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# Bluegrass Bigotry

*Russellville, KY (AP)*—Jimmy Cates and the man he loves have become the scandal of Cates' hometown.

For three years, the 8,540 people in this church-going western Kentucky town of tidy, brick storefronts and century-old Victorian houses just gossiped about Cates and Jim Turner, who are gay.

But when the public learned of their plans to turn Cates' hilltop chateau on 10 wooded acres into a men-only bed-and-breakfast, they became the subject of sermons, harassment, prayers and death threats.

Now Cates, 39, says he can never go back—to his family's church, to friends he grew up with or even his family.

"They're part of the persecution against me now, everybody but my real mother," Cates said of his estrangement from his devout Methodist father, J.G. Cates, four brothers and two sisters.

Gay-bashing graffiti has been spray-painted on the asphalt ribbon that snakes a quarter mile uphill toward Cates house, Stone Mountain Estate.

Effigies have been hanged from the oaks and maples along the private road. Violent expletives from angry men are recorded on the couple's answering machine. Townspeople downtown become sullen when a stranger mentions Stone Mountain.

"They've had their suspicions all along about me," said Cates, a cabinet maker who was married four times and has two daughters, ages 11 and 18. He said he reconciled himself to his homosexuality in 1989.

"It would have been OK if we'd kept everything quiet, up here in the trees and out of sight and not brought in any more of 'our kind'," said Turner,



34, who met Cates at a Nashville, Tenn., gay bar and moved in with him in 1989.

But they won't keep quiet, despite anonymous threats that men armed with deer rifles and grenades would attack the resort. They say they plan to open for business as soon as they obtain the needed state bed-and-breakfast license and health permit.

"We feel pretty safe up here on the hill," said Turner. "The property is secure."

The Kentucky State Police are investigating the  
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## Securities and Exchange Commission side with Cracker Barrel on employment discrimination

*Atlanta*—The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) ruled last week that Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores is not required to include a vote on including sexual orientation in its non-discrimination clause at its upcoming stockholders meeting.

A proposal to change the clause was made at last year's annual meeting by the New York City's Employee Retirement Fund, which holds over 80,000 shares in Cracker Barrel stock. The New York shareholders intended for the matter to come before the annual meeting next month in Tennessee, but Cracker Barrel officials petitioned the SEC to exclude the proposal. In making the ruling, special counsel William H. Carter wrote that day-to-day employment matters are excludable from stockholder votes.

An SEC rule excludes "ordinary business operations" from the purview of a company's stockholders, but the Commission has frequently made exceptions when employment-related proposals have to do with "social policy" concerns, such as discriminatory hiring practices.

In releasing the SEC ruling, however, Carter reversed that trend, writing that "the line between includable and excludable employment-related proposals based on 'social policy' considerations has become increasingly difficult to draw."

"The distinctions recognized by the staff are characterized by many as tenuous [and] without substance," he wrote.

Queer Nation/Atlanta, the chief organizer of the boycott against Cracker Barrel in Georgia, immediately condemned the SEC's ruling.

"We look at it as homophobia," said QN co-

chair Lynn Cothren. "These people are Bush appointees. They delayed as long as they could so that New York couldn't do anything before next month's meeting."

The New York Comptroller's office, which oversees the city's retirement fund, is expected to request a hearing before the full commission, but that process could take over a year, said Cothren.

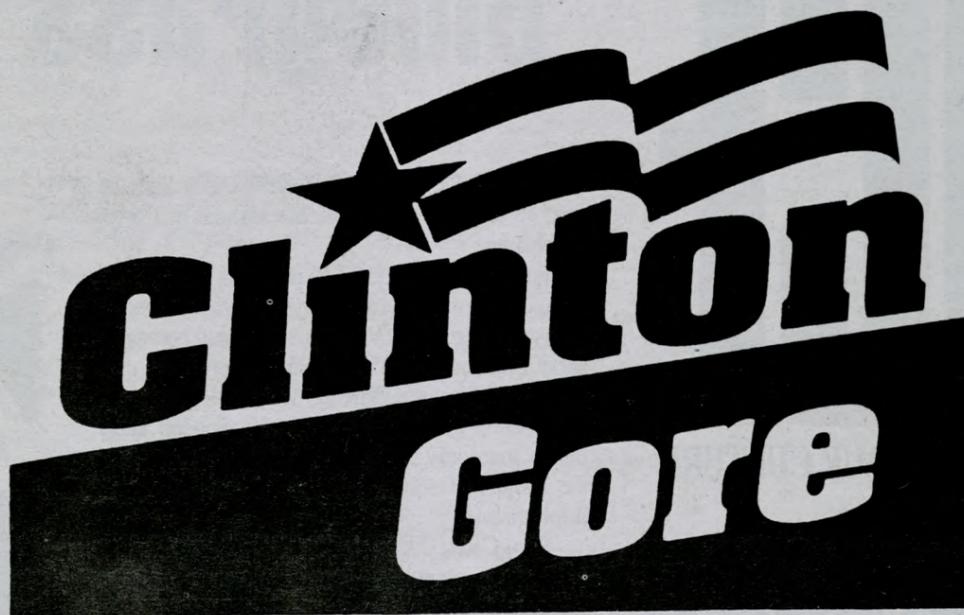
QN co-chair Cheryl Summerville, who was fired by CB in February 1991 after it released an employment policy stating that the company could not employ those who failed to show "normal heterosexual values," accused the SEC of collusion with right wing fanaticism.

"As an employee who was fired because Cracker Barrel thought I was a lesbian and not due to my performance, I am disturbed that the SEC would use the political platform of the Republican Party to validate Cracker Barrel's bigoted employment policies," she said.

Summerville said that Queer Nation and other organizations would continue their efforts against the Tennessee-based restaurant, including a costume party demonstration scheduled for Halloween at the Cracker Barrel on Panola Road in DeKalb County. She also said that Queer Nation would support any court action deemed necessary by the New York Comptroller's office in pursuit of the matter.

Cracker Barrel has fired at least 17 people who were or were perceived to be gay or lesbian since releasing the discriminatory policy in early 1991. Subsequently, CB CEO Dan Evins "retracted" the policy, saying that the matter would be left up to individual store managers.

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## Activists stretch red ribbon around White House

Washington, D.C.—Over 5,000 people linked arms and stretched a lengthy red ribbon around the huge White House complex here Oct. 12 in a novel display of AIDS-related direct action.

ACT UP's Michael Petrelis disputed the U.S. Park Police estimate, claiming 15,000 people participated. The pre-election action "put the current and future occupant of the White House on notice that the American public will no longer stand for AIDS business as usual," the veteran activist said.

The protest was one of the few big ac-

"Stop where you are and die," Silver shouted, prompting a massive "die-in" on the sidewalks. On another signal, people turned their backs on the White House, "as Bush has done to people living with AIDS," said Cantrell.

But even more dramatic confrontations may be necessary, predicted one veteran activist and person living with AIDS.

"Eventually, when we get enough numbers and actually start placing [dead] bodies on the steps of the White House," said Kyoshi Kuromiya, who publishes Philadelphia's Critical Path HIV newsletter and computer data base, "they'll realize we're not just talking rhetoric."

New York ACT UP members managed to scatter the cremated remains of friends and lovers on the rear White House lawn Sunday and placed at least one urn on the mansion's front yard.

Bush, on his way to the first Presidential debate in St. Louis, missed the drama, but activists said he has heard their call. "Bush mentioned ACT UP in the debate by name, which means we're reaching in there," said Sid Mack, who traveled from Manhattan with friend Drew Charles.

"Something is getting through," he said as activists chanted "We fight AIDS every day. Where is George?"

Kuromiya knocked both Bush and Bill Clinton for not making AIDS a key priority, but appreciated the Democratic Arkansas governor's response during the first campaign debate.

"We need more than an AIDS czar, but the best thing [Clinton] said was that we need full AIDS-funding for the Ryan White CARE Act. That amounts to one day's interest on the national debt, a billion dollars. They spent \$8 billion for Hurricane Andrew relief."

"We're talking potentially millions of deaths in this country, and they're not putting the money out for even cost-effective prevention. It's a tremendous disaster and they're trying to avoid the whole issue," Kuromiya said.

An "Arms Around the Capitol" action was suggested by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Ivy Young when Congress gutted the DC's pioneering domestic partnership law Sept. 24.

Activists aimed this action against Bush because key federal coordination of AIDS activities are needed for research funding and public education, said ACT UP's Bob King.

"We are wasting time," he charged. "People get infected because information, condoms, and clean needles are not getting out. Thousands will die in the next few years, but most people don't realize that."

JOHN ZEH



U.S. Rep. Pat Schroeder (D-Colorado) was in town October 7 to campaign for Cynthia McKinney, the party's nominee for the 11th congressional district. McKinney has been endorsed by the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's biggest political action committee for gay rights. If elected, she pledges to co-sponsor the Freedom of Military Service Act, a bill introduced by Schroeder that would ban discrimination against lesbians and gay men in the military. McKinney also promises to co-sponsor the federal lesbian and gay civil rights bill, to fight censorship within the National Endowment for the Arts, and to work for full funding of the Ryan White Act, which authorizes federal grants for community AIDS projects.

GARETH FENLEY



The action at the White House was led by people carrying a coffin with signs saying "Our dead can't vote"

tions ever held here where no arrests occurred. ACT UP members Petrelis, Margaret Cantrell, and other organizers worked hard to win police permits from the city, National Park Service, and other agencies.

Many had come to town to witness the holiday weekend's unfolding of this Quilt display, the largest ever. At least 140,000 people saw some 25,000 panels sewn as memorials to people who have died of AIDS.

"What we wanted was a political capstone," said ACT UP's Robert Warnock. "We wanted to bring the Quilt's message to the White House—not just to President Bush, but to all of the presidential candidates."

A coffin with signs saying "Our dead can't vote!" led the procession of vocal, peaceful militants past tourists and lunch-time crowds of people who did not have the holiday off.

## Marilyn Quayle says gays are protected from discrimination

Washington, D.C.—Gay activists denounced Marilyn Quayle as a "liar" when she accused Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton of supporting hiring quotas for homosexuals and saying that people cannot currently be discriminated against based solely on their sexual orientation. The exchange occurred during an October 8 taping of the Faith Daniels Show, an NBC weekly

talk show, during which Quayle acknowledged having gay and lesbian friends.

Quayle was the sole guest on the half-hour program, which features a discussion between Daniels and the guest, followed by questions from the audience. Six gay and lesbian activists from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) and the D.C. chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) were in the studio audience.

GLAAD member Mike North asked Quayle, "Do you have any openly gay or

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## Cop fondling charge dropped against Bush aide

Washington—An anonymous tipster trying to sabotage the GOP's "family values" campaign has tipped the media to the July arrest of a key aide to President George Bush for non-consensual sexual contact with an undercover cop.

A police report obtained by New York's QW magazine and other media revealed that the man was busted after cruising and touching a Maryland National Capital Park Police officer on a suburban trail.

The misdemeanor charge was dropped, but has attracted increasing inquiries, although mainstream media have not published reports and the gay press has passed on another outing.

The Bush administration official continues to hold a prestigious position but lacks policy-making powers and has not taken any anti-gay stances, his attorney told QW.

Officer Mark Meade's report shows that he was approached by the alleged offender on a dirt path at 2:45 pm in Montgomery County's Rock Creek Stream Valley. The man touched Meade's buttocks, went 20 yards away, "held up his shirt and began rubbing his stomach," the officer's report said.

lesbian friends and if so, how do you feel that they can be discriminated against in housing and employment just because of their orientation?" Quayle said "yes," she did have gay friends, and went on to say that Clinton and other Democrats support hiring quotas for gay and lesbian people.

Robin Kane, public information manager at NGLTF, yelled out, "That's a lie." Quayle reiterated her statement and said that Republicans do not support a pending federal gay and lesbian civil rights bill because it would require knowledge of a person's sexual orientation. Instead, Republicans "don't ask" about sexual orientation and are not concerned with what goes on "behind

bedroom doors," according to Quayle.

Quayle again drew shouts from the activists when she went on to say that there is no need for a federal gay rights bill because discrimination based on sexual orientation is already banned. Kane and other activists challenged Quayle's statement, noting that Cracker Barrel Family Restaurants last year fired a dozen gay employees solely because of their orientation and the U.S. military continues to ban gay and lesbian service members, regardless of numerous studies that have shown the ban to be unjustified and costly. Quayle then briefly defended the military ban, and the show cut to a commercial.

And after "several subsequent glances, gestures, and greetings," QW's Faye Penn reported, the Bush aide pinched the officer's nipple and "placed his hand on the zipper area" of Meade's pants and rubbed it "with his hand open and flat."

The officer identified himself, prompting the man to sob, "This would ruin my life. I'll never do this again."

He was booked and released on \$5,000 bail, but the fourth-degree charge was dropped July 22 because the State Attorney's office felt conviction was unlikely.

Assistant State Attorney Edward Barnes denied in an interview with QW that the decision was due to Republican political pressure, despite charges that Bush officials influenced the Democratic Maryland administration.

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**70 left homeless in Orlando after AIDS house closes**

*Orlando, FL (AP)*—An Orlando shelter that housed 70 homeless people with AIDS has closed due to a funding crunch, leaving many of its ill former residents out on the street.

Centaur, an Orlando AIDS support group, had run the 14-apartment shelter since 1990, but a change in state guidelines dried up funding last month, forcing the shelter to close Oct. 1.

"We put ourselves in the hole to operate it," said Debbie Tucci, director of Centaur.

Nearly half of all Americans with AIDS are homeless or on the verge of it, according to a federal study released in July. The study by the National Commission on AIDS also found that at least 15 percent of people living on the streets are infected with the AIDS virus.

Those were exactly the people Centaur was trying to help with the temporary housing program, Tucci said.

During Florida's financial crisis, the state changed its funding guidelines, which meant Centaur could use the public money for only one month's rent rather than three.

Most homeless people with AIDS need more than a month to regain some stability. It takes about three months to connect with

various federal and state programs that help with expenses and other services, said Frank Richards, director of the AIDS Resource Alliance in Orlando.

Guy Wells, 56, was one man forced out of Centaur and back to a life on the streets of Orlando, packing all his belongings into a plastic book bag he received free at the Orlando Public Library.

As he gripped his book bag—"my homeless suitcase"—the former convenience store manager knew his life had come to a point where he could sum it up in just five words.

"I'm homeless, helpless and jobless." Wells had nowhere to turn after leaving his temporary home. He spent most of his time on the street during the day and bouncing between shelters at night.

There are others like Wells. "It's going to get worse. Orlando hasn't really addressed it," Tucci said.

The Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida is trying to take up the slack to find temporary housing for AIDS patients. But that could take a while, and in the meantime Wells and others could be left out in the cold.

**Birmingham loses gay/  
lesbian center**

*Birmingham, AL*—The Lambda Resource Center in Birmingham has closed up shop due to financial difficulties, according to The Alabama Forum. The Center, operated by Lambda, Inc., houses a coffeehouse, a gay/lesbian information line, and a library.

At a membership meeting on September 20, members voted to close down at the end of September. An executive board was put into place to determine the future of Lambda, Inc., and to find a space to house the Center's library of books, videos and periodicals.

Board member Steve McKinney blamed the center's closing on lack of community support. "The community cannot seem to get together to see the need for Lambda," he said. "I think that's sad and short-sighted of them."

presenting Finley in Asheville, Helms office had no comment on the show.

The 36-year-old artist began her show nearly nude, wearing only shoes and a hat when she walked on stage. She bellowed her opening monologue.

"Hello George Bush...no answer," she said. "When I saw Bush collapse and puke, I said leave him there." The audience applauded. "I want him to suffer, I want him to cry."

She donned bits of clothing as the show progressed, and by its conclusion was dressed.

**Finley appears nude at  
Asheville show**

*Asheville, NC (AP)*—Karen Finley, a controversial performance artist who does part of her act nude, appeared before a sold-out theater in Asheville and dazzled the audience with provocative monologues and routines.

Her performance on Oct. 8 at the University of North Carolina at Asheville dealt with topics such as abortion, rape, suicide, AIDS, homosexuality, Rodney King and President Bush.

Finley, a native of Evanston, Ill., has been developing her performances for 15 years but began receiving national publicity in 1990, during a controversy over funding by the National Endowment for the Arts.

She had received NEA funding when she was criticized by U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., during a speech on the Senate floor. Helms attacked the NEA for funding artists he said the public would consider obscene. Finley's 1990 NEA grant was one of four revoked by then-NEA director John Frohnmayer, along with two other gay artists, including Tim Miller and Holly Hughes. Because no federal money was used in

**Florida activist acquitted of  
illegally dispensing drugs  
to AIDS patients**

*Orlando, FL (AP)*—A jury Friday acquitted an AIDS activist of illegally dispensing pain-killing drugs to people suffering from the deadly disease.

Alfredo Martinez-Garcia said he hopes the verdict will tell government officials they need to change their priorities.

"The state should be helping people, not prosecuting them," Martinez-Garcia said. "That's what this is all about."

Martinez-Garcia was charged with giving morphine and codeine to a police informant posing as an AIDS patient. The state said his actions were illegal because he is not a doctor and does not have a pharmaceutical license.

Martinez-Garcia, director of an AIDS support group, admitted breaking the law. He said he gave out the drugs because his clients were too poor to buy them and couldn't get through government red tape. He said he would change his tactics in the future.

Prosecutor Royellen Wehrle said she wasn't disappointed by the verdict.

"It was a hard case," she said. "I felt sympathy, too, and I'm the prosecutor, so I can understand that the jury would."

Wehrle had argued that giving out drugs without a license was dangerous.

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**Magic Says "Bush Lied" During Debate:** Magic Johnson said last week that President Bush lied when he said during last Sunday's debate that Johnson only attended one meeting while he was on the National Commission on AIDS. Johnson attended two of six meetings held during his time on the commission, and sent a representative when he could not attend. In contrast, three members of Bush's cabinet who also serve on the Commission, including Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Louis Sullivan, have attended a total of one meeting. Defense Secretary Dick Cheney and former Veterans Affairs Secretary Edward Derwinski have attended no meetings. While all three regularly send representatives to meetings, Sullivan last attended a meeting in person two years ago.

**AIDS Panellist Fisher Addresses Business Group:** Mary Fisher, President Bush's appointee to fill Magic Johnson's spot on the National Commission on AIDS, told a group of North Carolina business leaders that AIDS was everyone's disease. "If you think this is someone else's disease," she said at the Charlotte International Trade Center, "you're out of date." Fisher said that Johnson was "a wonderful commissioner," and that the basketball great reached people who "won't listen to someone like me." Fisher, a white woman with HIV, addressed the Republican National Convention in August.

**Lesbian/Gay Employees Of United Airlines Unite:** Lesbian and gay employees of United Airlines have formed an independent coalition to lobby for domestic partner benefits and to encourage company participation in gay and lesbian events. "We're looking to see what kind of support we have [among the employees], and where does the company stand," said Thomas Cross, a member of the newly formed Gay/Lesbian United Employees Coalition (GLUE Coalition). "And then we want to work with—not against—the company on these issues." Cross said that in just two weeks since GLUE's initial formation some 75 employees had joined. "We're hoping to reach 300-500 hundred quickly," he said. GLUE Coalition can be reached at (800) 999-3448.

**Buchanan's Visit Sparks Protests In New Jersey:** Ultra right wing mouthpiece Pat Buchanan visited New Jersey stumping for George Bush, sparking protests from clergymen and Democrats, including Gov. Jim Florio. "Patrick Buchanan's message of divisiveness demeans America and isn't welcome in New Jersey," said Florio. Buchanan attended the Republican Party fundraiser in Parsippany anyway, trashing groups and people ranging from gays and lesbians to Hillary Clinton. About 80 people protested outside the Sheraton Tara Hotel during the speech.

**East Lansing City Council Approves Domestic Partner Benefits:** The City Council of East Lansing, Mich., approved an ordinance last week providing health benefits to live-in partners of unmarried city employees. Debate was heated at the City Council meeting, which ran until 1:40 am on Oct. 7. To qualify, couples—both homosexual and heterosexual—must have a sworn affidavit proving their domestic relationship. They will also have to wait six months after ending one partnership before another partner could apply for benefits. This rule is the same as one applying to a married couple going through a divorce.

**Ohio Mayor Supports Coming Out:** For the fifth year, Dayton, Ohio Mayor Richard Clay Dixon has signed a proclamation declaring "National Coming Out Day" in Dayton. Dixon urged gays and lesbians to come out, saying "No group should be discriminated against. But the only way the legislation can be enforced is if someone takes a stand for what they believe in." Dixon also said he would support a city law to ban discrimination against gays and lesbians. Only two Ohio communities, Columbus and Yellow Springs, have such legislation.



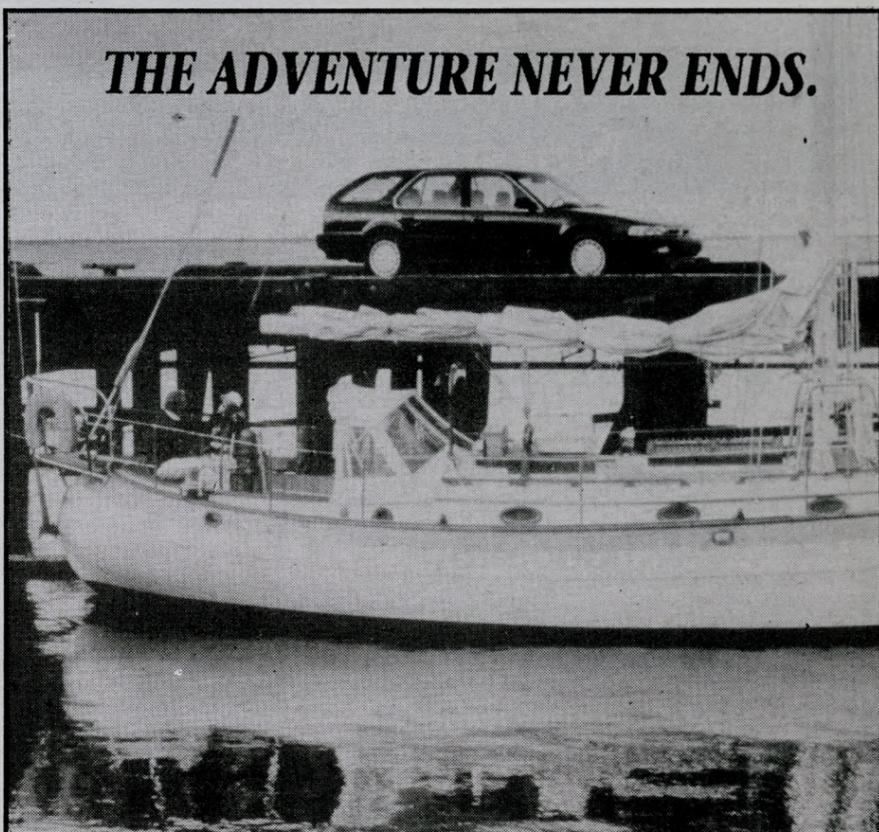
**A security guard working an AIDS benefit concert in New York last week claims Elton John hit him in the head.**

**Harassment charges filed against Elton John:** A security guard who claims Elton John hit him on the head during an AIDS benefit concert in New York has filed a harassment complaint against Atlanta's newest gay son, police said last week. Bruce Baron, a lawyer representing Robert Simms, said that Simms, wearing a blazer that identified him as a security guard, was checking tickets of standees who had clustered in an aisle near the stage while John was performing. John allegedly hit Simms on the back of the head with "a closed fist," Baron said.

**Gay Airman Honorably Discharged:** Staff Sgt. Thomas Paniccia, who came out publicly on ABC's "Good Morning America" this summer, was honorably discharged from the U.S. Air Force on Oct. 7. Paniccia will fight the ban in court, according to his attorney. On the same day, former Petty Officer Keith Meinhold, a sailor discharged in August after coming out on national television, filed a federal lawsuit in Los Angeles demanding reinstatement.

**Students Arrested For Protesting Military Ban on Gays:** Seven Univ. of Minnesota students were arrested after they handcuffed themselves to chairs at a Board of Regents meeting to protest a federal rule barring homosexuals from military training programs. The meeting was quickly adjourned after the protesters burst into the room. The protestors demanded that the regents stop delaying and take a vote on whether to ban the ROTC from campus because it conforms to the Dept. of Defense policy banning gays. The students were charged with disorderly conduct, and may also face student disciplinary charges that could lead to suspension or expulsion.

**Police Use Code To Warn Of HIV Carriers:** Police in Tulsa, Oklahoma, are using a special code to alert officers by radio that a victim or suspect may be HIV+. The code is supposed to alert officers to take special precautions, but a state epidemiologist said that the code will instead lull officers into a false sense of security. "I would hope that any time police have potential exposure to blood, that they're taking appropriate precaution," said Paul Zenker.



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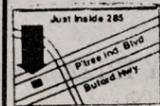
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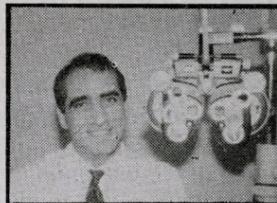
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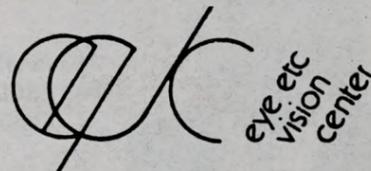
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## 6 people with HIV found symptom-free over ten years

*Finding may be helpful in finding a vaccine*

London (AP)—Australian investigators say they have identified six patients with the same strain of HIV who have remained free of symptoms for up to a decade, a finding which may provide clues for developing a vaccine.

The findings, published in the Oct. 10 issue of *The Lancet*, a British Medical Journal, also lend credence to speculation that some forms of HIV may be less dangerous than others.

The researchers spotted five people who got the virus from the same blood donor between 1982 and 1984. As of June, these recipients and the donor had no symptoms of acquired immune deficiency syndrome. A sixth recipient, who suffered from a second immune disorder, has since died of AIDS.

"This is the first report in the world of a single common HIV-1 infected donor and a group of transfusion recipients who have all remained symptom-free," said Brett Tyndall, an investigator at the National Center in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia.

"Certainly, if you have a virus the host recognizes as the AIDS virus but doesn't cause

disease, you are many steps forward in making a vaccine," he said in a telephone interview.

James Curran, director of HIV and AIDS programs at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, commented in a telephone interview that "it's an interesting and important study that needs further follow-up and a better understanding of what's going on, but it's a long way to finding a vaccine."

Although a vaccine would not be made from this strain of HIV, research on the strain could give genetic clues about why it is weaker than others. That information could be used to work towards a broad-based vaccine.

Although many people have the virus for up to 10 years before getting sick, scientists have not known whether they have particularly strong immune systems or harbor a weak form of HIV.

Experts said finding a cluster of long-term, symptom-free patients who acquired the virus from the same donor is exciting because they will be able to investigate what is different about the virus, rather than the recipients.

RANDI HUTTER EPSTEIN

## Most who get voluntary HIV tests seek private doctor

*CDC says public programs offer better counseling services*

Atlanta—Most Americans who voluntarily get tested for the AIDS virus go to a private doctor, but they're less likely to get the necessary counseling that accompanies testing at public clinics, federal health officials say.

Of the 8.8 million Americans who have ever been voluntarily tested for HIV, 5.9 million went to private doctors or hospitals, the Centers for Disease Control reported Oct. 8.

But people who get tested at public health departments or AIDS clinics get more counseling about HIV infection, the CDC said.

The figures were extrapolated from the just-released results of a 1990 survey and mark the first time the CDC has been able to number private AIDS tests, said Dr. John Anderson of the agency's National Center for Prevention Services.

"Before what we have reported has been just public programs," Anderson said. "We didn't have an estimate before of just how big the private contribution to testing is."

The CDC surveyed 40,513 adults and found 2,061 who had gotten tested voluntarily. The survey showed 712 were tested at public sites while 1,349 were tested privately.

People who were tested so they could donate blood, for insurance or job purposes or military induction were not considered voluntary.

But 58.3 percent of those tested at public sites received counseling before the test and 43.2 percent after the test, compared to 39 and 24.6 percent for people tested privately.

The Atlanta-based CDC has long encouraged counseling for public testing programs, and said private doctors should follow the same guidelines. At a minimum, "it should mean some discussion of what the test means, some discussion of risk behaviors and how they could be avoided," Anderson said.

Also, doctors should encourage partner notification and medical treatment and should refer people who test positive for the virus or who remain at risk for infection to AIDS agencies for further help, the CDC said.

The majority of the people who go to pri-

vate doctors for testing are white, middle- or upper-income and have more than 12 years education, the CDC reported. They also are less likely to describe themselves at high risk for infection.

LAURAN NEERGAARD

## Breast and prostate cancer may share common gene

London (AP)—Close relatives of women with breast cancer have a 40 percent greater chance of getting prostate cancer, according to a study of nearly 30,000 people in Iceland. The finding suggests a genetic basis for prostate cancer, which may be closely related to a gene causing breast cancer, said Dr. Hrafn Tulinius, professor of preventive medicine at the University of Iceland.

"This really is a shift in our thinking," said Dr. Curtis Mettlin, chief of epidemiologic research at the Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, N.Y.

"In the past few years we have been looking at environmental, hormonal or dietary factors," said Mettlin, chairman of the American Cancer Society's Committee on Prevention and Detection.

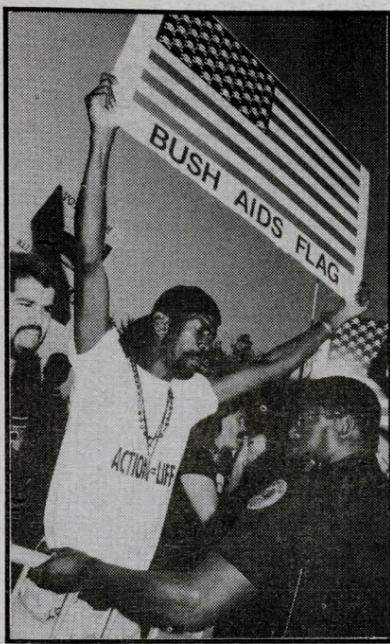
"Now our attention is being refocused" to study genes.

The study was published in the Oct. 9 issue of *The British Medical Journal*.

Investigators analyzed records from the Icelandic Tumor Registry, concentrating on 947 women diagnosed with breast cancer between 1955 and 1988. Among relatives of these women, 1,539 had breast cancer, 135 had ovarian cancer, and 467 had prostate cancer.

The increased risk of getting ovarian or breast cancer among relatives of breast cancer patients—which is nearly double the risk for women whose close relatives have not had breast cancer—had been detected in many previous studies.

Researchers said 78 first-degree relatives—fathers, sons, or brothers—of women with breast cancer had prostate cancer. That's 36 percent higher than the expected rate. The rate of prostate cancer among husbands of women with breast cancer was not higher than expected, pointing to a genetic rather than dietary cause, said researchers.



ADAM TAYLOR

**While the three vice-presidential candidates hurled rumors** and innuendos at one another inside Georgia Tech's performing arts theatre last week, some 30 members of ACT UP/Atlanta hurled chants and slogans at President Bush's lackluster AIDS policies. The boisterous group held court only 100 feet from the entrance to Georgia Tech's state-of-the-art theatre, while supporters of the three candidates and media from everywhere scurried around them. At the close of the debate, ACT UPpers circled to the back of the theatre to wave good bye to departing VP Quayle.

Inside, Vice President Dan Quayle, Democratic VP nominee Sen. Al Gore, and Perot VP candidate Ret. Adm. James Stockdale squared off in the only scheduled vice presidential debate. At times, the debate resembled more of a cockfight between Gore and Quayle than a serious discussion of the issues, with Stockdale lost in the middle of the melee.

KC WILDMOON

## Aloe vera being formally tested as AIDS treatment

(AP)—The moment scientists at Carrington Laboratories Inc. have been waiting for is here. After years of alternating hype and criticism, Carrington has started Food and Drug Administration-sanctioned tests of acemannan, a complex carbohydrate found in the aloe vera plant, as an AIDS treatment.

The tests began last month on healthy volunteers in a lab at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston. If all goes well, they could be expanded to AIDS patients early next year.

Carrington's scientists believe acemannan, from which the company now produces wound lotions and veterinary vaccines, may inhibit the virus that causes AIDS and alter the immune response to protect a person with it.

"What we have is the exciting opportunity that, if indeed this agent does not cure AIDS, it may certainly be expected to control the immunological effects that are far more likely to kill the individual," said Gailen D. Marshall Jr., an allergist and clinical immunologist at the Houston school and an adviser to the company.

AIDS eventually could be survivable with regular medication, much like diseases such as diabetes, says Marshall.

Although Carrington's claims about acemannan have been met with skepticism, the critics say they're glad to see FDA-monitored tests.

"It's one of many products for which claims have been made based on studies that either didn't show very much or that there is reason to wonder whether they were well done," said Larry Tate, hotline manager at Project Inform, the San Francisco-based clearinghouse for AIDS treatment information.

"We're very, very glad to see well-controlled, FDA-approved trials of any agent that has been available for which the evidence was, at best, unclear," he said.

Carrington has had AIDS tests performed in Belgium. But Chief Executive Karl Meister said getting FDA approval was "a major breakthrough."

"It reflects the belief on the part of FDA that the product is essentially within the acceptable limits of toxicity and that it is relatively safe to put into humans," said Meister, who came to Carrington two years ago after working with pharmaceutical giants Pfizer Inc. and Schering-Plough Corp.

Bill McAnalley, a Carrington scientist who is now vice president of research, in 1984 discovered a process to stabilize acemannan, considered the chief healing ingredient in aloe vera. Without the process, the substance is only active for a few days.

The substance is used in lotions to clean and dress wounds and, earlier this year, was approved as an enhancement for vaccines used

to fight cancer in poultry. Acemannan is also being tested for allergic rhinitis and at the Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas for cancer and other mouth sores.

EVAN RAMSTAD

## Asian/Pacific gay group promotes safer-sex fortunes via cookies

*New York City*—Fortune cookies with safer-sex messages are being substituted for traditional Chinese truisms, and distributed here to help curb the city's mushrooming HIV infections in the city's immigrant Asian community.

The Asian/Pacific Islander Coalition on HIV/AIDS (APICHA) is folding in relevant, and sometimes racy, messages to replace prosaic one-liners in the token dessert.

"You are wise in your ways," "A bird-in-the-hand..." and other basics have been replaced with important new sayings such as, "You will meet your dream lover soon! Use condoms with nonOxynol-9."

Immigrants currently comprise 77 percent of this city's Asian and Pacific Island population. "Many still believe themselves immune to HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus)," reported QW news editor Andrew Jacobs.

APICHA works the streets to reach potential members and hosts workshops with recruits, students, and community groups. Five staff members created the unique fortune cookie messages, which include, "Love yourself, love your partner, practice safer sex" and "Sex is not a shame, unsafe sex is."

JOHN ZEH

## Atlanta Lesbian AIDS Project announces formation, meeting times

The Atlanta Lesbian AIDS Project (ALAP) has been formed in response to the lack of AIDS education and services for lesbians, bisexual women, and women who have sex with women. ALAP will provide HIV/AIDS education and risk reduction information for lesbians, promote lesbian visibility within the AIDS crisis, and access resources for lesbians living with HIV disease. Because an overwhelming majority of the identified lesbians with AIDS in the U.S. are Black or Latina, ALAP says it is committed to addressing the needs of lesbians of color.

ALAP meets the second Sunday of every month at the offices of the Atlanta National Association of People with AIDS (Atlanta NAPWA).

For more information, call the AIDS Hotline for Women at (404)888-9991.

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threats. The American Civil Liberties Union also came to their aid with offers of legal help.

A security guard questions all who approach Stone Mountain. Two weeks earlier, a teen-ager was arrested and accused of trespassing and trying to run down a guard on the property. Now, at least one other guard prowls the woods just out of sight.

"We're taking a stand and we will not quit. If they kill us, they kill us, but I will not—I will not—go back into a closet and live a lie any more," Cates said.

His father remembers Cates as a good-hearted child who grew up in the church.

"We still love him, but..." said J.G. Cates, his voice trailing off. "He goes his way and I go mine. He was a part of this family until he chose this lifestyle."

Family members and friends often pray Jimmy will renounce his homosexuality and reconcile with them.

"In something like this, God will take care of everything," he said.

Local radio talks shows have produced a stream of people angry that gay lifestyles are being practiced in the town. Children will be at risk, some said. Others have worried aloud that the town will become a vacation spot for gays who might then pervade their culture.

"They're overcome with homophobia. It's like they think we're going to overcome this town with sin and God will de-

stroy it," Turner said. "It's the same thing they did with black people, with Jews."

Caught in the middle are local officials and a largely silent group of residents who say that what consenting adults do in private seclusion on Stone Mountain is no one else's business. Also, local clergy are balancing a need to condemn sin without fanning hatred against sinners.

"I'd say the biggest majority of people are not wanting it but there's only probably two or three people who violently oppose it. That's out of a county of 28,000 people," said Mayor Ken Smith. "My personal view is this is immoral, but they have their rights."

City and county officials tell the inn's opponents that their hands are tied and cannot block its opening. The resort is outside the city limits and Logan County has rejected rural zoning.

Russellville Church of Christ youth minister Steve Tyree said that for all their condemnations of homosexuality, the local clergy try not to condemn homosexuals.

"The Book of Romans is very clear that homosexual sodomy is a sin," Tyree said. "It is seen there as a hardening of the hearts of people who have...given up on God and what God teaches."

But, he added, "If they came to our church, I think we would let them in, but we would hope and pray they would seek and find God's truth. I won't pretend there wouldn't be some people who would express some shock."

BOB LEWIS

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Dekalb County does lousy job with HIV testing, counseling

I am a resident of DeKalb County and recently went to their anonymous HIV testing site at the DeKalb County Public Health Clinic (on Winn Way in Decatur) for an HIV test. I would like to share with you and your readers my experience at the clinic.

First, upon entering the building, there were no signs clearly stating where the STD/HIV clinic was located within the building. Therefore, I had to ask a security guard where the testing room was located. (By the way, it's in the basement.) Upon entering the room there are signs directing you what to do. Basically you take a number and wait for your number to be called. In this waiting room there are a few magazines (People, Sports Illustrated, and the like) and a television with some pretaped general health programming. There were about 4 posters on the walls stating things like "you can't get AIDS from a bug bite," "you can't get AIDS from a public restroom," and other "situations" in which you are unable to contract HIV. What they didn't have in this waiting room was any information on how you can get HIV. There were also no condoms available and no information about HIV or about advocacy groups for people with HIV.

When my number was called I was brought into a small room and interviewed. The interview was for the purpose of determining my "risk group." I was asked if I was an IV drug user, if I had sex with someone who was an IV drug user. I informed the person that I was a sexually active gay male and that is the reason that I wanted to be tested. The interviewer then

asked me if I had had sex with anyone whom I later discovered was HIV+. I informed the person that I had had sex with people whom I knew were HIV+ before we had sex and that the sex we had was "Safe sex."

It seemed inconceivable to the interviewer that someone would have sex with someone who they knew was HIV+ (of course this is just my impression). Then the interviewer proceeded to ask me to define exactly what sexual acts had occurred—as if they had no clue what safe sex practices were. The interviewer then asked me if I had any questions, so I asked about the availability of condoms and AIDS information. I was told that if I went up to the reception desk in the waiting room and asked for some condoms they would be happy to give them to me. I was also told

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that information was available in the next waiting room I was to be sent to.

The next waiting room had a large number of pamphlets about HIV and how you can contract the virus. There was also safe sex information available. The problem was that I was only in this waiting room for about 5 minutes and I was in the first waiting room (which had no information) for about 55 minutes. A person without any knowledge of AIDS or HIV wouldn't know what questions to ask until they had left the clinic!

From the second waiting room I went into another small room and had blood drawn and then I was sent on my way after being told to come back in two weeks for my results. No mention of the importance of coming back for the results was ever made (and they wonder why people often don't come back to get their test results).

After the two week period was over I went back to the clinic for my results. I walked in, gave them my slip from the

first visit and was given a letter and told to wait for my letter to be called. Once again I was sitting in the waiting room with no information on AIDS. They called my letter, I went into an office and was told that I was "O.K." and that my results were negative.

The person then asked me if I had any concerns about the 6 month incubation period (presuming that I already knew that the time from infection with the virus and the time it takes for an antibody response to show us positive is 6 months) and I said "No." The person then asked if I had any questions and I said "No," waiting to see if they would give me any counseling. The person then said "Just gotta take it one day at a time" and sent me on my way. Take WHAT one day at a time? A dick up my ass? They didn't tell me what behaviors were safe, that I should not have unprotected sex or share needles with anyone. That it is a good idea for a sexually active person to get tested every 6 months. They didn't tell me what kind of lubricants were safe to use with condoms or anything about condom use at all. They didn't tell me what types of contact would be likely to transmit HIV. They didn't tell me anything.

If this is the kind of "counseling" they give someone who is HIV- I don't want to even think about how they deal with someone who is HIV+.

I consider myself lucky because I am informed about HIV and AIDS. I have also been tested before, so I knew what the procedure was. I feel great concern for anyone who is not informed and goes to this clinic for their first HIV test. I would appreciate it if residents of DeKalb County would call or write the Public Health Department and inform them that this level of HIV testing and counseling is unacceptable and changes need to be made.

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John Greaves and David Greer will celebrate their 6th anniversary on Halloween, October 31st. Hope it's not a scary occasion, guys.

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Clay Miller turned 38 on October 16th. "A friend" of yours told us to wish you a happy birthday, and that goes for us, too!

SoVo General Manager Leigh VanderEls will celebrate her 32nd birthday on October 22nd. Her son Chase will be coming home for the weekend to help her celebrate. On the special day itself, she plans to pamper herself and get ready for an evening out that some special folks have planned for her.

Shelton Haney will also be celebrating his 32nd birthday on October 25th. Shelton says this is just a normal birthday, and no special fuss is planned. He probably will just go out to dinner with some friends. Hope they have something special for you anyway, Shelton. Happy Birthday.

**MORE LETTERS:**

Our own Gareth Fenley graced the editorial pages of The Atlanta Constitution & Journal on Wednesday, October 14th. Her letter, under the headline, "Gays Ignored Once More" chastises the paper for not including gays and lesbians in their recent feature

"Single in The '90s." Gareth says, "By refusing to include us in upbeat features, even when the angle is obvious, you pretend we don't exist in everyday life. We're only visible in the world of crime, politics, and disease." I must admit, I read the aforementioned feature article and wondered where our community was, but I didn't expect to find us in the article. Shame on me, and Bravo to Gareth!

**OTHER OCCASIONS:**

An independent men's Bible study group called "Men's Triangle Fellowship" is forming in the Grant Park Area. It will meet Monday evenings from 9 til 10 at 603 Boulevard. For more information, call Ed W. at (404) 627-5474.

A recent incident has renewed my faith in the kindness of strangers. Last week our dog, Sage, got out of the fence through a hole which she created when we weren't looking. Sage, drunk with her new found freedom, decided to check out the greater Lake Claire area and became lost. After fruitless searching the entire afternoon, we made up some flyers and hoped someone would call. At 8 the next morning the phone rang...someone had found Sage in their backyard a few blocks away. Thank you, Kent, for returning our dog to us...and if you don't have an ID tag on your animals with your name, address, and phone number on it, get one today. Without it, we probably never would have seen Sage again.

compiled by CANDACE CHELLEW  
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**Bob Hope denounces anti-gay violence in GLAAD PSA**

A 30-second GLAAD public service announcement starring Bob Hope will air in Atlanta and in the Tampa/St. Petersburg area this week, says the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation of Atlanta (GLAAD).

The purchase of commercial time was made possible by a \$10,000 gift to GLAAD/Atlanta from the James Boyd Young Fund of the Metropolitan Atlanta Community Foundation.

Specific times and stations are: WAGA-TV (Channel 5, CBS, Atlanta): First break of 11:00pm news, Friday, Oct. 23, First break of 6:00pm news, Sunday, Oct. 25. WSB-TV (Channel 2, ABC, Atlanta): First break of 11:00pm news, Friday, Oct. 23, First break of 6:00pm news, Sunday, Oct. 25. WXIA-TV (Channel 11, NBC, Atlanta): First break of

11:00pm news, Friday, Oct. 23.

In 1989, representatives of GLAAD met with Hope in response to negative remarks he made about gays and lesbians. GLAAD representatives showed him how frequent anti-gay attacks were and suggested this PSA project to educate people.

"Hopefully, when people see that Mr. Hope, an American icon, has the courage, strength and conviction to stand up and denounce anti-gay tactics, it will make them realize that we all are Americans and deserve a part of the American dream... to be able to live in an environment free from violence and bigotry," said Padraig McLoughlin, GLAAD/Atlanta Executive Director.

GLAAD/Atlanta is a chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/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.

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3. Grapes will never be politically correct until the little baubles learn how to pick themselves.
4. Money will never be Politically Correct. Unless you have some.
5. Currently it is considered Politically Correct to be Politically Correct. In the past, however, and in the future the only way to be Politically Correct has been/will be to be Politically Incorrect. Until further notice.
6. It is never Politically Correct to cover your body with anything that used to have a face.
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## Don't renew George's contract

To the Editor,

When I decided to write this letter, I wanted to talk about what President Bush has done for gays and lesbians. As a Republican, I wanted to determine what kind of positive impact he has had on my life as a homosexual. I wanted to know what the state of my rights would be in four years if Bush is re-elected. The more I researched, the more I thought, the more I got seriously disgusted with the subject.

What Mr. Bush has done so far is hardly positive. The few AIDS funding bills he has signed have left research and treatment terribly under-funded. He created the National Commission on AIDS, only to let it become another blue-ribbon panel whose recommendations have been largely ignored.

Mr. Bush's silence on other gay issues has lent his tacit approval to discrimination and gay-bashing. He has openly supported the ban on homosexuals in the armed forces. He would not sign a federal bill based on

sexual orientation discrimination. He refuses to support legislation on hate crimes when sexual orientation is included. And he opposes same-sex domestic partnerships.

I don't understand how George Bush can expect my support as a voter and a taxpayer when he has refused to support me. My life and rights are just as important as his, Pat Robertson's or Phyllis Schlafly's! How can he, in good conscience, allow the gay-bashing that went on at the Convention and then ask for my vote?

George Bush reminds me of a CEO who is more worried about his job security than with the welfare of the company. He'll do anything to make things look rosy now, just to get another contract signed. But the company will go bankrupt in five years. We can't afford to sign another contract with George Bush! If you're a gay Republican (or any Republican), please take another look at Bill Clinton. If you still can't vote for him, then please DON'T vote for George Bush. He doesn't deserve our support.

Signed,

A Disgruntled Republican

## Thanks for the Walk

To the Editor:

When I was asked by AID Atlanta to coordinate police services for From All Walks of Life on October 4, I had little information about AID Atlanta, and I was hesitant because of a busy schedule. After agreeing to take the volunteer position, I was very quickly glad that I had done so.

While on this project, I worked with people who truly are from all walks of life, and my perspective about AIDS and how good people can be has been positively changed. I must say "thank you" to Marcia Greenberg for asking me to work as a volunteer, to the hundreds of other volunteers from

AID Atlanta, and to the following who made the day such a huge success: Maj. Davis and the Fulton Co. Sheriff's Reserve, and the Atlanta Police Motor Officers for coordinating the walk route; Chief Deputy Marshall Jenkins and the Fulton Co. Marshall's Office for event security; Chief Medlin of the Emory Univ. Police Dept. for encouraging me to participate; and, to the many people who helped along the walk route.

I am grateful to have been a part of this event, and thankful to live in such a generous city.

Sincerely,

Capt. Ray Edge, Deputy Director of Police  
Emory University Police Dept

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

Senator Wyche Fowler  
Wyche Fowler Campaign Headquarters  
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Dear Senator Fowler:

I feel a need, as one of your past supporters, to express my concern over your apathy towards gay and lesbian citizens. Your recent siding with Jesse Helms on the domestic partnership bill for Washington, D.C. sends a very clear message to your constituents that you have complete disregard for our struggle for equality. You have also recently been questioned on your view of gay rights legislation and stated you have grave concerns about our behavior as a "lifestyle."

Well Mr. Fowler, we have grave concern about your ability to fairly represent our "lifestyle" struggle. Our tolerance level of politicians such as yourself has diminished with each one of us that has been beaten up, died of AIDS, been fired from our jobs and

thrown out of the military. We have licked our wounds long enough and our skin is getting tougher. This is not a "style" issue; it's our life. And with the onset of AIDS, life, for many people in our community, is a precious commodity. We're not asking for tolerance, we're demanding solid representation from the people that we help put in office.

This year is crucial to our community and let me assure you that we have been registering people, raising awareness and raising money. We are showing up in force at the polls this year. There is a push in the gay community to skip over the Wyche Fowler box on the ballot. We recognize that this could put Paul Coverdell in office but to vote for you sends a message that it is acceptable to ignore our community.

If you have any response to me or to our community, I would suggest a letter or interview with Southern Voice. Until then, I'll "Skip Wyche."

Respectfully,  
Hart A. Levy

The Atlanta Constitution  
P.O. Box 4689  
Atlanta, GA 30302

Dear Editor,

Your heart is in the right place, but you got a crucial fact wrong in your editorial October 12, "Anti-gay hatred flares up in Oregon." You wrote that Measure 9 would allow a new kind of discrimination: "For example, an employer could fire any worker suspected of being gay. A landlord could eject any tenant on such allegation."

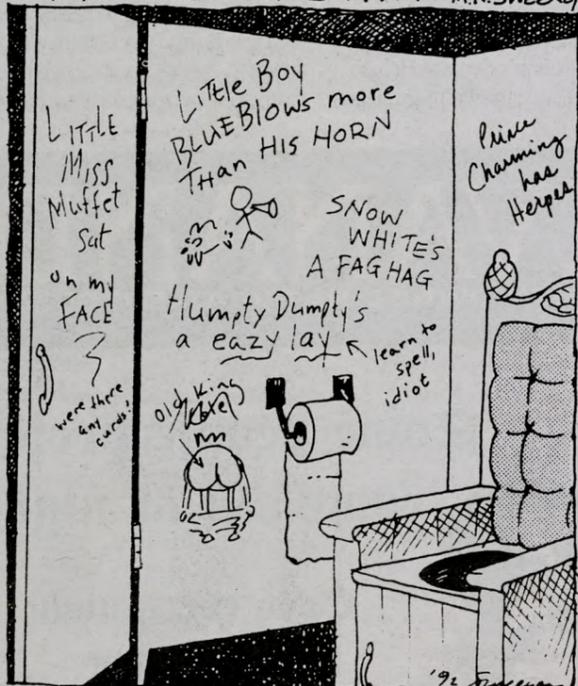
In fact, the employer and landlord can do that now. Discrimination in jobs and housing on the basis of perceived sexual orientation is legal in Oregon and 42 other states,

including Georgia. Cracker Barrel restaurants fired workers for being gay and there's not a thing the law can do about it. What the law can do is invalidate wills and contracts based on an "immoral" relationship, take children away from gay parents in custody cases, and protect bigots like attorney general Michael Bowers when he finds out he's agreed to hire a lesbian. Cancel that job.

Anti-gay power-grabbers have learned to fool the public by using the slogan "special rights." Pat Robertson and his ilk claim that lesbian and gay men already are protected by law, and that now we want more rights than anyone else. That's a lie.

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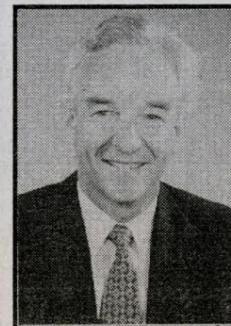
## No candidate in race for U.S. Senate wants the gay vote

Atlanta—With the November general election less than two weeks away, the U.S. Senate race in Georgia between Democratic incumbent Wyche Fowler Jr. and Republican hopeful Paul Coverdell is heating up. Television ads for both candidates attack the other on various issues.

Of course, none of those issues are gay and lesbian. So where does that leave the gay and lesbian voter? It's a question asked all over the country as election time draws near, but as far as this U.S. Senate race is concerned, the answer may be "Nowhere." The candidates have seemingly gone out of their way at times to alienate the gay vote, leaving many asking, "Doesn't anybody want gay support?"

### Sen. Wyche Fowler, Jr. (Inc.-Democrat)

After winning a narrow election six years ago, largely with the support of a progressive coalition of voters including gay, lesbian and women's groups, Fowler would seem the logical choice. But recently Fowler's votes on the floor of the Senate have gone the way of Republican anti-gay fanatic Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina.



Fowler began his Senate career after serving 10 years in the U.S. House representing Georgia's liberal 5th District, a seat now held by Rep. John Lewis.

Fowler narrowly defeated Republican incumbent Mack Mattingly in that contest, drawing 51% of the vote.

Initially, Fowler's votes, as they were during his tenure in the House, were largely supportive of gay and lesbian issues. By way of example, he voted for the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, as well as supporting the Americans with Disabilities Act.

But as the 1992 reelection vote drew near, Fowler's votes have become increasingly conservative. According to voting records tabulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund in Washington, a meager thirty percent of Fowler's votes in the '91-'92 Congress were supportive of lesbian, gay and AIDS issues. Among those votes were several in support of strident anti-gay proposals made by North Carolina's Senator Helms.

Most recently, Fowler backed Sen. Helms

on crucial votes involving the District of Columbia's Health Care Benefits Act, which would have set up a registry for domestic partners and allowed partners of unmarried city employees to buy into the District's health care benefits package.

Fowler also followed Helms' lead on a bill amendment that would have penalized organizations withholding support from the Boy Scouts of America because of that group's anti-gay stand. Several Helms-sponsored amendments to that effect were eventually defeated.

Fowler has not supported the Senate Bill 574, the lesbian/gay civil rights bill, nor has he supported a repeal of the Department of Defense's ban on gays and lesbians. And then there was Fowler's vote to confirm Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court last year, a vote that has cost Georgia's junior Senator support from many women's groups.

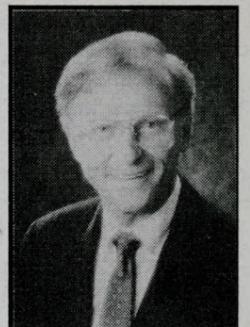
Attempts to meet with Fowler to discuss these issues have been unsuccessful, although a Fowler campaign staffer did meet with some members of the community and promised to take their concerns back to the Senator. To date, Fowler has not responded.

### Paul Coverdell (Republican)

Former State Sen. Paul Coverdell, who told a group of community activists that he is "a good friend" of President George Bush, does not fare much better, although his record, both in the Georgia legislature and as the Bush-appointed head of the Peace Corps, does hold some light for gays and lesbians. During Coverdell's tenure as a "citizen legislator," he supported the repeal of the sodomy law, a wildly unpopular stand for a Republican in the Georgia General Assembly.

And under Coverdell's watch at the Peace Corps, that organization adopted a non-discrimination policy that included gays and lesbians at the behest of returning gay and lesbian volunteers.

Earlier this month, Coverdell and several of his top staff members met with sixteen lesbian and gay community leaders and activists. At that meeting, he listened attentively to concerns ranging from the military



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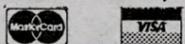
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ban to AIDS funding, but at the end made no commitment.

He told the group that he had not yet "come to a position of overriding the military ban." Regarding the gay/lesbian civil rights bill, he made perhaps his most telling statement, saying that while he "would defend anyone's constitutional rights," he would not "endorse a separate category of rights."

That statement gels with earlier Coverdell comments about civil rights for lesbians and gays. During a July 30 radio debate (WMOG in Brunswick) with Republican primary challenger Bob Barr, Coverdell said he "vehemently [disagrees] with the efforts of the gay community to establish themselves as a minority or as a group for which they could accept special rights and privileges beyond which other citizens might enjoy."

At that meeting on October 2 with community members, Coverdell press secretary Bill Crane told the group that "Paul would have voted the same way" as Fowler on the DC Health Care Benefits Act, and campaign chair Tom Perdue said that an endorsement from a gay group "would kill us."

**Jim Hudson (Libertarian)**

There is one other candidate in this Senate race, Libertarian Jim Hudson, a project manager in the business systems planning department at Norfolk Southern Corporation. Like most Libertarians, Hudson, a first-time candidate, strongly supports individual rights while opposing government involvement in the day to day activities of the citizens.

As a result, Hudson says he "would have no problem" supporting an the lesbian/gay civil rights bill, "if it is in fact simply an anti-discrimination bill." Hudson also supports an overhaul of the



Federal Drug Administration to allow easier access to experimental drugs. He condemned Congressional efforts to limit the content of sex and AIDS education, and said that he "sees no point" in opposing DC's Health Care Benefits Act.

Hudson does draw the line on the military ban. "I do have questions in my mind about that," he said, citing concerns about "the cohesiveness of the fighting unit" if heterosexual soldiers are uncomfortable around gays and lesbians.

And Hudson admits that Libertarians are perhaps not the optimum choice for gays and lesbians.

"Libertarians are not as influential as Democrats and Republicans," he said, adding that "historically, gay communities have been supportive [of Libertarians] because, frankly, we're much more tolerant."

So where does this leave us? The answer to that question depends on who you talk to.

"We'd be fools to vote for Fowler again," said Rich Jones, a member of LEGAL (Legislate Equality for Gays And Lesbians). "His record is atrocious. I'm certain that we're no worse off supporting [Coverdell] than Fowler. It's definitely the lesser of two evils."

Dick Rhodes, second vice chair of the DeKalb Democratic Party, disagrees.

"Do you vote for the devil you know or the devil you don't know?" he said. "I'm not happy with a lot of what [Fowler] has done, but I support him because I don't know Coverdell."

"Last year [Fowler] was pretty good," said Judy Kolbs, of GAPAC. "This past year has been bad. It's very tough, because I don't want Coverdell, and I don't want to waste a vote. I think we have a chance with Fowler, but not with Coverdell."

Kolbs said she has not made a final decision on the vote, but was leaning to Fowler. "It won't be a vote for Fowler," she said. "It may be a vote against Coverdell, and then work to defeat Fowler next time if he doesn't get better."

Larry Pellegrini, an activist who attended both the meeting with Fowler's staff and the one with Coverdell, said the bickering over which candidate to support was wasted energy.

"We need to spend our time working for the people we know are good," he said. "Everybody's gonna do what they feel they need to do. We shouldn't waste the energy in this case. There just isn't anybody in that race good enough to work for."

Cathy Woolard, a former Atlantan who now works as a lobbyist for the Human Rights Campaign Fund in Washington, said that her focus was on electing proactive legislators.

"My role is to look at people with a very, very narrow point of view," she said. "Coverdell is a Republican, Fowler is a Democrat, and there are distinctions beyond the realm of the gay/lesbian arena. But my goal is to get the civil rights bill passed in the next four years, so I'm looking to insure a vote for that."

"You have to decide what kind of legislator you want in a given time," she added, "and elect the person who'll do it for you."

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## Atlantan wins lesbian writers grant

The words "eleven thousand" were elegantly scrawled across a check that Kelley Eskridge cashed in Atlanta this summer. Receiving the grant from Astraea Lesbian Writers Fund was one in a series of sweet breakthroughs this year: buying her first home with her lover, planning their wedding, and selling two new stories to publishers.

Eskridge, 32, a science-fiction writer, was one of 700 women who applied for the Astraea grants. The New York-based fund is in its second year of awarding \$11,000 cash prizes with no strings attached. To meet the fund's criterion of "emerging writer," a woman must have had at least one poem or story published, but not more than one book.

While some of this year's winners have seen print in a wide variety of anthologies, literary journals, and gay periodicals, Eskridge could list only one published story on her grant application. She had suffered many rejections after that first sale. Eventually, she decided that even if she were never published again, she would keep writing. She would believe in herself as a writer.

It was difficult to keep faith when others treated her like a pretender. Publishers and literary friends dismissed her as a tagalong to her lover, Nicola Griffith, an established full-time writer. The women met at a six-week science-fiction workshop in 1988. After a long and passionate courtship by mail, Griffith moved from England to live in Georgia with Eskridge.

"It's very important to both of us to be a writing couple," Eskridge said. "My work, my relationship, and what I want to do are all interrelated." This year, her accomplishments have finally brought signs of respect from science-fiction professionals. She will read from her work at Charis Books early next year, alongside Griffith, whose first novel is due in print then. It's one small step in Eskridge's

five-year plan to become a full-time writer and move with Griffith to the Pacific Northwest.

For now, Eskridge lives in the Lake Claire neighborhood of Atlanta and works as a marketing manager at Cape Environmental Management, where she is "out to everybody" as a lesbian. Lesbian identity has been a prominent theme in her personal life and writing since she realized her sexuality about five years ago. "Suddenly a lot of things made sense," she said. "It was a real breakthrough in my writing. My work acquired more groundedness and more emotional honesty."

### Lesbian speculative fiction

Science fiction had always been Eskridge's reading material of choice, and when she began to write stories, that's what came naturally. "To me, it's a genre that's about possibilities, with the freedom to imagine situations that don't exist," Eskridge said. "I am interested in writing about people and about emotional truth. To do that, I create characters to address emotional issues and questions. I put them in situations where the rules are different, and ask, 'What if?'"

"I tend to call what I do speculative fiction. Some of it is homeless stuff that falls between the cracks, between genres. Either I have quite a range, or I just haven't settled down yet—I'm not sure which," she jokes.

"Alien Jane" is the story that won the Astraea prize. The plot is one you've heard more than once before, but Eskridge makes it fresh and fascinating, strewn with great one-liners.

"She was the pastypale color that white people get when they eat meat a lot and don't work it off. She made my fingers itch to stuff an entire head of broccoli down her throat."

Like many lesbian and gay writers today, Eskridge is courting mainstream publishers



**Kelley Eskridge, a lesbian writer who lives in Atlanta, recently won an \$11,000 grant from Astraea Foundation.**

while keeping proudly out of the closet. "I want to have my stories in magazines and books, and I want lesbian women to be in those stories," she explained. "I want the publishers to expand their definitions to let me in."

Eskridge noted with pleasure that Dorothy Allison, one of this year's judges for the Astraea grants, was nominated for a National Book Award. "I hope she wins," said Eskridge. "I hope a lot of people read her book and know she is a lesbian." Eskridge and her lover come out to readers by acknowledging each other in their printed biographical notes. "I won't deny my relationship to anyone," Eskridge said. "My work is too important, and Nicola's is too important. We went through all kinds of immigration hassles, and they're not over yet. Denying our relationship is diminishing what we went through to be together."

### About Astraea

The Astraea Lesbian Writers Fund is the

only national grants program for lesbian writers in the United States. Established last year with a founding gift from Joan Drury, the fund annually awards \$11,000 grants to five emerging lesbian poets and fiction writers, as well as one \$5,000 Sappho Award of Distinction to an established writer. This year's Sappho Award went to Gloria Anzaldúa, a Chicana Tejana (Texan) lesbian-feminist poet and fiction writer. The previous Sappho Award recipient, Audre Lorde, was named New York State poet laureate in 1991.

"Lesbian poets and writers are among today's visionaries," said Katherine Acey, executive director of Astraea. "They record the many lesbian voices which carry us forward toward political and social change. In many ways, this fund puts sharply into focus the kind of radical work that Astraea has been encouraging and supporting since 1977."

A literary gala to honor Kelley Eskridge and other Writers Fund winners was held on October 5 in New York City. The program featured readings by Dorothy Allison, author of the critically acclaimed new book "Bastard Out of Carolina," and the five 1991 Lesbian Writers Fund winners: Melinda Goodman, Mariana Romo-Carmona, Ana Maria Simo, Yasmin V. Tambiah, and Magdalena Zschokke. Writer and editor Joan Nestle, co-founder of the Lesbian Herstory Archives, served as emcee.

GARETH FENLEY

Katherine Acey, executive director of Astraea Foundation, will speak in Atlanta at the Castlegate Hotel on October 27. The program is hosted by Fourth Tuesday, the Atlanta business and career networking group for lesbians. Reservations must be made by noon on Friday, Oct. 23; for info call 662-4353. Kelley Eskridge will read from her work at the event.

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ALGEN '92 will offer 32 different workshops that are as diverse as the community itself. The two day conference is made up of five topics: Spirituality, Self-Help, Relationships, Civil Rights, and AIDS.

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"Many of us have learned that who we are and what we want is wrong or sinful or sick. No matter how long we have been out, there's still remnants of internalized homophobia," says Abbott. "This will help people understand how homophobia works and how to be aware of the dangers involved."

Even with the many and varied workshop topics, Abbott points to where the real power of this conference comes from. "I've attended lots of seminars and the content fades quickly," he notes. "But what remains with me is the connections I have made with the people who are there. The power is in the sense of community."

In addition to the workshops, ALGEN '92 will feature an exposition where exhibitors such as AID Atlanta, SAME, and Southern Voice (just to name a few), will present goods and services of interest to the gay, lesbian and bisexual community. The exposition will be held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 24.

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**O**f all the various shows I have enjoyed at 800 East (24 Hour, Goddess, Bar Code), the best by far was the recent **HOMO**. This show attracted the largest and most vibrant crowd of people to enjoy the visual and performance art which centered around various themes of homoeroticism. Along with a gallery full of paintings and sculptures from such talents as Larry Anderson, Lee Bomhoff, Michael Venezia, Lou Majors, Ed Woodham, and Quinn, the audience enjoyed a variety of performance pieces. These included a sensuous performance of Rebecca Ranson's "Bad Girls" by Lenny Lasater, "Pink Taffeta" by radical faerie Dandelion Morningstar, Cedrick Morress, who transformed himself from cat-calling construction worker to erotic femme fatale via the contents of his lunch sack, and Julian Helms, who read her own very funny poetry.

In between performances, we were treated to a wonderful display of fashion and fantasy by three models wearing the cutting edge clothing of Bill Hallman. Everyone's favorite was a brown skinned angel in white feather posing strap and white feather wings.

If you are kicking yourself because you missed this wonderful affair, kick no more. Ed Woodham and Wayne Sizemore were so pleased with the show's impact, they are adding on another night of performances by the same entertainers plus trailer park debutante DeAundra Peek on Friday, October 23. This is a wonderful opportunity to come out and expose yourself to the avant-garde.

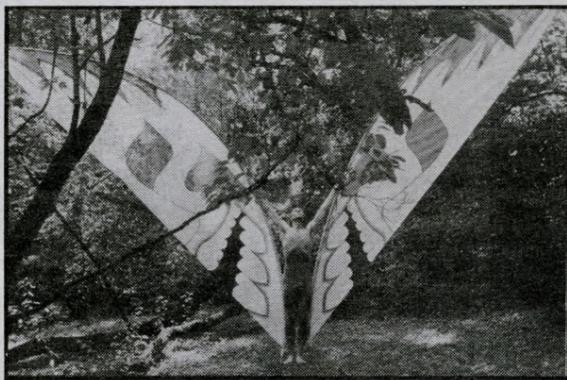
Across town, the **Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Arts Festival** had their opening reception at Nexus Contemporary Art Center in the early evening of October 9. The exhibit continues through October 18.

On the following Sunday, AGALAF presented a fundraiser for National Coming Out Day at Babylon. The stage had been set-up outdoors despite the frigid temperature. This kept many people inside watching the entertainers through the large window walls.

Uniquely emceed by Gladys Myrtle Wythrope, the show included Daisy Chane, who did a musical monologue

## AFTER HOURS

D A N N Y R O B L E



Heitzo will present a dance concert, **The Commons Dance**, in several parks in late October and early November

using Zsa Zsa Gabor's dialogue from "Queen of Outer Space," Palmetto goddess DeAundra Peek, songstress Leigh McClelland, and an enticing fashion show by the cover boy models of Greg's Stuff.

An unusual outdoor performance is planned for three consecutive weekends at two Atlanta parks. Presented by choreographer Heitzo "and Company," the dance is a colorful pageant set in and adapted to the outdoors. Called **The Commons Dance**, the performance incorporates masks, singing, audience participation, and large, expansive dance movements with drumming from a percussion ensemble led by Rapa.

The first performances will take place in Orme Park on Saturday, October 31 and Sunday, November 1 at 3:00 p.m. The following weekend, the venue changes to Lake Claire

on November 7 and 8 also at 3:00 p.m. The final performances are November 14 and 15 at Mercer University at 12:30 p.m.

If you have been standing in front of your closet lately, gazing at the assortment of clothes and thinking, "I haven't got a thing to wear!" then worry no more. Coming up soon is **A Cause for Celebration**, an opportunity to update that tired wardrobe for fall while doing something positive for the community and saving money to boot! On Tuesday, October 27, Macy's at Lenox Mall will close their doors to the general public. Access to the store will be restricted to those shoppers who purchase a \$5.00 ticket. Once inside, these shoppers will be treated to wonderful entertainment throughout the store, delicious food, special prizes and giveaways, as they shop til they drop. The proceeds from the sale of the tickets will be divided between 30 charitable organizations in the Atlanta area. But there is a way to keep the money focused on our community. Project Open Hand is the only AIDS service organization benefiting from the Macy's Shopping Day and thus my readers are encouraged to drop by the Project Open Hand offices at Bass High School at 1080-R Euclid Avenue in Little Five Points to purchase their tickets there. By doing so, Project Open Hand gets the entire \$5.00 plus Macy's will donate an additional \$3.00 to this group which delivers hot meals to PWAs all over Atlanta. If you do not buy your tickets from Project Open Hand, the money is divided equally between all 30 organizations.

In addition, the tickets bought from P.O.H. come with 2 coupons worth an additional 10% off that sweater you can't live without plus a re-admittance pass in case you need a break from all that shopping, as well as a ticket for a grand prize drawing. So head on over to Bass High School any day Monday through Friday 8:30 til 4:30 and help Project Open Hand feed our brothers and sisters. For more information, call Melissa Sillers at (404) 525-4737.



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**MY CHILDREN! MY AFRICA!** The southeastern premiere of a play which is among the best from Athol Fugard who has been acclaimed for his insightful dramas of apartheid and its effect on the people of South Africa. Runs through Nov. 15. 7 Stages Theatre. Wed.-Sat.

at 8 pm; Sun. at 5 pm. 523-7647.

**BE PRESENT.** Lillie Allen continues a 4-part series in which she teaches a process that builds individual and community well-being. Be Present, Inc. is an organization committed to eliminating the barriers which make diversity a negative, rather than a positive force in society. 7:30 pm. Charis Books. 524-0304.

**CHARLES MANSON ON YOUR CHILDREN.** A dramatic exploration of Charles Manson's final court testimony in which he places the responsibility of his mass murder on

parents who neglect and abuse their children. Runs through Oct. 31. Wed.-Sat. at 8 pm, plus an 11 pm show on Oct. 31. 7 Stages Backdoor Theatre. 523-7647.

**AN AMERICAN SAMPLER OF FOLK EXPRESSIONS, 1700-1920.** An overview exhibit of historic American folk art featuring works from New England, the Middle Atlantic and Southern states. Paintings, drawings, furniture, ceramics and more. Exhibit runs through Dec. 31. The High Museum at Ga. Pacific Center. 577-6940.

door.

**ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.** Guest conductor John Nelson leads the ASO and ASO Principal oboe Jonathan Dlouhy in Richard Strauss' Oboe Concerto. Also featured is Rouse's Symphony No. 1 and Rimsky-Korsakov's "Sheherazade." Tonight and tomorrow night at 8 pm. Symphony Hall. 892-2414.

**AMERICA'S POLITICAL PARTIES: POWER AND PRINCIPLE.** This two-part series which airs in its entirety tonight analyzes the history of the Democratic and Republican parties from 1960-1992. 10 pm. GPTV. Channel 8.

which provides care and support for persons living with AIDS. If you want to donate items, drop them off on Friday, Oct. 23 from 10 am-10 pm. Hours of the sale are 10 am-4 pm. Intown Community Church. 2059 LaVista Rd. 873-4589.

**POSITIVE LIVING.** This weekly program for the HIV community of Atlanta will feature "Quilt '92" this week. The show was produced by staff members of Positive Living who traveled to Washington, D.C. for the display of the NAMES Project Quilt. 10 pm. People TV. Cable Channel 12.

**FRAGMENTS OF TRUTH.** SAME presents two one-act plays from Rebecca Ranson drawing the internal and external landscapes of five women. RUn through Nov. 8.

Thurs.—Sun. at 8pm. TULA Galleries. 75 Bennett St. 609-9590.

**FRIGHT NIGHTS.** Two one-act plays from Deb Calabria dubbed a "late-night lesbian horror-fest." Fri. & Sat. at 10 pm through Nov. 7. TULA Galleries. 75 Bennett St. 609-9590.

**GREAT ATLANTA GET TOGETHER.** If you're an Atlanta native, and 30 or 40 something, then you remember the Southeastern Fair at Lakewood Fairgrounds. Here's a chance to relive those days with this week-long event featuring a carnival, arts and crafts, rides, an antique show and more. Lakewood Fairgrounds. Call 578-8449 for specific event schedules. Runs through Oct. 31.

25 SUNDAY

**CAMPAIGN '92 VOLUNTEER PARTY.** The Human Rights

Campaign Fund holds a party for members on how to get involved in the final days of the "election of our lives." 5-7 pm. The Otherside.

**THE CHOICE '92: A FRONTLINE SPECIAL.** Political biographies of the two leading presidential candidates, Clinton and Bush. The public careers and private lives of both men are examined. Noon. GPTV. Channel 8.

26 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.

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27 TUESDAY

**A CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION.** Macy's at Lenox Square presents a day of shopping to benefit 37 civic and charitable organizations including Project Open Hand. Admission is a \$5 ticket. Macy's will also make bonus contributions to organizations having the most ticket holders present. 10 am—10 pm.

**FOURTH TUESDAY.** Kathy Acey, the executive director of Astrae, the National Lesbian Action Foundation in New York, will speak at this month's dinner meeting. See story on page 14. 7 pm. Castlegate Hotel. 662-4353 for reservations.



28 WEDNESDAY

**POISON.** The controversial three-part movie based on the writings of Jean Genet with a gay theme. CINEMAX. 1:40 am.

**VOICES FROM THE FRONT.** The acclaimed documentary of just why ACT UP does what ACT UP does. CINEMAX. 2 pm.



23 FRIDAY

**HOMO.** 60 men and women artists present works in response to the theme of homoeroticism. Gallery art, performances, poetry, theatre and dance. Tonight is the final night. Gallery opens at 7 pm; performances begin at 9 pm. 800 East Gallery. 800 East Ave. 522-8265.

**MARLA BB.** Want some hot sassy mama blues? Perhaps the hottest lesbian blues singer ever to grace a stage brings her show to Atlanta. 8 pm. First Existentialist Congregation. 470 Candler Park Dr. Tickets in advance at Charis Books or at the

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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.

**PLAYLAND.**

Through Nov. 15. 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. Alliance Theatre. 892-241

**THE HARVEY MILK SHOW.**

Through Nov. 29. Chris Coleman returns as

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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.

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Runs through Dec. 12. An exhibit of antique lithographs by Thomas McKenney and James Hall. McKenney was the first director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the 1830's. Gallery 515. 515 E. Paces Ferry Rd. 233-2911 for information.

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Pictured: LEFT: LeRoy Mitchell, Jr. (standing), Carolyn Cook and Saul Stacey Williams in My Children! My Africa! opening Oct. 22 at 7 Stages Theatre. Photo by Chip Simone

ABOVE: Alice Dinnean and Julia Helms perform at "HOMO" on October 23. Photo by Wayne Sizemore

BELOW: "Chest Over Drawers," 1793, is one piece featured at "An American Sampler of Folk Expressions" opening on Oct. 22 at the High Museum of Art at Ga. Pacific Center





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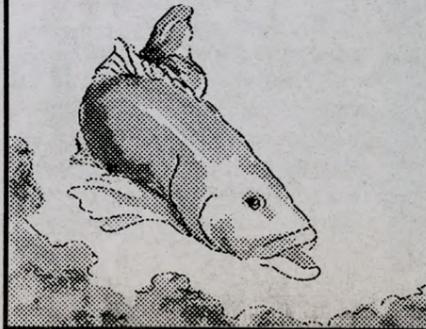
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**EAT**

A FOOD COLUMN BY GARY KAUPMAN

My belly growled with anticipation when I found out that Marla Adams (who has spent some time preparing many of the goodies at glitz-ridden The Buckhead Diner) intended to open her own restaurant on the fringes of Little 5 Points.

**Babette's Cafe** (471 N. Highland Ave. 523-9121) had been open only a matter of hours when I ate there last week. The staff was still jittery, all the wines were not yet in stock, and the music was a little too retro (Ray Conniff doing "Those Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer"! ) to be chic in what wants to be a sophisticated dining parlor.

But surely all of those problems will heal themselves shortly. And some of the food was so good that I may never have to darken the doors of The Buckhead Diner again—unless I just have to have the city's best chili cheese dog.

The space at Babette's remains similar to when the place was Ciao Bella—wood floors, plaster walls, high ceilings, and a small bar. Think of it as Fern Bar without the ferns.

The menu is short and sweet, though not particularly simple. A salad of romaine and arugula, garnished with shaved parmesan and drizzled with a creamy lemon-thyme dressing is die-and-go-to-heaven kind of stuff that you're not likely to find at Lettuce Souprise You.

And how about an appetizer of steamed mussels served with a strawberry serrano pepper sauce? Or artichoke and olive ravioli in a red wine sauce? I didn't try either, but I did scarf down a platter of fried shrimp, oysters and calamari that was as good as any in town. The breading manages to be crisp, almost thick, and light at the same time. There's zip grease, the seafood inside is lush with flavor and cooked au point. The same assortment is available as appetizer or entree, the latter accompanied by superb shoestring potatoes.

Equally simple and bursting with flavor is a roasted chicken breast, split, partially boned and served in a bed of butter-enriched gravy with a side of earthy scalloped potatoes. There's an old adage that you can grade a kitchen by its roast chicken. Were that the case Babette's would rate an A.

Almost an A, if the tender cubes of beef in it were not over cooked, is a delicious stroganoff bedded on the aforementioned shoestring potatoes. When the crisp potatoes soak up the sour cream sauce, something just this side of gustatory heaven happens.

Dessert heaven is a crepe filled with lemon-laced marscapone cheese drizzled with glaze of butter-crisped chunks of brown sugar. Not exactly a low-fat treat, but well worth the calories and cholesterol.

Food this good, unfortunately, does not come cheap—figure \$18-22 a head for 2 1/2 courses and a glass of wine. That's definitely at the top end of what's being charged south of Ponce, though not out of line with what folks pay a few blocks to the north in Virginia-Highland.

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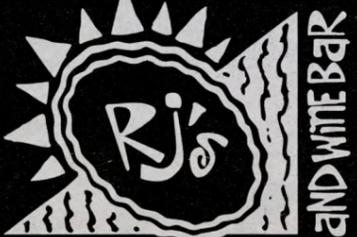
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**H**e's Back: Every homo's fave author (well, at least Dish's favorite), Armistead Maupin has a new book out. "Maybe the Moon" is the tale of 31" tall Cadence Roth and her lanky piano player boyfriend. Maupin says that the part of writing "Moon" he enjoyed most was writing the sex scenes. This doesn't mean that queers are absent in the novel—there are plenty to go around. It is, after all, set in Hollywood. Maupin will be in Atlanta on November 19 for a benefit showing of a film about him made by the BBC. On November 20 he'll be signing "Moon" at Renaissance Bookstore and Oxford Books.

**We Shall Be Free—But When?:** Country megastar Garth Brooks has turned more than a few heads with two cuts on his new album "The Chase." The album's final anthem "Face to Face" takes on the issue of date rape and encourages women to stand up to men who mistreat them. Say what? But wait, that's not all. The disc's first song "We Shall Be Free" (which isn't very danceable) is even more revolutionary. Listen. "When we're free to love anyone we choose, then we shall be free." Does that mean what you think it does? You betcha'. Brooks told the NY Times, "The song is about the choices people make, whether it be the partners taken in life by homosexuals, or interracial couples." Also (from Newsweek) "Guys that used to be against homosexuality that I know, now they say, 'It ain't my thing; don't push it on me...' Where 10 years ago, they would have wanted to kill them." Times are changing and in this case we hear one of the reasons is that Garth has a very close friend/relative who is gay...and caring enough to share that fact with Mr. Brooks.

**Another Queer Kid:** Speaking of close acquaintances and family members who are gay, Dish has it on good authority that Phyllis Schlafly is not the only rightwing hatemongering woman in the US who has a gay/lesbian child. Does Ms. X know her

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



Country megastar Garth Brooks says gay is OK in his new song, "We Shall Be Free."

cherub is queer? We assume so. Does the kid know mom knows? Again, we have every reason to believe so. Is said child in one of those godforsaken conversion programs? We don't think so, but we're not sure. Did (s)he come out to other family members on National Coming Out Day. We hope so. Will Dish ever tell you WHO? If mom doesn't change her ways, we just might. Stay tuned.

**Right On, Elton:** This has been reported in the mainstream press, but it bears repeating. Elton John has announced that he will donate his share of the royalties on all his future singles released in America to six AIDS organizations, one of which is Atlanta's own Project Open Hand. The first single to be covered is "The Last Song" (about a man dying of AIDS who makes peace with his father) which was released as a single and a video (directed by Gus Van Sant) on October 13. You can purchase a three song cassette that includes "The Last Song" by calling 1/800/695-AIDS.

**Say it Isn't So:** "Frontiers" the very glitzy LA gay publication claims that Liberation Publications (publishers of "The Advocate") do not put "The Advocate" out along with other magazines for folks in their waiting room to browse through. A receptionist at LP told someone from Frontiers that they "don't want to offend their straight clientele."

**Banned in Boston:** Well, actually LA and the Big Apple. Radio station KFI in Los Angeles cancelled a scheduled two hour interview with sexpert Susie Bright (on three hours notice) about her latest book, "Susie Bright's Sexual Reality" because the "nature of the subject matter." The station's indecency guidelines prohibit guests and hosts from discussing explicit sexual acts and naming body parts. Dish wonders how their news department deals with stories about breast (or testicular) cancer. Meanwhile in NYC, the Sony Corporation has nixed the idea of showing parts of Madonna's "Erotica" video on its giant screen in Times Square because its bondage imagery was deemed too racy. Too racy for Times Square? Please!

October 22—28, 1992

The New Moon in Scorpio on the 25th signals the beginning of an extremely important period for our country. The leaders elected on Tuesday, November 3 will set the patterns to carry us into the next century. Get involved, be informed and Vote!

**ARIES,** Jupiter has just entered your 7th house of close personal relationships and business associations. Jupiter will move through this house until November 1993, bringing many wonderful opportunities for personal growth and relationships. **TAURUS,** as the Sun moves through your 7th house of good friends, significant others and business partners, you may find yourself making good decisions based on your intuition or "gut feelings." Hopefully, you are getting comfortable with your intuition. **GEMINI,** hopefully you are aware of any difficulties you may have with commitment and close personal relationships. This is the time to deal with your fears around commitment rather than heading for the hills or sabotaging a relationship.

**CANCER,** be sure to nurture your creative abilities for the next month. You may surprise yourself and astound your friends. Also a good time to entertain, to plan a fun party or dinner for those you love, and generally have more playfulness in your life. **LEO,** if you feel a need to impress certain people or an impulse to

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convince others of your worth and abilities, then you may need to face your own doubts about yourself and resolve anything that is affecting your self-esteem. **VIRGO,** you may have to deal with money and financial resources for the next few weeks. It may be time to evaluate your investments or set up a plan for financial growth. You may also have some opportunities for business partnerships.

**LIBRA,** if your life is feeling like all work and no play, then you definitely need to consider some new options. With Jupiter now in your 1st house you should see some wonderful opportunities coming your way. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR SCORPIO,** Happy Birthday to you! Life may not always run smooth, but your determination and perseverance will get you through most demanding situations. For your birthday, look for all the wonderful people and things. **SAGITTARIUS,** as Venus moves

through your 1st house of personality and personal appearance, others may find you very charming and appealing. Remember to just be yourself in all situations and your life will move with much ease and grace.

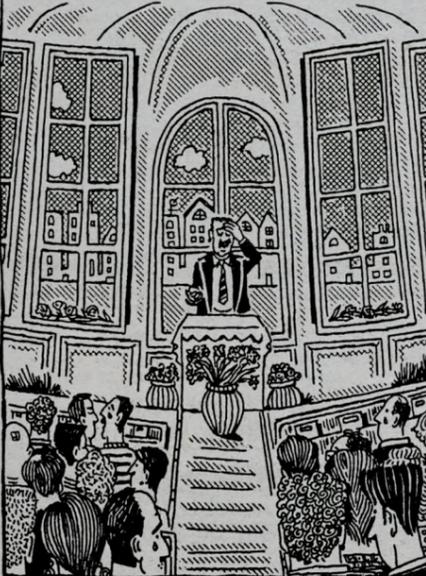
**CAPRICORN,** this is an excellent time to pay some quality attention to your dreams and aspirations. Then you can decide if you are actually moving toward your real dreams or if you are living part of your life for someone else. **AQUARIUS,** now that Saturn is once again moving forward in your 1st house of personal identity and personality, life may be a little smoother for you. However, do not let any set-backs or obstacles affect your self-esteem. You are wonderful! **PISCES,** as the Sun moves the fixed water sign of Scorpio, you may experience a burst of physical and mental energy that will amaze your friends and family. You can accomplish a great deal, just be careful not to over-do and get plenty of rest.

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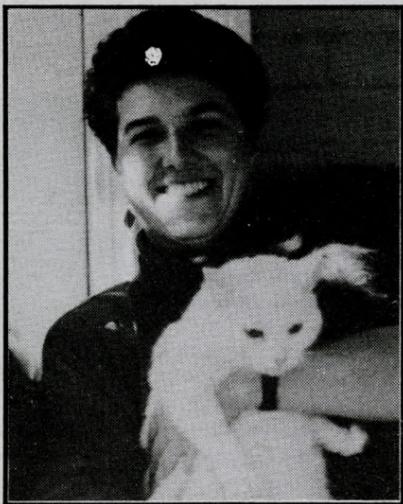


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OUTLINES

**CARROLL SAYLOR KERR**

**Age:** 43  
**How long in Atlanta:** 30 years  
**Relationship status:** single  
**Last book read:** "Life and Teaching of the Masters of the Far East" by Baird T. Spalding  
**Pet peeve:** people who assume critical parent roles with each other



ADAM TAYLOR

Carroll Saylor Kerr lives on one of those streets in Decatur where time seems to have stood still. Enormous magnolias shade her yard and there is a gentle Southern flavor to the layout and furnishings of her comfortable house. It is no accident that she feels so at home here with her daughter, four cats and a friendly mutt, for the house was her father's who recently passed on.

"My father," she says with a warm smile, "was the reason we ended up in Atlanta rather than Jackson, Mississippi some thirty years ago since he held a progressive view on Civil Rights at a time when this was not easy in Jackson. After resisting transfers for years, he finally decided to take a transfer here."

Carroll recalls that her school years were unremarkable and that she was not yet aware of her own sexual orientation. Her undergraduate work was done at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The campus revolution more or less passed U.N.C. by and after switching her major from Art to English, Carroll graduated and did "the only thing you can do with an English degree—teach."

Yet her teaching, which included some one-on-one work in different settings, was the segue into another field. Carroll found herself facilitating in teaching environments—something she enjoyed—and doing a lot of listening. So she returned to school to get a degree in counseling and psychology at Georgia State.

"Before all this I got married, and had a child. My husband was in the Army and was stationed in Thailand at the end of the Vietnam War era. I loved the traveling and the Orient—it was exciting for me because I love to explore." But her marriage ended for reasons other than sexual orientation because as Carroll puts it, "it just hadn't come up yet and for various reasons."

While Carroll was pursuing her Masters in counseling, she ran into one of her best friends from high school at a Women's Support Group. "I know there was one lesbian in the group and I was curious and asked a lot of questions, but the clincher was when my friend told me she was a lesbian and I felt jealous so

that's when it kind of hit me. I don't know how long it would have taken me to figure it out on my own."

Carroll's concern about her coming out shifted from herself to her daughter Kimberley. "I started talking to her about it when she was three but I really explained it to her one evening when she was five. My daughter jumped up in her bed and said with conviction, 'everybody has the right to live the way they want to live'—it's remained her philosophy to this day."

Though her daughter has a diverse group of friends, occasionally she is hurt by the insensitive comments of other teens. "Sometimes, I think she would rather I'm a little less out, because while I don't wear it on my sleeve, I don't hide it from anyone, and other kids sometimes can be hurtful about issues they really don't understand. But we have a terrific relationship."

Carroll is close to receiving her Ph.D. in Organizational Psychology at Georgia State, and recently joined forces with Pam Rossi in a new business called Maximum Benefits. It is a consulting firm for health insurance and disabilities claims for both individuals and health care providers. The grand opening of the business she explains, "was at the Business Expo—and the interest and clients have grown incredibly already." Her interest in Atlanta business has extended to Fourth Tuesday where she is a Board Member.

"I also like to get my hands into dirt," she adds, "and the yard outback is beginning to take shape." Carroll likes to whitewater canoe as well and to spend an occasional evening two-stepping. And she is a volunteer for a group known as Outdoor Teen Development. A couple of years ago Carroll spent a month in India. Wanting to fully experience the culture she shaved her head. "I don't think I'd shave my head again but I'd love to experience more cultures and spiritual places."

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- AIDS Info Line—876-9944 (Atlanta); 1-800-551-2728 (State-wide). AIDS Legal Project—688-5433
- AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta (ARCA)—876-2317
- AIDSCHAIM—Edie, 642-3467
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- Childkind—936-9655
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- Georgia AIDS Therapy Information Network—1-800-551-2728
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- Phoenix—567 Ponce De Leon. 892-7871
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- Tin Lizzie—Ford Factory Square. 874-3961
- Visions—2043 Cheshire Bridge. 248-9712
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**Direct Action/Political**

- ACLU/Lesbian & Gay Chapter—523-6201
- ACT UP—874-6782 (O) and 605-7458 (info)
- Catalyst—(404) 776-1478
- Gay/Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation—605-7477
- Gay Republicans—Republicans for Individual Freedoms, 2980 Cobb Pkwy, Suite 192-172, Atlanta 30339
- Georgia Committee for the 1993 March on Washington (GOCMOW)—(404) 662-4199 or POB 5282, Atlanta 30307
- GAPAC—Georgia Political Action Committee—872-8095, FAX 874-8628
- Human Rights Campaign Fund—Field Committee, 231-5751
- L.A.B.I.A. (Lesbians Against Battering In Atlanta)—822-9570
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**Professional**

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- Congregation Bet Haverim—642-3467
- First Metropolitan Community Church of Atlanta—872-2246
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- American Educational Gender Info Service—POB 33724, Decatur 30033, (404) 939-0244 (evenings).
- Asians & Friends—Atlanta—262-3375
- Athens Lesbian Information Line—(404) 613-7661
- Atlanta Corporal Punishment Club—Box 11863, Atlanta 30355
- Atlanta Couples Together—365-2455
- Atlanta Gay Center—876-5372
- Atlanta Lambda Community Center—POB 15180, Atlanta 30333, 662-9010
- Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Comm—662-4533
- Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance—POB 5502, Atlanta 30307, phone 378-9769
- Atlanta Lesbian Singles Organization (ALSO)—843-4492
- Atlanta Pro-Choice Action Committee—239-8016
- Black and White Men Together—892-BWMT
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- Emotions Anonymous—872-0979
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- Gay/Lesbian Task Force to the Public Safety Comm. of City Council—330-6504
- Georgia Girth & Mirth—POx 9678, Atlanta 30319, (404) 621-5710
- Georgia Lesbian Ecofeminists—525-9085
- The Group—892-0661
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- Hospitality Atlanta—627-0520
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- Name the Violence—370-1317
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- Overeaters Anonymous (gay/lesbian group)—892-5868
- Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays—296-0830 or 875-9440
- Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays/Athens—(706) 208-1704
- Queer Youth—P.O. Box 54032, Atlanta 30308; 605-7396
- Sexual Compulsives Anonymous—239-8048
- Single Lesbians Group—466-3287
- Uniformed Services Activity—Box 6057, Arlington, VA 22206
- Women In Kahoots—(WINK) 438-1421
- Women of Wisdom—723-1112. or write POB 451065, Atlanta 30345-1065.
- Wordsmith Society—Chris at 498-0137
- Young Adult Support Group—876-5372
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- Emory Lesbian & Gay Organization—727-6692
- Gays & Lesbians United for Equality—Kennesaw Comm. College 426-8160
- Georgia Tech Gay Alumni Group—POB 50291, GA Tech Sta., Atlanta 30332; 873-2263
- Georgia Tech Gay & Lesbian Alliance—497-0684
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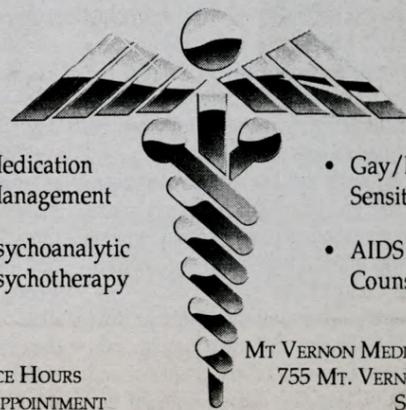
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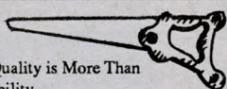
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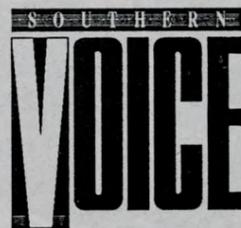
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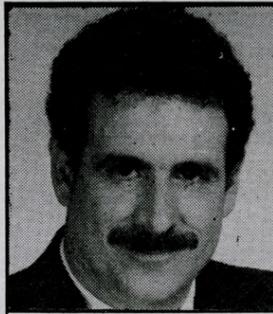
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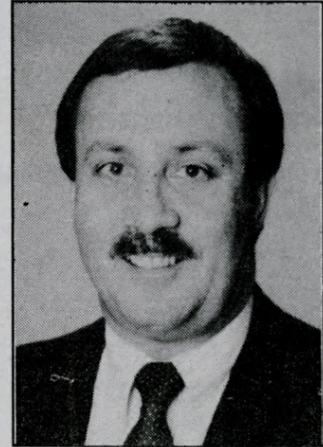
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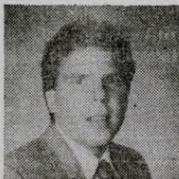
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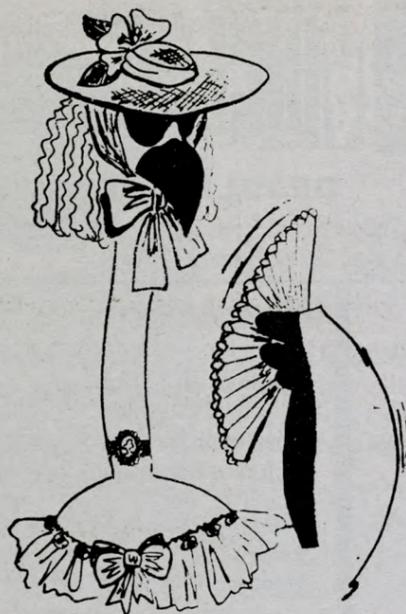
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GBM, 5'9" - 196 lbs. seeks top GBM for honest, serious friendship and or relationship. Serious persons please. ☎ 1077

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GBM, 20, 6'3", 175, very attractive ex-

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WM, 31, 6'3", 230 lbs, professional, enjoys local music scene, movies, Braves, concerts, wants to meet intelligent non-stereotypical friends. ☎ 1045

WM, 42, 180lbs, 6'2", HIV-, looking for masculine. Uncut, HIV-, blue collar kinda guy for afternoon shade breaks. ☎ 1044

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MASSAGE

Attractive, gentle, strong, mature, WM, 45, 6'0", 165#, blonde/blue, seeks masculine men 25+, fun/friendship. ☎ 1042

Attractive GWM, 35, HIV+, seeks other GWMs for friendship & fun, I'm 5'6" BI/BI, 122#. Healthy. Call ☎ 1079

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# Colorado to vote on banning equal protection for gays

Denver, CO (AP)—When the Denver City Council passed a gay rights measure nearly two years ago, Tina Scardina thought she could rest easy. Maybe, she thought, she could buy a home in Denver and settle down without fearing she would be discriminated against because she is a lesbian.

But less than a month after the proposal was approved on Oct. 15, 1990, the opposition began again to hack away at the law. Then a statewide movement began, authored by Colorado for Family Values (CFV), a Colorado Springs group.

Now, after two years of fighting conservative groups, the 31-year-old Scardina says she'd just like to have a life. She uses words like "angry," "exhausting" and "tiring" to describe the "fight for our status as people."

"There has been a constant, constant struggle. There has not been a time that the gays and lesbians of Denver have been comfortable with the law. It's always being tested by the radical right," she says.

Scardina, along with her partner, Tea Schook, 37, also of Denver, are members of the Equal Protection Campaign (EPOC), the group founded to oppose Amendment 2 on the November ballot.

The proposal, petitioned onto the ballot by CFV, would prohibit the state or any political subdivision from passing any civil rights laws protecting gays, lesbians or bisexuals. The plan would also outlaw similar measures already on the books in Denver, Boulder and Aspen.

In addition, the amendment would nullify existing anti-discrimination policies based on sexual orientation that have been adopted by any state agency. It would also prevent adoption of any state or local statute that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation. The measure would not affect any such plans adopted by private companies.

CFV gathered 16,000 more signatures than needed to place the measure on the ballot, arguing that gays and lesbians aren't truly minorities.

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"Homosexuals are already adequately protected under the U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights...they do not need any kind of protection over and above what they've already got," said

Tebedo.

CFV also argues that businesses would be hurt by the law because it would increase costs and compel them to hire gays and lesbians who are already the most affluent class in America, the group claims.

Will Perkins, a Colorado Springs car dealer who helped found CFV, said the "homosexual lifestyle" directly threatens the family and should not be equated with civil rights.

"Our opposition would like to do away with the traditional family structure, which has been the backbone of our society since the beginning of our history as a nation," Perkins said.

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"Homosexuals are already adequately protected under the U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights...they do not need any kind of protection over and above what they've already got," said Tebedo.

"They want to eliminate the concept of mother and father, and define it simply as people living together."

The group has also promoted statistics saying gays and lesbians are responsible for over half of all child molestations, citing "national studies." But a recent study done at Children's Hospital in Denver showed that a child is 100 times more likely to be molested by a heterosexual family member than by a gay man or lesbian.

While recent polls show Amendment 2 failing, EPOC and others say the measure, and a similar one in Oregon, are proof that the conservative religious groups are gaining political clout.

CFV, which calls itself a grassroots organization, has been assisted in its campaign by powerful national groups. Those

include Rev. Lou Sheldon's California-based Traditional Values Coalition; Focus on the Family, an international radio ministry based in Colorado Springs; High Flight Foundation, an evangelical organization founded by the late astronaut James Irwin, and Phyllis Schlafley's Eagle Forum.

CFV is simply part of the national religious right movement, the new "poligion," as EPOC campaign manager Judy Harrington calls it. The groups are "using gay-bashing to raise money" for their causes, she said.

"It's groups that consciously disdain the separation of church and state and work actively in the political arena to get their Biblical beliefs into public policy," Harrington said.

Carol Anderson of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation in Los Angeles fought much the same battle in California as EPOC is fighting here. She said the religious right is attacking gays and lesbians because they are the only group "still acceptable to hate."

"They breed hatred and fear and they use hatred and fear to raise money," she said.

Others have argued that the measure would harm those citizens who treasure local control over their communities. In an editorial urging voters to vote no on Amendment 2, the Rocky Mountain News called it "a bad idea."

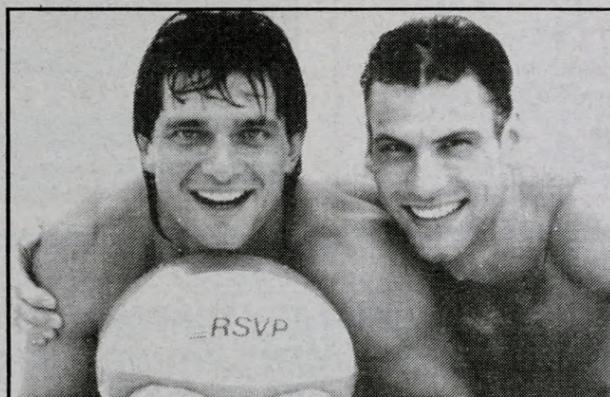
"Quite simply, Amendment 2 would strip home-rule communities of local control over how to address homosexual rights. Or rather, the amendment would impose a decision on them," the News wrote.

Although Scardina and Schook just bought a home here, they say they may consider moving out of Colorado if Amendment 2 passes. The climate, they say, will encourage gay-bashing and hate.

"If it passes, discrimination will have been written into the Constitution," says Schook. "We're looking at increased hate crimes. We'll have to buy more locks. Issues of personal safety will really have to be emphasized."

Oregon has a similar measure which will be voted on on November 3. A rise in violence against gays and lesbians has been documented in that state since heavy campaigning for Measure 9 began.

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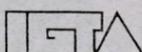
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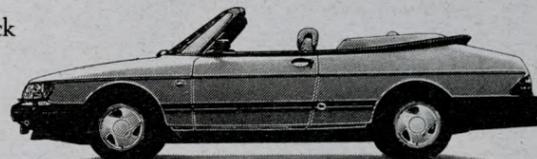
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