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Rain doesn't dampen AIDS Walk spirit, revenue

Atlanta—The weekend's steady rainfall kept many people at home, but the 1992 From All Walks of Life AIDS Walk easily outdistanced last year's final tally for revenue.

About 20,000 people braved the constant drizzle and chilly air for the 3.1 mile (5K) walk last Sunday. Revenue totals had not been finalized on Monday morning, but organizers at AID Atlanta, which coordinates the walk, said that they were well on their way to the \$750,000 goal.

"We've counted over \$700,000," said AID Atlanta development director Colleen Hughes. "We have some pledges outstanding from corporations, money from fundraisers, and people who registered but didn't come to the park because of the rain will be mailing in their contributions. That's happened in other cities with rain on walk day."

Last year's walk, the first in Atlanta, raised \$565,000 for nine local direct service agencies. Those same nine agencies will benefit from this year's effort, with the addition of Pets Are Loving Support (PALS). The other agencies are the AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta (ARCA), the Atlanta AIDS Legal Project, the Atlanta Chapter of the National Association of People With AIDS (NAPWA), the Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network (AIAN), Childkind, Jerusalem House, Outreach, Project Open Hand/Atlanta, and AID Atlanta.

AID Atlanta will pocket half of the monies raised, while the other nine agencies will evenly split 30% of the remainder. The rest of the revenue will be divided among those agencies based on their annual budgets.

At AID Atlanta, organizers were pleased with the turnout even while acknowledging that the rain did keep the numbers down.

"There is a tremendous amount of support from all different kinds of people in the community to support this cause," said Marcia Greenburg, special events coordinator and walk director. "It's even more inspiring to see given today's weather."

AID Atlanta executive director Sandra Thurman agreed. "It's a different kind of commitment than coming out and walking around the block on a sunny day," she said. "This is the kind of commitment we need long term in fighting this epidemic."

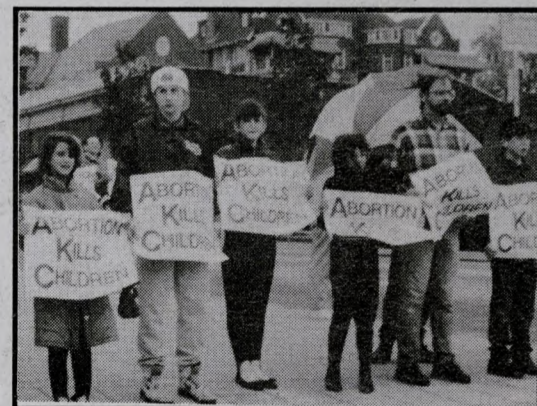
Most walkers seemed non-plussed with the wet,

arriving in slickers and under umbrellas, pets and friends in tow. Emcees Steve McCoy of STAR 94 FM and WSB's Monica Kaufman coordinated the opening remarks, from Fulton Commission Chair Michael Lomax, Mayor Maynard Jackson's chief of staff Jeri Elder, and PWAs Debbie Thomas and Rick Hendrickson. Youth spokesperson Brett Lykins cut the ribbon, and the 2nd annual walk was underway.

Right to Life group lines walk

At Peachtree Street, walkers were greeted by participants in the Georgia Right to Life Coalition's Life Chain, an anti-abortion demonstration. Demonstrators stood 8 to 10 feet apart carrying "Abortion Kills Children" signs, lining both sides of Peachtree Street from the Fox Theatre to I-85.

The demonstration coincided with the walk route

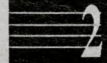


for five blocks, from 10th to 15th. The Right-to-Life demonstration was not planned to parallel the Walk, according to several participants. No altercations were reported between walkers and demonstrators, although many walkers shouted pro-choice slogans as they passed the anti-abortion protesters.

"It's sad," said one protestor, "that so many of them are pro-choice." None of the demonstrators who spoke with this reporter would comment on the AIDS walk.

ACT UP walkers chanted "Shame, Shame" at the Life Chain, and other walkers shouted that "God Forgive You" to the silent anti-abortion forces along the sidewalks. One marcher, however, close behind the ACT UP contingent, whispered to the Life

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Atlanta Lambda Community Center plans well underway

Trustees hope to have center up and running within a year

Atlanta—Every day, the Atlanta Lambda Community Center is closer to becoming a reality. The various committees have been hard at work, and the Board of Trustees has settled on plans that they hope will result in the opening of the center in about a year.

"We now have a general plan," said Debbie Fraker, chair of the Center's research and design committee, which undertook the first phase of development for the new facility. "We know it needs a certain amount of meeting space for a certain number of organizations and people. We know it needs administration space and a common space for events."

Fraker's committee was charged with creating preliminary designs for the city's first gay community center.

"We had to do at least enough design to know what we're looking for," she said. "Once we determine that, and the costs that we predict will go with it, then the fundraising can begin."

From those initial determinations, Fraker's committee settled on a minimum of a 10,000 sq. ft. space.

"That's smaller than the ideal," she said, "but we decided to go with what we thought we could reasonably do in a year."

Next, Fraker said, the Center's business plan committee will put together a comprehensive plan based on the initial designs. That plan will form the basis for the fundraising campaign.

"We're really waiting until after the election to get fully underway," said fundraising committee head Annie Archbold, "because so many in our community are heavily involved in that."

But parts of the campaign are already underway. Archbold said that the committee has two arms—one for special events and another for individual solicitations—and both have started their work.

The Center Trustees recently announced that two community members—Joe Blount and Edie Cofrin—have agreed to match funds raised up to a predetermined amount, doubling the fundraising efforts of the committee. And the first major fundraising event has been scheduled—a Halloween Ball set for October 31 at the Lowe Gallery at TULA.

"We're hoping that party will become our major annual fundraiser," said Archbold.

Center Trustees hope the Center will fill a need many feel is lacking in the city. At a private fundraising party last month, Trustee Ed Stansell said that the group is singularly focused on providing a central space for the community.

"One of the most incredible things," he said, "is how many different people from so many different places are working together on this."

Archbold agreed. "It's an interesting phenomena," she said, "that so many people, active in their own organizations, are carving out just a little bit more time in their lives for the center."

Fraker added that support from within the various organizations has been tremendous. "It's not so much what organizations are involved, as the people in those organizations, and the leadership of the groups," she said. "They're supporting the Center through their time, their newsletters, everything."

Both the Trustees and volunteer committee members are excited about the future of the center, and of the people who will use it.

"We called ourselves Trustees," said Stansell, "because that's how we see our role. We hold onto the dream, do what we need to get it going, and then give it to the people who will keep it going."

KC WILDMOON

D.C. domestic partnership bill killed in House

Activists blame homophobia and election-hungry climate

Washington, DC—Homophobia reared its ugly head here Sept. 24 as election-hungry Congressmen voted to kill funding for DC's pioneering domestic partners law.

The 235-173 vote offered a dramatic glimpse at the power that Congressmembers can exert over all District of Columbia citizens, and the importance of strengthening home-rule and winning DC statehood, activists said.

Conservative opponents, fearing that DC's laws could act as a key precedent for similar proposals throughout the nation, rallied to make sure DC's lavender litmus test failed.

At least one key activist saw the show-down as a historic recognition of newly redefined households, especially significant in election-year diatribe on "traditional family" values.

"This is the first time in history," said Ivy Young, head of the Families Project at the national Gay and Lesbian Task Force, "that the issue of gay and lesbian families was ever spoken about on the floor of Congress."

The Health Care Benefits Expansion Act of 1992 would enable DC residents to register as domestic partners, but limits nearly all benefits to city employees, who may enroll a partner in city health insurance plans if they pay 100% of the cost.

For the first time anywhere, the law pro-

vides tax breaks to private companies who give employees' domestic partners similar health benefits.

The law is not limited to same-sex relationships. A person living with a relative in the same house would qualify, for example. It follows San Francisco's lead, registering people 18 or older via affidavit. "It's a terrible misconception that this is just a gay law," said City Council chair John Wilson.

Anti-incumbent fervor and claims that the law sanctioned gay wedding rights prevailed, especially among usual supporters.

"This time the gay marriage lie stuck," said Ernest Hopkins, DPC co-chair and head of the local Black Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee. "Everyone was afraid they'd be hit in the face when they went home to campaign. People are scared and homophobic."

"I know this is not the way a lot of people felt who voted against it," Rep. Barney Frank said. "Everyone in a tough re-election race was scared. There was a true fear of demagoguery on a gay marriage vote come November."

Fundamentalist opponents stood outside the conference committee chamber, flaunting tacky neon-colored stick-on badges saying "Domestic Partnerships Are Not Families."

"This is the first one we've lost in the House in a while and I'm bothered by it," Rep. Frank said. "We'll just have to just come back next year."

Activists urge supporters to call or write their Congressmembers to learn how they voted at (202)224-3121 or U.S. Capitol, WASHINGTON DC 20515. And they encourage confrontations when candidates are on campaign trails.

JOHN ZEH

Lesbian and gay man killed in hate-motivated fire bombing in Oregon

Salem, OR (AP)—Two suspects in the arson deaths of a man and a woman were Skinheads, and the victims, a lesbian and a gay man, had been subjected to previous attacks and harassment according to neighbors and friends.

Hattie Cohens, 29, and Brian H. Mock, 45, were trapped in the basement of a house in Salem when a Molotov cocktail was tossed through a window about 3:18 a.m. Saturday, police and witnesses said. Other residents of the house, which had been converted to apartments, were able to escape.

Philip Bruce Wilson Jr., 20, and Yolanda Renee Cotton, 19, were identified by the Portland Police Gang Enforcement Team as Skinheads. Wilson was convicted of criminal mischief for painting racial slurs May 18 on a bridge in Silver Falls State Park.

The Statesman-Journal newspaper quoted neighbors as saying Mock was badly beaten earlier this month by several white men who taunted him for being gay. Both Cohens and Mock were gay and Cohens was black. The suspects showed up at the house before the

fire, a fight broke out and the suspects shouted racial and anti-gay slurs as they left, the neighbors said.

Sgt. Robert Ritchie of the Salem Police Department declined comment about the motivation for the arson.

Wilson and Cotton were among three suspects arraigned Tuesday in Marion County District Court on charges connected with the fire. Wilson and Sean Robert Edwards, 21, are accused of two counts of aggravated murder and arson. Cotton faces charges of murder and arson. Salem police were seeking a fourth person, Leon L. Tucker, 22, in connection with the case.

Friends of Wilson and Cotton said that while both were admitted racists and homophobes, they had never been violent.

"It's not their way," said a friend, Chris Turner, 16.

"They were white supremacists," Turner said, adding that he used to be a white supremacist and had known Wilson and Cotton for at least a year. Although the two disliked gays and minorities, they "didn't go and start anything for no reason," he said.

A candlelight vigil for Cohens and Mock was held on October 1 at the house where they died. The vigil was co-sponsored by No on 9, the organization that is heading efforts to defeat an anti-gay rights measure on Oregon's November ballot.

California gay rights bill is small victory

San Francisco—To the shock of lesbian and gay leaders and activists here, California Gov. Pete Wilson signed a very limited sexual orientation employment anti-discrimination measure into law on Sept. 25.

The action made California the seventh state in the nation to protect lesbians and gay men from discrimination on the job, after Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Hawaii, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Vermont.

nor learned at least that part of the lesson. What he has not learned is that we will stop at nothing until we have full legal equality. And we will be tireless in our efforts," said lesbian San Francisco Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg.

"Let's be clear. Wilson is not being generous but politically astute. This is a watered-down version of A.B. 101 (the bill Wilson vetoed last year). This is the right and decent thing and its time has come," said lesbian San Francisco Supervisor Carole Migden.

On Sept. 26, Wilson vetoed a measure introduced by Assembly Speaker Willie Brown



Lesbian San Francisco supervisor Roberta Achtenberg (far right front), at what she termed "half a celebration" after the signing of the California bill which outlaws job discrimination against gays.

But when AB 2601 becomes effective on Jan. 1, 1993, lesbians and gay men in California will have fewer protections against discrimination than they do now.

Currently, the Labor Commission does not exempt small businesses (with fewer than five employees) and religious institutions from its ban on sexual orientation discrimination, but on Jan. 1 those exemptions will go into effect.

In San Francisco, local leaders held a press conference to praise the "very small step" by the Governor and to urge that he follow it with "many giant leaps."

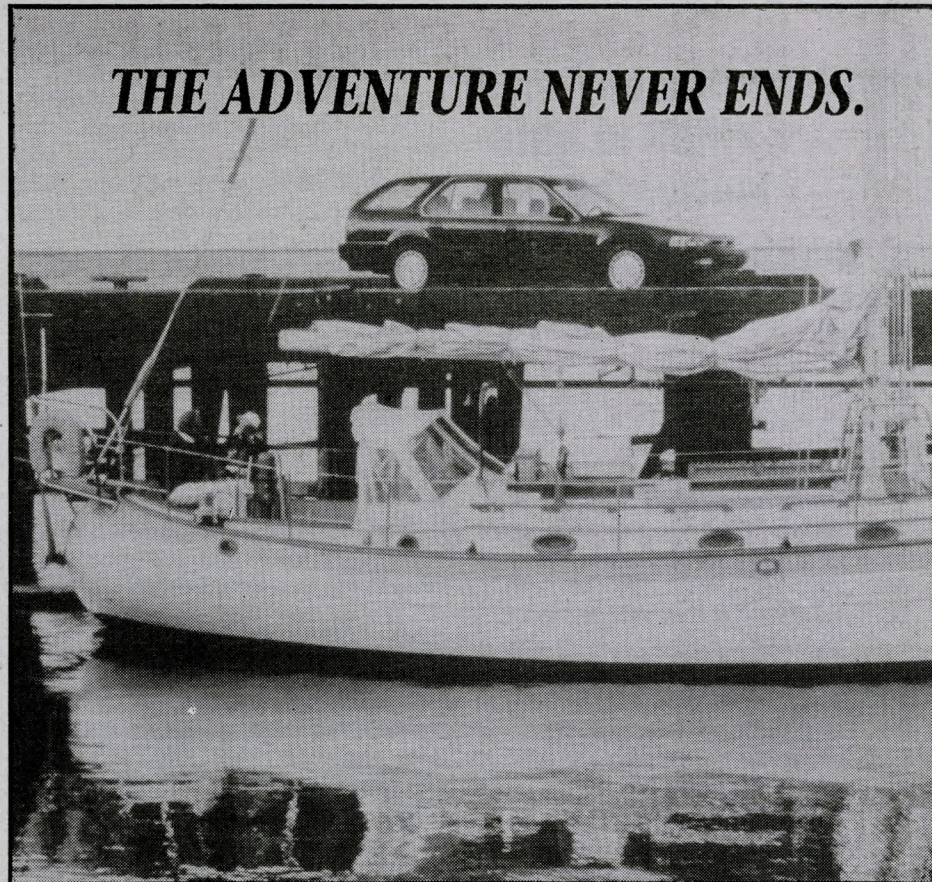
"We want a guarantee of no discrimination in the workplace. We're glad the Gover-

nor would have guaranteed broad civil rights protections in housing and employment to lesbians and gays.

On Friday Achtenberg called the conference "half a celebration," as she and other lesbian and gay leaders awaited the Governor's action on two pending bills: Brown's civil rights bill and another legalizing needle exchange.

The Castro District was closed to traffic Sept. 25 for "half a party" as thousands of revelers cheered, embraced, and danced in the streets, while the words "AB 2601=TOKENISM" were emblazoned on a wall nearby.

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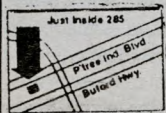
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NC being sued for discrimination against HIV persons

Raleigh, NC (AP)—A lawsuit challenging a state rule that denies HIV patients admission to certain facilities underscores a growing problem for people with HIV. The lawsuit was filed against the state Department of Human Resources by a 23-year-old retarded and homeless Durham woman and a Chatham County teenager.

The suit filed in federal court says the agency denied the two admission to state-run group homes and a children's hospital after they tested positive for HIV.

Although there are group homes specifically for people who test HIV-positive and other facilities for people with mental disabilities, the state doesn't "have anything that does both," said Deborah Greenblatt, an attorney with Carolina Legal Assistance Inc., which filed the suit on behalf of the women.

"The woman who is developmentally disabled needs a mental disability setting," she told The News & Observer of Raleigh in a published report last week. "She's not a person who has advanced AIDS where she needs intense medical care."

Of the teen, Greenblatt said, "You don't take a kid who has no symptoms whatsoever and put her in an AIDS house with people who are dying—sick adults."

The suit says the state rule violates the

Americans with Disabilities Act, according to a lawsuit against the state.

The suit says that the Durham woman, known as Carol S. in court documents, had lived in rooming houses or with friends or relatives and had been on the streets in Durham and Chapel Hill. She now lives alone in a rooming house.

According to the suit, the woman's social worker tried in February to place her in the Durham County Community Living Program. But she was rejected after she tested positive for the human immunodeficiency virus, even though she requires no special medical treatment for the infection.

"Because HIV cannot be casually transmitted, she presents no risk of transmission of HIV and therefore poses no threat to the health or safety of other residents or staff persons," the suit says.

The teen, Heather N., was a patient at John Umstead Hospital, a federal psychiatric hospital, and was to have been sent to Barium Springs Home for Children when, "as part of routine procedures," it was discovered that she tested positive for HIV, the suit says.

As a result, her move to Barium Springs was called off, and she was returned to her parents' custody despite the concerns of her social worker, the suit says.

Virginians tired of anti-gay Republican rhetoric

Norfolk, VA (AP)—More than 100 people who say they are put off by Republican anti-gay rhetoric hosted a party to raise money for the Clinton-Gore campaign. Among the guests Wednesday were several prominent Democrats and Lt. j.g. Tracy Thorne, a Navy pilot who announced his homosexuality on national television.

"I think it is a coming-of-age for the gay community," said Del Jerrauld Jones of Norfolk, 3rd congressional district chairman of the Clinton campaign.

More than \$1,500 was raised at the party, hosted by Al Seely, an interior decorator, and Dr. Alan Wilson. Seely said he has never voted for a Democrat for president, but plans to do so in November.

Seely said he was breaking with the GOP over the issue of gay rights. He said was impressed by Bill Clinton's backing of an end to the ban on gays in the military and an end to discrimination in the workplace.

Helen Smalley-Bower said she also was unhappy with the Republicans' position on gay rights. She said two of her four sons are gay.

"This country was based on tolerance, not intolerance," Ms. Smalley-Bower, 51, of Virginia Beach said.

AIDS is a defining issue for Rick Fox, a 29-year-old Norfolk accountant and registered Republican who attended the event. Fox said he knew many men and women who have died of AIDS and never felt the Bush administration cared about them.

"I don't think I've changed," Fox said. "I think the Republican Party has left me standing on the left as they've paraded to the right."

Florida upholds tough hate crimes law

Daytona Beach, FL (AP)—Florida's hate crimes law, attacked as an infringement of free speech, was upheld by the 5th District Court of Appeal. The hate crimes law, in effect since October 1989, is considered one of the toughest in the country for crimes committed out of prejudice over sexual orientation, race, religion or ancestry.

In the case decided Sept. 18, the appeals court affirmed a one-year jail sentence imposed on Michael Earl Dobbins, 20, a former skinhead convicted of beating and nearly

drowning an Ocala teen-ager because he was Jewish.

Dobbins and several others pummeled John Daly, 17 at the time, and held his head under the Daytona Beach surf on Oct. 7, 1990. Daly, also a skinhead, was beaten when his friends learned he was Jewish. He suffered a broken cheekbone and various bruises.

Two other ex-skinheads, Richard Meyer, 19, and Robert Huttner, 20, were sentenced by Circuit Judge Shawn Briesse to 10 years in prison. The sentences were the toughest ever imposed under the hate crimes law.

In seeking to overturn his conviction, Dobbins' lawyer, Jeff Dees, argued that the hate crimes law inhibits a person's right to free speech.

Dees said he would appeal the ruling to the Florida Supreme Court. The law is already under appeal to that court in a case earlier this summer involving a man convicted for shouting anti-semitic slurs at a Jewish man.

Assistant Attorney General Belle Turner said the state was pleased with the ruling.

"To my knowledge, it's the first hate crime case to be decided by any appellate court in Florida," Turner said.

Savannah churches told to do more about AIDS

Savannah (AP)—Churches should invite people with AIDS to their services and embrace families who have loved ones dying of the disease, participants at an AIDS forum were told last Sunday.

The forum, sponsored by First Baptist Church and Union Mission, drew 70 people.

"We had the feeling that the churches were really silent" about AIDS, said Dianne Fuller, chairman of the pastor care committee of First Baptist Church. "We wanted to foster discussion."

Betty McCloud, whose son died of AIDS last December, told the audience the church was not so responsive. After her son announced to the congregation that he had AIDS, the church turned its back on him and his family, Mrs. McCloud said.

"Trust me," the Rev. Jo Clare Wilson, who runs Memorial Medical Center's pastoral education program, said.

"There are people in your church who would like to talk about this. But until you begin to talk about AIDS, you won't know if there is someone who has AIDS."

Waiter, There's A Condom In My Napkin: Bars in Connecticut are distributing napkins with a picture of a condom and a message, according to the state Department of Health Services. The napkins were first distributed in gay bars last year and were a hit at AIDS workshops, so state officials decided to use them to try to reach heterosexuals as well. The messages include: "Please let this come between us," "Let the good times (un)roll," "You're putting me on," and "Shake, rattle and (un)roll."

Study Confirms Family Molests Much More Than Gays: A child is 100 times more likely to be molested by a heterosexual family member than by a homosexual, a new study shows. Doctors at Children's Hospital in Denver, Colorado, reviewed every case of suspected child molestation at the hospital from July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1992. Their findings revealed one of the 387 cases likely involved a gay perpetrator. The question of gay molesters has been a hot topic in Colorado, since supporters of that state's anti-gay rights measure have distributed literature claiming that up to half of all child molesters are gay. The measure, Amendment 2, bans any legislation protecting gays and lesbians, and will be on the November ballot.

Archbishop Evicts Gay Catholic Group: The archbishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis has evicted Dignity Twin Cities from a church building for the second time. Archbishop John Roach wrote last month to the parish council at St. Stephen's Church in Minneapolis saying that he would enforce a 1986 Vatican directive preventing gay groups from occupying any Catholic space unless they agreed with the church's teaching that homosexuality is an "intrinsic moral evil." Roach had previously evicted Dignity from the Newman Center near the University of Minnesota campus. The Minneapolis Human Rights Commission fined the archdiocese \$15,000 for discrimination in that case, but the Minnesota Court of Appeals overturned the decision.



Buckley Urges End To Gay Military Ban: William F. Buckley is the latest, and most surprising, national figure to join the debate on the military's ban of gays and lesbians. Buckley, regarded as a "founding father" of the conservative movement, wrote an editorial in the National Review calling for an end to the policy. "There is simply no record of distinctive gay vulnerability in these services to justify categorical, as distinguished from particular, exclusions," wrote Buckley, who is publisher of the conservative magazine. "If America can survive the tenure of a commander-in-chief suffering from first-degree satyriasis, presumable a gay sergeant who obeys military regulations shouldn't endanger the Republic, or even his platoon."

Group Goes After Gay Rights In Missouri: An anti-gay religious group has presented petitions to city officials in Kansas City in an effort to have sexual orientation deleted from the city's civil rights ordinance. FIRED UP (Freedom Involves Responsibly Exposing Decadence and Upholding Principle) presented more 9500 signatures opposing the newly formed Human Rights commission and a task force on gay and lesbian issues, slightly more than the number of signatures needed to place the issue on the ballot.

Gay Teachers Battle School Board President: Gay teachers in a Queens school district where the school board president has banned a gay-positive curriculum guide are coming out of the closet to fight back, according to New York Newsday. "Gay teachers in this district need to stand up and be counted and show that we are decent people," said Kim Kreicker, who teaches English as a second language at IS 61 in Community School District 24. District 24 is one of at least six in the city that have banned all or part of "Children of the Rainbow," a multicultural curriculum guide that includes a section on families headed by gay parents. The school board there has spent over \$7,000 fighting the guide.

AIDS Reference Will Stay On Headstone: A judge dismissed a lawsuit by a man who sought to eliminate a reference to AIDS on his late son's headstone. Friends said that George Lawrence, a gay activist, left instructions before he died that his bronze headstone at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, Calif., would note that he had AIDS. Lawrence's father, Alexander Lawrence, petitioned to have the reference removed and replaced with his own name. "AIDS is a hard disease to die from, but I rejoice in knowing that my friends will carry on against AIDS and gay oppression," the headstone reads. The plaque also refers to his "beloved spouse, Gus."

AIDS Foundation Defies Marines Over Ad: The U.S. Marine Corps has threatened legal action against the San Francisco AIDS Foundation unless it stops its "unauthorized and...inappropriate use" of the Marine Corps' eagle, globe and anchor emblem. The emblem appears as a tattoo on the arm of one of two men, locked in a romantic embrace, in an AIDS prevention ad put out by the Foundation. The Foundation says that use of the emblem is defensible under the freedom of expression law because the ad is used as part of an AIDS education campaign and not as a sales tool.

Soldiers Discharged After Video Probe: Fourteen soldiers at Fort Hood in Texas have been discharged after a week-long videotape surveillance showed men involved in gay sex in a public restroom on a post, a base spokesman said. The soldiers involved included officers and non-commissioned officers. Of the discharges, nine were separated under, "other than honorable conditions," a designation that usually prevents soldiers from qualifying for veterans' benefits. "I cannot believe that the Army has nothing better to do with its time and resources than to set up a sting operation in a latrine," said Miriam Ben-Shalom, president and founder of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America.

25-Year Sentence Given for Murder Gay Man: Todd Fluette, 19, was found guilty of first degree murder last month in the killing of a gay man in a San Diego park. Fluette was also found guilty of conspiracy, because he planned with a friend to go out and "kill a faggot," reported the Southern California gay newspaper Update. Fluette, a sailor, was sentenced to 25 years to life on Sept. 11.

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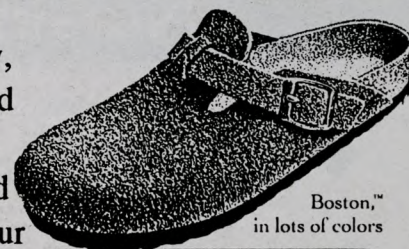
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Sex lives of Americans a mystery to U.S. Government

*Ignorance deters fighting the spread of AIDS,
says Kinsey Institute for Sex Research*

Indianapolis (AP)—The U.S. government stands little chance of combatting the spread of AIDS unless it first learns about the sexual norms of its citizens, the director of the Kinsey Institute for Sex Research says.

The British and French governments recently sponsored major studies of sexual behavior in their nations, but Americans have no such information to rely on, Dr. June Reinisch said Tuesday at the 1992 National Women in Corrections and Juvenile Justice conference.

She also said the AIDS epidemic has given rise to scare tactics, as there were 20 years ago with anti-smoking campaigns, but they will do little to combat the sexually transmitted disease.

"Fear makes people stop listening," she said. "They can't listen when they're frightened. We have no idea about what Americans are doing, to whom, and how often."

Reinisch said non-reproductive sexual activities are universal and date back centuries, not recent inventions of the AIDS era as some believe. The activities are documented in art from all over the world and include anal intercourse between men and women and between men. Studies also suggest that many commonly held conceptions among Americans are false, including a belief that most American husbands have had extramarital affairs, she said.

Based on several studies limited to the white middle class, the Bloomington-based Kinsey Institute estimates that "it's more like one-third, not three-fourths like most people believe," Reinisch said. The institute estimates that 29 percent of American wives had at least one extramarital affair, more than most believe, she said.

Reinisch said studies indicate that about 39 percent of American adult women have participated in anal intercourse, about the same for men. Studies also show that about eight of every 10 gay men have had sex with a woman at least once, she said.

"We cannot be confident in what a person's activities are based on labels," she said. "It does not necessarily predict their behavior."

Reinisch said people in Indiana tend to feel safe from AIDS because they are separated from places more closely associated with the disease such as New York and Los Angeles. But society is much too mobile for that kind of false security, she said.

Reinisch said that besides afternoon talk shows, the traditional media continue to portray only a narrow band of sexual activity as normal.

"It's a kiss, kiss, kiss, fall into bed," she said.

MICHAEL SMITH

CDC says cities must do more to prevent AIDS

*AIDS-related deaths in Baltimore
tripled over three years*

Atlanta (AP)—The burden of AIDS is falling increasingly on the nation's cities and urban health officials must become more aggressive in trying to prevent its spread, a federal AIDS expert said.

The Centers for Disease Control reported last week that the number of AIDS-related deaths among young adults in Baltimore almost tripled from 1987 to 1989. In addition, AIDS is the leading cause of death among young males in Baltimore, San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York, the agency said.

"Baltimore is not the only city that this is occurring in. It's reflecting a problem that's being shared by many cities," said Susan Chu of the Atlanta-based CDC's division of HIV/AIDS. "AIDS is having a substantial impact on mortality across the country, but it's having a more striking effect on mortality in certain cities."

The CDC reported AIDS-related death statistics only for Baltimore, based on a study of the impact of AIDS on that city's death rate from 1987 through 1989.

In 1987, the rate of deaths attributable to AIDS among Baltimore residents age 25-44 was 23.6 per 100,000 residents. By 1989, that rate had almost tripled to 63.8 per 100,000, the CDC reported. By contrast, the city's overall death rate from all causes increased only about 18 percent, the CDC said.

The rate of AIDS deaths is likely to continue climbing, but cities must adopt more aggressive prevention programs to stem the death rate over the long-term future, Chu said.

"These deaths are occurring among people who were infected many years ago. Mortality due to HIV infection is going to continue to rise," she said.

Especially in cities where AIDS is transmitted mainly through drug use, health officials must take to the streets and seek out those who are at risk for AIDS to teach them

how to avoid getting the disease, she said. "The costs will be substantial."

JOAN SANCHEZ

Breast cancer in women increasing

Washington, DC (AP)—The National Cancer Institute now says one in eight American women will get breast cancer. Previously, the institute said one in nine American women would contract breast cancer by age 85.

The institute says the old figure is still valid, but the new figure is based on lifelong chances of getting cancer, including women over age 85. The new figure also is higher because there have been more breast cancer cases documented and because people are living longer, risk increases with age.

"It's a bigger epidemic than AIDS," said Rep. Mary Rose Oakar, D-Ohio, who revealed the new statistic Friday while publicizing efforts to spend more federal money on breast cancer research.

Earlier this week, the Senate agreed to move \$200 million out of next year's military budget and spend \$185 million of that money to expand a small Army-funded breast cancer research project. The House previously had approved \$25 million for that project.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and Democrats and Republicans are separately planning hearings to draw attention to the issue and encourage women over 40 to get mammograms.

Oakar held a hearing October 1 with testimony by the director of the National Institutes of Health, Bernadine Healy, and celebrity breast cancer survivors including Erma Bombeck and a Miss America finalist.

According to the institute, American women have a one in 217 chance of developing breast cancer by age 40. There's a one in 50 chance of developing breast cancer by age 50 and a one in 24 chance of contracting the disease by age 60. By age 70, a woman's chance of developing breast cancer is one in 14.

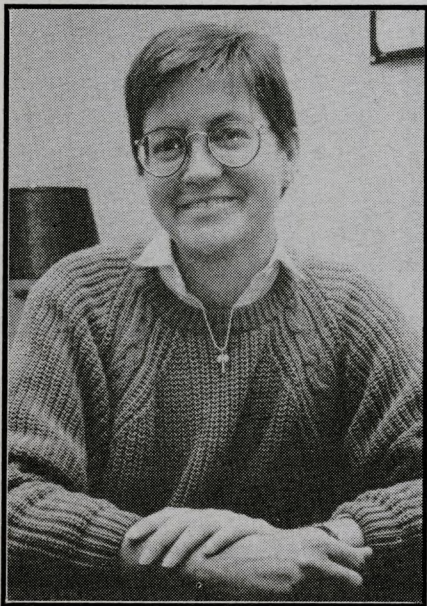
KATHERINE RIZZO

Office of Research on Women's Health hopes to insure women in medical research

Only 13% of NIH budget earmarked to study maladies of women

Half the 500,000 people who die each year of heart disease are women, but research has focused almost entirely on men—and the same is true of research on everything from cancer to AIDS to alcoholism.

Only 13 percent of the \$9 billion National Institutes of Health (NIH) budget goes to research female maladies such as breast cancer and osteoporosis, according to an article by Meryl Gordon in the current issue of Harper's Bazaar. Both the NIH and the medical establishment have traditionally relied on



PATSY LYNCH

Kathleen Stoll, director of the National Resource Center on Women and AIDS, says the lack of research on AIDS in women prevents early diagnosis

men in almost every study.

That may be changing, thanks to the Congressional Caucus of Women's Issues, the new Office of Research on Women's Health and the appointment of a woman to head the NIH.

One problem that has arisen because of the neglect of women's health involves drug side effects.

"Women have twice the number of fatal drug reactions as men," said Dr. Susan

Blumenthal, chief of the behavioral medicine program at the NIH. "Women and men have different brain structures, different body weight and cerebral blood flow, which can influence drug metabolism."

The list of only-men-need-apply studies includes one that concluded caffeine does not cause heart attacks—which studied 45,000 coffee-drinking men. The MR.FIT—Multiple Risk Factors Intervention Trial—was an in-depth look at the causes of heart disease for 15,000 men. The report that aspirin can help prevent heart attacks came from a study of 22,000 people—all men.

"We cannot automatically assume that what's good for men is good for women," said Irma Mebane Sims, an epidemiologist at the NIH's National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

Part of the problem is that women typically become prone to heart disease 10 years later than men, at an age when they are prone to a variety of diseases from hypertension to diabetes.

"By our lack of understanding," Sims said, "we may be causing women with heart disease to stay in hospitals longer due to delayed diagnosis. They're often sicker when they come in, and there may be more severe side effects from treatment."

Experts blame a lethal mixture of sexism, cost-cutting, lethargy and ignorance.

"You fund what you fear," theorized Rep. Pat Schroeder, D-Colo., who co-chairs the Congressional Caucus for Women Issues, "and men weren't afraid of any of those diseases."

AIDS, which is now spreading most quickly among heterosexual females, presents a deadly information gap.

"If we don't know how HIV progresses in women, we don't get early diagnosis," said Kathleen Stoll, director of the National Resource Center on Women and AIDS.

As early as 1986 the NIH recognized the unfairness of its male-only studies and mandated that women and minorities be included in research tests. But when the issue was brought to Schroeder's attention in 1990, she requested a report from the General Accounting Office, which found the NIH had never bothered to change grant-application booklets to tell scientists to include women.

"The spotlight is on," said Judith LaRosa, deputy director of the NIH's new Office of Research on Women's Health. "You cannot apply for funding for research on diseases that affect women and not use women in the study."

HARPER'S BAZAAR

AIDS-related insurance claims have slowed down

New York (AP)—Growth in paid AIDS-related insurance claims slowed last year, the trade groups that represent health and life insurers said in a survey released last Monday.

The American Council of Life Insurance and Health Insurance Association of America said that based on survey results, paid claims totaled an estimated \$1.32 billion in 1991, an 11.8 percent rise over \$1.18 billion the year before. But on a percentage basis, that represents a rate of decline from 1990, when the growth was 18 percent from the 1989 total of \$1.00 billion.

Earlier results show paid claims totaled \$589.9 million in 1988, \$487.2 million in 1987 and \$292.2 million in 1986, when the trade groups first began the survey about the impact of the AIDS epidemic.

"The ongoing surveys show that, while AIDS-related claims continue to increase, growth is not as precipitous as in the first several surveys," Richard Schweiker, president of the life insurance council, said in a news release.

The survey is based on responses from 387 insurance companies. It does not include payments made to employees of self-insured companies and claims paid by Blue Cross-Blue Shield plans.

The survey sponsors stressed that while claims are now more easily identified as AIDS-related, the total may still be underestimated. Death certificates and requests for health care often do not describe conditions as AIDS-related.

Company wants to market urine test for HIV

The Wall Street Journal has reported that a California pharmaceutical company has applied for a license to market a urine test for HIV. The Calypse Biomedical Corporation claims that urine samples are safer to handle than blood, and that the tests would also be cheaper than the currently used blood screenings.

The Journal said that the company had submitted test data to the Food and Drug Administration supporting its claim that the urine test is as accurate as the blood test.



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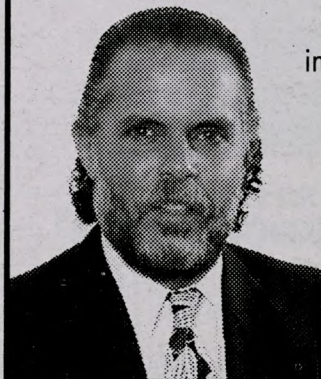
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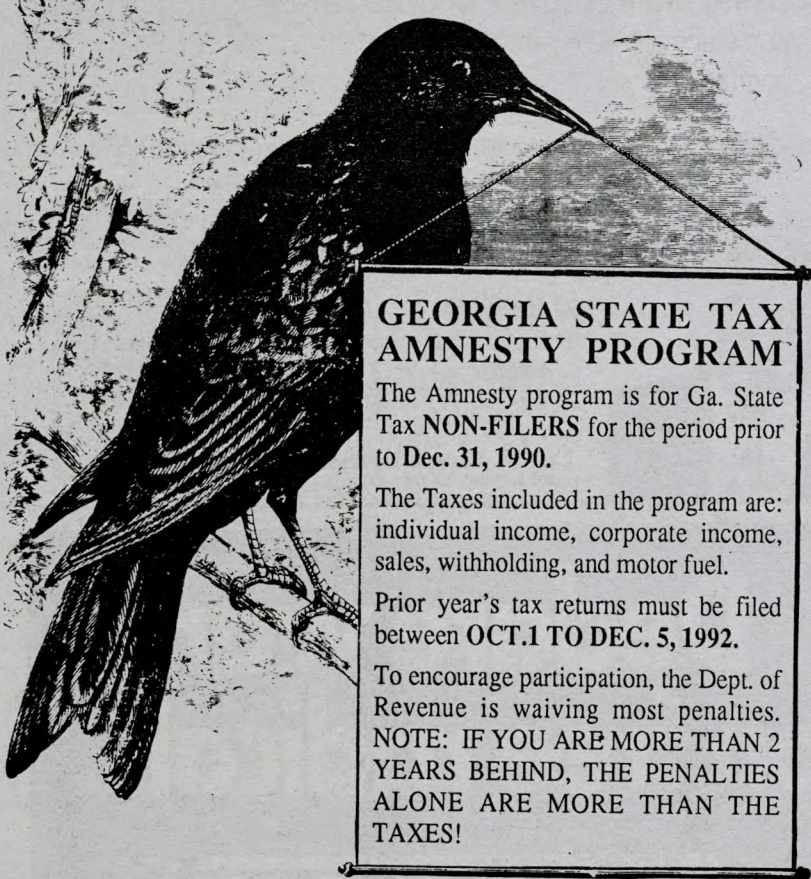
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OCCASIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Happy 30th birthday to Lee Nadelman, who celebrates on October 9th. His personal banker, Mark Graham, hopes it's a happy one! Congratulations Lee. The only thing my personal banker ever sends me are bounced check notices, and all too often.

Susan Phillips celebrated her 43rd birthday on September 23rd by spending the weekend at the beach with Drusilla (the dog) and her lover of five years, Nancy Wilkinson.

JOBS

Sarah Gorham, one of the Two Chefs in L5P, has landed an extra job. She'll be teaching at the School of Culinary Arts at The Art Institute of Atlanta through December. You don't have to sign up for a class to enjoy her cooking, though, since she will remain at Two Chefs cooking up Michael Stipe's favorite pizza.

MOVING

Mary Bailey Rule, SoVo's astrologer, will be leaving Atlanta to live in Santa Fe, New Mexico, in mid-October. Although she is leaving Atlanta, she will continue to write her weekly column (thank the stars for fax machines) and she can still be reached through her voice mail at (404) 717-4326.

MORE LETTERS

There have been more pro-gay letters to the editor printed in The Atlanta Constitution & Journal than in my recent memory. Proof of progress? In the Friday, September 25, Journal, Marceline Hover wrote about the recent revelation that right wing activist Phyllis Schlafly's son is gay. She warns that parents should be careful in their attitudes about since their children or other family members might be gay or lesbian. She says, "It is believed that at least one in 10 people are homosexual, through no fault of their own—they are born that way. They need to be accepted just as they are, the same as heterosexuals."

UNIONS

Pamela Evans and Caroline Amory will be married on October 17th at 7:00 p.m. at Glenwoods Mansion on Ponce de Leon. Both say they prefer the "traditional" way of doing things. A reception will follow at 8:00 p.m. The two will honeymoon later in San Francisco. They would like to thank The Human Rights Campaign Fund for bringing



Pamela Evans and Caroline Amory, pictured here at the 1992 HRCF dinner, will be married on October 17.

them together. Pamela is the HRCF Dinner co-chair for 1992-93 and Caroline is the HRCF Federal Club co-chair for 1992. Who says politics makes strange bedfellows?

OTHER SPECIAL OCCASIONS

ACT UP/Atlanta had a fabulous weekend action in Nashville, Tennessee, helping their sister chapter there expose and fight AIDSphobia. Although they had a late start, and got lost on the scenic Mount Berry Campus, the group arrived in plenty of time to shop at Screamin' Pink (it's legal to sell dildoes there!) and get ready for the demo. The protest happened without a hitch, the evening was spent in sweaty, inspired dancing, and ACT UP/Atlanta thanks ACT UP/Nashville and friends for their hospitality.

compiled by CANDACE CHELLEW

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Pride Notes

The Atlanta Lesbian & Gay Pride Committee is accepting applications for the theme for 1993 Pride. Please get your suggestions to the committee as soon as you can. Write to: ALGPC, PO Box 54024 Atlanta, GA 30308-0024.

Also, an ad hoc committee has been formed to evaluate the bylaws of ALGPC. If you are interested in this important issue please call the Pride Line at (404) 662-4533.

The next meeting of the Pride committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 15. A regular meeting place hasn't been found yet. Please call the Pride Line to find out where the meeting will take place.

Fourth Tuesday Scholarship Recipient Named

Fourth Tuesday awarded their annual Pat Hoban Scholarship Award to Carolyn V. Jordan. Carolyn is in her third year of law school at Georgia State University, College of Law. A former teacher, Quality Assurance Manager, and Application Engineer, Carolyn returned to school to pursue her law degree in 1990. She is a founding member of the Georgia State Lesbian and Gay Law Student Association, and has

volunteered with the Women's Resource Center as a legal advocate. She has achieved many notable academic awards and positions at Georgia State as an open lesbian. She ranks in the top 10% of her class. Fourth Tuesday commends her dedication to the community and wishes her great future success.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation

GLAAD/Atlanta recently elected its 1992-93 Board of Directors. Michelle Martin and Kenneth Fraser were elected co-chairs and Carl Lange was elected secretary. Robert Briggs, Samantha Claar, Cherry Hussain, Pat Hussain, Padraig McManus McLoughlin and Rakesh Ratti were elected at-large members. McLoughlin will continue to serve as executive director. GLAAD celebrated its second anniversary on Sept. 30.

GLAAD/Atlanta is a chapter of GLAAD/USA, a national education and informational non-profit organization dedicated to combating homophobia and heterosexism, with special emphasis on images of gays and lesbians in the media.

GLAAD/Atlanta can be reached at (404) 605-7477.

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NEXT WEEK

Violence in Oregon

is on the rise as the gay and lesbian community struggles to defeat Measure 9, a ballot that would declare homosexuality abnormal and ban human rights guarantees. We'll take you inside the lives of gay men and lesbians there who fear the worst is yet to come.

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LETTERS

Steinberg is on our side

To the Editor,

I'm writing to let our community know why I wholeheartedly support Cathey Steinberg for Congress. I am a lesbian and I have been an advocate at the General Assembly for the past six years. I've worked with Cathey on a variety of issues—from family violence to expanding child support for children through high school. Despite the misinformation being circulated, Cathey supports human rights for all people, regardless of sexual orientation, gender, race, etc. She supports civil rights for gays and lesbians and would vote to lift the ban against homosexuals serving in the military.

As a member of the Georgia General Assembly, Cathey worked hard and selflessly to pass our first comprehensive domestic violence laws. She tenaciously fought to make sure the law would cover all families—not just those defined by the so-called religious right. Our family violence laws protect the gay and lesbian community, not just straight people. We can thank Cathey for that.

As best as I can tell, the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) has not endorsed Cathey because she has not complied with its list of specific demands. Apparently her record, her statements that she abhors discrimination in any form and her support for civil rights for gays and lesbians are not enough for the HRCF. Perhaps the HRCF would like to see the 4th district represented by John Linder? I sure as hell don't, and I'm going to do what I can to elect Cathey Steinberg.

HRCF has every right to promote its agenda and I am one who supports the great majority of its legislative issues. I don't however, agree with its political strategy in the 4th Congressional race in Georgia. I am proud that we have a candidate who is principled, honest, sensitive to my lifestyle and is willing to stand up for her beliefs.

If our community stays home on November 3 and Linder wins, we lose and we lose big! John Linder is no friend to human rights or progressive causes. He is vehemently anti-choice and he does not care about our community. We would have lost the opportunity to elect someone who listens to us and who would, when it comes to voting on bills affecting our lives, do the right thing!!

I urge all of us to examine this election with our eyes open and make up our own minds about who is the best candidate to represent us in Washington. I know that person is Cathey Steinberg. A decision not to vote is a vote for John Linder.

Sincerely, Kay Y. Young

Bush doesn't get it

To the Editor:

I applaud Magic Johnson for finally recognizing that President Bush has no commitment whatsoever to effectively fighting AIDS. Just like he did on taxes, jobs, education, the environment, and numerous issues, Mr. Bush's lip service never seems to translate into real action. Bush has admitted that he will do or say anything to get re-elected; I just hope that the voters are wise enough to see through his charade.

During the 1988 campaign, Bush promised to commit the nation's resources to fighting the AIDS crisis. After establishing the National Commission on AIDS, he ignored their recommendations. He has repeatedly slashed funding for treatment and education. He has vetoed key bills that were meant to

step up the nation's actions against AIDS. We've read your lips, George, and you were lying the whole time.

Bill Clinton has set forth a six-step plan to combat AIDS. First, and possibly most important, he will appoint an AIDS "czar" to coordinate national AIDS policies, follow through on the AIDS Commission's recommendations, and cut the bureaucratic red tape. Second, he will increase our investment in treatments and vaccine research and will accelerate the drug approval process.

Mr. Clinton is committed to realistic, frank education about AIDS, both for adults and children, to reduce the spread of the disease and to combat AIDS-related discrimination. He opposes mandatory HIV testing in federal agencies and immigration restrictions on HIV-positive persons. He will fully fund the Ryan White CARE Act that Bush has decimated. Finally, through a national health care program, he will work to insure that no one suffering from this dreaded disease has to go without treatment because they lack money or insurance.

Bill Clinton has obviously put a great deal of thought into his plans to combat AIDS and realizes that this is not a "gay" disease, but is a crisis that touches every part of our society. George Bush seems to think that if he ignores the AIDS crisis, it will simply go away. Well, Mr. President, you've had your chance and you blew it. You just don't get it, do you?

We must help elect Bill Clinton for President. We must vote as if our lives depend on it. If Bush gets re-elected, many of us won't have the chance to vote again.

Sincerely, Chris Samuels

Vote for the best family

To the Editor:

Yep, this is another message about one of this election campaign's hottest topics: family values. Everyone's got an opinion

about values and morals, and everyone's got a definition of "family." The incumbent Republican administration clearly embraces an old fashioned mother-father-child(ren) family concept. And the Bush/Quayle campaign has made it abundantly clear that a single parent-child arrangement counts as a family. Of course, grandparents raising grandchildren don't count and—sadly, this goes without saying—lesbian mothers and gay fathers don't either.

Well, Messrs. Bush and Quayle, I grew up in a dysfunctional "traditional" family setting, as did my partner and many of our friends. I would have given anything for a loving single parent, loving grandparents, or loving gay parents. In fact, I would have given anything to have been raised in the kind of family setting—and with the kind of family values—the Bush administration condemns.

Governor Clinton and Senator Gore recognize that the family comes in all shapes, sizes, numbers, and sexual orientations. Most importantly, the Clinton/Gore team has committed to supporting these many different and valuable family units, including gay and lesbian families. They understand that a family is any group of loving, devoted individuals who care for and take care of one another. And they understand that the past 12 years of vetoed family rights legislation, ignored health care concerns, and outright discrimination have left us hurt and angry.

Now we have a chance for change. Gay and lesbian Americans are a huge and (when we want to be) vocal group whose votes will make a tremendous difference in this election. One party has the right idea about family values and the meaning of a family. One party has pledged to fight for our rights as individuals, as family members, and citizens.

Please vote on November 3. Please vote to help secure these rights for all of us. Please vote for Clinton and Gore.

Very truly yours, Michelle Bernhart



10 COVER STORY

AIDS Walk (con't.)

Chain members that "we're not all pro-choice."

Most walkers ignored the Life Chain, preferring instead to focus on the reason for the walk.

"I'm out here because I'm tired of the way the powers that be, official and unofficial, treat people with AIDS," said Pam McClure. "I'm here to add to the visibility, to show that a lot of the people we love and care about are affected by their apathy and idiocy and denial of the issues."

"We're raising money, raising consciousness," said walker Steve Alper, "tying up traffic. That's a good thing to do in downtown Atlanta."

Entertainment abounded

During the walk, participants were treated to performances at five different stages set up along the route, and back at the park, the star-studded show, featuring a 150-voice choir directed by Atlantan Robert Ray, kept spirits high. Also on hand were the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus, the Triumphant Delegation, and singers Kristen Hall, Jane Olivor, Kathy Mattea, and Melba Moore, who performed the African National Anthem.

Chris Coleman, currently appearing at Actors' Express as Harvey Milk in "The Harvey Milk Show," also made an appearance.

"I'm really proud to be here," he said. "I can't walk because I'm performing tonight, but I'm proud that I can do this, that I can do one small part."

"The only thing I hate is that I have to go on right after Jane Olivor," he added, laughing.

Despite the smaller number participating, this year's walk seemed to stretch over an even broader cross-section of Atlanta than last year. Walkers represented organizations and corporations ranging from church groups to BellSouth to ACT UP.

"It's left me feeling terrific—inspired, excited and enthusiastic," said walk director Greenburg, who has been working on the event since February. "We've gotten a huge amount of support from the business sector, from the suburbs, from schools, from churches."

A large contingent from various local churches participated in the walk, walking

with a recipient organization, the Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network, which operates Common Ground, a day program for PWAs.

"It was a great day," said AID Atlanta's Thurman. "The walk did what it was supposed to do. The organizations that benefit from this—all are direct service agencies—need infusions of cash they can do anything they want with."

"That's the beauty of this," she continued. "When these folks get this money they can meet gaps in services without reporting to anybody, with no strings attached, at their own discretion. They can take the money and run with it."

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Witness to a gay bashing

On Sunday, September 13th I had the misfortune to be a witness to one of the most brutal gay bashings in recent New York City history. So why am I writing about it in Southern Voice and not in the New York gay press? Simple...it's because what happened afterward is not something I'm too proud to talk about in front of people that I might know. Yet I want to get the story out to other gay people, and though it's ugly, it's the truth. Here's what happened.

On Saturday, September 12th I was house sitting in the heavily gay Chelsea District of Manhattan. A friend of mine from the East Village came over and we went to a few bars. We decided to go to the Spike and the Eagle, two leather bars on Manhattan's Western edge near the Hudson River. I suggested we walk down 22nd Street because I'd come to know it as a cruising street during my week-long stay in Chelsea. We stopped at a small park on the way and I pointed out men having sex under a tree. We then continued on to the leather bars where we went back and forth for about an hour.

At about 1:00 a.m. we decided to call it a night. We again went down 22nd Street watching the cruising activity. When we arrived at the park I stayed there and my friend began his journey back to the East Village. There were several attractive men in the park and I decided to stay because this was my last night house-sitting, and I wanted to meet somebody and take them home without having to deal with "the roommate factor," which is a considerable problem here.

About five minutes after my friend left, the bashing occurred. I was standing in the very back of the park cornered by a building and a fence. I was making eye contact with an attractive young man who had just arrived and sat on a bench. Suddenly, I heard a lot of voices and a moment later approximately 40 people came walking down the street. I knew we were going to have a bashing even before the bashers knew it. So did most of the other 10 or so gay men in the park.

The group of 40 young people, mostly men, were about halfway past the park when some of them figured out what was going on. One of the young men entered the park and snuck up behind one of the men in the cruising area. Quietly, the youth got behind him, mimicking his walk for a few seconds until he pulled the man around and punched him in the face. Later I read that this man's nose had been broken.

All it took was one leader to come forward and deliver the first blow. Wholesale bashing quickly ensued. Most of the other 40 youths had been watching from the sidewalk, and they jumped over bushes and benches to get in on the beating. In no time the first victim was on the ground being viciously kicked and beaten while many of his attackers shouted, "We know you're gay" and "Get the faggot."

Then the attackers discovered the rest of the gays in the park, including me. We took off running east on 22nd Street. I narrowly made it to the exit of the park.

As I made it through the exit I heard them laugh, a guilt-free laugh. To them, a "faggot" running for his life was a hilarious thing, as typical behavior for gutless weak queers. I don't believe they could ever comprehend that the true cowardice was theirs.

Now comes the part I have difficulty reconciling to myself. Half a block away from the park, those of us who'd made it out stopped running, noticing that the bashers had not followed us down the street. We stopped together, and though we did say things to one another, it could not be described as a conversation. A young man who said he was from New Jersey postured against a railing, smiled from ear to ear and said "Hi," to me in his cruelest tone. A full minute had not gone by and already the cruising was resuming.

Andrew Jacobs, news editor for the gay weekly QW said he thought it was "shocking" that people went back to cruising moments after the attack. He's right in a way. The newspaper headline could have read COLD UNFEELING SEX AD-
DICTS CRUISE THROUGH ATTACK. But in reality the coldness comes from the enemies of the gay community. For these 40

kids to assume they could beat up gays and to laugh while they did it shows, I think, a lot of very casual coldness.

Once the beating was over, we returned to the park. In a few moments new people began arriving who had no idea anything out of the ordinary had occurred. People began separating in order to show their availability.

I went home with one of the other witnesses. When I would bring up the half-hour old bashing he would say, "I don't want to talk about it," while trying to scrape a hit out of a crack pipe he pulled from under the couch. I supposed I cruised after the fact because I didn't want to be alone, I wanted to talk about it. This guy refused to talk about it so I left.

Thirty-something hours later the Monday papers came out. The bashing was in all of them. I was surprised. I guess I'm so used to silently digesting the problems made inherent by being gay that I wasn't even sure 40 people attacking gays was news. I guess I'd like to admit to gays in another city that I'm more jaded than I thought I was, and more jaded than I want to be, and more importantly, I want to change.

J. T. Colfax, a former Atlanta resident, is a freelance features writer. His material has appeared in Out Front, Spheric, and The West Village Press. He is currently working on an autobiographical novel, set in the Reagan years entitled Hatred Level Set at Full Blast.

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

Senator Sam Nunn
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Nunn:

I listened to you on C-Span this past Friday speak against a proposal to end the discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in the military. You echoed and affirmed General Colin Powell's statement that Gays and Lesbians in the military pose a threat to the good order and discipline of the armed services.

Recent news contradicts you. The biggest threat to the military's good order and discipline has recently come about as the result of the actions of "heterosexuals" last year during the Tailhook Convention and continuing revelations of sexual harassment in the military workplace by "heterosexuals." I'm sure if there are any incidents of sexual harassment by Gays and Lesbians they are few and far between.

The proper response to problems with order and discipline in the military is to confront the "behavior" by heterosexuals and homosexuals that threatens the military. We should not engage in a witch hunt against a whole group of people. This country loses too many valuable people and such action reinforces discrimination and hatred.

Just like segregationists and racists used unfounded ideas and stereotypes in the past

to support their views, so too do those who support discrimination against Gays and Lesbians espouse statements today that have no basis in truth. You operate in the belief that Gays and Lesbians are some type of sexual predators, that we can't go through the day without attempting to have sex with someone.

The truth is, many Gays and Lesbians wish to serve their country. Others wish to do their jobs and do so without fear of losing that job simply because of who they are. Like most people, we maintain our careers, our social lives and private lives in proper perspective.

In the past, I was able to support candidates if I believed they were making progress toward securing rights for all citizens regardless of their sexual orientation. However, too much time has past and I am frustrated with the current crop of Georgia candidates who refuse to take a stand for civil rights for their constituents.

In the Wyche Fowler and Paul Coverdell race, I am withholding my vote and urging other Gay and Lesbian voters and their friends to do likewise. Senator Fowler has betrayed us, and between the two candidates, there really is no difference. I hope other candidates take notice.

I look forward to a response.

Sincerely,
Jeff Corrigan

The Honorable Wyche Fowler
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Fowler:

Recently, I was contacted by a representative of your campaign who asked for my support.

I responded that I would be unable to vote for you because of your lack of support for lesbian and gay issues. Specifically, you have not cosponsored the gay civil rights bill.

Several days later, I received the enclosed letter stating that you "share" my concerns for equal protection for all citizens and that you are considering the civil rights bill.

Mr. Fowler, your record as a senator concerning lesbian and gay issues is shameful, which makes your letter of support without commitment in an election year shameful.

Good luck without my vote!

Sincerely,
W. Craig Allen

The following are excerpts from the letter Senator Fowler sent to Mr. Allen.

Dear Mr. Allen:

It has come to my attention that you have particular interest in my position on

Sincerely,
Wyche Fowler, Jr.
United States Senator

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who are developing strategies to address this problem. These community representatives have requested such a meeting for the past month.

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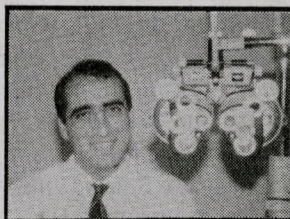
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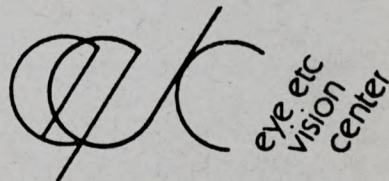
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National Coming Out Day

Five years since its inception the celebration has surpassed its founders expectations

Five years have passed since Rob Eichberg helped found National Coming Out Day. He is pleased by the success he sees in the movement, but it is not success beyond his wildest dreams.

"My wildest dreams have always been pretty wild," he says, "but it's beyond what I thought might realistically happen."

Consider the facts: In 1987, more than half a million people marched on Washington for Gay and Lesbian Rights, and we were nothing more than a blip on the national media screen—a historic moment buried beneath murders, fires and a little girl stuck in a well. But since NCOD was born on October 11, 1988 to commemorate the 1987 March on Washington, gay and lesbian issues have found a new respectability.

Eichberg founded The Experience in 1978, a weekend workshop designed to help people live more powerfully. The successful seminars draw mostly gay men and lesbians probably because Eichberg's original "vision" for The Experience was that by the year 2000 there wouldn't be a place in the world where it would not be okay to be lesbian or gay. The weekend workshops are often the site of people dealing with their sexual orientation—how to better live as a lesbian or gay man. In fact, it was out of The Experience that National Coming Out Day grew.

"We are further along than I had hoped to be," says Eichberg. "Students are coming out on campuses across the country, people are coming out at work, many celebrities have come out, the media are covering more about gay and lesbian issues, and now we have a presidential candidate who has brought gay and lesbian issues to the fore."

Putting an end to prejudice

"Our being willing to be honest and open about who we are will go a long way to putting an end to all kinds of prejudice," says Lynn Sheppard, Executive Director of NCOD.

Poll after poll has shown that when people know gays and lesbians personally that they support our issues, but when people don't know gays or lesbians (or think they don't know any), they were overwhelmingly against our rights.



Sheppard gives an example. "Let's assume that there are 30 million lesbians and gays in the U.S., and if everyone came out to four people, then millions of people would realize that they know someone whom they care about, is gay or lesbian. Then, when something like a Republican National Convention comes along where gays and lesbians are bashed, people will stop and think, 'That's my sister or brother you're talking about.' All of a sudden, it makes a huge difference in how people vote."

One step at a time

But not everyone is ready to march in a pride parade, wear a gay oriented t-shirt or tell their boss or parents that they are gay or lesbian. You can still be a part of NCOD.

"The NCOD slogan, Take The Next Step, acknowledges that coming out is a process," says Honey Ward, a facilitator with the The Experience. "People can judge their own next step whether it's coming out to a family member, sending money to a gay and lesbian organization, writing your congress member or letting co-workers know that gay jokes offend you. People have this idea that coming out is an event, but it's a continuing process."

And we all continue to deal with the phases no matter how

out we may be, says Ward, "We still have chances to privately come out to people and we still have those intimate conversations with ourselves."

A reason for celebration

NCOD is celebrated in all 50 states and in countries around the world including England, Thailand and Russia.

In Atlanta this year, NCOD will be marked by the Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Arts Festival, with the motto, "the Art of Coming Out." The two week event begins Friday October 9th with a Visual Art Show at Nexus Contemporary Art Center, that runs through October 18.

NCOD itself will be celebrated with a fundraiser at Babylon from 6 til 8 p.m. on October 11th with DeAundra Peek, Funny That Way, the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus and much more with proceeds going to the Festival and NCOD. Other planned events include a poetry reading at Nexus on October 18th from 2 til 4 p.m., and a showcase of performing artists October 16-18th at 14th Street Playhouse, featuring Jim Chappeaux, Different Voices Theatre and more. For more information on AGALAF call 874-8710.

Other celebrations across the country include a "Coming Out for Family Values: A Reception for Understanding," in Los Angeles, sponsored by the L.A. Unified School Districts. Five billboards will go up around Denver, Colorado, with the slogan, "Gays, Lesbians, and Friends: Coming out means being open and honest about who you are—True Family Values." A group in Haw River, North Carolina will buy an ad in the Burlington Daily Times, and in King, New Hampshire, gays and lesbians will ride a NCOD float in the town's Homecoming parade—complete with a portable closet so people can come out to the town. In Greenville, South Carolina, Voters United for Equality and the South Carolina Gay/Lesbian Pride Movement will hold a Coming Out Day Celebration at the Coffee Street Amphitheatre on Sunday, October 11, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Eichberg points to the plethora of events as proof that the theory behind NCOD is true, and in this year of political backlash, coming out is the epitome of "family values."

"All coming out is about is living truthfully and with integrity. By telling the truth about a subject that we have been told by society to lie about, we are living with the very family values espoused by Dan Quayle, which are truth, integrity and hard work. Telling the truth and integrity are essential to coming out, and then there is the hard work of the movement."

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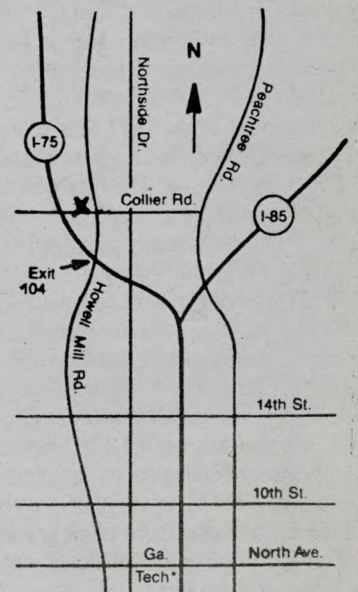
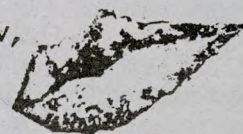


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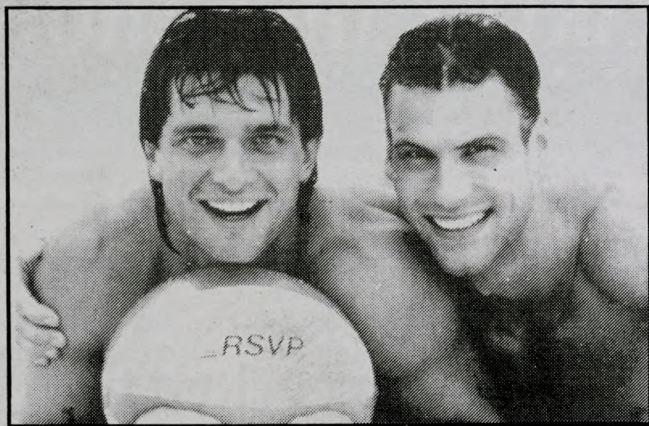
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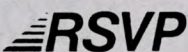
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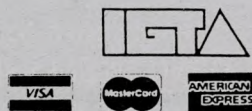
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Pyramid of Lights

"In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue..."

In 1992, the waters have become more than a little choppy for Christopher Columbus as America's Indigenous Peoples set out to right some of the history that has long oppressed their heritage and pride. Some were expecting the Quincentennial of Columbus' discovery to be a hard battle, but now they are looking forward to having their side of the story heard, and above all, appreciated.

One such story can be seen, heard and felt with The Pyramid of Lights at Nexus Contemporary Art Center. Atlanta Native American Artist Sandy Corley has constructed a pyramid made of bamboo, sand and candles at Nexus. The sculpture is an eight foot high scale model of the great pyramid at Chichen Itza.

"The pyramid is a memorial to the people who were displaced," she explains. "It's not a 'We hate Columbus' thing, because if it hadn't been Columbus, it would have been someone else."

Corley's long range goal for the Pyramid of Lights is to find a permanent outdoor home for the sculpture somewhere in Georgia in time for the 1996 Olympics. "During and after the Olympics, I would like to have a season of Indian related events and performances at the site every year."

Creekwalker

The sculpture will serve as a backdrop for the production of Corley's contemporary musical legend "Creekwalker," to be performed by Corley and a troupe of dancers.

"'Creekwalker' is an American Indian male in middle-age crisis," Corley says. "He is a truck-driver, a farmer, just outside the mainstream of everything. He feels no bond to his heritage, if anything, it has been a hindrance."

In his longing for guidance, he is drawn to the creek to search for a "magical stone" that will lead him to his past and transform his spirit.

"Creekwalker" travels in time and space to the pyramid by way of a "KillHole Journey," a concept Corley created that is based on the custom of many culture's practice of placing a funerary bowl over the faces of the dead, then breaking a hole for the spirit's escape. In this performance, a fiber KillHole is used to wrap "Creekwalker" in a cocoon to begin his transformation. A "KillHole Journey" is the spirit's travel to death or self-knowledge. Inside the pyramid, "Creekwalker" must continuously confront himself.

"This production is not your standard theatre," Corley warns, "and it will throw some people for a loop. It does not have a conclusion, it just starts over again and the music lets you know that."

The hour-long musical score for the performance consists of Corley's own original compositions and two traditional pieces of music.

"The thing I am most proud of, that will probably get the most criticism," Corley notes, "is that we have a number of local Indian performers in these roles, and they are not professional actors."

For instance, this is the first speaking role for Beemis Locklear, who plays Creekwalker. He is a Lumbee Indian and the regional shag dance champion, and a disc jockey.

But it's not the skill of the performer, Corley points out, it's the spirit.

It's that spirit of the legend that Corley hopes will touch all those who see the performance. "It's left open enough that people of all types of faith and belief systems can identify with something in the legend that will make them think," she says.

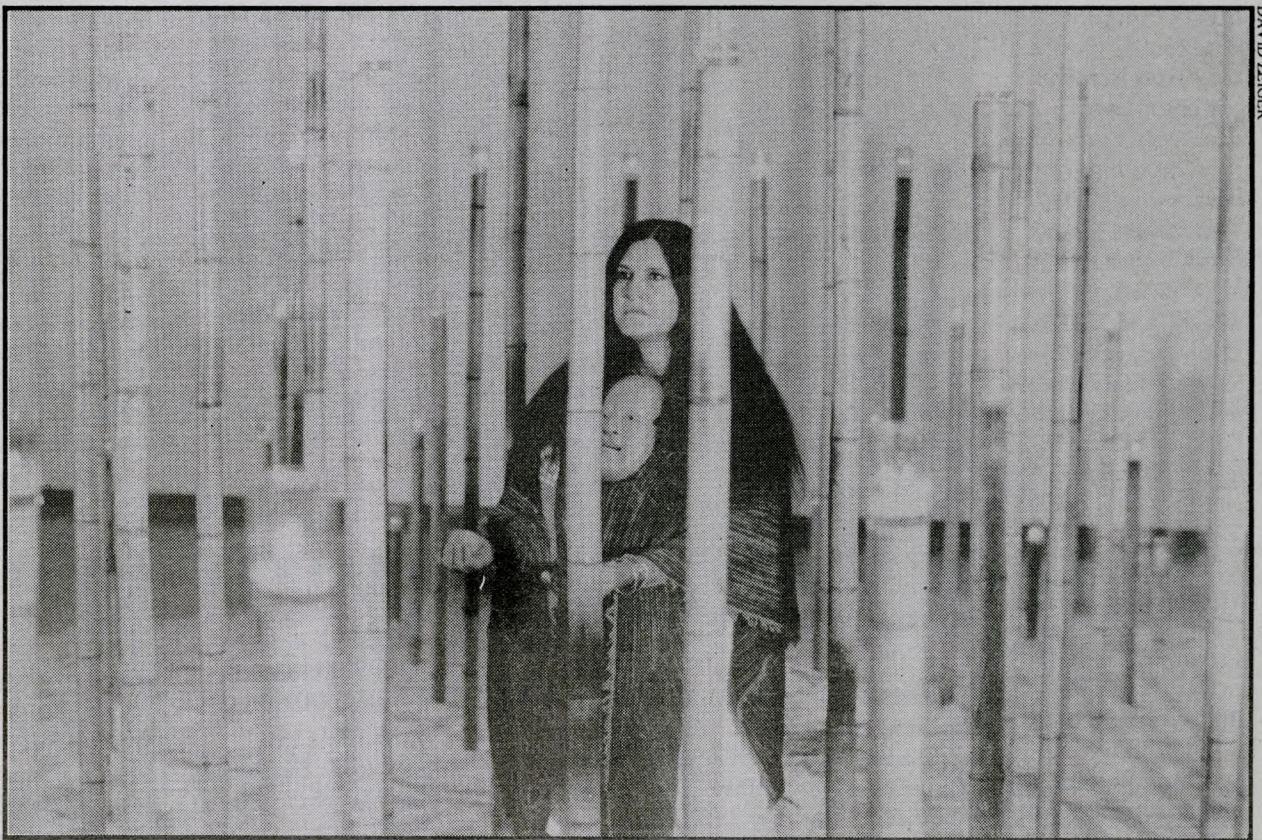
Performances of Creekwalker will be October 9th and 10th at 8:30 p.m. at Nexus, 535 Means Street. Call 688-1970 for reservations.

To mark the Quincentennial of Columbus Day on October 12, Corley will chair a panel discussion on the future of Native Americans. "Beyond the Quincentennial: The Next 500 Years for Indigenous People," will convene on Monday, October 12, at 6 p.m. at Nexus.

The most popular argument in favor of Columbus that Corley has run across is that he "civilized" the Americas.

"Look at the pyramids of the Mayans. They had a calendar that is more accurate than ours today, they used the zero in their math system, their astronomy and architecture techniques were astounding. Nobody needed civilizing in America," she concludes.

CANDACE CHELLEW



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"The pyramid is a memorial to the people who were displaced. It's not a 'We hate Columbus' thing, because if it hadn't been Columbus, it would have been someone else." —Sandy Corley

THEATRE REVIEWS

PLAYBOY OF THE WESTERN WORLD

There is tuneful language in the plays of John Millington Synge. He came by it honestly. He went out to the west of Ireland, out to the "edge of the world," and made the everyday talk of the people there the talk in his plays.

Such fine talk in Synge's "The Playboy of the Western World" makes it one of the half-dozen first-rate English-language plays of the century. Such talk scares off the timid, so "Playboy" isn't often done in this country. When it was first done, by the Irish Players of Dublin's Abbey Theatre on November 27, 1911, potatoes were thrown at the actors.

There were no vegetables in the air on the opening night of this Theatre Gael/Theatrical Outfit production. And very nearly everything else about it was no less agreeable.

The story preys upon ancient Gaelic folktales. Christy Mahon, played seamlessly by Jonathan Davis, is a squatter's boy who shows up at a public house with a tale reckoned to amaze souls who ache for a bit of romance in their obscure and dreary lives. He says he has slain his Da, his father. It was nothing so casual as patricide. It was the act which is holy to so many of the Irish even today. It was rebellion against tyranny.

His tale, swollen by repetition, makes him the hero to almost all. He is fed, sheltered, clothed, and coddled, especially by the young women of the place. Never in his pug-ugly life has Christy been the darling of any woman, and under the spell of it all he puts away the melancholy of his race and allows himself great ambition. Here he'll stay, a lowly potboy in this pub, and marry the pub-keeper's daughter, Peegen Mike.

It is in the way of things that Christy should be found out. His father isn't dead. He is suddenly there and thundering for his truant boy's lying hide. So Christy bashes his head. Being witness to such a "dirty act," brings the villagers crashing down upon the lad. He is hog-tied and kicked and punched. Peegen Mike burns him with a red hot iron.

Jonathan Davis's singing voice wants about a hundred years at Julliard. But as an actor he's among the best Atlanta has. He chose not to laden his dark-Irish Christy with an impenetrable brogue, and as the poetic boy's imagination took flight so did Davis.

Opposite his Christy was Melanie Martin's neatly done Peegen Mike. Heather Heath's covetous Widow Quin possessed the native shrewdness that cool young woman wants. As the Da with the indestructible skull, Ricki Lee Hagen exhibited command and, for sure, great energy.

All this is sometimes darker stuff than what director John Stephens has staged. Once the villagers find their hero is not

what they'd made him out to be, their reprisal is venomous and unforgiving. Stephens sweetened the scene with the loving comic touch that cuddled us all evening. But, no matter. It seldom gets better than this here.

GENE-GABRIEL MOORE

Playboy of the Western World runs through Oct. 25 at Theatrical Outfit, 1012 Peachtree St. 872-0665.

A Snake in the Vein

Smack. Junk. Heroin. Whatever you call it, it's a powerful narcotic that inevitably takes those addicted to the edges. Those journeys to the edge are the subject of Alan Bowne's "A Snake in the Vein" now in production at OutProud Theater's new space at TULA on Bennett Street.

This one-act play gives us two men trying to kick smack habits in a public drug clinic in which drugs are so common that "even the cockroaches are stoned." Fate and only fate has brought them together in a semi-private lockdown where scant attention is paid to roommate compatibility.

J.J., played by Brian Scott Wicker, is rough, tough, street-wise and straight. His prowess in all things he cares about is the core of his identity. Wicker's energy is well-sustained throughout the piece. His multidimensional characterization of J.J. runs a range that is interesting and understandable. This actor deserves an audience.

Likewise, Richard M. Daley as the Man is a performance worth seeing. The Man is older, someone who "failed as a Jew," a gay man in his middle life, hooked on junk. A tentative subtlety reigns supreme over Daley's interpretation. His instincts are correct, needing only more complete commitment from the actor to every instant and every action on stage. The fear this character can evoke requires fearlessness.

In her direction, Rebecca Ranson has taken the themes of this work and two fine performers and given us an admirable play. Where the themes are weakness and pain, the poetry in the script is evident. Where the themes are violence and insanity, the rhythmic disturbances work to communicate those threats. Sex is omnipresent and fuels much of the action in brutally honest terms.

The abstract touches in Harley Gould's design show imagination and an appreciation for the action; the oddly shaped beds seem to reflect the oddities of these two addicts and the red/pink floor seems to say they are walking on fire.

JOHNNY WALSH

Alan Bowne's "A Snake in the Vein" continues through Oct. 11, Thu.-Sun. at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00. For more information and reservations, call SAME at 609-9590.

C A L E N D A R

8 THURSDAY

LOUISA BRANSCOMB.

Founder of the bluegrass band Gypsy Heart will sing original songs. Branscomb's song "Steel Rails" won the 1991 Bluegrass Song of the Year. 7:30 pm. Charis Books & More. 419 Moreland Ave. 524-0304.

ANGELA MOTTER.

Local blues, jazz, rocker recently released her debut record, "Outta Control." Come see and hear her tonight at Incognito's. 9:30 pm. 857 Collier Rd. 355-5189.

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Guest conductor Raymond Harvey leads the ASO and cellist Carter Brey in Haydn's Cello Concerto in C Major. Brahms Symphony No. 2 is also performed. Tonight, Friday and Saturday nights. 8 pm. Symphony Hall. 892-2414.

9 FRIDAY

THE ATLANTA GAY AND LESBIAN ARTS FESTIVAL. Oct. 9-18. A week of art, performance and fun to celebrate National Coming Out Day. See page 13 or call 874-8710 for more info.

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A SNAKE IN THE VEIN. Through Oct. 11. SAME presents this new play by Allen Bowne which is a poetic decent into the nightmare of addiction which features two heroin addicts, a gay teacher and a young bass guitarist. Thurs. thru Sun. TULA Galleries. 75 Bennett St. 609-9590 for info and tickets.

BYSTANDER. Through Oct. 17. Photographer Doug Ischar captures the terror and insanity of hate crimes against gays and lesbians in his exhibit at Nexus Contemporary Arts Center. 535 Means St. 688-1970.

PLAYBOY OF THE WESTERN WORLD. Through Oct. 25. A musical production of this comic masterpiece with original compositions by Phillip DePoy captures the fire and joy of the Irish mystique. Wed.-Sun. Theatrical Outfit. 1012



presentations from various businesses and organizations, entertainment, food and fun. 6pm-11 pm at The Ritz Cafe. 8 Decatur St. For more info call (404) 621-5078.

THE NAMES QUILT IN D.C. Oct. 9-11. The entire quilt, over 20,000 panels, will be on display in Washington, D.C. A fundraising brunch for the National March on Washington on April 25, 1993 will be held on Sunday, Oct. 11 and honors National Coming Out day. The "Brunch on Washington" will be at the Omni Georgetown Hotel from 11 am-1 pm. (202) 628-0493 for more info and tickets.

Peachtree St. 872-0665.
PUMP BOYS AND DINETTES. Through Nov. 1. Onstage Atlanta's 20th anniversary opens with this popular musical comedy with a country kick. Thurs.-Sun. Onstage Atlanta. 420 Courtland St. 897-1802.

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS. Through Nov. 1. The gleefully gruesome musical from the Academy Award-winning team of Howard Ashman and Alan Menken. Onstage Atlanta. 420 Courtland St. 897-1802 for tickets.

TAKING STEPS. Through Nov. 14. A quintessential British farce starring Kent Whiple, Chris Ekholm and Carol Haynes. Tues.-Sun. Theatre in the Square in Marietta. 422-8369.

THE HARVEY MILK SHOW. Through Nov. 29.

10 SATURDAY

FALL GARDENING FESTIVAL. Advice, tips and product info from over 50 exhibitors on fall gardening, and it's free! Presented by the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. 9 am-5 pm. Piedmont Park. 876-5859 for more info.

SYMPOSIUM ON HATE CRIMES. Artist Doug Ischar, whose installation "Bystander" is on exhibit at Nexus, leads this symposium on hate crimes against lesbians and gays. The panel also includes Christian Walker, Joan Garner and Nadine McGann. Free and open to the public. Nexus

Chris Coleman returns as openly gay San Francisco supervisor Harvey Milk in this highly acclaimed musical. Sponsored by Southern Voice. Actor's Express. 290 Elizabeth St. 221-0831 for tickets.

PRELUDE TO A KISS. Through November 29. The season opener for Horizon Theatre Company is a magical fairy tale for adults. Prelude was nominated for a Tony award in 1990 and took home the OBIE award for best play. Horizon. Little 5 Points Community Center. 584-7450 for tickets.

DAVID SEERING AND SUSAN WHITNEY. The nationally acclaimed pianist and singer duo perform Wed. through Saturday. Most popular of their work is highlights from "Phantom of the Opera," and other Broadway hits. The Coach

Contemporary Art Center. 2 pm. 688-1970 for info.

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11 SUNDAY

HAPPY NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY! AIDS HEALING SERVICE. The National Day of Prayer for Persons Living With HIV/AIDS sponsored by Integrity/Atlanta and the Diocesan Task Force. 7 pm. Cathedral of Saint Philip. Call 642-3183 for more info.

GAY AND LESBIAN ARTS FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER. Join a host of local entertainers to benefit the Festival and National Coming Out Day. DeAundra Peek, Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus and Leigh McClelland are just a few who will entertain. 6-8 pm. Babylon. 10th St. at Monroe.

and Six. 1776 Peachtree St. 872-6666.

ATLANTA LESBIAN/GAY EDUCATIONAL NETWORK. Oct. 24-25 at the Georgia World Congress Center. Weekend-long networking—workshops on relationships, civil rights, living with HIV and more. For information on registration, (404) 248-9342.

HALLOWEEN MASQUERADE BALL. October 31. "Broadway Melody" is the theme for this first and largest Atlanta gay and lesbian Halloween Ball. All proceeds will benefit the Atlanta Lambda Community Center. Dress up as your favorite Broadway character. Music, prizes, dancing and more. \$10 donation includes one free drink. 8 pm. Lowe's Gallery at TULA. 75 Bennett St. 662-9010.

12 MONDAY

OUT IN ATLANTA.

Atlanta's own public access gay television show features interviews, news, entertainment, history and more. 10:30 pm. Cable Channel 12, People TV. Same show airs again on Wednesday at 5:30 pm.

GAY USA. A gay and lesbian news show produced in New York includes national and international coverage. Cable Channel 12, People TV. 11pm.

13 TUESDAY

HIV TREATMENT IN 1992: LIVING WELL WITH HIV. Oct. 13. A free public forum presented by Atlanta NAPWA, discussing the news and views coming from the recently completed VIII International Conference on AIDS. 7:00 pm.

14 WEDNESDAY

OPERATION SURVIVE. This six-week seminar is an AIDS/HIV survival training course. First session begins today at 7 pm. Each session will be offered twice weekly, and a take-home educational guide will also be provided. The program is free and available to those with HIV and their caregivers. 44 12th St., offices of NAPWA/Atlanta. 874-7926 for more info.



SI SIC. Theatre on the Prowl presents this biting satire on Christopher Columbus's first voyage to the Americas. 8 pm Wed-Sat; 5 pm on Sun. Seven Stages Theatre. 523-7647 for reservations.

POSITIVE LIVING. This new series is a forum for persons living with AIDS, their loved ones, families and health care providers. 2:30 pm on Cable Channel 12, People TV. Same show airs again on Oct. 17 on Channel 20 for North Dekalb residents at 10 pm.

PLAYLAND. The American premiere of South African playwright Athol Fugard's dramatic play on the legacy of hatred and the possibility of forgiveness in a land torn by generations of racism. Runs through Nov. 15. Alliance Theatre. 892-2414.

Pictured:
ABOVE LEFT: Angela Motter will be at Incognito's on Thursday night. Photo by David Rams.

BELOW: The cast of Pump Boys and Dinettes ABOVE: Raymond Harvey conducts the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra this weekend in selections from Haydn and Brahms.



Nightlife reached a new high this past Saturday as Chuck Morgan's weekly Popcorn Party attracted a record crowd to the Leisure Lounge at Velvet. Saturday night is the night for the most interesting (and interested) nightclubbers to come Downtown to see what's poppin' and to rub elbows with people who live for the Night.

The highlight of the evening was a spectacular slide show of the entertainers at **Wigstock**, the major happening of Peace, Love, and Wigs in New York which took place last month. The foundress and reigning goddess of the 8 year old event is Lady Bunny, a New York transplant from Atlanta. In fact, a great many of the Big Apple's most successful nightlife luminaries are from the Big Peach—Lady Bunny, Larry Tee, LaHoma VanZandt, Lurleen Wallace (who flew in from the Orient to entertain at Wigstock) and Michael West, who worked many nerves as Liza Minelli. And of course, the poised-for-stardom RuPaul, who will appear at Velvet very soon to promote his new release on Tommy Boy records.

Another New York celebrity was present at Wigstock—the very beautiful **Zaldy** of the hot stylist team of Matthu and Zaldy. This pair was recently pictured on the cover of New York glossy nightlife magazine, Project X. The two created a stunning visual display for the House of Karan at the Love Ball Benefit and now work for Donna Karan. They also created the current commercial for the Sheseido line of cosmetics.

Sharing a couch with birthday girl Angie Bowie was leopard-clad lovely, Peg. Also enjoying the party were Daisy Chane (who was recently "iconized" by CNN during their lengthy coverage of Wigstock), Bill Curtis and Eugene Howard of Arbiters of Style, dressed-as-boys Barbie Q and Trina Saxxon, Scyntilla Vortex (who designs and sells original clothing at her shop called Andrew, inside Throb in LSP) and narrator of the slide show, Rosser Shymanski.

Speaking of Trina Saxxon, if you haven't been to "Bulge" at **Bulldog's** on Wednesday nights, you are missing the newest example of Trina's creativity. Because any bar can have go-go boys, Trina has come up with several innovative ideas to showcase the talented young men who come very

AFTER HOURS

DANNY ROBLE



Zaldy of New York was a big hit at Wigstock in New York City last month.

close to baring it all for the crowd. For instance, for "Bulge," the central square bar is transformed into a peep show where people line up to check out what's going on (and coming off) inside.

I ran into a friend who gave me the low down on the recent **Miss Loretta's** Pageant at the Midtown bar of the same name. It was an unusual pageant with the judges outnumbering the contestants 10 to 5. The outcome of the pageant was also unusual in that Miss Universe at Large, Santana

Summers, was first in every category yet somehow only managed to be first runner up to Nyesha DuPree, who walked away with the crown. My source tells me that Santana was "on her beat" that night and deserved the title, which she may be given after the fact. Or is it after the fight?

The Nexus Contemporary Art Center on Means Street will be the location for the visual art portion of the first annual **Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Arts Festival**. Fourteen artists are in the show and their works will be on display in one of the many galleries of the large complex. The opening reception will be held on Friday, October 9, and will feature the artists on hand as well as a gorgeous young man suspended from the ceiling. Guests will be encouraged to practice the fine art of bodypainting using this young man as model and canvas. The exhibit will run through October 18.

Of equal importance this weekend, and connected to the Arts Festival is a symposium on Hate Crimes to be held on Saturday, October 10th at 2:00pm, also at Nexus. Leading the panel discussion will be Doug Ischar (whose current exhibit in the gallery on Hate Crimes is the springboard for the symposium), Christian Walker, an out gay photographer, and Nadine McGann, co-editor of AfterImage of Rochester, New York.

Doug Ischar's work focuses on Atlanta and the recent atrocities committed against young men by the "Handcuff Man" and his unbelievably light sentence. Much of the discussion will focus on ways to make the community at large aware of the increase in hate crime activity and ways to combat it.

The following day, Sunday October 11, a huge show is scheduled at Babylon in conjunction with **National Coming Out Day**, also a part of the AGAL Arts Festival. Starting at 6:30 pm, the show will feature the talents of Leigh McClelland, Rache Alpert, Angela Motter, DeAundra Peek, Daisy Chane, comedy troupe Funny... That Way, Ray McCantz and Anne Durham, and magician Howard the Great. Hosting the event (and keeping things very English and Proper) will be the Great Dame of Britain, Gladys Myrtle Wyntrope (aka Jim Chappelleaux). See you there!

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A FOOD COLUMN BY GARY KAUPMAN

I was distinctly grumpy when the altogether pleasing, but never quite spectacular, Vietnamese restaurant Le Lai bit the dust a few months ago. It was one of those constants that made life in the city more than just bearable. I could go there most any time of day or night and slurp down a soothing bowl of bun thit nuong for a paltry \$5 and feel as if I'd eaten like a king. OK, the surrounds were a tad funky and the service not always exactly cordial, but that sweet grilled pork sure was tasty.

Hot Pepper Thai Cuisine (2257 Lenox Rd at Cheshire Bridge 320-1532) now occupies the space that was Le Lai (and before that the original Bamboo Luau's Chinatown). Its prices and aspirations are both higher than were Le Lai's, but having sampled much of the menu, I am pleased to report that my grumpiness is substantially diminished.

The dining room at Hot Pepper Thai remains the same long rectangle that it has been. The lattice and bamboo booths have been replaced by a raised platform that saves the space from absolute boredom. Tables are topped with double cloths in two shades of beige, the silverware is heavy, the napkins cotton rather than those too often seen polyester blends that repel the very messes that they were meant to absorb. The essentially monochromatic decorating scheme is relieved by a few chairs covered in a very tartan-like plaid—perhaps from the McDougal Dynasty or Clan Thai. Very pleasant Asian music that is seldom if ever atonal fills the air. It probably bears no resemblance to anything played in Thailand, but it sure is easy on the ears.

The same can be said of much the food served at Hot Pepper Thai. Aside from sometimes searingly hot flavors there is little here that will truly challenge your tastebuds. That is not to say that the food is not flavorful, well prepared, and beautifully presented—in most cases it is all of the above.

Quality is also generally consistent—a good sign in a restaurant so young.

One of the best items on the menu is simple, meatless egg rolls. Crisp, light and almost devoid of grease they're as good as any version in town when fried at the right temperature. But beware of an oily mess when the fryer is not fully heated before the spring rolls are inserted.

Basil (summer) rolls, loaded with shrimp, pork, basil and lettuce are not fried, and also nowhere near as much fun as the egg rolls. On the other hand, fried squid is crisp, tender, and presented with a hot/sweet sauce that makes each bite a little adventure.

Equally good as the squid, and far

more complex in its construction, is namsod, a substantial portion of just-cooked ground pork flavored with peppers, ginger, onions and lime juice. It does a near perfect job of waking up most of the mouth's taste centers and preparing them for treats to come.

Also admirable in getting gustatorial juices flowing are spicy shrimp and chicken coconut milk soups. The former can be almost napalm-like unless you ask that the pepper content be held to a dull roar. The latter is smooth and silky with just the right amount of heat.

A word of warning. The hotness quotient of many dishes at Hot Pepper Thai is rated with one, two or three stars. Most folks will find the top rating to be nothing short of incendiary. Unless your tongue is covered with asbestos, ask for a maximum of one and a half stars as a starting point.

Although the menu doesn't divide dishes into those that are curry based and those that are not, that's a reasonable way to look at entrees. Three basic curry types are offered, red, green or Panang, all are available with chicken, beef, pork, shrimp or tofu. My faves are the Panang and green, both of which sport smooth rich sauces and a multitude of flavors well blended—the green somewhat more complex than the spicier Panang.

Masaman curry, a red-brown mixture similar to Panang but milder and sprinkled with cashews and avocado, is offered only at lunch which is a shame.

Noodle dishes include a slightly monochromatic, though appealing, Pad Thai (with tofu substituted for the more traditional pork) and spicy noodle basil leaves—a stompdown good rendering of noodles and shrimp with loads of basil in an oily pepper base. Pad See-U strikes me as little more interesting than Thai chicken divan, but several friends raved about its mild melding of chicken, broccoli, garlic and noodles in a mild sauce.

I had the same ho-hum response to cashew nut chicken, but again friends sang its praises. Try it if you are especially fond of red and green peppers.

In addition to the aforementioned masaman curry, lunch specials include an unspectacular and too mild garlic pepper pork or chicken and really good spicy basil leaf chicken dish.

The only dessert I've tried is fried ice cream. It's an abysmal waste of fat-laden calories.

The owners of Hot Pepper Thai spent some time working at Palace Thai in Norcross and the very popular Surin in Virginia-Highland. If you like either of those establishments, you'll likely be might happy with the offerings (and lack of a waiting line) at this very worthy new restaurant.

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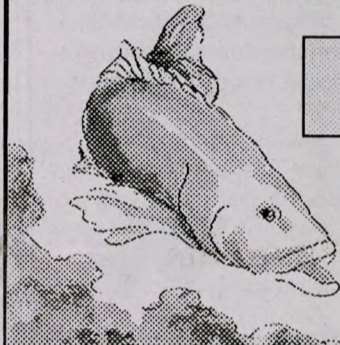


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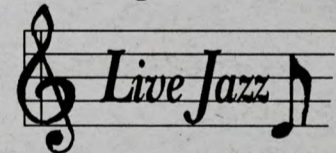
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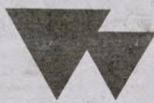
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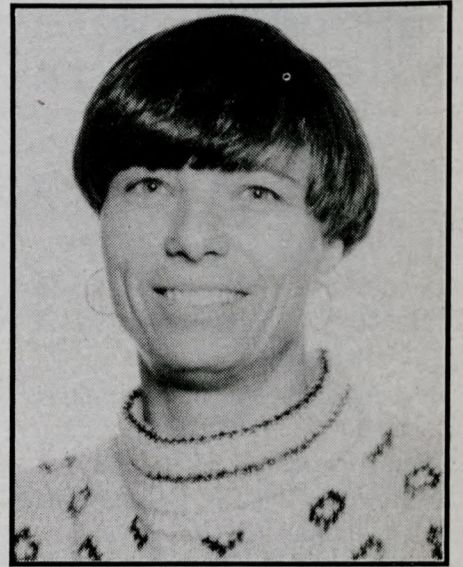
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ANNIE ARCHBOLD

Age: 46

How long in Atlanta: 5 years

Last book read: "Possessing the Secret of Joy" by Alice Walker



Annie Archbold is one busy woman. She is on the Board of Trustees of the Atlanta Lambda Community Center, and the Board of Directors for Fourth Tuesday and the Fund for Southern Communities. She is also on the Community Relations Committee of the High Museum of Art and has been working on the Clinton campaign. Maybe you caught a glimpse of her on TV during the Democratic National Convention where she was an openly gay Georgia delegate. Archbold was also the Director of the 1992 Lesbian and Gay Business Expo. And that is only part of what she's been involved with this year.

Archbold came to Atlanta from Kentucky where she was very involved in local arts programs and politics. Kentucky's state government has a very progressive attitude toward rural arts development, and she was happy to take advantage of that fact.

"I started a regional arts council in rural Kentucky," she says. She also chaired the Bowling Green Warren County Human Rights Commission and served as an adviser to the Kentucky Oral History Commission. During her fourteen years in Kentucky, Archbold also got her PhD in Folk Lore and American Studies at Indiana University. In Atlanta, she started and ran a folk life office for the state of Georgia.

Recently, however, her focus has begun to shift from arts administration to the gay and lesbian community. With her background in developing expressive traditions in folk lore and encouraging community empowerment, she says, "it began to dawn on me that I had my own community that had it's own expressive tradition and it's own needs for empowerment."

Working with the Business Expo gave her some insight into the potential financial impact of the lesbian and gay community. "We're pretty significant to the tax base, which means we ought to be a catalyst in other things because, as we know, money talks."

The Atlanta Lambda Community Center has been one of her major concerns recently. She has been involved in planning the center from its beginnings. "Joan Garner and I used to go to lunch and get to talking about the need for a space in the community where people could come together and that would serve the community's organizations," she remembers. The space they conceptualized would "create the kind of dynamic that would lead to organi-

zations we hadn't even thought of," she explains animatedly.

When they discovered that others were discussing the same need, meetings began to take place that would begin the journey of making their dream "space" a reality. In January, the Lambda Center's board of trustees was formed and the first town hall meeting was held in February. Since then, many more people have gotten involved in the project and a design plan has been established.

Archbold is now working on fundraising efforts for the Center. "I have some experience in fundraising," she says. "In terms of the arts, I have never been turned down for a grant." The next Lambda Center fundraising event will be a Halloween party on October 31 at the Lowe Gallery in TULA Arts Center.

Archbold also somehow manages to take time out for herself. She is quite a gardener, growing mostly vegetables, which supply one of her other self-indulgences. "I like to cook; it relaxes me," she says. She also jogs. "I don't do races. I don't do time," she insists. "I get out there and I do my run and I know when I'm through. I don't want to make that a competitive thing, competitive with me or anybody else. It's my time." She guesses that she runs about two miles at a time, five days a week, an activity for which she gets up at 5:30 in the morning. "I'm a morning person," she says.

Look for Archbold to continue to be a factor in Atlanta's lesbian and gay community. That's where her heart is. "Atlanta has a lot to offer lesbians and gay men, and we really have to work harder at learning what we have to offer," she says. Archbold sees Atlanta as a potential future focal point for national lesbian and gay activism.

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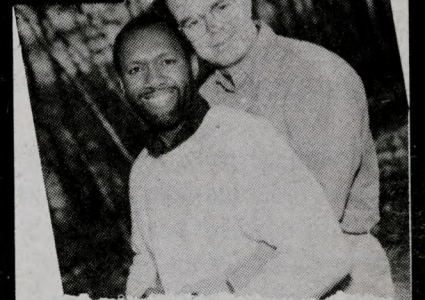
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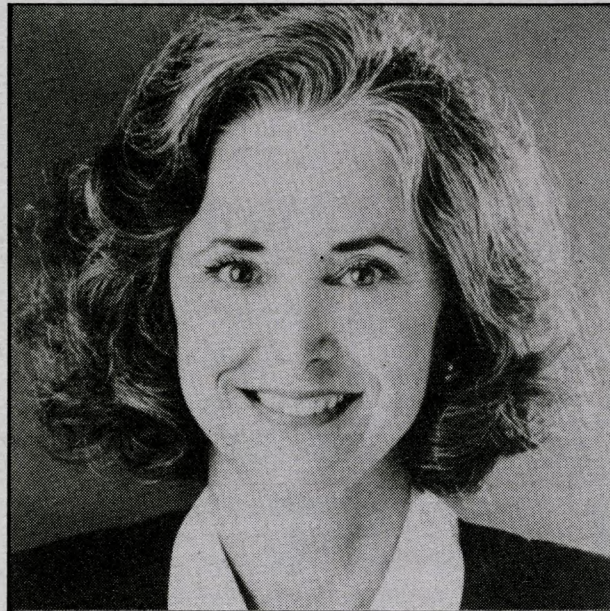
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Activist Opportunity: We understand from a friend who monitors the activities of such slime that Jerry Falwell and Oliver North are both set to speak in the metro area at First Baptist Church of Snellville ("The Caring Place") on October 11. North does his thing at 8:15, 9:30, and 11:00 (all AM) and Falwell belches bile at 6PM. It strikes Dish as totally predictable that North, who seems to have forsaken all knowledge of the Constitution in his past activities as a representative of the government of the US, has once again chosen to ignore that very document's strictures against the commingling of the activities of church and state.

Take a Hint Dude: To listen to the screams of agony from supposedly civic minded restaurant owners you'd think that the proposal to pass a law requiring the sale of condoms wherever alcohol is sold was mandating the sale of kiddie porn. Dish wishes that our fair city's hospitality nabobs would take a clue from San Francisco's very posh and popular Stars restaurant (located near the opera house) where a rather tall and elegant black drag queen walks the floor with what looks like a cigarette tray, but is actually a luscious selection of condoms. Business is said to be brisk and customers are said to appreciate the owner's concern for their health and well being.

women. 2. The graphics and layout are so slick that it's hard to tell the ads from the editorial content. And 3. The much bally-hooded (supposedly) homo Banana Republic ad is rather some kind of a macho het fantasy—two bare chested men (surrounded by a throng of smiling shirted men) getting ready to duke it out with boxing gloves. This is *not* Dish's idea of homoculture.

Soon Off the Presses: Hot on the heels of "OUT" comes "10 Percent" yet another glossy magazine about "our careers, our relationships, our homes and our world." This one is from San Francisco, so it should have a very different look from "OUT." And the first copy is free! Just call 1/800/933-9915.

One Liner of the Week: From the second of this season's Murphy Brown shows—Pat Buchanan is circulating a petition to have the name of the human race changed to Hetero sapiens.

Shop Early Supplies Are Limited: Dish's Camp Idea of the Week award goes to whoever (sorry we've forgotten who it was) suggested that this year's hot Christmas gift would be Tom of Finland paintings...on black velvet...with eyes that light up...and follow you around the room. Surely every Elvis aficionado will want two.

Make Your Reservations Soon: For the first weekend in September 1993...to Anchorage Alaska for the 21st annual crowning of the Emperor and Empress of Alaska. When Dish went to Alaska a couple of months ago we were struck by the seeming paucity of gay and lesbian faces, but some friends of ours just returned from the wild north and brought us an article (from the Anchorage Daily News) about the aforementioned extravaganza. Seems that about 40 percent of those attending are not gay and that drag queens from all over Alaska and the US attend. For more information call either the Blue Moon at 907/277-0441 or The Raven, 907/276-9672.

October 8—October 14, 1992

YOM KIPPUR, the Jewish holy day also known as "the Day of Atonement," falls on Wednesday, Oct. 7. The Full Moon is on the 11th, followed by Sukkoth, a Jewish harvest festival, Columbus Day and Thanksgiving in Canada, all on the 12th.

ARIES, this may not be a good time to be juggling responsibilities. Do your best to set priorities and complete as much as possible before moving on to the next project. You may have a conflict between personal relationships and career. **TAURUS**, polish your notable social charm, find something you love to wear and go out for a date or several if you feel like it. Television is not very good company especially on those cold winter nights, so head out. **GEMINI**, you may feel you are at your creative best right now with all circuits going at full speed, so you might be tempted to over-do it. Be sure to eat well and regularly along with easy exercise and plenty of rest.

CANCER, how is everything at home? If you are having some conflict with a member of your family, your significant other or a roommate, arrange for a calm exchange of viewpoint in a neutral setting, and don't put it off much longer. **LEO**, issues on the home

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front may need your attention this week. You can make some headway with personal and family situations, if you take time to listen and respond from your heart. Be patient with those who are less expressive. **VIRGO**, with Uranus and Neptune moving forward in your 5th house of creativity, passion and fun filled evenings, you should feel very productive. Remember NOT to overload your schedule just because things are going smoothly. Happy Birthday **LIBRA**. Hopefully you are having a wonderful month, pampering yourself and having fun times with family and friends. If you have been considering redecorating at home, this is an excellent time to go ahead with your plans. **SCORPIO**, as Venus and Mercury move through your 1st house, you may feel more at ease expressing your feelings to others and letting them know your inner thoughts. Remember to allow others equal time.

SAGITTARIUS, with Venus and Mercury now cruising through your 12th house of the collective unconscious, dreams, visions and the unknown, you may feel overwhelmed with internal information. Work with your intuition and go to the movies.

CAPRICORN, you may be in an excellent position to make a career move due to unexpected events at work or in your personal life. You also may gain valuable experience from contributing your talents to community projects or positive political activity. **AQUARIUS**, you may have some wonderful opportunities appear for growth in your career or for your own business. However, there may be conflict between the demands of your career and personal life. Be clear about your needs/priorities. **PISCES**, as the energy of Mars, Mercury and Venus creates a complete trine with your natal placements, you may feel much more secure or confident about making major decisions and letting others in on your personal life. Full speed ahead.

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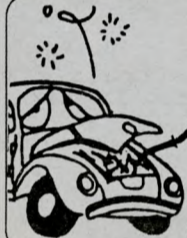
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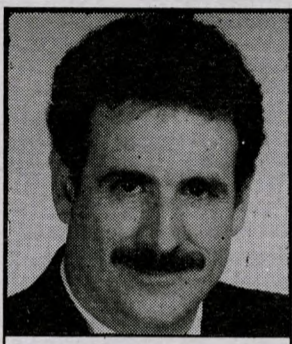
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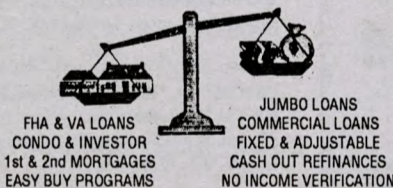
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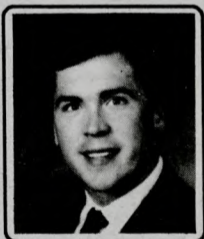
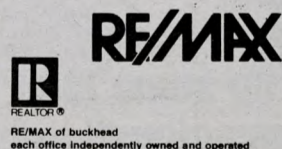
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"Come Out Voting" television ad airs on CNN, FOX

"Come Out Voting," the groundbreaking 30 second television spot urging lesbian and gay young adults to register and vote was seen by millions of Americans on September 23rd Cable News Network broadcast of "Crossfire," the nightly public affairs program.

The spot features young lesbians and gay men in a variety of social settings urging their peers to vote. At the beginning of the spot, written copy appears on the screen which reads, "Because of who we love, the world calls us Queer." Then, various participants in the spot say: "Our rights, our lives, are being challenged every day. As Americans, we can do something about it—Vote! If we don't vote, others will vote for us. Voting equals power, power equals change. Your vote will make a difference. Come Out Voting. Register today."

"The ad has been accepted as a public service spot by over 50 stations around the country," reports Tim McCarthy, national coordinator of the Come Out Voting Coalition. "In addition, millions of viewers have seen the spot during the CNN program, and on a Fox television network news broadcast concerning the increasing impact of lesbian and gay issues in the presidential campaign."

The spot, was produced and directed by Brian Gannon in association with Impact Studios Ltd. of Philadelphia. The ad was produced for the Come Out Voting Coalition, a group organized by several national organizations, including the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, NGLTF, ACT UP and Queer Nation. The Triangle Institution, an educational organization, along with Terry Tatanabe and Stonewall Community Foundation, funded the

project, in memory of Randy Klose, the late Co-Chair of the Board of the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

"This is a critical election for all lesbian and gay Americans," Tim McFeeley of the Human Rights Campaign Fund noted. "At the presidential level and Congressional level, and at the state and local level, decisions are being made that affect all of our lives. We need to do everything possible to make sure that our community is registered and that it votes."

The ad is part of a multi-program effort underway to increase the lesbian and gay vote in November's election—including a grassroots distribution plan for the "Come Out Voting" public service ad, a "Come Out Voting" poster, and an action kit for registering and delivering lesbian and gay votes. The poster was conceived and photographed by



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Kevin Kendall of Impact Studios and designed by Thomas Drymon.

The project was discussed at a press conference held in Columbus, Ohio, where time was purchased to air the spot throughout the week of September 21st. In addition to McCarthy and McFeeley, the press conference speakers were Lynn Greeg, an Ohio activist who serves as Board Co-Chair of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, a national political action committee which funds lesbian and gay candidates and Phyllis Gorman, Executive Director of the Stonewall Union of Columbus. They praised the efforts of national groups to work with local groups in developing an effective grassroots program to inform and educate potential voters.

In Columbus, the spot aired during programs such as "Melrose Place," "The Arsenio Hall Show," and "Late Night With David Letterman." All the shows have high viewership among young people, who are less likely to vote than any other category of the electorate. The coalition is encouraging individuals and groups around the country to sponsor the ad and encourage local stations to air it. "One radio station in Arizona, an ABC affiliate, is airing the audio portion of the video," notes Gregory King, Communications Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

McCarthy noted that local activists around the country can play a critical role in placing the "Come Out Voting" ad. "We will provide copies of the ad, the poster, and the Action Kit to any groups that want them and are willing to demand that local stations carry them." Telegenics, a company that supplies lesbian and gay bars and clubs with music videos, has agreed to send the television spot to hundreds of lesbian and gay establishments before the election. The "Come Out Voting" poster will be distributed widely as well.

The non-partisan ad does not refer to any specific candidate, party or referendum. McCarthy indicated that Columbus was chosen because of the critical role Ohio is playing in the national election—both the Bush and Clinton campaigns have targeted the state—and the emerging strength of the lesbian and gay community there.

For copies of the Come Out Voting ad, posters and the Action Kit call the Human Rights Campaign Fund at (202) 628-4160.

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