls, and exposing hypocrisy wherever it raises its destructive head. We must be willing to take to the streets to protest the endless discrimination that faces us, and refuse to accept the divisive labels of "good" gays and "bad" queers. We must have the courage and the insight to look beyond the headlines and political promises and recognize who is genuinely willing to advocate for our concerns. We must identify those who are merely well versed in the rhetoric that made us passive in the past.

We can, we must, and we will overcome this new round of attacks upon our lives and our families. We must resist the temptation to silence or push aside those who form minorities within a minority, in an attempt to paint the lesbian and gay community as "just like the rest of mainstream America." Such thought only serves to create ready-made scapegoats for violence and attack. We cannot risk winning the rights of some at the expense of others, for that is exactly what those in power want us to do. They would divide us for now, so that they can attack us all in the future.

When Buchanan claimed that America was at war with itself, he was not just spouting worn-out rhetoric. He was calling for a conservative manifesto that will paint anyone who is not straight, white, male, rich, and Christian (as he defines it) as the enemy within.

We must counter with chants of "We're here, We're Queer!" or our silence will certainly equal our death.

JEFF GRAHAM
Jeff Graham is a member of ACT UP/Atlanta.

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And do not forget that a gay and lesbian community that continues to isolate itself in

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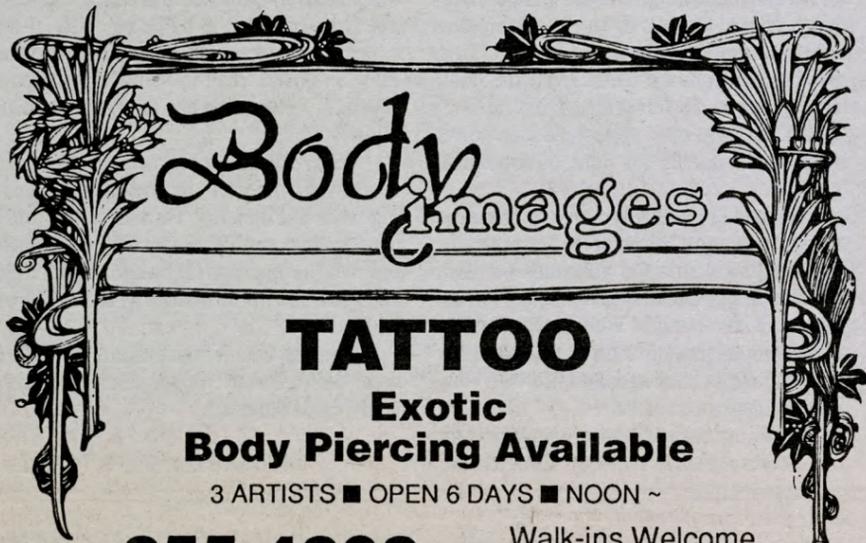
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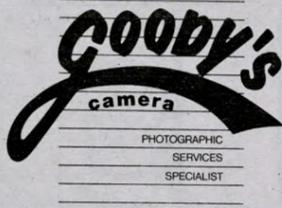
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OCCASIONS

BIRTHDAYS

San Francisco-based SoVo contributor Steve Warren turned 50 on August 9. Steve, a former Atlantan, and his lover Dan Smith, a Tennessee native, marked the occasion by closing a deal to buy a house in Miami. Both have been itching to move back East for some time now, but they won't be making the move for another year.

Craig Pigg sends fond birthday wishes to his lover David Spirt, who celebrated the event on August 24. David, Craig says it's wonderful to be a part of your life. Many happy returns to you both.

SoVo typist Mark du Pont wants to send belated birthday greetings to his sister Shirley, who lives in Nashville. She celebrated her 48th birthday on August 10. Happy Birthday, Little "d"!

ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to Bruce Thomas and Tony Castillo, who celebrated seven years together on August 30. Here's wishing you many more, guys!

Happy belated 4th birthday to ACT UP/Atlanta! Our local chapter of ACT UP was formed sometime in mid-August after the 1988 Democratic National Convention held in Atlanta. The first action, a protest against an AIDS-phobic insurance policy of the Circle K stores, happened in late August. Can anyone help ACT UP find exact dates for these events? Call 874-6782 or write to ACT UP/Atlanta, 44 13th St., NE, Atlanta, GA 30309. ACT UP, Fight AIDS, Happy Anniversary!

JOBS

Writer and psychotherapist Sharon Sanders has been named one of the coordinators of a new arts component of former President Jimmy Carter's Atlanta Project. She will help develop arts programs in several communities, including Avondale, Decatur, Southside (Grant Park), and North Clayton. These programs will range from art classes to performances and festivals and will also bring in artists to work with people of all ages. Sanders, a busy woman, is also president of the board of directors of the Atlanta-based Southeastern Arts, Media and Education Project (SAME). In addition to all this, Sanders will continue her

psychotherapy practice. Congratulations, Sharon, and keep up the good work!

Helene Loper is preparing to end her student clergy training at All Saints MCC, but that doesn't mean it's time to take a vacation. Now, she must begin the year-long process of becoming a licensed minister within UFMCC. Several committees must approve her application before a license is granted. Helene says she expects the process to be complete by spring 1993. In the meantime, she is candidating for a part-time job as pastor of the MCC in Mobile, Alabama. If approved by the 35-member congregation, she will begin her ministry there on October 1. Congratulations, Helene. All Saints will certainly miss your leadership.

OTHER OCCASIONS

A couple more pro-gay letters appeared in The Atlanta Constitution on August 25. One by Jeff Corrigan and Martin Worsham is right to the point, simply stating, "The Republican family-values rhetoric is gay-bashing wrapped in the American Flag." Amen, brothers. The second poses a good question, and one that has crossed my mind. David Knox writes how despicable it is that educated people like Dan Quayle and Jerry Falwell believe that sexual orientation is chosen. Knox says he wonders why no national gay leaders have challenged this misinformation. He concludes, "This incomprehension about homosexuality is the basis on which these self-righteous leaders and their followers warrant their hatred, oppression, and discrimination against innocent people." And the people said, Amen.

SHAMELESS SELF-PROMOTION

Candace Chellew is still searching for stories from gay and lesbian Christians. She is compiling a book of stories about struggles that gays and lesbians have gone through before realizing that it is all right to be gay and a Christian. For more information, or to forward your story, write P.O. Box 1251, Decatur, GA 30031-1251. All names are kept confidential. Please list a phone number or address for future contact. If you want your story returned, include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

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Gay Center Fire (con't.)

"The fire produced more smoke than anything," Szymanski said. "It probably hadn't been burning more than twenty minutes when we got there."

The case is open pending further investigation, according to Szymanski, who said that investigators are interviewing potential witnesses to the incident. He acknowledged that there was a broken window in the building, but said there was "a good possibility" that it was broken by firefighters.

Gay Center officials could not be reached in time for this article, but Center director Bill Gripp told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution that some of the clinic's equipment was badly damaged. Gripp added that the center has no insurance,

and attributed the fire to "haters and discriminators and those who use members of our community as scapegoats."

Some clean-up efforts were conducted on Saturday, and Gripp said he expected the clinic to be open as usual this week.

The Gay Center clinic is located in half of a duplex at 67 12th Street in Midtown. The fire was discovered by the man who lives in the other half of the duplex when he arrived to find smoke coming from the building. Szymanski said there was no damage to the apartment.

The Georgia Arson Control Board is offering a reward of up to \$5,000, as it does in all arson cases, for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the Gay Center fire.

KC WILDMOON

AL COTTON

What I learned this summer

Thursday, June 19, 2:30 am. The grand opening of the Eagle's new leather shop, in spite of the rain, has been a smash. And after several glasses of Jack Daniels and water, so am I. But it's less than a half-mile up Ponce to my apartment and I'm okay. Done this a hundred times. I'm doin' fine, not weaving at all. Here's Peachtree—left, right, and I'm in the parking garage.

All of a sudden, it's K-Mart Blue Light Special time. I hadn't put on my blinker, so Mr. DUI Squad decides to pull me over. With alcohol and nerves combined, I'm stumbling over the alphabet. Then it's tow truck, Grady for a videotaped breath test, and that gorgeous new building down on Gamett. Breakfast. Trial date. Release without bail. Fingerprinting. And finally Out, into an obnoxiously sunny and cheerful Friday morning.

Thus begins my journey through the City of Atlanta's incredibly overburdened legal system. The adjective I would choose to describe it is "interesting." Bear in mind, though: the Chinese consider their saying, "May you live in interesting times," to be a curse.

Let me start with a few snapshots of the last two months' worth of Fun, Fun, Fun.

Best Material for a One-Act Play: The night in the drunk tank, of course. Since Atlanta separates from other inmates the obviously gay prisoners (and you don't get any more obvious than me in my National Coming Out Day T-shirt), I spent the evening with a gift shop manager (more worried about his suit than his job), an Outside-the-Perimeter Good Ol' Country Gay-Boy, and a ferocious black drag queen picked up for solicitation. Where are the sitcom writers when you need them?

Most Gratuitous Moment: The plastic gloves the policeman put on to frisk me. If ignorance is bliss, this guy must be doin' real well.

Most Authentic Moment: DUI school, believe it or not, which was taught by an AA person who had no qualms about telling his story. I went into the experience expecting MADD-generated propaganda, and had the good fortune to have it spooned out to me by someone who wanted to spend the time telling me things that are true. I thanked him for his honesty, and left amazed that I actually did *learn* something.

Least Authentic Moment: The DUI school test, which combines questions about your drinking habits (which *everyone* lies about) with questions like, "I find obnoxious people hard to get along with," and "I occasionally feel like I want to smash things." Who knows what mystical combination of answers people must offer to avoid this '90s version of the Lost Weekend?

Of the 12 people in my class, only four managed to earn the minimum 16 hours (9-to-5, Saturday and Sunday). The rest got 24, the last 8 hours of which must have been especially excruciating, because the state-mandated material isn't enough to last a single day. The rest of the time is occupied by breaks, boredom, and bullshit.

The Only Thing That Still Makes Me Mad (Not Counting My Own Stupidity): The fact that I was arrested by the new, federally funded DUI Patrol. This federal money isn't available to make sure no PWA dies for lack of AZT, isn't even available to

hire regular policemen who could also be stopping rapes and robberies and domestic violence—nooo, this money is used to pay people just to drive around and see who they can find violating minor traffic laws that they'd never be pulled over for during the day, so they can check the drivers to see if they're drunk or not.

Just one more example of the encroaching fascism of the United States. (And he didn't even use handcuffs, darn it.)

The Time Your Heart Stops: When the judge says, "I sentence you to a \$625 fine and 12 months in jail." Pause. Pause. Pause. "Twelve months to be suspended upon payment of the fine." They must give Torquemada lessons at DUI Judges School.

And the Cost: towing charge, \$60; attorney (located through a SoVo classified ad, of course), \$150; DUI school test and charges, \$115; copy of driving record, \$7; fine, \$625; license reinstatement, \$25. Grand total, \$987. One-fifth of a decent down payment on a condo, no less.

The most "interesting" thing about all this is how it affected me psychologically. For the first time since I came out, I was the owner of a "shameful secret," one that everyone assumes I want no one to know about. Well, as you can tell by the fact the I've written this, I have applied the lesson that I learned when I came out—namely, that there is no such secret worth keeping. (And let's put things in perspective. DUI is a misdemeanor; sodomy is a *felony* in Georgia.)

Since I decided to talk about it, I've had several friends admit to me that they too have survived a DUI, or know friends or neighbors or ex's who have. In fact, knowing our community, just about everyone reading this probably knows someone who has been through this in some way, shape, or form, or will in the future.

This leads to the second most "interesting" thing: assessing my potential for membership in our community's epidemic of addiction. I used to say, "Isn't it awful that so many of those people over *there* are alcoholics?" as I pointed with one hand, the other firmly clutching my third Rolling Rock of the still-young evening. It only took the loneliness and personal unrest of a recent break-up to give me a strong push toward the category of "Problem Drinker."

Our community has forged so much of its identity around places where we are *supposed* to drink, and so many of us are dealing with the pain of self-hatred, rejection, loss, loneliness, and societal non-support. When I consider how thin the line is between habit and addiction I am surprised that our community's addiction rates are only 33% higher than society's as a whole. I now understand that *no one* is immune.

Right now, I'm in the process of determining whether my drinking habit is controllable, or if I'll give up alcohol altogether. I hope the answer is the former, because alcohol, rightly used, is a joyful thing that can enhance life and help you celebrate it. But as my DUI instructor says, so simply, "There is life after booze." And I *cannot* allow things to go back to the way they were earlier this year.

Whatever happens, let me grudgingly admit, for the record, that the City of Atlanta, the State of Georgia, and yes, that damned DUI squad, did me a favor. Considering the consequences of a DUI, which I now know firsthand, it seems pretty clear that someone driving who's above the legal limit for alcohol consumption, by *definition*, has a drinking problem.

And if you're luckier than I was (or if you learn from my experience), you'll be able to deal with it without the help of either the DUI squad or a telephone pole of your very own.

Genital surtax

To the Editor:

Today, I was fined \$2.00 for not having a penis. I went into Crimpers, a hair salon on Monroe across from Ansley Mall. I was drawn there by a large banner outside the store which screams, "HAIRCUTS \$10.00." I wear my hair in a very simple short cut, and it needed a trim.

I entered the shop, got my hair cut, and then, when it was time to pay, the hairstylist said, "I have to charge you \$12.00." I pointed to the screaming banner:

"That's for men."

I wanted to make sure I understood, so I asked, "If I had been a man, and you had given me exactly the same haircut, what would the price be?"

"Ten dollars."

"And, if a man came in with very long hair, and he wanted a very complicated haircut, how much would you charge him?"

"Ten dollars."

"So," I said, "what has basically happened here is that I've been fined \$2.00 for

not having a penis, is that correct?"

She was very apologetic. "I know it's not fair, but the manager made the policy..."

"Who is the manager?"

"His name is Alex Aguilar."

"Where is he?"

"He's on vacation."

"When will he be back?"

"I don't know. He goes on vacation a lot."

I paid the \$12.00, and added a \$2.00 tip. The hair stylist had done a good job on my hair, and it isn't her fault that she works for a dweeb. I also requested that she relay my complaint to the manager, along with my promise that Crimpers would not get another dime of my money as long as their genital surtax was in effect.

There are many gay and lesbian people who live in the vicinity of Ansley Mall. Obviously, Crimpers is largely dependent on gay and lesbian dollars. Of everyone in our community, I ask, please, in the name of solidarity and economic justice, do not give this sexist crap your financial support.

Bridget Collins

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

Editor

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

To the Editor:

All of this gay-bashing at the Republican Convention has me very angry. I am a 35-year-old professional woman with my own business. I work hard and pay my taxes. I am a daughter who took care of her mother during the nine months she was dying of cancer. I am physically active, politically informed, and have a wide array of interests, including gardening, sailing and cooking. I also happen to be a lesbian.

I have been in a very loving, happy relationship (with another woman) for over four years. I am accepted and loved by her family and, for the most part, my own. I find it totally offensive that the Republican Party is placing the millions of American gays and lesbians on the list of evils that they think threaten the "American family." I am equally disappointed in the media for not requiring them to explain the nature of this so-called threat.

The Republicans rally against gay rights as if it were their worst nightmare. What do they think would happen if we as a society recognized gay relationships as legitimate and afforded them the same rights as heterosexual couples? Would the American family suddenly collapse? Would millions of heterosexuals suddenly decide to be gay,

leaving no one to reproduce the species? Is heterosexuality that unattractive? What is the great fear? If the Republicans are going to make these incredibly malicious claims that gays are a threat to the American family, they should be required to state exactly how. After all, gays and lesbians are people, part of the American family. We are sisters, brothers, sons, daughters, nieces, nephews, cousins, parents, uncles, aunts and grandparents who love and are loved despite our differences. To me, that is what real family values are all about.

President Bush has the worst economic record of any president since Herbert Hoover. The Republicans, in search of someone to blame for this, are now targeting gays and lesbians. This scenario sadly reminds me of Germany in the 1930s where the scapegoats of choice (along with gays, gypsies, and the handicapped) were the Jews. The Jews were blamed for everything that was wrong in Germany, including the so-called erosion of the social fabric (a.k.a. family values). I, for one, refuse to be a scapegoat. This is my first letter to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, and I realize that it is not without risk that I write this, but I absolutely refuse to stand by and watch this spectacle of hate without making my voice heard.

Sincerely,
Karen Hansen

NAPWA seeks help lobbying for AZT funds

The Atlanta Chapter of NAPWA urges concerned members of the community to sign and mail the following letter regarding the provision of AZT to residents of Georgia. This is a drastic situation and we need your assistance. If you would like additional copies to distribute to an organization or in your neighborhood, contact NAPWA at 874-7926

The Honorable Governor Zell Miller
203 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Governor Miller,

As you are aware, Title II funds of the Ryan White CARE Act, designated for the drug reimbursement program, have been exhausted. This vital program currently provides AZT to over 900 Georgia residents and was projected to continue enrolling approximately 25 qualified applicants per month. The program has already stopped accepting newly diagnosed individuals and will stop providing AZT to people already receiving the drug by the end of October.

The drug AZT has been shown to slow progression of HIV. It is considered a standard treatment for HIV+ individuals with a CD4 cell count below 500. The dosage for individuals in the program has already been

cut to the minimum of 400mg/day in an attempt to prolong the program.

The current research indicates that these individuals are staying healthier longer, are able to continue being a productive part of the work force, and hence are less dependent on the public health care system because they are on AZT.

It is imperative that the state begin to fund this program from a moral, ethical, and financial standpoint. Many other states, including neighboring Alabama and Florida, supplement federal funding with state moneys for HIV-related drug programs. We demand that you provide this very basic health care for HIV-infected residents of the state of Georgia.

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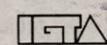
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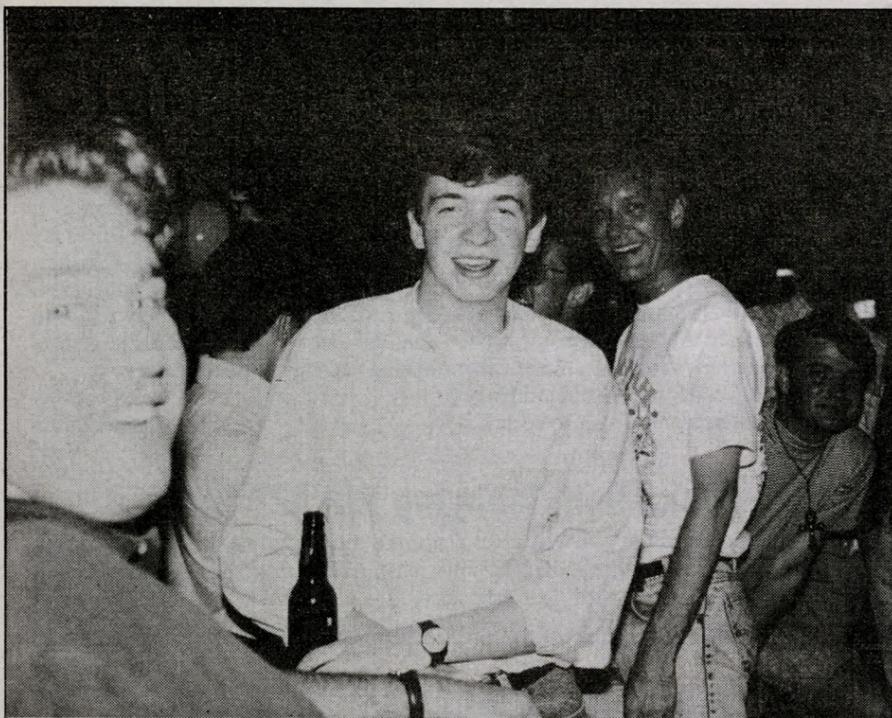
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BOOK REVIEW

KEITH HARING

So what's the story on Keith Haring? Was he a genius whose graffiti-inspired drawings represent a creativity that will influence future artists for the next 50 years? Or was he a hack, made into a media star, someone calculatingly corporate enough to market himself well?

Don't expect too serious a discussion of the latter alternative in "Keith Haring: The Authorized Biography" by John Gruen, just out in paperback (\$15.95, Simon & Schuster). Authorized biographies usually sanitize and sanctify their subject, and this one is no exception. The book's format—stories told by people who were there, with half the text told by Haring himself—shows us the Keith Haring that he and his friends want us to see.

The biography's biggest disappointment is that Gruen makes no effort to go beyond the stories and interpret Haring's life. All too often, the narrative degenerates into banal, "Oh, what a wonderful party" reminiscence about the early '80s New York art and disco scene.

Scattered throughout are star turns aplenty: William Burroughs, the Joneses (Bill T. and Grace), the B-52s, Princess Caroline, Pee Wee, Sandra, Madonna, and more, with everyone introduced in the style of "my friend Dennis Hopper" or "my new friend, Timothy Leary." Some of the dish is wonderful, though. Andy Warhol's appearance at a black-light party, which he left in a huff when he discovered his wig glowing bright white, is worth the entire price of the book.

The overworked cliché here is "energy." Everyone notices Keith's, Keith loves everyone else's. But as for Haring's achievement, you won't "get" it without understanding how the "scene" energized Haring's young adulthood. Like all young gay men who finally escape to their Emerald Cities, Haring had to liberate himself from baggage: his troubled '70s adolescence of drugs, misunderstanding parents, and rebellion in Kutztown, Pennsylvania.

But Haring blossomed upon his arrival in New York. The disco/art world he fell into provided him with a steady stream of creative role models passing through on the way to fame. Haring had danced with Madonna and Grace long before any of us heard of them. And had he dodged the AIDS bullet, career-wise Haring would have achieved their level of mega-fame.

What this book documents superbly is the unique way Haring worked. His gallery shows were created by setting up canvases two days prior to an opening and painting everything on site. People were routinely astonished when he painted entire building walls without ever changing a stroke or making a mistake. As in his early subway days, Haring was at ease under pressure, walking the high wire with perfect self-assurance that when his time came to draw, his creativity would be there.

The true star of this book is Haring's art. His works are busy, simple, clear, accessible, and filled with, yes, an *energy* that is absolutely distinctive and original, equally at home on subway and gallery walls, T-shirts and Swatches. I resonated strongly with two of Haring's last works: a poignant mauve, black, and white canvas less than one-eighth finished, and Haring's final painting, an orange/yellow background full of green figures, all with arms raised—in celebration? Defiance? Distinctive to both paintings is the way paint drips all over the canvas. Intentional imperfections are the closest thing to mortality in Haring's cleaned universe.

Francesco Clemente called Haring "a graphic artist speaking from the spot between social groups and races, between high and low art." On his permanence, fellow gay artist and Haring collaborator William Burroughs said, "Just as no one can look at a sunflower without thinking of Van Gogh, so no one can be in the New York subway system without thinking of Keith Haring."

It is Haring's rapport with kids, starting with his youngest sister Kristin and continuing throughout his career, that inoculates this book against cynicism. Haring frequently chose projects that let kids draw with him. Though he clearly enjoyed fame, he also held onto his artistic innocence. To see the child in him, just look at him grin as he's photographed showing his book "Art in Transit" to anti-graffiti Mayor Ed Koch.

Eight-year-old Sean Kalish tells of meeting Keith Haring:

"When I was five years old, this very nice man in [Haring's Pop Shop] asked if my mom and I would like to meet Keith... Keith was very nice. I thought he drew his art especially for kids. I like the baby the best... Keith said 'Let's draw!' and that was



neat. Later, Keith and I worked together on some etchings... I would be working on one, and he would be working on one. Then we would switch and keep on drawing... I like to draw with Keith because he draws like a kid.

"I heard Keith was sick and that he might die. I cried when I heard that, because if he dies, there won't be any more Keith Haring drawings. I want him to be drawing for his whole life."

Something tells me that Sean would have sensed a phony if he had been drawing with one.

AL COTTON

THEATRE PREVIEW

THE HARVEY MILK SHOW

"Harvey's Back!" the ads proclaim. Harvey is Harvey Milk, the icon of 1970s lesbian and gay liberation, and what's back is "The Harvey Milk Show," the 1991 hit musical by the Atlanta team of Patrick Hutchison and Dan Pruitt.

This celebration of Milk's last years in San Francisco's rough-and-tumble politics, and of his martyrdom for the cause, opens on September 11 at Actor's Express. The several hundred who were turned away last year, and those who got in but want to see the show again, will see a more thoughtful and awakening theatrical piece, says director Stephen Petty.

There is a new song in Act I, and the script has been revised to show that the love Harvey and the counterfeit cowboy, the fictional Jamey, have for each other is far less incidental in the hero's life. Too, Petty's staging is more intimate. Otherwise, it's the same "audience-friendly" show, to quote the director, that sold out 32 nights last fall.

It is also a big show, with 18 in the cast plus a piano player, and a bit of a salute to how it used to be done. Both composer Hutchison and lyricist Pruitt claim Stephen Sondheim as their main man, but Hutchison grew up on Broadway cast albums (like Meredith "Music Man" Willson, he's from small-town Iowa), and the boyhood imagination of Pruitt was fired by MGM musicals of the 1940s.

The two at first seem to be unlikely collaborators. Hutchison is low-key, a corn-fed 38-year-old who, if he has a horn, doesn't gladly toot it. Pruitt, especially when he's talking about his work, is the ebullient one, quick to laugh, and euphoric when he recollects his childhood in small-town South Carolina. He was not a happy kid; but for Pruitt, solace was as close as the light and shadow inside the nearby moviehouse.

"I was incredibly lonely and lost," he says. "My whole reality was a theatre called the Little Theatre about three blocks from home. Every time the movie changed, I was there. I remember seeing "Hit the Deck" with Jane Powell and dancing all the way home, the fat, sissy kid wanting to be in the movies."

Show-biz is the biz that Hutchison is in, as composer, musician, dancer, singer, and actor, but till 1989 Pruitt made his way

as the studio painter and graphic designer that the Ringling School of Art trained him to be. It was not until 1989, at age 45, that his desire to write song lyrics and Hutchison's myriad talents were merged on a review called "Different," about the ups and downs of gay men in America. SAME got hold of it and for a few weeks seats in the tiny black-box out back of Seven Stages were hard to come by.

Success breeds success. Pruitt saw a documentary about Harvey Milk, gave Hutchison a nudge, and pulled out a pencil. It was, they say, as simple as that. Their collaboration is not clash of egos. Pruitt writes a line and Hutchison fits it to a melody, or vice versa.

Hutchison's music is "wonderful," says Pruitt, and Hutchison has found in Pruitt the writing partner he's always wanted. "Patrick has a good feel for words," Pruitt adds, "and I think I have a decent feel for music. But I don't have any musical training. So I'll say, 'It feels sort of red,' and he understands."

Hutchison says the pair chose to write about Milk "because the country needs a gay messiah."

"It was his charisma, his sense of humor," adds Pruitt. "We were looking for a subject we could musicalize, and I was blown away by this man. His story is not only a gay story but the story of anyone who is on the fringes."

It was Chris Coleman who first saw potential in the Milk musical. Coleman is one of those artists who pop up here once every generation, who deliver the good stuff and also capture audience allegiance and the nod from critics.

When Pruitt and Hutchison gave Coleman "The Harvey Milk Show," he saw a winner. He brought in Stephen Petty, 30, a college pal from Baylor who interned in Dallas under the eminent Adrian Hall and who did a turn as a performance artist in New York. Coleman tapped Alliance Theatre's Sandra Deer as dramaturg, and he cast himself as Harvey. The mix worked.

The show tells the story of the living Harvey: his love affairs, his hand-to-mouth existence, his impact on the rococo politics of San Francisco, and his honest caring for scared gay kids out there in Ennis, Texas; Des Moines, Iowa; and Bamberg, South Carolina. These elements appealed to the writers, and clearly they did to audiences that found Actor's Express' warehouse space on Elizabeth Street last fall.

GENE-GABRIEL MOORE



14 OUT & ABOUT

When you think of popcorn, what comes to mind? The essential snack for a movie? Something to string and place on the tannenbaum? How about an alternative magazine which covers the club scene and the people seen at those clubs? This is exactly what Popcorn is...a quarterly magazine for and about the latest fashions, trends, and celebrity happenings in Atlanta and New York. Published by Chuck Morgan, the magazine is far from the mimeographed garage 'zine I expected. It is clean, crisp, and entertaining, with articles, interviews and eye-catching ads.

The summer issue of Popcorn was introduced at a party held recently in the private lounge upstairs at Club Velvet. I was invited to the party by a new personality on the entertainment scene in Atlanta and New York, **Daisy Chane**. I stopped by Daisy's Midtown condo to pick up a couple of invitations and learn more about the party and about Popcorn. Daisy was preparing her costume for her role in the evening's entertainment (she twirls a mean baton) and in between strokes of her blonde flip 'do, she told me about the party and her upcoming plans to fly to New York for the annual "Wigstock" show.

"I've been asked to perform by THE Lady Bunny...do you know Lady Bunny?" she asked. "No," I answered. "Well, it will be fabulous. I'm going with DeAundra Peek and one other friend."

Wigstock is a huge outdoor show of alternative drag held over Labor Day weekend in the East Village of NYC which attracts more and more attention each year. For the current issue of Popcorn, Daisy also contributed a tongue-in-cheek article about the proper way to smoke a cigarette. It offered advice such as "Never allow a cigarette to dangle from the mouth, and never exhale smoke through the nose." So true.

Later that night at Club Velvet, after producing my invitation for the doorman, he placed a green plastic band on my wrist which would allow access to the "Leisure Lounge" upstairs. The funkily deteriorated/decorated upper rooms have recently been expanded and provided a perfect setting for the colorful crowd gathered to mix, mingle and toast the success of Popcorn.

The newest addition to the Eleganza cast, BarbieQ bounced around the room in a lime green micro mini and platinum china doll hair. She bounced in my direction and introduced herself. Barbie is exceptionally attractive and her outgoing personality will take her far.

AFTER HOURS

DANNY ROBLE



Of course, the guiding light of Eleganza, **Trina Saxxon** was on hand. Trina is an expert on all things '70s and in the new issue of Popcorn she combines that knowledge with her heretofore unknown talent as an astrologer. Her advice to the Taurus born was to perk up their life by investing in some new tube tops.

The most famous of Georgia's nightlife femme fatales was also on hand, shy 16 year old "too-young-to-date" **DeAundra Peek**. Dick Richards of Funtone Records kept the video cameras rolling and trained on DeAundra and a succession of people she interviewed for her Teenage Music Club on Cable 12.

Dick also interviewed Popcorn covergirl **RuPaul** in the current issue and asked what Ru's message to young people was. "That they can create their own life, as I have," replied the Blonde One who is poised on the brink of international stardom.

The fashions seen that night were as varied as the people who attended the party. One curvaceous blonde girl in a tight black mini danced in the center of the room while her drink waited for her on a shelf next to her Charlie's Angels lunchbox. A thin young man was adorned head to toe in gold—hotpants, body shirt, and stockings. His head was crowned with masses of black waist length extensions. Another young man chose striped hotpants and a souvenir Mardi Gras crown.

I also had the pleasure of meeting **Betty Jack Devine**, the very southern gentlewoman who sends messages written on a memo pad inscribed "From the Desk Near the Bar of Betty Jack Devine." She joined me on a sofa, intoning, "I'll sit over here...with the media." As our conversation progressed she drawled, "I'm from South Carolina. I feel I have to confess that. They are soooo Republican." Betty Jack has great potential as a stand up comedian but in her case she may do more leaning than standing. I also enjoyed meeting the tall and lovely **Scintila Vortex**, as well as DJ Thomas, formerly of Miami, who kept the turntables spinning.

The **Virginia Slims Shopping Fling** is scheduled for September 10-13 at the Georgia International Convention Center at the Airport Hyatt. Described as a "dazzling shopping fantasy of current fall fashions and accessories from more than 200 top designers," this event will be a perfect introduction to the fall season. After all, as summer wanes, it is only natural to think of new wardrobe options for the Autumn.

Of course, this is not merely some giant jumble sale. It is a four-day fashion Event featuring over 20,000 items of clothing at 50% of suggested retail price. There will also be fashion shows by Mademoiselle Magazine, cosmetic makeovers, glamour photography, delicious food and prizes. And I haven't mentioned the personal appearances by five of the country's best designers, Tracy Reese, Gordon Henderson, James Arpad, Anna Sui, and Albert Nippon. Best of all, though, proceeds from the event will benefit AID Atlanta's "From All Walks of Life."

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Pictured: Daisy Chane

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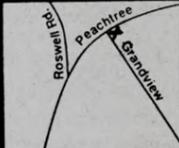
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CALIFORNIA
3 THURSDAY

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4 FRIDAY

BONNIE RAITT. A sudden pop sensation after years recording critically popular, low-selling albums and playing backup on Olivia Records and other unpop labels, the redhead rocker and bluesmistress tours with Lyle Lovett. Lakewood Amphitheatre. 249-6400.

SCARED SILENT. Oprah Winfrey hosts a frank and painful look at child abuse. 10 pm, GPTV, Atlanta Ch. 8.

5 SATURDAY

"IN THE LIFE" PRIDE PICNIC. For weeks now, the African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance (AALGA) has been spreading the word far and wide that gay and lesbian people of color and their friends will converge today on Piedmont Park. Don't be a stranger! 458-3003 for info.

LABOR DAY WEEK-END BASH. HomeGirls and Party Network join in a show of sisterhood for a fabulous women-of-color bash. Entertainment, door prizes, and "a rainbow of nubian delights." Seafood China, 3039 Buford Hwy. 12 am-4 am. For info call 879-5425.

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6 SUNDAY

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7 MONDAY

STILL AIN'T SATISFIED. KC Wildmoon reigns the airwaves. 7pm-9pm, WRFG, 89.3FM.

8 TUESDAY

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION. AALGA creates a safe space for young lesbian, gay and bisexual people of all colors, ages 17-26, to discuss issues they feel are important to their generation. 6:30-8 pm. Buckhead Library. 269 Buckhead Ave. 458-3003 for info.

THE HARVEY MILK SHOW. To those in last year's audience who laughed, wept, and shouted with joy, and to those who stood outside without tickets, word up: reserve now. Tonight, a preview benefit performance of the world-class musical for Atlanta NAPWA. Call 874-7926 for tickets for tonight only. Actor's Express. 290 Elizabeth St.

9 WEDNESDAY

THE HARVEY MILK SHOW. Special preview performance tonight at the reduced rate of \$10. Sept. 10 is another preview benefit; for tickets for that night only, call GAPAC (872-8095) or P-FLAG (296-0830). Regular run Sept. 11-Nov. 29. Actor's Express. 290 Elizabeth St. 221-0831.

Pictured: BELOW: Linda Morgan as Sister and Karen Whitaker as Stella Rhondo in "Why I Live at the P.O.," opening Sept. 11 at the Mercer Fine Arts Aud.

ABOVE LEFT: Missy LoMonaco of Virginia Slims and Sandy Thurman, executive director of AID Atlanta prepare for the Virginia Slims Shopping Fling (Sept. 10-13 at GA International Convention Ctr.) to benefit AID Atlanta

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MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING. Through Oct. 3. Noted director Adrian Hall brings Shakespeare's comic battle of the sexes to the Alliance's main stage. 8pm. 892-2414.

VANITAS. Through Oct. 6. Recent photographs by Ray Lovelace, featuring such confounding subjects as skulls lording it over a charnel heap. Ariel Gallery at Tula. 75 Bennett St. 352-5753.

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THE VIRGINIA SLIMS SHOPPING FLING. Sept. 10-13. Fabulous, although possibly politically incorrect, shopping fantasy featuring "hot fashions at slim prices." Cosmetic makeovers, hair styling and more all benefit AID Atlanta. Ga. International Convention Center. 659-0919 for more info.

NEXUS ARTPARTY. Sept. 11. Tenth annual celebration featuring live music, fab food, and art as only Nexus knows. The gallery exhibits will include Doug Ischar's

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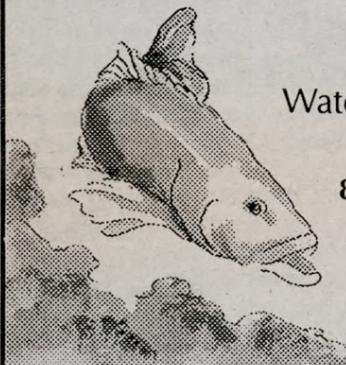
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The older I get, the more I want to be catered to when I eat out. I want white table cloths, cotton napkins, waitrons who smile and non-challenging music. The problem is that quality food and posh surroundings don't always go hand in hand. Here is one case in point:

Little t's On The Park (21 Edgewood Ave. 525-6822) offers a minimum of spiff and decor with a maximum of flavor to the downtown lunch and early (8pm week-nights, 9pm weekends) dinner crowd. Located on the former main banking floor of Fulton Federal, the place feels not unlike a small airplane hanger—albeit one decorated with touches of late '60s wood and marble.

A cafeteria service line runs down one side of the room, tables are scattered helter skelter on the other. Those tables are wrapped in pink plastic and decorated with silk flowers. The lighting is fluorescent and unrelenting. V-103 fills the air; the view is of Woodruff Park.

The fare is basic down home meat-and-two combo platters that can best be described as a cross between Annie Keith's and Deacon Burton's at downtown prices.

Fried pork chops and fried chicken are both sweet and tender, although the former are sometimes a bit on the dry side. Both sport a breading that could be heavy were they overly greasy. Luckily that's not the case. Other meat offings include ribs, oxtails, country fried steak and chicken with dumplings.

Tasty as the proffered meats are, veggies are where Little t's excels. Green beans with a scattering of potatoes are tender and obviously fresh; a sprinkling of chopped onions would make them pure heaven. Candied yams are sweet, but not stickily so. Collard greens are chewy with a heady, smoky flavor that contrasts beautifully with a dash or two of pepper sauce. I'd prefer sharper cheese in the macaroni and cheese, but it's so rich and buttery that this seems a minor quibble. Potato salad and mashed 'taters look heavenly.

Corn bread, light and relatively characterless, is a bit of a disappointment, though it is mighty fine when crumbled and used to sop up the juice that runs from the greens.

Coffee is dismal, but the lemonade is a masterpiece of balance between sweet and sour. The banana pudding, which is the winner of some sort of award from Atlanta magazine, is only decent. Peach cobbler, on the other hand, is sublime.

A meal here will set you back between \$7 and \$9. Compared to Deacon Burton's that's stiff. But, in light of the prices charged for food no where near as good just two blocks away in Underground, it's also a bargain.

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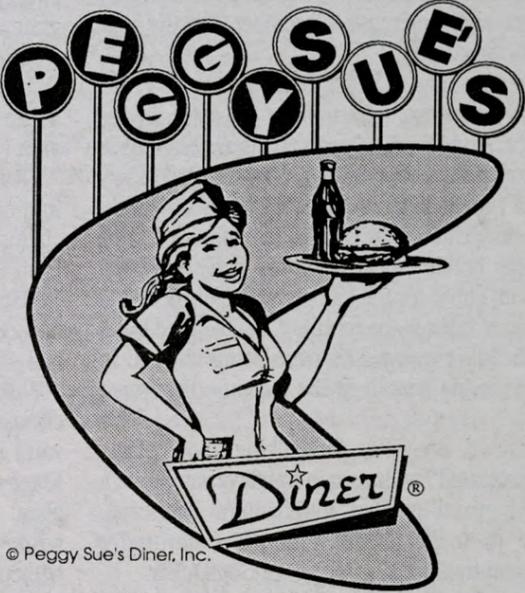


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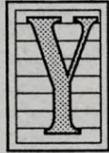
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You could hardly call me 'radical' for noting the extraordinary mishmash of cultures on this continent. An Afrocentric friend tells me that she pours libations to the ancestors before tailgating at the Falcon games. An Indian-born Hindu friend says they have a xmas tree and presents in December, "so the children won't be disappointed."

I remember attending a Seder held by some Vegan Jewish friends—interesting substitutions on some of the traditional dishes. And I recall Thanksgiving decorations in Puerto Rico—somehow, those turkeys, pilgrims, and snowy landscapes didn't seem indigenous to this Spanish-speaking tropical island. Three King's Day, Jan. 6th, used to be the big gift giving holiday there when my father grew up. He left a box with straw for the camels under his bed, and would find presents there in the morning. By the time I was a kid, needle-shedding evergreens were being shipped in for the present-leaving benefit of the recently discovered Santa Claus.

Given the above, one sees that talking about plants "traditionally associated" with certain holidays can prove a bit tricky in this mixed-together, multicultural landscape. But allow me to forge ahead with the (admittedly Eurocentric) pagan-traditional offerings of September.

Indeed, September 22, 11:44 AM this year marks the **Autumn Equinox**. On this date, day and night will be of equal length. Thereafter, the shadows lengthen, and daylight begins her annual retreat. Some of the old chants cry "Farewell to Lucina," Goddess of Light, and then express thanks for "the good seasons which have gone, and the seasons yet to come."

Mabon (Equinox) is a ritual of thanksgiving, now subsumed equally between Labor Day and 'Thanksgiving,' in this waring-blended culture.

Since "Autumn's grain is Spring's seed," herstorically,

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EARTHSHAKIN' OBSERVATIONS

pine cones, fall fruits, oak sprigs and acorns, hazel branches, grains, and fall flowers adorned the altars.

As Equinox stands between Midsummer (Lammas) and Winter's Beginning (Hallowmas), the pivotal point betwixt Virgo and Libra, one flowering herb you find now is **Vervain** (*Verbena Officinalis*).

Ruled by Venus, it is reputedly an Herb of Vision, Immortality, Protection, and Romance (quite a series of claims for a small 1 to 2' plant bearing small violet flowers from Summer until frost).

Her associations are quite ancient and quite lengthy, however. John Williamson, in his amazing book, "Perennial Herbs," quote none other than Pliny on this herb: "With this the table of Jupiter is swept, and homes are cleansed and purified...and the people of Gaul [use Vervain] in fortunetelling and in uttering prophesies, but the Magi especially make the maddest statements about the plant: that people who have been rubbed with it obtain their wishes, banish fevers, win friends and cure all disease without exception."

"It would drain witches of their will, and it would open all locks and bolts. 'They that have vervain about them' says Banches, 'they shall have love and grace of great masters, and they shall grant him his asking, if his asking be good and truthful.'"

Such a powerhouse inevitably found her way into 'folk' charms, too. When very young, I learned: "St. John's Wort, Vervain, Rue and Dill; rid this evil person of their evil will." St. John's Wort has the power of the Sun. Non-metaphorically, everything else in the garden hates Rue; never plant it near anything else you want to thrive.

Vervain also reputedly was used to ritually sweep out the Temple of Solomon. Colonists brought it to these shores to relieve headaches and bad breath.

So if you're trying to dis/cover the old lore in this heterogenous age, Vervain might be a good place to start.

Chrysanthemum, Flower of the Dead

Another bloomer at this time that I enjoy is the chrysanthemum (various types). This plant was especially revered in Asia, particularly China, Korea and Japan. Indeed, in Japan, she is the national flower, along with the Iris, and figures prominently in the mythology of the nation's founding. She symbolizes "happiness and long life."

For centuries, mums adorned gravesites. Even cut, the flowers last a long time, and so signified love everlasting. *C. Chysegetum* (Corn Marigold) can be seen repeatedly in the 15th Century Unicorn Tapestries. Oddly, this variety is a long-lasting annual, and not the perennial of the other mums.

C. Balsamita (Costmary) was one of many plants held to be dedicated to the Virgin Mary (actually, one of the guises of *Magna Mater*).

These days, you can buy mums in plastic pots at discount houses for as little as \$2. If you opt for this route, remember to cut off the flowers before planting, so the plant will expend energy into sending out roots, and not into her reproductive parts. And there's nothing wrong with leaving her in a pot with the flowers until you want to permanently plant her, as long as she's not too crowded and doesn't get too dried out or hungry.

Since mums bloom according to the amount of light they receive, I find that I often get two seasons of flowers, Spring and late Summer. The longer-lasting and more abundant blooms come in the Fall, however. Keep the spent flowerheads cut off, and a well-fertilized plant will continue to bloom for weeks and weeks.

A little trimming in Midwinter and a little manure, and she'll be ready to go next Spring.

AFWC Director Search

The Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus is now accepting applications for a permanent part-time music director. Requirements: a degree in music (master's a plus), formal training in vocal and choral music with SSAA directing experience, familiarity with feminist music, knowledge of various music styles, and leadership experience. Instrumental experience will be a plus, as will be access to women's choral music. The director will be responsible for selecting music, conducting rehearsals, and directing a minimum of two concerts a year for both the full chorus and a smaller ensemble.

Send resume and tapes — video or audio — to Search Committee
Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus
Box 8480, Atlanta, GA 30306
by September 15, 1992

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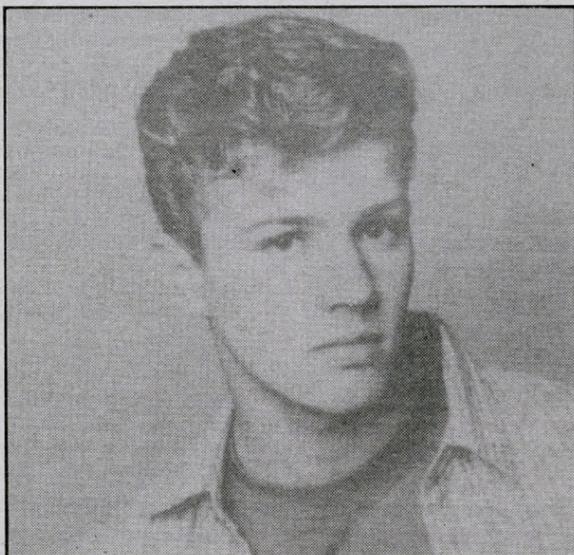
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Daytime Queers: Dish has enough melodrama in our life that we tend not to watch TV shows that wallow in the stuff—like soaps. But we stayed home from work one day last week and, bored with the book that we were reading, watched a few bodice rippers. What to our wondering eyes should appear (on "One Life to Live" at 2pm on Channel 2) but one very cute young man named Billy Douglas (pictured here played by Ryan Phillippe) who just happens to be gay and just happens to be coming out to his friends. There have, of course, been gay people on daytime TV before, but what struck us as different here is the issue being explored is not so much homosexuality as is homophobia. For once the bigots and hysterics look like fools and the young gay man and his supporters look like heroes—even when a minister is accused of being gay because he has befriended Billy. We still don't much like soaps, but we sure do like "One Life to Live."

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



Quotas for Homos?: Dish wishes this were not true, but we told you so a couple of weeks ago. Queers are going to be this election's Willie Horton. And Dan Quayle isn't the only one picking on us. George DeLoach (who was Cynthia McKinney's run-off opponent in the 11th congressional district) used "Values!" as an issue to try to defeat Ms. McKinney. Luckily, it didn't work. One particularly nasty (and inaccurate) piece of campaign literature said that McKinney had "attempted to pass quotas for homosexuals." That's a funny way to say "repeal the sodomy law" but then politicians (especially rabid rightwingers) aren't exactly known for getting the facts straight.

Tunes for Homos: Speaking of politics, two things about the Republican convention and George Bush's visit to Woodstock immediately following struck us as comical. The first you may have heard on National Public Radio. It seems that the music that the red, white and, blue Republican band struck up at one point in the convention (immediately after the speech placing G. Bush's name in nomination) was the theme from "La Cage aux Folles." The sight of hoards of grinning homophobes happily dancing

and swaying to the sound of music from one of the queerest plays/flicks of recent time brought grins to our face. Kudos to whoever got this one past the purity committee. Then there was the group of activists that attended the Bush bash in Woodstock. Seems as though the invitation that these funsters used to get in the gates was a "VIP Pass" that would "Admit One Family." Note please that the invite didn't say one "nuclear" family. That's either progress or an oversight, we'll trust it was the former—but bet it was the latter.

Cage Dies: Composer John Cage died at age 80 in the middle of last month. He was an incredibly talented and creative man who was also very open about his longtime relationship with choreographer Merce Cunningham for whom he composed a number of scores. His atonal music was not everyone's cup of tea, but there can be little doubt that the world is a lesser place without him.

One Year Later: Dish found an interesting article in the September issue of Working Woman magazine—a short piece on who and where Anita Hill is one year after her testimony against (then) Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas. Despite predictions that Hill would sensationalize herself and the hearings, she has not written a book, become the subject of a movie of the week, nor gone on the talk show circuit. She has made less than a dozen speaking appearances (most of them not paid) and declined the opportunity to address the Democratic National Convention. What Hill has done is put a lot of time into looking at the possibility of founding an institute devoted to researching racism and sexism. If Bill Clinton is elected, perhaps he will nominate Anita Hill to serve on the highest court in the land.

Good Quote I: "How thoroughly tired are those who insist on maintaining such a charade. Being honest about who you are is quite good for the soul. And I'm certain that it prevents unsightly stress lines from permanently settling on your face." Alexander Bard—one of the two bisexual male members of songsters Army of Lovers.

Good Quote II: And this from author ("People in Trouble") Sarah Schulman: "Somebody in the lesbian community introduced this idea of dental dams, without substantial discussion—scientific or social—about whether or not they were necessary. And because the community has historically behaved in a very faddish manner, people just went for it. And also because it fit into a lot of people's shame about their sexuality. But the fact is there isn't any evidence that HIV is transmitted through oral sex between women."

September 3 - September 9, 1992

With the Sun and Mercury in the mutable earth sign of Virgo, this is an excellent time for all of us, regardless of our sign, to get ourselves organized and do some planning so we will know where we are likely to end up in 8 or 9 months.

ARIES, news flash, Venus is moving through your 7th house of close personal relationships! So, there are possibilities for romance and new friends as well as potential and profitable business partnerships. Be sure to get everyone's number or business card. TAURUS, this is a perfect time for you to improve your diet, and in general, find ways for taking better care of yourself. If you need to lose weight, you will probably need to combine a program of balanced whole food with regular exercise. GEMINI, with Venus gliding through your 5th house of passion and creative energy, you may experience an increased flow of playful and productive creative energy. You may also find your efforts more appreciated, so get projects out to the markets.

CANCER, Mars is now in your 12th house of dreams, visions and the unconscious. You may find your dreamtime more active, your day dreams more vivid and/or your intuition more

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active. You also may need more personal quiet time to process all this. LEO, this is an excellent time for a non-judgemental and in depth look at your finances. You need to know where you are with income, material resources and personal investments. Also a good time to develop a long-term financial plan. HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR VIRGO! Be sure to plan for fun and relaxation during the rest of the month. This is not the time to win the "Workaholic of the Year" award, regardless of how tempting that might appear. Ease off a little and celebrate.

LIBRA, if you are feeling a little irritable or disenchanted with life in general, you may need to pay more attention to yourself. Pamper yourself with a massage, better and more regular meals, and some culture or entertainment with a special friend. SCORPIO, forgiveness may not always be easy for you, but it is very essential to your health and well-being. If you feel

someone has deliberately wronged you, then it may be necessary for you to let them know how you feel. You may be surprised with the result. SAGITTARIUS, are you feeling a little bit overwhelmed with all the activity going on in your life? If so, take a deep breath, relax and allow friends to help you out where they can. You don't have to do everything by yourself!

CAPRICORN, this may not be the best time for you to take on more responsibility, but it may be an excellent opportunity to take an over-view of your life and see where you stand. Are you where you want to be? And, where are you headed? AQUARIUS, if you have anything to say about particular social or political issues, this is the time to Speak Up. You may not realize that you have some very good ideas on current social problems. Don't be shy. Find a Leo for moral support. Dear PISCES, romance is in the air, so take advantage of any social invitations that sound like fun. If life is feeling a bit too heavy right now, you may be taking it too seriously. Be a little more playful with yourself and with others!

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Dykes To Watch Out For

emasculate conception
EMOTIONS ARE TURBULENT AS CLARICE AND TONI BEGIN THEIR FIFTH ROUND OF INSEMINATION.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU STARTED OVULATING A DAY EARLY! FOR THE LAST YEAR YOU'VE BEEN LIKE CLOCKWORK! I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE WE GET A REFUND IF THE SPERM DOESN'T GET HERE IN TIME!
CLARICE, AS LONG AS IT COMES TODAY, WE'LL BE FINE. MY CYCLE IS PROBABLY OFF FROM ALL THE STRESS. AND YOU'RE NOT HELPING BY OBSESSING ABOUT THE MONEY!
I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY I'M NOT THE PERFECT CO-PARENT-TO-BE! ALL THE TIMING AND WAITING AND HOME PREGNANCY TESTS ARE STRESSING ME OUT TOO. AND I CAN'T HELP WORRYING ABOUT THE MONEY AT A HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIVE BUCKS A POP!
BZZZT! THAT MUST BE POP NOW.
GREAT! IT'S ONLY SIX O'CLOCK. WE CAN DO IT AND STILL GET TO OUR BABY GROUP ON TIME. YOU GO LIE DOWN. I'LL GET EVERYTHING READY.
SO HOW MANY TIMES IS THIS? YOU TWO MUST BE SHELLING OUT THE DOUGH.
DON'T THEY EVER CHANGE YOUR ROUTE?
IT'S HERE! UNH! I'M GONNA THAW IT OUT!
REMEMBER TO DOUBLE-CHECK THE DONOR NUMBER...
YEOW! ...AND BE CAREFUL NOT TO TOUCH THE CONTAINER WITH YOUR BARE HANDS.
OH, NO! I FORGOT, WE WERE SUPPOSED TO BRING FOOD TO THE GROUP TONIGHT.
SHIT! WELL, WE CAN STOP AND GET SOME KIND OF TAKEOUT. WE'LL HAVE TO HURRY, THOUGH. ARE YOU READY?
OH, CLARICE! I DIDN'T WANT IT TO BE LIKE THIS!
TONI, IT'S NO BIG DEAL! SARAH AND LOUISE BRING TAKEOUT ALL THE TIME!
NO, I MEAN THIS! I WANTED IT TO BE SPECIAL AND ROMANTIC, NOT SOMETHING WE HAVE TO SQUEEZE IN BEFORE RACING OUT OF THE HOUSE!
I KNOW, SWEETHEART. > KISS < BUT CAN WE TALK ABOUT IT LATER? WE'RE LOSING SPERM MOTILITY BY THE SECOND HERE.

OUTLINES

LISA RAEFSKY

Age: 31
Relationship status: involved
How long in Atlanta: 10 years
Last book read: "Skinny Legs and All" by Tom Robbins



Lisa Raefsky likes her freedom. She particularly likes to have the flexibility to travel. "That's why I like to work in a restaurant," she says. The flexibility of her schedule and the ability to work evenings leave her the time to spend workdays sailing at Lake Lanier and her days off hitting the road for Florida, North Carolina or the north Georgia mountains.

"I like music a lot," she says. She plays guitar, mandolin, and dulcimer. "I like camping; I like to travel; I like sailing on Lake Lanier. I feel like a Playboy centerfold." She adds with a slight tilt of her head and valley girl flair, "I like riding my pony naked through the woods."

Most of Raefsky's travels have been within a few hours of Atlanta. "I have an old car, so I can't go really far," she says. She recommends Cape Sandblast on the west coast of Florida and Buena Vista, Georgia where St. EOM's folk art exhibit continues to be popular after his death. If you're in Texas, she advises checking out the Cadillac Ranch in Amarillo, where rows of old Cadillacs are partially buried in the ground. "I love old cars," she says.

Raefsky grew up in Philadelphia and went to college at Alfred University in western New York state. "It's in the middle of nowhere," she says. "There's two bars in the whole town. It's two blocks long." She went for art training. "It's a real big ceramics school," she explains.

At Alfred University, Raefsky received a teaching certificate to teach art to kindergarten through twelfth-grade students, though she has never worked at a school since her student days. "I had no motivation to get into the bureaucracy of teaching," she says. "I guess I just have a problem with rules." She did her student teaching in Friendship, New York, a dairy town. "You know, Friendship cottage cheese and sour cream at the Farmer's Market," she explains. "The first time I drove into the town, I thought somebody farted in my car because the town smelled like a big fart. I think that's where they got the phrase 'cutting the cheese.'"

From Friendship, Raefsky came to Atlanta to room with one of her college roommates. "I like the summer," she says. "I like the warmth of the South." She has been working at Eat Your Vegetables most of the time she has lived in Atlanta. "I've done everything there," she says. Currently she is the night manager.

In her apartment in Virginia Highlands,

Raefsky has a large collection of snow shakers. They line several shelves around her living room. But she has recently become enthralled by a large plant that dominates her porch, a night-blooming cereus. "This is, like, one of the things that are important in my life right now," she laughs, showing off the plant. "It blooms overnight, and the blooms are about as big as my face. It starts blooming at about three in the afternoon and it's fully open by 3 a.m., and the next day, it's gone. I think in the South they call it Jesus in the Manger," she says. "It's fun to have people over and watch it bloom."

Raefsky's passion for space and freedom extends to her relationship. She and her girlfriend have been dating for over a year and live in the same apartment complex. Raefsky can see her girlfriend's porch from hers, but they have decided not to live together for now. "I kinda like the fact that we both have our own space," she says. "If I was wealthy and had a big, huge house, I could do it. We always say we're always negotiating our relationship anyway. I always used to think about us as like Woody Allen and Mia Farrow, because they lived across the park from each other, and I used to think they had an ideal relationship until recently."

Above all else, Raefsky does what she wants. She avoids a nine-to-five career so that she can maintain a flexible schedule. She has a living arrangement that allows her to be close to the woman she loves while maintaining her own privacy. She and her girlfriend share an interest in salvaging other people's junk and turning it into home furnishings. "I like to pick up old chairs and stuff off the street," she says. She proudly identifies as out of the ordinary. "Even if I were straight, I wouldn't be mainstream," she says.

DEBBIE FRAKER

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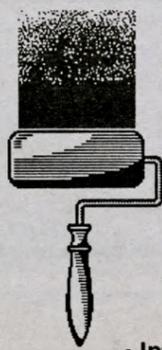
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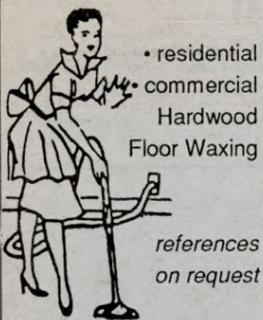
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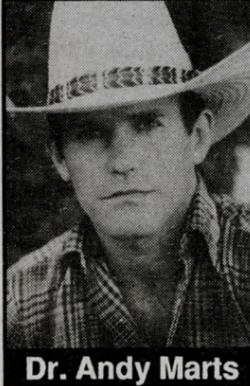
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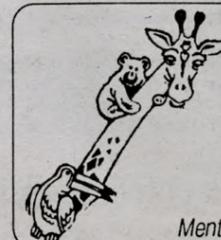
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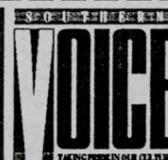
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GWM - Attractive, 6'2", 22, slim, seeks country boys, rednecks, masculine men, and butch daddies under 45 for friend or relationship. ☎ 50077

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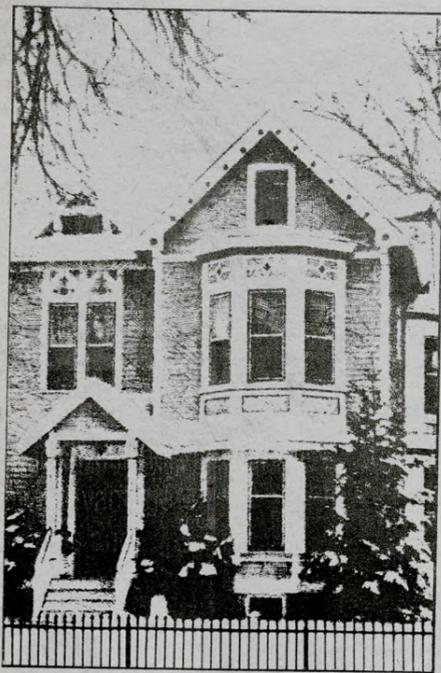
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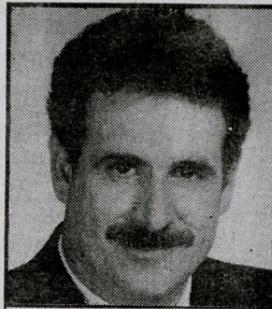
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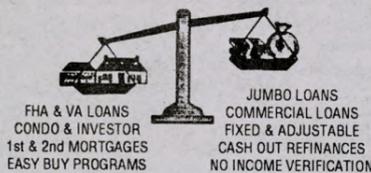
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BM, 18, 5'8", bottom seeks masculine male, any race, for fun, friendship and much more. ☎ 50051

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GBM, 20, 6'3", 175, very attractive ex-model, seeks attractive, fit, professional yet fun GWM 21-35 for friendship or more. ☎ 50054

WM, 42, 180lbs, 6'2", HIV-, looking for masculine. Uncut, HIV-, blue collar kinda guy for afternoon shade breaks. ☎ 50052

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

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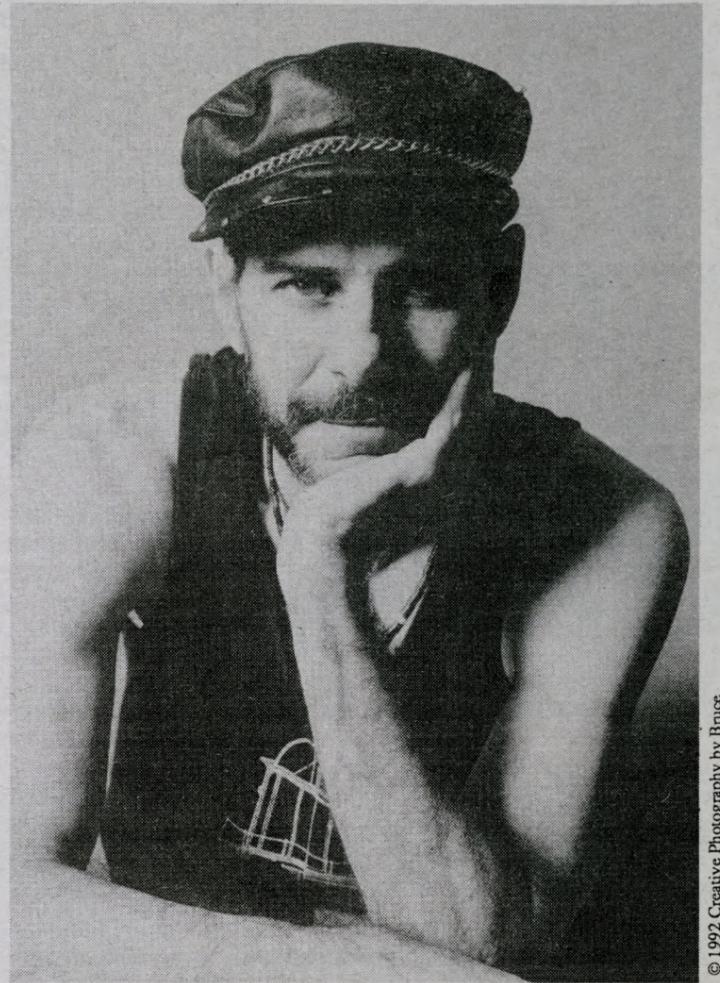
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GWF 31. Me- slim, very attractive, physically fit, books, music, movies, beaches, independent, sometimes professional but not mainstream. You- attractive, slim, non-smoker, active, feminine, independent, comfortable w/sexuality. No drugs, Bi's. Let's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

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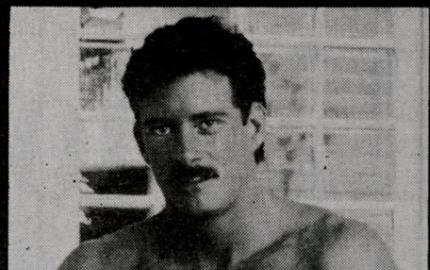


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Festival's queer theater, video, and arts are all about the South

The old song says, "Nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina in the morning," but September 24-27, nothing could be finer than to be in Asheville, North Carolina all weekend for OutSouth Feste '92.

The cultural festival, sponsored by Southern Voice, will spotlight the diversity and vitality of bisexual, gay, and lesbian life and celebrate our community's wonderful contributions to the contemporary South. The Feste will bring together artists, professionals, politicians, and people from all walks of life and all parts of the South.

OutSouth Foundation co-chair Michael Strickland cooked up the Feste idea a couple of years ago while a student at Augusta College. "In the South, most of the discrimination and bigotry felt by gays and lesbians is underlined by being in the Bible belt," Strickland explains. "By pulling together and networking with others in the South, we can create a tighter sense of pride and unity against our oppressors."

One outstanding attraction of OutSouth Feste is "A Tribute to the Memory of You," a powerful musical reflecting AIDS and our times. The three-act musical by Danny Hamann tells the coming-out story of Biff, a young man who struggles with childhood rejection and learns to love himself as he loses his first lover to AIDS. In the process, Biff also comes to terms with what it means to be a gay Christian.

Reviewer Lois Pearlman warns those who see the play to bring along plenty of tissues because the performance packs "an emotional wallop." Author Hamann explains, "'Tribute' was created in love to remind each of us that though we are given a bad script to play out our lives, we have



the permission and courage to change the script, to cherish ourselves and our lives." The play will be performed twice at the Feste, Thursday at 8 pm and Saturday at 4 pm.

If video is your passion, then check out the screening at 2 pm Friday. Joan E. Biren, also known as JEB, will show three of her films: a 30-minute documentary titled "Lesbian Physicians on Practice, Patients and Power," which has been made available to every medical school in the U.S. though the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights; "For Love and For Life: The 1987 March on Washington for Lesbian and

Gay Rights," previously shown on PBS; and a work in progress called "Beyond Coming Out," which explores internalized homophobia among lesbians and gay men. The new work looks at the origins, expression, and means of overcoming the shame and fear caused by heterosexism in our society. Members of the audience will be invited to comment on the rough cut and to participate in shaping the final video.

A Feste must-see is "Hippies, Faeries and Trolls," a selection of some 30 photographs by Lee Steenhuis of Nashville. The collection features three alternative subcultures in middle Tennessee: the Flatrock hip-

pie collective near Murfreesboro, the radical faeries of the Short Mountain gay wilderness sanctuary near Woodbury, and the "trolls," poor people who live under the bridges along the Cumberland riverbanks in Nashville. Part diary, part documentary, Steenhuis' work reflects both her own life and the ties that bind us all. The stories of these three communities are ultimately stories of people coming together to create a sense of family.

There's much more to see and hear at the Feste, including a variety talent show on Saturday night featuring the progressive acoustic folk sounds of the band Kid Sister from Durham, North Carolina. Seminars and lectures will be given by Queer Nation, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, and specialists in relationships and self-help. An artists' market will be open throughout the weekend, featuring visual and literary artists from around the Southeast, and crafters will display leather, glass, wood, quilts and more. At press time, there were still some booth spaces available.

Strickland says proceeds from the Feste and future OutSouth Foundation events will help establish a scholarship fund for Southern lesbian and gay students in memory of composer Howard Ashman, who composed music for "The Little Mermaid" and "Little Shop of Horrors." For information about Feste tickets, booths, and accommodations, contact OutSouth Foundation, 1616 Piedmont Avenue, Apt. O-1, Atlanta, GA 30329.

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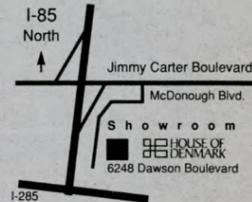
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