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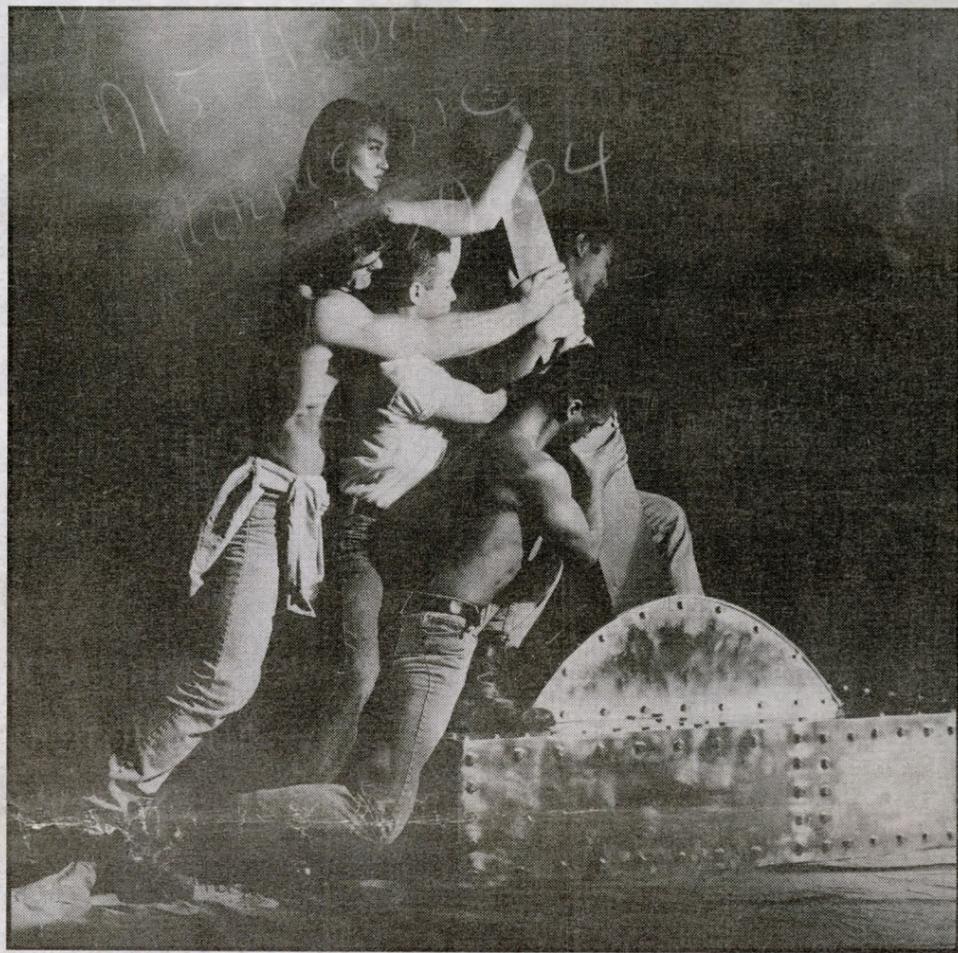
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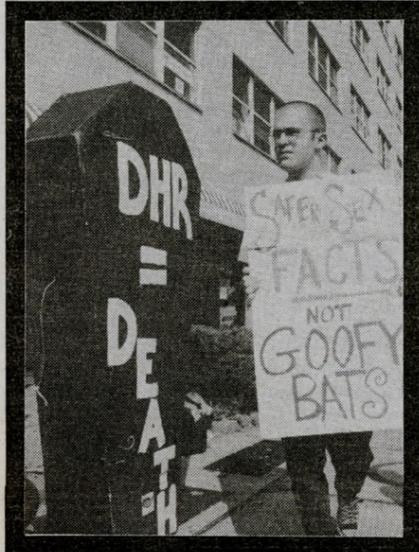
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DHR invites ACT UP to join new AIDS education efforts for state

Atlanta—A surprise meeting with Georgia Department of Human Resources (DHR) officials has resulted in tentative plans for ACT UP to participate in revamping the department's AIDS educational efforts.

The meeting took place during a noon-time demonstration at the DHR offices in Midtown on October 22. ACT UP had called for the demonstration to protest the lack of funds to provide AZT for indigent PWAs, DHR's new regulation requiring doctors to report names of patients who test positive for HIV, and an AIDS education campaign featuring the slogan "Beware of fly by night relationships."

Time and again during the hour-plus long meeting the six members of ACT UP reiterated that education is the key to AIDS prevention



and treatment. It was during a discussion about the "Dracula" campaign that Director of Public Health Dr. Frank Houser and Infectious Disease Unit head Dr. Joe Wilbur invited ACT UP to help them revamp the campaign.

"We were passive partners [in that campaign]," said Wilbur, explaining that advertising firm Babbit & Reiman had put together the campaign, including the money to produce it. "I agree that we need to get more direct information out."

Wilbur and Houser agreed with ACT UP's argument that the campaign, which uses Dracula

to urge teens to avoid casual sex, was inadequate. The two urged ACT UP to contact Babbit & Reiman with their concerns, and said that DHR would work to have the campaign withdrawn.

"We want to work with you," ACT UP's Judy Siff told Houser and Wilbur. "We know how to do it better than you."

After the meeting, Siff was pleased but cautious about the meeting.

"The discussion revealed a very deep problem within the AIDS world and that is that money and advertising take precedence over medical information," she said.

ACT UP also brought to Houser and Wilbur concerns about the lack of funds for the state's AZT program for indigents. The program, funded by Ryan White CARE Act money, has run out of funds.

"AZT is our top priority," said Wilbur. He said that the DHR is requesting supplemental money from state coffers, but that money will not be available until the General Assembly meets in 1993.

In an earlier interview with Southern Voice, Wilbur said that DHR has requested that Governor Zell Miller use his emergency fund to provide extra money for the program. With that and other sources—including \$35,000 reallocated by the Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council, the program will be funded through next April. At that time, new federal money from Ryan White will be available.

"But that won't be enough either," he said. DHR will be requesting for the first time that the General Assembly provide state money for the program. That money, Wilbur said, will be necessary to provide AZT treatment for Georgia's AIDS patients.

"They cannot act fast enough," said ACT UP's Jeff Graham. "We're pleased they're asking the legislature for the money, but to me the larger question is why was this allowed to happen in the first place?"

Wilbur said that the responsibility lies with federal and state legislators, and urged ACT UP to target those elected officials to lobby for more money for AIDS treatment.

Twenty-five people attended the protest last week, chanting and blowing whistles to call attention to the problems surrounding DHR's handling of the AIDS epidemic.

"It's outrageous that Georgia can rank so high in transmission and the only education I see is at Halloween, and that centers around bats and vampires as opposed to addressing the real issues of safer sex, clean needles and community involvement," said Graham.

KC WILDMOON

Auburn president drops "sodomy forms" for student groups

Auburn, AL (AP)—Auburn University, responding to complaints from the Auburn Gay and Lesbian Alliance (AGLA), no longer will ask organizations to verify that they do not promote sodomy, officials said Oct. 23.

"We regret that the response on the part of some student groups to this effort has not been supportive," President William V. Muse said in a statement released by the university.

School officials last week circulated statements to campus organizations requiring that they certify they do not promote illegal activities, specifically citing Alabama's sodomy laws, in response to a new state law that bans the use of university money and facilities by groups that "encourage" violation of those laws. The forms also require groups to certify that they do not "permit nor encourage its members...to engage in any unlawful acts or provide information...that explain how such acts may be engaged or performed." The Legislature

passed the act earlier this year after student government leaders at Auburn protested the chartering of AGLA.

AGLA protested the newly circulated forms, as did several other groups.

"It's a blatant—and a lame—attempt to have our charter," said Alan Clampett, AGLA president. "But we are here to stay. These right wing conservative people have got to grow up and admit that there are gay people at Auburn, and we're not going back in the closet."

"The approach was similar to that used to comply with legislation requiring students to have registered for the draft as a prerequisite to receiving student financial aid," Muse said. "However, we also acknowledge that there may be better ways to establish compliance."

Muse said he would appoint a three-person panel to recommend a new policy for establishing compliance with the law.

The faculty advisor to AGLA, Barry Burkhart, and the president of the Student Government Association, Pat Sefton, each will recommend one member for the committee, and Muse will appoint the third.

Survey finds majority of Ponce businesses support IDC

Boycott called of those businesses who filed or support lawsuit against clinic

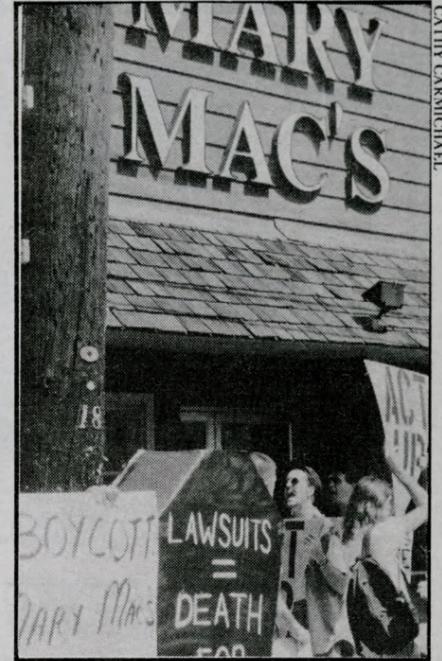
Atlanta—A coalition of groups in Atlanta has released the results of a survey conducted to determine the extent of support for a lawsuit filed to block Grady Hospital's planned opening of an expanded Infectious Disease Clinic on Ponce de Leon Avenue. The results show a surprising lack of support for the lawsuit, filed by a group calling itself the Ponce de Leon Corridor Association, among retail businesses along the street.

"The Corridor Association presented themselves as representing the views of a majority of businesses on Ponce," said John Kappers, a member of the Coalition for the Grady Clinic on Ponce who helped conduct the survey. "What we found is that as far as the lawsuit goes, they represent a small number."

The Coalition contacted 83 of 91 retail businesses along Ponce, getting 58 of those to take a stand on the issue. Of those 58, only six said they were members of the Corridor Association. Fifty-four of the businesses told the Coalition that they supported Grady's clinic plans, and of those, thirty said they would publicly support the clinic.

The Coalition, made up of the ACLU Gay and Lesbian Chapter, ACT UP/Atlanta, the AIDS Hotline for Women, the Atlanta Buyers Club, and Queer Nation/Atlanta, has identified six businesses that support the Corridor Association's lawsuit—the Abbey Restaurant, the Mansion Restaurant, Express Collision Center, Mary Mac's Tea Room, Woodruff Bed & Breakfast, and Lake Chiropractic Clinic.

"We don't want to put anybody out of



On Sept. 15 demonstrators picketed Mary Mac's Tea Room to protest that restaurant's involvement in a lawsuit to block relocation of the IDC to Ponce de Leon.

business," said Kappers, "but we do hope that members of the community will not patronize these businesses until after the lawsuit is dropped."

A hearing in Fulton County court is set for November 6. The Corridor Association filed its lawsuit claiming that the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority overstepped its bounds when it purchased the old Presbyterian Center to expand the overcrowded IDC.

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Bush administration okays cuts in AIDS insurance benefits

Washington—Despite recommendations to the contrary by several federal agencies and prestigious groups, the Bush administration on Oct. 16 supported a ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals that a business may slash the health benefits of a worker with AIDS.

The Administration's decision involves a ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, in New Orleans, which found in favor of a company that slashed the benefits of an employee after the man developed AIDS and filed his first claim.

AIDS activists warned that the recommendation could have serious impact on workers' benefits. "If this decision is upheld," said Jeff Levi, director of government affairs for the AIDS Action Council (AAC), "it will be an open license for companies to cut their costs and make a mockery of health insurance coverage."

The Solicitor General's office urged the high court not to hear the case brought by gay guitarist and folksinger John W. "Jack" McGann against H & H Music Co. of Houston.

McGann, a former Philadelphia resident who inspired and performed for "Gaydreams" on WXPN FM and started a similar show on Atlanta's WRFG FM, died last year from pneumonia. The petition before the tribunal bears the name Greenberg v. H & H for his estate's executor and partner, renowned research geneticist Dr. Frank Greenberg of Houston.

Dr. Greenberg's attorneys charge that the firm violated provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), the federal statute that governs employer-sponsored benefits plans, when it cut his health insurance from \$1 million to \$5,000 after his

AIDS disclosure. A government lawyer countered that ERISA does not cover discrimination cases, claiming H & H acted legally.

Guitar-teacher McGann had worked for H & H five years when diagnosed with the HIV-related syndrome. After he requested reimbursement for medical costs, the firm became self-insured and limited lifetime benefits for people living with AIDS (PWA).

More than 70 million Americans have private health plans that are fully or partially self-insured, says the Health Insurance Association of America.

Last November, a U.S. Court of Appeals upheld H & H's effort to alter its medical insurance plan by imposing the stringent cap on benefits for AIDS-related care while retaining a million-dollar ceiling for all other conditions.

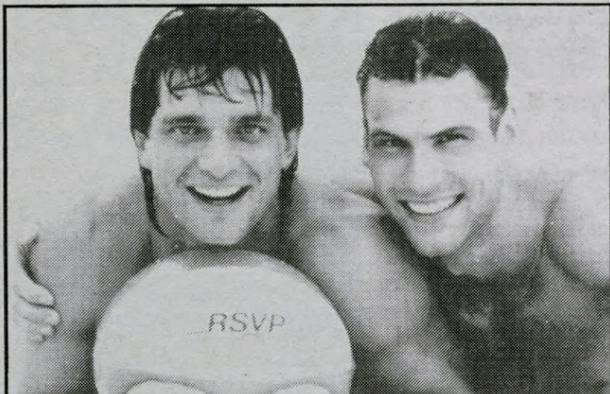
McGann's partner Greenberg asked Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund to file a petition with the Supreme Court for a review and ruling that could influence future actions by companies cutting costs and PWAs' benefits.

"The outrage," said Lambda lawyer Suzanne Goldberg, "is that employers now have legal sanction to discriminate against people with particular diseases by taking away insurance coverage at the time people are most in need."

"In light of the current national health crisis in health care coverage, the court's decision is especially damaging because it will serve to increase the vulnerability of people with medical needs," she charged.

A wide range of groups, recognizing the case's consequences, worked to influence the administration's position. They included the American Medical Association, American Hospital Association, American Association of Retired Persons, U.S. Conference of Mayors, and National Governors Association.

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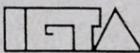
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KY attorney general wants sodomy law back

Frankfort, KY (AP)—Attorney General Chris Gorman wants the Kentucky Supreme Court to reconsider its decision to strike down the state's sodomy law. The court ruled 4-3 on Sept. 24 that the 1974 sodomy law violated the right to privacy under the Kentucky Constitution. The ruling unleashed protests from some conservative leaders and a death threat against the four justices in the majority.

"On what basis will the courts of this commonwealth...override the collective judgment of the elective representatives of the people...the traditions of western civilization, the history of the U.S. and the history of the commonwealth of Kentucky?" Gorman's 14-page petition asked last Wednesday.

The court's ruling held that gays and lesbians deserve equal protection under the law.

Gorman's lawyers said the court usurped the role of the General Assembly in determining what is harmful to public health and mor-

als. Gorman's office also noted that even if sex between consenting gay or lesbian adults is protected by a right to privacy, that right should be restricted to protect the public.

Martin Cothran, public-policy analyst for The Family Foundation, which opposed the decision, applauded the petition for rehearing.

"We hope that the court uses this new opportunity to hand the issue back to the people," he said.

Although the losing side frequently asks the state's high court to reconsider its rulings, such motions are infrequently granted and even less frequently result in the court changing its position. However, in the sodomy case, Gorman's office would have to prompt only one justice to switch his vote.

The case cannot be appealed to the federal courts because it is based on the state constitution.

HIV+ boy in Alabama may be barred from school

Gadsden, AL (AP)—A youngster whose parents won a battle to keep him in a school in Florida now is running into opposition from people who do not want him in an Etowah County school because he has the AIDS virus.

But the county school superintendent said that 12-year-old Christopher Case has the right under law to attend Highland School.

In early 1989, a federal judge approved an agreement by the Manatee County, Fla., school board to pay \$350,000 damages for barring Chris, then 9, from Oneco Elementary School near Sarasota. The board reversed itself in September 1987 and readmitted him to school.

At the Etowah meeting, superintendent Ralph Cain and some board members tried to assure parents that all necessary precautions have been taken. Nevertheless, several parents said they will keep their children out of the school until the boy is removed.

"We have thoroughly looked into this matter," Cain said. "Our attorney has advised us on this. Medical personnel have advised us on this. It's not that we're not informed."

The boy's stepfather, Andy Moore, said it is Chris who is at risk.

"As long as they are not having sex in classrooms or doing drugs, the danger is to him of an illness being transmitted from another child," he said.

Chris, identified as a hemophiliac, allegedly was infected with the virus from a tainted blood product.

Gays excluded from discrimination protection in West Virginia town

Huntington, WV (AP)—A reference to sexual orientation was deleted from a proposed measure to end citywide discrimination against gays and lesbians. City Council last week removed the reference from the amendment to the existing human rights ordinance, which prohibits discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations on the basis of race, religion, gender, age, national origin and physical handicaps.

The original amendment would have made Huntington the first city in the state to prohibit discrimination against gays. Jim Buresch of the Huntington Campaign for Human Rights said the group will resubmit the amendment in another version.

In arguing against the inclusion, Councilman Arley Johnson said the amendment would have failed to protect businesses from frivolous lawsuits.

"You voted tonight with no public debate whatsoever," said resident Wesley Fink said. "We got railroaded."

"I am a Christian, but my religious choices have nothing to do with, nor should yours

have anything to do with, giving people their rights," Joyce Chapman said.

South Carolina comes out

Greenville, SC—South Carolina's third annual celebration of National Coming Out Day—and the second to be held in Greenville—was held here on October 11 with over 100 gays and lesbians in attendance.

The event, sponsored by Voters United for Equality (VUE) and the South Carolina Gay and Lesbian Pride Movement (GLPM), featured local entertainers and speakers from a variety of groups, including NOW/Greenville, MCC/Greenville, the Upstate Women's Community, P-FLAG/Greenville, and the Clinton/Gore campaign.

Mike Swafford of VUE said that since South Carolina's pride march is held in Columbia each year, the Coming Out Day event travels the state.

"The thinking is to provide other avenues for gay visibility in the state," he said, adding that last year's event was held in Charleston.

Man who sparked ACT UP/Nashville dies

Nashville, TN—A PWA who was at the center of a controversy with a Nashville hospital died last week at the age of 43, according to Tennessee's gay paper Query.

Anthony McClendon alleged earlier this summer that Baptist Hospital's emergency room physician, John Peters, refused to treat him because of his HIV status. ACT UP/Nashville formed as a result of protests against the hospital, demanding an apology, sensitivity training and damages.

McClendon's sister, who has spearheaded those protests, told Query that she would continue fighting for justice from the hospital.

"Oh, yes, I'm going to keep fighting," said Anna Green. "Bubba wouldn't want me to stop."

Mattea and Chesnutt perform in Nashville's Walk

Nashville, TN (AP)—Country music stars Kathy Mattea and Mark Chesnutt will perform here Nov. 8 to help raise funds to fight AIDS. Their concerts at Riverfront Park will be the finale Nashville's "From All Walks of Life."

Organizers said they hope to raise more than \$100,000 and have 3,000 people walking for pledges. The event is modeled after similar projects in other cities.

At the nationally televised Country Music Association awards show two weeks ago, Mattea mentioned the names of several friends who have been stricken with AIDS. She was also a celebrity spokesperson and performed at this year's "From All Walks of Life" in Atlanta.



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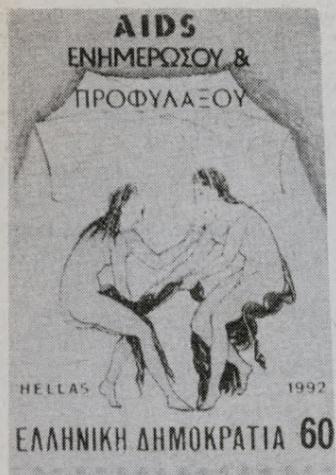
Gay Marriage Now Before Hawaii Supreme Court: The question of whether gay couples should legally be allowed to marry was put before the Hawaii Supreme Court last week, and two justices appeared skeptical of the state's stand against legalizing same-sex unions. Chief Appeals Court Judge James Burns and Associate Justice Steven Levinson both questioned how the case could be dismissed from Circuit court without the state having to produce evidence to justify banning gay marriages. Judge Robert Klein, now on the Supreme Court, dismissed the case last year without hearing any evidence, ruling that gay marriages aren't a fundamental right under the state Constitution. Klein has withdrawn from the case at the Supreme Court level.

Minnesota Court Rules That PWAs Are Protected By Human Rights Act: People who have the AIDS virus are protected by anti-discrimination provisions of the state's Human Rights Act, the Minnesota Court of Appeals ruled on Oct. 20. A three judge panel unanimously ruled that a dentist unlawfully discriminated against a man who tested HIV+ by referring him elsewhere for dental care. "One of the themes in this decision that's so crucial is it makes clear that dentists and other health care providers—and by analogy, employers—cannot refuse to treat, or employ, HIV-positive people, based on their own uninformed beliefs and unjustified fears," said Erica Jacobson, a special assistant attorney general.

Denver TV Stations Refuse To Air Anti-Gay Ads: Three Denver television stations are refusing to air commercials for the organization promoting Amendment 2, the anti-gay right initiative, saying they are in poor taste. "It was pretty explicit footage. We just decided that they weren't suitable for air," said Joe Michalski, local sales manager for KWGN-Channel 2. Colorado for Family Values spokesman Will Perkins said last week that his group will take its campaign door to door. CFV is the sponsor of Amendment 2.

Liz Pleas For Condom Usage In New Ad Campaign: In public service television commercials that debuted last week, Elizabeth Taylor pleads with viewers to "use condoms every time you have sex—EVERY TIME!" The ads, sponsored by the American Foundation for AIDS Research, will air on network and cable stations. The campaign also includes print ads. "This campaign was created because the federal government simply is not doing its job," said the Rev. Margaret Reinfeld, the foundation's director of education. In the foundation's campaign, Taylor tells people who are "gay, straight and bisexual" to use condoms, and injection drug users are told not to share needles. Taylor appears on this month's cover of Vanity Fair holding a condom and is credited by the magazine as having "brought AIDS out of the closet and into the ballroom."

Man Convicted In Arrow-Through-Head Trial: A San Diego man was convicted last week on charges that he shot his former lover in the head with a crossbow arrow. Arthur Ekvall survived the attack without brain or spinal damage. His former lover, Jesse Jeff Solis, was charged with premeditated attempted murder and car theft in connection with the shooting. Solis' attorney told the jury that Ekvall was abusive and that Solis believed Ekvall infected him with HIV.



Greek Post Office Issues AIDS Stamp: The Greek postal service, concerned that people are ignoring the consequences of unprotected sex, has issued a stamp promoting AIDS education and the use of condoms. "We issued the stamp to enlighten Greeks, and others, about this modern plague," said Mousis Konstandinis, philatelic counselor for the Post Office. Topping the stamp is the phrase "AIDS—Become Aware and Protect Yourselves." Stamp designer Vasiliki Konstantinea said he chose the word protect because of its connection to the Greek word for prophylactic, which is directly derived from that for "protect."

Gay Man Kicked Out of ROTC Voted Homecoming King: A Univ. of Maine student who was dropped from the school's Air Force ROTC program after coming out publicly, says he has been surprised by the support from the campus. Fellow students rallied behind Neal Snow by electing him Homecoming King during the weekend's festivities. "This wouldn't have happened four years ago," he said. "People are so much more aware now and attitudes are improving."

Hate Newspaper Surfaces At Conn. High School: Many students at Hall High School are outraged by the appearance of a hate newspaper that describes feminists as "man-hating, bra-burning" lesbians. A dozen copies of the newspaper The Misogynist surfaced in the West Hartford, Conn., school a day after the debut of a school-sanctioned newspaper called The Feminist. The Misogynist was distributed without the consent of school administrators and the authors have not been identified. The newsletter's three pages were peppered with obscenities and attacks on contributors to The Feminist and members of the women's issues group who write it. Included in the newsletter were the "Top Five Reasons To Go To College," with each reason listed as "Rape Co-eds."

Fraternities Suspended Over Anti-gay Song Lyrics: Two UCLA fraternities were banned from homecoming and other campus activities until hearings are held to determine whether their songbooks are racist, sexist and anti-gay, an official said. The ban applies to the Theta Xi and Sigma Pi fraternities at the school, said UCLA spokeswoman Olivia Cervantes. An investigation began when October editions of a UCLA magazine published excerpts of the Theta Xi chapter's songbook, which described sex with a Mexican prostitute and described rival fraternity members as "faggots."

Christian League Shelves Petition Drive: A conservative Christian group in Portland, Maine, put off plans to launch an effort to initiate a bill to require voter approval of any gay rights measure passed by the Maine Legislature. The petition drive is being shelved for now to await the outcome of a state supreme court challenge to the league's plan that was filed by Maine's secretary of state. A referendum to repeal Portland's city-wide gay rights ordinance is on that city's November ballot.

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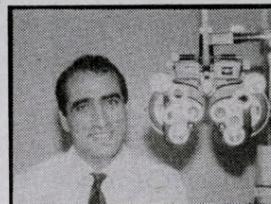


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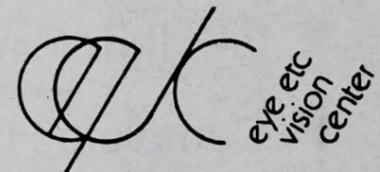
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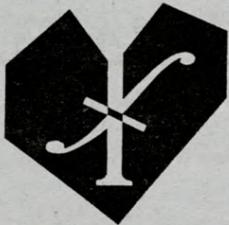
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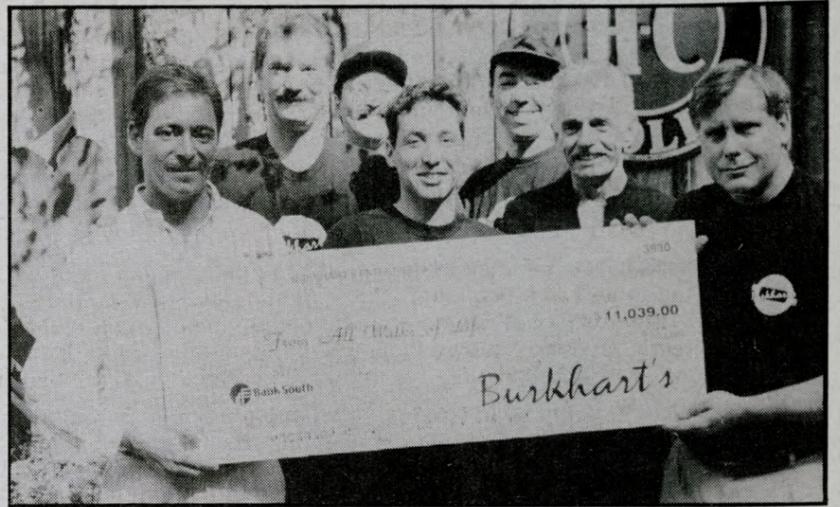
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Burkhart's makes big donation Palmer Marsh (far right), owner of Burkhart's, and the rest of the staff hold a check for \$11,039 which was recently presented to AID Atlanta to benefit From All Walks of Life. Burkhart's, located in Ansley Square, held a "County Fair" over the walk weekend in early October which raised the funds.

New support group for HIV+ women starts

Caremark, the nation's largest home infusion therapy company, has recently launched two new programs in Atlanta to address the needs of those who are affected by HIV.

A support group for women who are HIV+ meets on Wednesdays from 5:15 to 6:45 at NAPWA. Co-sponsored by the AIDS Hotline for Women, NAPWA and Caremark, the group is facilitated by Caremark HIV Program Director, Karen Benjack, a licensed clinical social worker, and Bari Blake, a mental health professional who helps coordinate HIV services for Caremark.

The group is free and designed to address the unique psychological needs of women. For more information, please call Caremark at (404) 873-4642.

Caremark is also conducting anonymous HIV testing at its Midtown location called the Caremark Connection—Caremark's alternative site for HIV treatment and services. Testing is available every Wednesday between 4 and 7 PM and quality pre- and post-test counseling is also provided. Results are

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Record at Turtle's benefits Jerusalem House

"That '40s Feeling," available on compact disc and cassette and two other cassettes of standards, performed by Seattle pianist Marge Stark, are now on sale at two Turtle's Records and Tapes locations and their Rhythm and Views store in Atlanta with all proceeds being donated to Jerusalem House, a residence for people with AIDS.

Ms. Stark's CDs and cassettes have earned thousands of dollars for a similar residence, Rosehedge, in Seattle. They can be purchased at the Rhythm and Views store on Peachtree St., as well as the Turtle's at Ansley Mall and in The Plaza (intersection of Ponce de Leon and Highland).

Super Club, the parent company of Turtle's, has agreed to turn over the entire purchase price of the cassettes and CDs to the newly renovated and expanded Jerusalem House.

Researchers of AIDS drug in Thailand seek FDA approval for testing in U.S.

Bangkok, Thailand (AP)—Researchers say a drug has been tested on more than 70 AIDS patients in Thailand with "positive results."

"They're all doing fine," said Dr. Friedrich-Wilhelm Kuehne of patients who have been treated with WF 10 at Bamrasnaradura Hospital outside Bangkok.

Other researchers have not yet had a chance to evaluate the drug, so Kuehne's claims could not be verified. Many anti-AIDS drugs have shown some initial success, only to prove ineffective when tested more rigorously.

The drug, WF 10, has been administered with Thai government approval since March 1991. Its makers are seeking approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to conduct further tests in the United States.

Kuehne said the drug, produced in Switzerland, stops the spread of AIDS virus in patients. People treated with WF 10 have regained weight and strength, he said. Other symptoms were suppressed, including night sweats. The drug caused no serious side ef-

fects in more than 500 patients, Kuehne said.

Dr. Chatchawan Hoontongkam, director of Bamrasnaradura Hospital, said researchers have studied several groups of Thais who took WF 10.

"We have had some positive results," he said. "I cannot say whether the drug is 100 percent good. Now we are experimenting ...and it will take some more time."

Three drugs, which slow but do not destroy the virus that causes AIDS, have been approved for use in the United States.

David W. Feigal Jr., an FDA official, declined comment on WF 10 in keeping with agency policy.

"It's a very lengthy process and while we wait tens of thousands of people are dying," Kuehne said of FDA evaluation. "We know our drug can help save their lives."

Kuehne, who gained recognition for his work on the healing of wounds, came to Thailand in 1989 and was invited to help treat infectious diseases.

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Congress approves \$20 million to test AIDS vaccine

Money is tacked onto a \$250 billion Pentagon spending bill; NIH says dangerous precedent set for politicians, not doctors, to make health decisions

Washington, DC (AP)—A biotech company's effort to rush an experimental AIDS vaccine to large-scale human trials was rebuffed by government researchers, so it went the old-fashioned way: it lobbied.

It hired former Sen. Russell Long, one of Washington's legendary powerbrokers who now is a lobbyist with a rare asset—access to the Senate floor.

The result? Congress slipped \$20 million into a \$250 billion Pentagon spending bill for the coming year, earmarked for trials of the Connecticut company's developmental drug.

But that move, which circumvented the scientific process the government normally uses to allocate research dollars, created what some say is a dangerous precedent that politicians, not doctors, can make life-and-death decisions about drug-testing.

"I don't know how in good conscience you can go to a patient and say, 'We're giving you this drug because a lobbyist chose it,'" said Dr. Bernardine Healy, director of the National Institutes of Health.

"It is unconscionable to have that kind of activity driven by people who have no expertise in science or medicine, but who are driven by a purely economic motive," she said.

Dr. Mervyn Silverman, president of the American Foundation for AIDS Research, said, "AIDS is the most political disease I've ever dealt with, and this only further politicizes it."

The provision in the defense appropriations bill, already signed by President Bush, earmarks \$20 million for large-scale clinical trials of the vaccine gp160, a genetically engineered version of a protein that surrounds the virus that causes AIDS.

The pioneer and leader in gp160 research is MicroGeneSys of Meriden, Conn. The company is represented in Washington by Long, a former Louisiana senator who chaired the tax-writing finance committee for more than 15 years.

At least a dozen potential vaccines to prevent or treat AIDS are in development. The MicroGeneSys product is one of about half a dozen such drugs now undergoing limited trials in human patients.

Healy said Long had approached her agency and asked for special treatment for gp160, to "pull it out of line" and give it expedited consideration. At one point, he sought to have the NIH brief senators on the relative merits of all the developmental vaccines. The agency declined.

"This vaccine is not in a class by itself," Healy said. "There are others that may be as good if not better."

When that failed, Long pursued what Healy called "a backdoor channel." He ap-

proached Sens. Sam Nunn (D-GA) and John Warner (R-VA) the chairman and ranking Republican on the Armed Services Committee. They added the provision Sept. 18 on the Senate floor. There was no opposition and little debate. Warner mentioned that Long had used his privilege as a former senator to come to the Senate floor to underscore the amendment's importance.

A competing biotechnology firm, the San Francisco-based Genentech, sought to counter the lobbying push by having a Washington public relations firm spread the word on what MicroGeneSys was doing. But it was too late.

Lobbying registration records show MicroGeneSys paid Long \$6,600 during the first half of 1992 to push the amendment. A Long aide said he was on vacation and would not comment on his activities because of "discretion and client privacy."

Company president Frank Volvovitz said gp160 is "the most thoroughly studied AIDS vaccine" and has shown encouraging results in limited trials at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington.

"We're delighted that Congress has added this \$20 million, and I think this is simply another recognition of the need to press forward rapidly and promptly with promising treatments for AIDS," said Volvovitz.

He declined to address his company's decision to lobby Congress to win research funds, saying only, "We're trying to develop a product here."

The Army is to carry out the expanded trials of gp160, but the service said it had not sought the \$20 million amendment. "The Army was not aware of this proposed appropriation until the amendment was introduced and passed," it said in a written answer to questions.

In fact, the Army said, "It is premature to initiate a large scale trial until current studies of gp160 are completed and the data are analyzed."

The legislation says money should be obligated for the stepped-up testing unless Healy, Food and Drug Commissioner David Kessler and Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney agree within six months that it should not go forward.

Healy said she was organizing a panel of scientists and AIDS activists to review the advisability of large-scale human trials of the drug and make recommendations to Cheney.

"On this issue, NIH's scientific judgment prevails even over the secretary of defense," she said. "It would be a pretty grim day when the secretary of defense starts telling us which medical therapeutics we should be testing in patients."

JIM DRINKARD

Hotline open for HIV drug information, clinical trials

Albany, NY (AP)—An interactive telephone line that tells doctors and patients the latest information about drug treatments for people with AIDS or HIV has been started by the state Health Department in New York.

"This system is the first of its kind in the country," state Health Commissioner Dr. Mark Chassin said last Monday.

It's the brainchild of an official at the AIDS Institute, who thought of the idea one day while being trapped on a phone "tree" when calling his bank.

The toll-free number is 1-800-MEDS 4HIV and operates 24 hours a day. It's available to people out of state at 212-239-5523.

People who call will be told about the latest clinical trials of drug treatments for AIDS patients. The telephone line also gives information on how these drugs are available for people who can't join clinical tests.

Through the use of a touch-tone phone, callers will be able to give information about their T-cell counts or specific illness—details crucial to matching them up with specific drugs offered for trial, health officials said.

"It's like a road map through the maze of drugs being tested," said Mark Milano, coordinator of experimental treatment information for the AIDS Institute.

Milano, who developed the idea, said he updates the phone line with new information every day.

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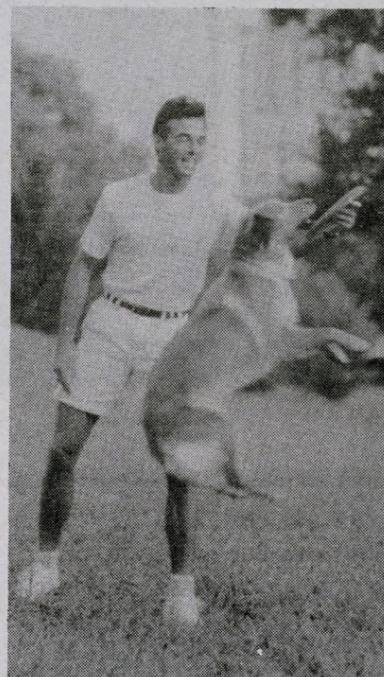
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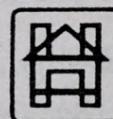
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Margot Meeker and Susan Westergard celebrated their 12th anniversary on October 25th. Margot says the two spent a quiet evening together enjoying some good movies on the new VCR they bought for each other. Apparently, the two only throw blow out celebrations every five years. They renewed their written vows at 10 years, and Margot says 15 will be an occasion to remember. Congratulations to you both!

MARRIAGE

Norma Chellew, mom of an ecstatic Candace Chellew, was joined in marriage with Jack Jakovac on October 24th. The two met in church (just like Amanda and Candace—but not the same church), and hit it off immediately. Mom moves from a housing project in Gwinnett County to a house fifty feet from Lake Lanier... a place where we are welcome to visit often. Welcome to the family, Jack. And, way to go Mom!

BIRTHDAYS

Alan Lancaster will be 36 on November 16th. He plans to celebrate with his partner, Michael Seabolt, and their schnauzer, "Penny." Alan and Michael will be celebrating their 5th anniversary at the end of November. Congrats on both counts...

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Dr. Stephanie Blackton is thrilled to announce the opening of her new practice in Little Five Points. The "Network Chiropractic Healing Arts Center" is dedicated to serving individuals interested in Recovery, Healing, and Personal Growth. In addition to Network Chiropractic, she will also offer Reiki and Holotropic Breathwork.

Happy Birthday to Jana Tyson. October 24th marked this very special occasion for Jana because it was the big 4-0. She and her lover, Hel, celebrated by going to Callaway Gardens. Pine Mountain, Georgia will never be the same, I'm sure!

HOLY UNIONS

On November 21, 1992, Mark Stephens and Mike Slater will be joined in Holy Union at the Episcopal Church in Rochester, New York. This is apparently the first such gay union blessed by the Episcopal Church in this area. The happy couple will honeymoon in Niagara Falls and then go on to Toronto, Canada. Your special Atlanta friend, Mary Bologna, sends her best to you both, and so do we!



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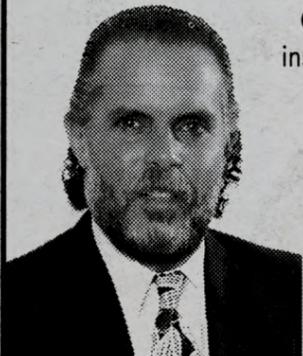
EXPECTING

All Saints MCC is expecting their first child. Three members of the congregation have made the decision to have a baby together, and the chosen mom is now expecting. The All Saints bundle of joy will arrive next June, with Sunday School starting not much later! Congratulations, we know this baby will be well loved by all three parents.

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We have won

This past summer, George Bush told Barbara Walters during a television interview that if one of his children or grandchildren were homosexual, he would still love and support them. The message he sent, whether he knew it or not, was that in America it is no longer acceptable to hate homosexuals.

In other words, as gays and lesbians we have won. What George really said to this nation that summer night is that we are equal.

We have won because almost every church, politician, and media group in Oregon has come out against the anti-homosexual Measure 9 on that state's ballot. We have won because the Democratic party and soon-to-be president Bill Clinton openly state their support of our causes. We have won because a growing number of companies and cities now offer domestic partner benefits, taking us closer to legal gay marriage.

There is no moment this past year that marks the instant when we "won." There was no bill passed in Congress, no news magazine cover story, no parade in Washington that signaled our victory. Rather, we have stumbled forward, making progress in fits and starts, and sometimes despite ourselves.

But what did happen was that at some instant this year we reached a crucial point: a point where all of the struggles of the past—

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all of the protests, the marches, the meetings, and people coming out—finally bore fruit and, in the consciousness of America, hating gay men and lesbians became unacceptable. Enough of society has finally said, "No more," and no matter what the anti-homosexual religious right tries to say or do to

make us social pariahs again, it won't work.

Which isn't by any means to say our struggle is over. Far from it. This is, in fact, the time to redouble our efforts. We are still a far cry from where we should and will be—freely accepted by all of society, with no denial anywhere of our rights, and no more closets to hide us in.

Our successes today are the result of work from the past. Likewise, what we do today is not for ourselves, but for those who will come after. Now our goal is a time where gay bashing is a horror story from the past, not a horror story from last night.

I believe history will show 1992 as the year gays and lesbians finally won acceptance in American society. I believe it will be remembered as the time we finally took our rightful place alongside all of the people of this country, accepted and welcomed as we are. Let's hope I'm right.

MICHAEL JENSEN

L E T T E R

Wake up gay America, and come out fighting

To the Editor

What began as ignorance has snowballed into fear and is now avalanching into hatred. Consequently, gays and lesbians in this country face the prospect of being nationally lynched, as voters in Oregon and Colorado decide whether we are to be accepted by society as worthy human beings or shamed as despicable perverts. With less than a week before the election, the outcome of Measure 9 is too close to call. And regardless of the result, this disgusting proposition instigated by Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition should be reveille to the millions of homosexuals, myself included, who have until now been silently witnessing this holocaust from the sidelines.

I, like many others, have always refused to let my sexual orientation dictate my lifestyle, and have painfully led two separate lives. After the events of the past few months, however, I can no longer continue to bite my

tongue in this crowded closet. We have been condemned and verbally crucified by everyone from Jerry Falwell to the Pope. The Religious Right preaches absolute ignorance and hatred in claiming that we choose our sexual orientation, subscribe to some uniform, degenerative lifestyle, and deserve treatment as second class citizens. Even the leaders of our country echo these narrow minded zealots by scoffing at "the moral equivalence of lifestyle choices."

Choice? Lifestyle? This total misunderstanding about homosexuality is used to justify oppression against innocent people whose only choice in life is to either hide their sexuality or to be themselves and risk losing their families, friends, jobs, and possibly their lives.

This justification of hatred is not a new way of thinking for America's intolerant Fundamentalists. The annihilation of the Native American, the enslavement and segregation of the African American, and the continued subjugation of women have throughout history all been justified with Bible verse after Bible verse.

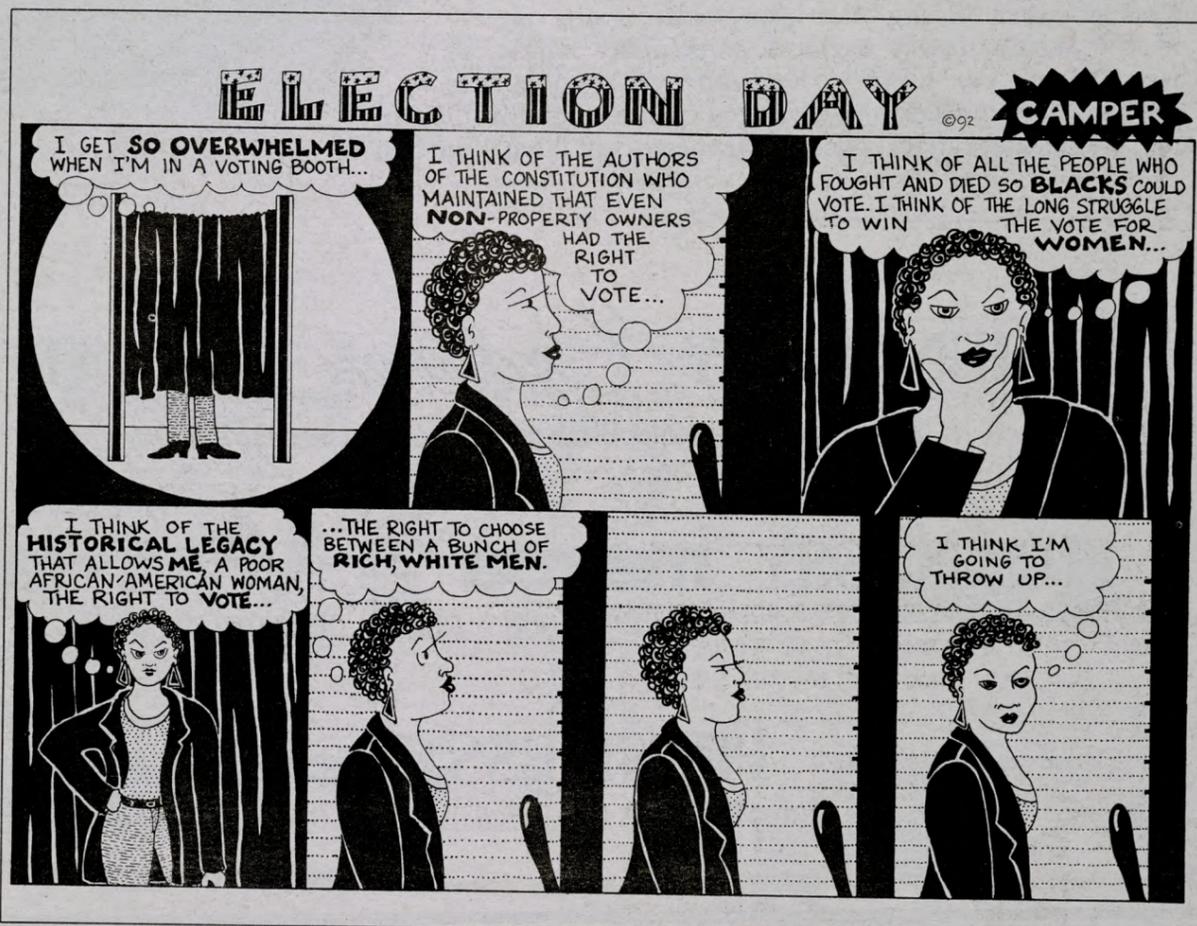
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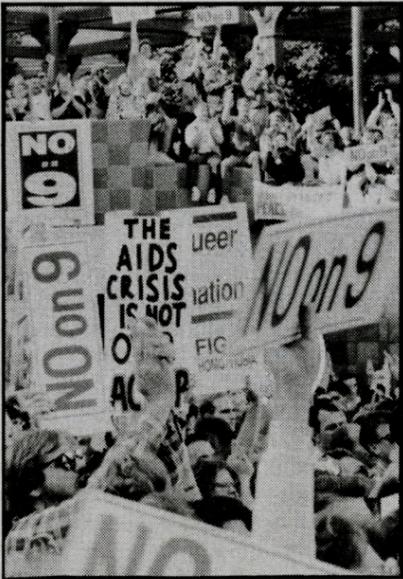
as outcasts. And we cannot wait for centuries to pass hoping that the evolution of man's soul will eventually allow us to be accepted for who we are. We must instead step out from behind our facades and realize that the time in our history has come. It is time for all of us to fight not only for our dignity, but for the dignity of those before us and those to come.

We must utilize the weapons of education and communication to destroy the wall of division that separates gay from straight. We can open minds and change attitudes—but not from the closet and not from the isolation of self-segregation. Prejudice rarely survives experience, and it is our experience that we must offer to a greatly misinformed majority.

With our vote and our voice we must demand justice. We must also march by the millions to the polls on November 3, and to Washington DC in April to show America that we will no longer tolerate oppression, accept discrimination, or remain silent in the face of ignorance, fear and hatred.

DAVID KNOX





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Dannemeyer, "ex-gay" minister join fight for Measure 9 in Oregon

Oregon (AP)—A formerly gay minister, an author, and a conservative California congressman have joined the fight in favor of Oregon's notorious Measure 9, which would outlaw any protective measures for gay men and lesbians in that state.

Anthony Falzarano, executive director of Transformation Ex-Gay Ministry of Washington DC told Oregon voters that Measure 9 would stop what he called the promotion of homosexuality in public schools.

"Oregon voters have an opportunity to send a clear message across the United States," said Falzarano, who said he used to be gay and now works with "repentant homosexuals."

"The wrath of God is coming upon this country because people like the ministers and priests have refused to stand up for this measure," he said.

Falzarano and author Judith Reisman appeared last week at a news conference sched-

uled by the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA), sponsors of Measure 9. Reisman is the author of a book attacking Alfred Kinsey entitled "Kinsey, Sex and Fraud, The Indoctrination of a People."

"I stand here in support of Measure 9," Reisman said. "If you have special rights for homosexuals per se as we are seeing, what I see is a clear avenue of recruitment of children."

A few days after that news conference, outgoing Rep. William E. Dannemeyer (R-CA) lobbied voters in Eugene, Portland and Medford in favor of Measure 9.

"Homosexuals want to solicit people to their lifestyle. That's their game plan," he said.

Dannemeyer said that opponents of the measure were "family bashing" and that the battle for family values also extended to abortion and school prayer.

Meanwhile, Washington Gov. Booth Gardner and eight of the nine members of the Seattle City council denounced the measure at a

Portland news conference.

Seattle City Attorney Mark Sidran, a prosecutor for 15 years, said the measure could spawn more hate crimes. The measure's wording, he said, does not make homosexuality illegal but gives it the appearance of a crime because it's placed alongside pedophilia.

"If this passes, a message of hate will unleash physical violence against gays and lesbians... It will be terrible," he said.

A statewide poll released in late September by Portland television station KPTV showed the measure failing 57% to 27%. But Lon Mabon, head of the Oregon Citizens Alliance said that many people would not tell the truth to polling groups.

"When people are polled, they're simply afraid to tell where they stand," he said. "But they'll let it be known in the voting booth."

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Election time. If you're raised in Alabama, as I was, you learn to look at elections primarily as lost opportunities. You develop a tolerance of no-win situations, diminished expectations, and least objectionable scoundrels. There goes one more chance to get rid of the same ol' good old boys.

This has affected me in some unhealthy ways. An example—it became important to me to be able to go to my grave without ever having voted for George Wallace. One year I voted for a fascist Republican with no chance to win, who would have been a far worse governor than our lovably reformed, internationally renown bigot. Nothing to be proud of here, and yet I still take a perverse honor in saying that I didn't ever vote for that man.

It wasn't until moving to Atlanta that I discovered elections with true opportunities. Atlanta has seen some exhilarating victories this decade—John Lewis over Julian Bond, Wyche Fowler over Mack Mattingly, Ben Jones over Pat Swindell, and people like Nan Orrock, Cathey Steinberg and Jim Martin representing us in the State legislature. It was nice to see that somewhere in the South people who stand for something can get elected.

But 1992 is a special year. Lesbian and Gay-wise, our community has never had an opportunity like Bill Clinton.

If I had the money, I would put up pup-tents at the closest allowable distance to Intown polling places, and offer gay and lesbian voters whatever it took—Cheese Whiz and O'Boisies, even—to get them to watch The Video. In May, the Human Rights Campaign Fund videotaped Bill Clinton's speech to them. And that videotape shows a politician speaking as I have never before heard a politician speak—direct, subdued, from the heart—to openly gay people. I teared up in the first five minutes, and was a sobbing mess by the end.

Clinton addresses every issue important to our community. He speaks passionately against criminalizing matters of choice and privacy that should be decided in the deep recesses of the soul. He sees a country that doesn't have a person to waste, and that needs to learn the lessons gay people have to teach. His words, thanking us for our leadership and bravery in the battle against AIDS, prove that sometimes, straight politicians can get it exactly right.

There are still problems here. Clinton hasn't convinced me he'll really deal with the deficit, or tackle entitlements, or find the money to pay for national health care. His established record on our issues isn't good—Arkansas still has a sodomy law, and no civil rights statute. And all Southerners see and understand Clinton's "Best Little Southern Boy in the World" attitude—he wants to be Nice, and doesn't want to get caught when he's not.

But no national politician has ever said about our community what Clinton has said directly to us. And any gay person who can't figure out a way to vote for him doesn't understand what's at stake. For us, this is the Ultimate No-Brainer.

The tough votes are closer to home, like Wyche Fowler's re-election campaign. Fowler, supportive of us during his tenure as a 5th District Congressman, was the best imaginable state-wide surprise winner in 1986.

But since then, he's been a different type of surprise. He voted to put Clarence Thomas on the Supreme Court; he voted to censor art with gay or lesbian content; he voted to support HIV testing of health care workers; and he voted to overturn Washington, D.C.'s domestic partnership ordinance. Fowler hasn't made one courageous stand on our community's behalf since he was elected, in spite of all our votes. Just last month, we caught him sending out different letters about his lack of support for a Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill, and even citing those infamous Family Values when the recipient seemed to be a conservative from Outside-the-Perimeter. Fowler is an archetypal political snake in the grass—once supportive, he doesn't have the courage to hang when the going gets tough. He's clearly and consciously abandoned us, which shows us just how courageous Bill Clinton really is.

The opportunity here is to vote for someone else. Republican Paul Coverdell's service in the State Legislature leaves room to hope he might be teachable; if not, at least we would have a Republican to yell at. We won't lose a thing in Congress by not having Fowler there, and we need to let state Democrats know that we won't be taken for granted.

Then there's the Georgia lottery referendum. States everywhere are discovering that they can't survive without more money from somewhere. Georgia would have had a lottery years ago had it not been for Baptist-led conservatives who happen to hate gambling almost as much as they hate sodomy.

Our progressive governor is willing to stand up to the forces of "morality" and try to defeat them, and I want him to win this fight, because it's the same fight that will have to be fought when the sodomy law has its day on the floor of the General Assembly.

But then I think—should Georgia be in the business of promoting gambling? Every state with a lottery discovers that lottery revenues inevitably decline. And when they do the inevitable response is, "It's for a good cause, let's run commercials that encourage people to gamble..." and suddenly we're in the business of encouraging gambling.

Aren't there other forms of addictive behavior we could exploit? Georgia gets tax revenue from the sale of alcohol. Wouldn't we make more money if we made our own? The manufacture, sale and advertising of moonshine could fund a lot of kindergartens. This ridiculous argument makes it clear to me—Georgia shouldn't be in the business of encouraging people to participate in addictive behavior. I've seen those lottery commercials, and even that awful half-hour lottery game show on WGN. It is clear to me that the last thing Georgia needs to be in the business of is encouraging people to participate in addictive behavior.

But is there an opportunity here? Perhaps we should support the governor only after he promises to fight for sodomy law repeal when the anti-lottery coalition lines up against it. If there's no deal, then let's think real hard before we get involved in the promotion of addiction.

I find elections with real opportunity in them awfully nerve-wracking. If there's something at stake, then there's the chance you'll lose. I think that's what the good, self-satisfied people of Alabama like about their dull elections. Wallace (and segregation) prospered by standing against change, which Alabama detests. The status quo suits them just fine, thank you.

Or maybe not anymore—Clinton's even ahead, slightly, in the Heart of Dixie. In my mind, that would be more of a Southern wonder than Seeing Rock City.

Gay platform isn't only reason to vote Clinton

To the Editor:

After watching the presidential debates, I am more convinced than ever that George Bush doesn't have a clue about this country's real problems. I saw a sign recently that read, "It's the economy, stupid!" Nothing could be more correct. Bush continues to distort Mr. Clinton's proposals, but seems unable to deliver a succinct description of his own ideas.

Part of Bush's problem is that he doesn't have any idea of his own. His economic proposals are simply Reaganomics revisited and they won't work in a slow growth economy. A capital gains tax cut will result in higher salaries for business executives and lavish perks. Without the incentives to invest that money in research and development and training, the money will be wasted on a select few.

But Bush has a more selfish reason for wanting capital gains taxes slashed; he owns an oil business and huge amounts of stock in a major pharmaceutical company, and he doesn't want to pay taxes on the money he makes! He says that he wants to help the American people, but he really only wants to help himself and his rich buddies.

Bush has constantly harped on Clinton about the draft, his trip to Russia, anti-war demonstration and the like. George, that was over twenty years ago and WE DON'T

CARE ABOUT IT! We are worried about the economy! We don't need you to tell us what Bill Clinton proposes. We are intelligent enough to figure that out on our own. We are intelligent enough to realize that you have a dismal record as President and have no solutions to our problems.

In this final week of the campaign, I would suggest that anyone who is undecided take another look at Clinton's proposals. Don't listen to Bush's tirade against Clinton. Make up your own mind. I believe people will see that the figures do indeed add up and that Clinton's ideas are a refreshing change from the tired politics of the past!

The economic problems our country faces are unique and we need solutions that are unique. We need change from the status quo that hasn't worked and George Bush doesn't offer any change!

As gay Americans, we know where the candidates stand on our issues. Bill Clinton is the only one who supports our agenda. If that isn't enough to win our support, we must realize that he is the only candidate who offers realistic change to revitalize our country. He wants to make us strong again, to unite us, to get everyone working toward a common goal. I stand firmly behind him and am ready to help him win!

Sincerely,
Andy Noles

AID Atlanta supports Fowler

To the Editor:

In recent years it has been our pleasure to work with Senator Wyche Fowler and his staff on a variety of HIV/AIDS and other health related issues. While we have not always agreed in opinion, Senator Fowler and his staff have been extremely accessible and helpful, always willing to hear our concerns and take them under advisement. During the second session of the 102nd Congress, the Senator voted in support of our position 10 out of 11 times. He has consistently advocated increased funding for HIV care, pre-

vention and research.

We understand and empathize with your concerns about the Senator's voting record on issues of importance to the gay and lesbian community, but we encourage you to continue working with Wyche on your platform. He supports many of the issues that are of critical importance to all of us, and with additional education, we believe he will be more responsive to gay- and lesbian-related concerns.

Sincerely,
Sandra L. Thurman
Executive Director, AID Atlanta

DeKalb voters must say yes to #204

To the Editor:

On November 3, the voters of DeKalb County will be given the opportunity to invest in their communities' health. The DeKalb Board of Health's proposed bond issue would fund the construction of four new health facilities throughout the county and the purchase of three others. This expansion would save taxpayers an annual \$1.7 million in rent savings, but, more importantly, would allow for the expansion of life-saving preventive health services for families.

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health centers double in the past three years, thereby protecting the good health of DeKalb's older adults.

Special programs for people with chronic mental illness, mental retardation and addiction, which stabilize family relationships, would also be expanded to provide the best proactive care available to the community. For just \$6.99 a year, each property owner in DeKalb can guarantee that preventive health services are provided to every family in the county.

We urge every voter in DeKalb to vote "Yes" to Referendum #204. Help us to reclaim the healthy future of our children and neighborhoods.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Brown, Jr.
Chairman, Fulton-DeKalb Hospital
Authority

ACT UP says thanks

ACT UP/Atlanta would like to express our appreciation for the outpouring of support following the unexpected attack on us from the local Democratic party organization. In a sense, the volume and quality of the response has already given us a victory.

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Six years ago Paula Heobel came out of the closet, divorced her husband and pierced her nipple. "I was having a real identity problem. I didn't wanna be known as 'that divorced lesbian,' so I re-created my life and gave myself an identity." Heobel, a 35 year old horse breeder, calls her pierced nipple "a nice gift to myself...it's aesthetic reinforcement."

Heobel's one tattoo, a red heart with eagle's wings, is a physical reminder of her own personal growth. "My marriage was abusive, but I got past that pain...I survived it and I marked it with something beautiful."

There are plenty of ways to describe, characterize or condemn the body modification practices commonly known as tattooing and body piercing. Body art. Fetish. Self-mutilation. Audacious disregard for societal norms. Cutting edge trend. Or none of the above, as Paula Heobel maintains. "My piercings and the tattoo have always been therapeutic."

Historically, every modern culture has had some form of tattooing and piercing. Tattooing has deep roots that can be traced back to the Egyptians and their sacred rituals. Tattoos have survived on mummified bodies. And it's believed tattooing has existed in Micronesia and Polynesia for centuries.

Doesn't everybody know somebody who

got tattooed in the military? Tattooing within military circles dates back to the ancient Greeks and sailors of other sea-faring nations from that period. Warfare at sea resulted in the sinking of ships. Bodies would drift ashore, bloated or mutilated after days in salt water. Tattoos provided families with a means of positive identification.

Tattooing may be cyclical, appearing in one part of the world as it dies out in another temporarily, but never really stopping.

Body piercing isn't new either. Ancient Egyptians pierced navels as a sign of royalty. Roman centurions wore nipple rings as a sign of virility and courage. Some Victorian women pierced their nipples to enhance size and shape. And legend has it that Prince Albert, son of Queen Victoria, wore a ring to retract his foreskin from the head of his penis for the sake of cleanliness.

Many people associate such puncturing in the U.S. with gay leathermen and the S/M community. Body piercing was very much an underground phenomenon in the past, but it's currently embraced by all kinds of people. Athletes, rock stars (and their fans), college students, and the "normal" folk at department store cosmetic counters, drive-thru windows, bank desks and computer terminals.

And an unprecedented number of lesbians are getting "holes" these days. Paula Heobel had her labia pierced in San Francisco.

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"Genital piercing has been popular for years on the West Coast, mostly with gay men, but women are catching up fast. And frankly, it's easier to find women who pierce out there."

Are we in the midst of a body modification revival in this country? "Somewhat of a revival," says piercer J.D. Callicutt. Originally a tattoo artist and piercer in Denver, Callicutt now resides in Atlanta where he continues piercing, but currently does not tattoo. He left a popular shop and a large clientele behind in Denver, but sees steady growth and interest in piercing here. And he estimates that only about 10-20% of his business comes from leathermen and S/M enthusiasts. Other patrons include gay couples, straight men and even female professional entertainers.

Why get pierced or tattooed? Callicutt theorizes that tattooing is primarily done for aesthetic reasons. Phil Steiner, a local artist and musician, validates Callicutt's theory when he admits he got tattooed because "I like body art. I wasn't trying to make a statement; I'm not a rebel." But earlobe aside, Steiner has no interest in piercing. Another tattoo? "I want another one really bad. Eventually, I wanna get 'sleeved,' shoulder to wrist."

After eleven years piercing, Callicutt maintains reasons for piercing fall into three categories: aesthetic, sexual or tribal. Maybe it's easiest to understand

aesthetic motives. Doesn't everyone have a desire to decorate and adorn their body in some way? And Callicutt hints that the addition of body jewelry worn daily beneath the clothes may ultimately change people "in ways they never expected."

For some, there is a sexual payoff. A pierced nipple or penis may look erotic and enhance physical sensation. Mark Gaddy, an Atlanta accountant, admits he gets a lot of attention at the gym since he pierced his left nipple. "I did it for appearance and sensuality. It creates a sexual feeling."

He will pierce his right nipple next and then add a tattoo. Gaddy considers the tattoo an expression of his masculinity, while the piercings are directly related to his sexuality and sensuality. What does he like best about his pierced nipple? "I enjoy my partner enjoying it."

For still others, the tribal component is undeniable. Clifford Hooks-Culbreth, owner/operator of Mohawk Leather, has eight holes and two tattoos. He sees piercing as a tribal manifestation of who and what we are as lesbians and gay men. Piercing may help some individuals identify with a certain group. "We don't have a lot of traditions; piercing is something we can embrace and pass on."

Callicutt notes that when the tribal element is present, some experience a profound change. A piercing may be emotionally lib-

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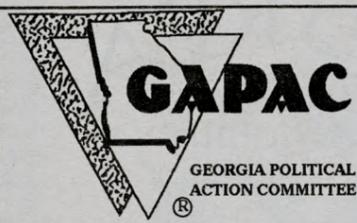


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- 59 Erik Ferguson (D) Recommend *
- 59 Bart Ladd (R) Unacceptable
- 61 Doug Teper (D) Recommend
- 61 Martin Dekom (R) Unacceptable
- 62 Ken Hoose (R) Unacceptable
- 65 Michele Henson (D) Recommend
- 65 Tommy Tolbert (R) Unacceptable
- 66 June Hegstrom (D) Recommend

State Senate DeKalb County

- 5 Joe Burton (R) Unacceptable
- 42 Mary Margaret Oliver (D) Recommend
- 43 John Parish (D) Recommend

DeKalb County Commission

- CEO Leanne Levitan (D) Recommend
- 6 Judy Yates (D) Recommend *

State Senate Fulton County

- 34 Judy Moye (D) Recommend *
- 34 Pam Glanton (R) Unacceptable

Fulton Co. Sheriff

- Jackie Barrett Recommend

State Representative Clayton County

- 95 Gail M. Buckner (D) Recommend
- 95 Johnny Martinez (R) Unacceptable
- 96 Joe Roundtree (R) Unacceptable
- 97 Glynda B. King (D) Recommend

State Senate Clayton County

- 34 Judy Moye (D) Recommend *
- 34 Pam Glanton (R) Unacceptable

State Representative Cobb County

- 36 Earl Ehrhart (R) Unacceptable
- 38 Douglas D. Middleton (D) Unacceptable

State Senate Cobb County

- 33 Christopher Yancy (R) Unacceptable

State Representative Gwinnett County

- 76 Barbara Cole (D) Recommend *
- 76 Scott Dix (R) Unacceptable
- 79 Steve Reilly (D) Acceptable
- 79 Bill Goodwin (R) Unacceptable
- 82 Vinson Wall (R) Unacceptable

Other : State Representative

- 100 Ron Dollar (R) Unacceptable
- 104 Lynn Westmoreland (R) Unacceptable
- 107 John Carlisle (D) Recommend
- 107 Charley Chaffin (R) Unacceptable

Other: State Senate

- 7 Peg Blitch (D) Recommend
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GAY VOTE '92

KC WILDMOON

Countdown. It's just a few days until Election '92, and gays and lesbians are out in droves stumping for the candidate they believe will do the most for lesbian and gay rights.

By all accounts, gay visibility has never been so high in a campaign year.

Throughout the primary process of the past year, gays and lesbians have been at the forefront, questioning presidential candidates on their stands on the lesbian/gay civil rights bill, the ban on gays in the military, funding for AIDS treatment and research.

"From every angle, whether you talk about fund-raising or volunteers, it's historic," David Mixner, an openly gay political consultant and friend and advisor to Democratic candidate Bill Clinton.

Mixner told the Washington Blade that the gay community will have raised close to \$3 million dollars for the Clinton/Gore campaign by the time all votes are counted.

lesbian community, over 90% of gays and lesbians registered to vote say they back the Arkansas governor. And that number includes two-thirds of gay and lesbian Republicans.

Why Clinton?

All five major contenders for the Democratic nomination actively courted the gay vote, bringing gay and lesbian issues to the political forefront in a way never seen before in American politics. By the time Clinton's nomination was certain, gay voters had solidified behind him. At the Democratic convention, a gay and lesbian caucus of over 100 delegates waved "Lesbian Rights" and "Gays and Lesbians Are Families Too" signs in front of the podium—and network television cameras—for all to see.

On the podium, the story continued. Presenting the Democratic Party platform to delegates was Roberta Achtenberg, the openly lesbian San Francisco supervisor who was appointed to the committee that wrote the platform. With Achtenberg's help, strong support for gay and lesbian civil rights made its way into the document.

Speaker after speaker at the convention condemned discrimination based on sexual orientation. And then, in prime time, Clinton presented two HIV+ speakers, including openly gay staffer Bob Hattoy. Clinton himself, in his acceptance speech, told the delegates that the Republican penchant for pitting "us" against "them," including "them the gays," needed to come to an end.

So why Clinton? Don George, who initially supported former Massachusetts Senator Paul Tsongas in his bid for the nomination, says that gays and lesbians are fed up with Republican inattention and are looking for someone who can change the tide of inaction on gay and lesbian issues.

"People see Bill Clinton as a way out," he said. "He represents hope. He's given us his attention. The key is hope for our future—and penned up disgust with George Bush."

But is Clinton the real hope? Some activists angrily point out that Clinton's record in Arkansas does not hold out much hope—the state still has a sodomy law on the books, has no civil rights measure for gays and lesbians, and precious little help for AIDS patients. But as gays and lesbians have become more visible, so have candidates, including Clinton, become more willing to listen, and to change.

Perhaps the most telling moment in Clinton's transformation occurred during a speech given to an HRCF gathering in Los Angeles. A video of that speech has been circulating in the community during the campaign, and those who have seen it have been impressed, often moved to tears at the sight of a presidential candidate telling gays and lesbians that they are a part of his vision.

"It was the first time I'd ever a a candidate mention the words gay or lesbian," said



Hillary Clinton and Roberta Achtenberg at an HRCF Dinner

"The amount of money raised is five times more than we've ever raised," he said. "I think we will be voting as a bloc for the first time in our history. I have never seen such intensity on a political level in the history of our community."

In the metro Atlanta area, Human Rights Campaign Fund Field Associate Don George says that the gay community has fielded over 300 volunteers—and raised nearly \$35,000—for the Clinton/Gore campaign.

"That's the most anybody can remember for our community on any campaign," said George, a 45-year-old retired physician. "This is the biggest community involvement in any campaign I know of."

Indeed, gays and lesbians are registered to vote—and strongly supporting the Clinton/Gore ticket—in record numbers. In a poll conducted by Overlooked Opinions, the Chicago-based market and opinion research firm that specializes in research on the gay and

Shawn Gentry, a 28-year-old accountant who volunteers for the Clinton/Gore campaign. "It spurred me to at least listen. Before I've always felt left behind in the political arena.

From Left Behind To Getting Involved

Feeling "left behind" is a sentiment commonly held in the gay and lesbian community, often leading to apathy and lack of clear commitment on the part of lesbian and gay voters. But something changed this year. Sometimes spurred less by Democratic outreach to the community than by homophobic right wing attacks such as Oregon's Measure 9, gays and lesbians are not only voting, but are volunteering time and money to campaigns across the country.

Tom Tucker, a 40-year-old marketing representative for a Fortune 50 aerospace company, says that the Republican National Convention, for him, was the last straw.

"I'd wanted to get involved for a long time," said Tucker, who last voted Republican during Ronald Reagan's first campaign in 1980. "The real urging came when the extreme rightists made such inroads in the party platform. It felt like a moral obligation. I felt called to do it, and it's felt good to do it."

"When Pat Buchanan made his speech at the Republican National Convention," he continued, "I was really motivated to do more."

"[The Republican Convention] made me mad," said Carolyn Bibb, a 26-year-old college Spanish teacher. "Pat Buchanan's speech—I can't believe that there are people who think like this."

For Bibb, who said she voted for Reagan in 1984 and for Bush in 1988, the Clarence Thomas/Anita Hill hearings were her impetus for increased involvement.

"I grew up in white suburbia," she said, "and those political attitudes influence me. Then I came out—I started to realize that these Republican administrations do not support us."

"So a year ago, I'd already changed my political views," she continued, "but the Thomas/Hill hearings made me want to get more involved."

The summer's conventions sealed Bibb's change. "The Democratic National Conven-

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Percentage of gays and lesbians registered and intending to vote: 95.3%

Poll conducted by Overlooked Opinions in late September 1992 from a sample of 3000 persons with a 75% response rate. A supplemental poll conducted after Ross Perot's announcement that he would re-join the race indicated that "no statistically significant shifts had occurred in the results" of the earlier poll.

tion was an incredibly positive experience. And then a month later having the Republican Convention be the fascist gathering it was," she said. "That four week period made the choice clear."

"Previously the issues didn't directly affect me," said 24-year-old Greg Phillips, an accountant. "I was in school and not out [as a gay man]. Since then my life has completely turned around."

For Phillips and other volunteers, working on the campaign is a chance to make a difference in the community.

"Before things happened and I felt like I had no control over them," he continued.

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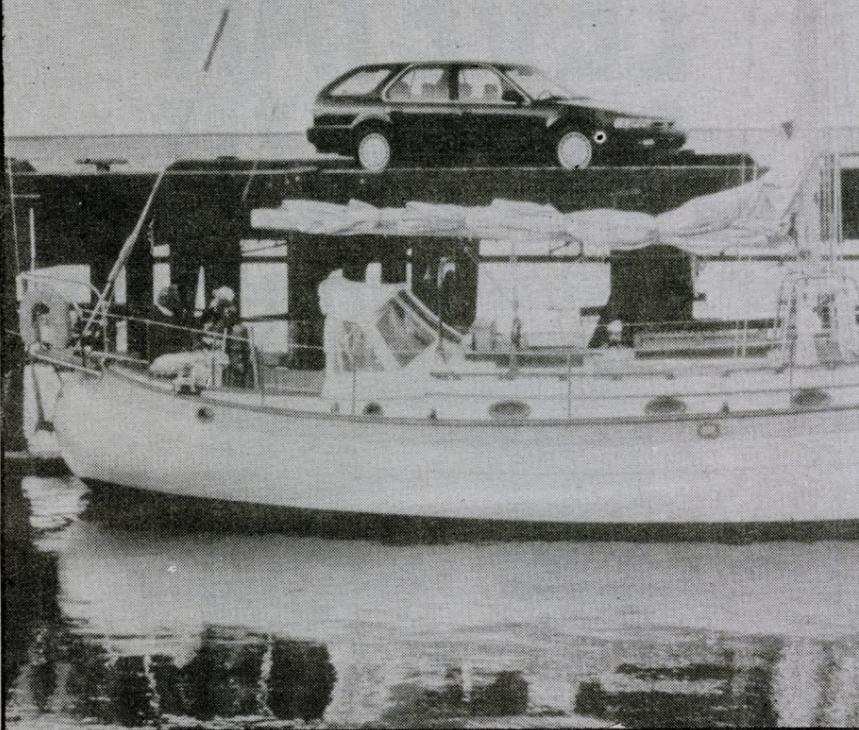
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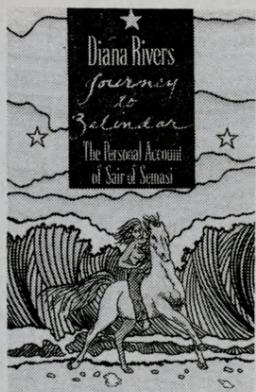
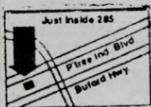
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"But now, volunteering for Clinton/Gore I feel like I'm making an impact, even if things don't end up my way."

"My most basic role is to get out there and vote," said Bibb. "And in the campaign, my role is to get Bill Clinton's message out."

In increasing numbers since the conventions, Bibb, Phillips, Tucker and hundreds of gay and lesbian volunteers have staffed phone banks, done literature drops, and donated money to the Clinton campaign. But not all gays and lesbians have made community issues the main focus of their support for Clinton/Gore.

"Critical mass is the key word," said Shelley Vereen, vice president of sales for a computer network design firm. "Things are about to explode and they don't work anymore—the deficit, the environment, health care, education, civil rights, choice—everything I look at is profoundly broken."

Vereen, 38, believes that the Clinton/Gore ticket is an opportunity to fix those things.

"The American public has said we want a change," she said. "I think [Clinton/Gore] will take us up on that."

Vereen said that she began volunteering for the campaign "to strengthen HRCF's effectiveness, and I want to get Gore and Clinton elected."

"I want everything I do affiliated with something that makes a statement," she said of her decision to volunteer through HRCF. "What got me to the telephones is simply that an event is going to take place at a specific time—it's a deadline."

It Ain't Over Til It's Over

Election '92 is definitely on deadline. November 3 is fast approaching, and candidates and volunteers alike are scrambling to shore up support.

But despite polls that consistently show Clinton ahead, the race is not over. Cathy Woolard, a former Atlantan now an HRCF lobbyist in Washington, cautions that those polls, based on the nationwide popular vote, are misleading.

"If you win in Georgia by 2 votes, you

get 13 electoral votes," she said. "If you lose by 2 votes, you lose 13 electors. And electoral votes are what counts. It's virtually a dead heat in Georgia."

An Atlanta Journal-Constitution/WSB TV poll released last weekend showed Clinton with a 6 point lead in the Peach State, with 7% of Georgia voters still undecided. Twenty-two states, including Georgia, are considered "too close to call" at this point in the campaign. Those states represent 194 of the 270 votes needed to secure the presidency.

"We absolutely cannot be complacent," said Woolard. "We need every single vote. If Bill Clinton is elected, in January the military ban will be over by executive order, an AIDS czar will be appointed, and we can get an aggressive effort underway to pass a lesbian/gay civil rights bill in the next four years."

"If you're undecided," she continued, "do me a favor and vote for Clinton. Please, please, please vote for Clinton. Our legislative agenda for the next four years cannot be enacted if George Bush is president."

The Future

Regardless of the results of Tuesday's election, gays and lesbians have made a significant impact on the American political process, largely on the strength of the effort on Bill Clinton's behalf.

"We've pulled up to the table with all kinds of other people to get Bill Clinton elected," said Woolard, "and we pulled our weight."

And Clinton has not shied from gay and lesbian support. At a campaign rally at the University of Oregon on October 22, Clinton began a speech urging Oregon voters to block Measure 9, the draconian ballot initiative that would prohibit the government from enacting any civil rights protections for lesbians and gays.

"This country has been torn too long in too many ways," he said. "Many people look to the West and see tomorrow. I ask you to send a message to America by resoundingly defeating resolution 9."

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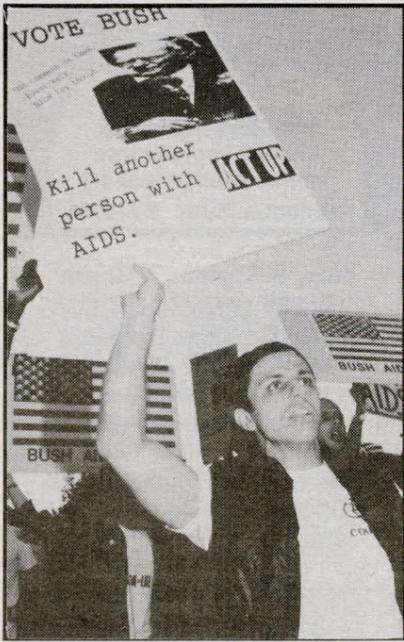
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Uneasy bedfellows

The gay community and the Georgia Democratic Party almost came to blows last week, when Party Executive Director Scottie Greenwood told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution that the party would not work with groups like ACT UP, which she described as "extremist single-issue group whose agendas are narrow." Greenwood said that the party would instead "work with groups who embrace the complete agenda of the Democratic Party."

A flurry of phone calls and letters later,

Greenwood apologized for the remarks.

"I made a statement I very much regret that doesn't reflect the position of the Democratic Party," she told Southern Voice. "The party's platform is very clear on issues of concern to the lesbian gay community, including AIDS."

"What I think is important is to stay focussed on getting rid of George Bush instead of some statement that I made."

Members of ACT UP have requested a written retraction from the party, and a meeting between the two groups is scheduled for Nov. 9 to discuss the issues.

"It's unfortunate she made the comments," said ACT UP's Jeff Graham, "and unfortunate that so much attention has been directed at her personally."

Graham said that his group intends to work to educate the Georgia Democratic Party further on gay, lesbian and AIDS issues.

may be stronger than simple hope to gays and lesbians.

"It's not a matter of if, it's when," said volunteer Tom Tucker. "Momentum is developing. There's a new sense of community, what seems to me an ever-increasing group."

Dixon Taylor, a 49-year-old advertising sales representative who describes herself as a "recovering Republican," says that this change in the visibility of gay and lesbian issues is a long time coming, both for herself and the entire country.

"I came from Bush to Perot to Clinton, but I've come to support Clinton because of an acceptance of who I am, and what the Republican Party isn't," she said. "These issues are not going back in the closet ever again. [Clinton] legitimized the issue. He made it acceptable for straight people to deal with it. That's what he has given to the gay community."

As if to signal that change in mainstream America's perceptions, gays and lesbians tuned into country radio these days are hearing something different. In between the cheatin' songs, the drinkin' songs, the heart-breakin' lyin' and leavin' songs, comes Garth Brooks singing "When we're free to love anyone we choose, then we shall be free."

While it's not surprising that Brooks would pen such a lyric, what is surprising, at least to some, is that country music stations actually play it. But that's a direct result of this new visibility, this refusal of gays and lesbians to be silent any longer, and the willingness of many Americans to stop and listen. For many, this Election '92 is a turning point, a time to stand up and be counted, often for the first time, but certainly not the last.

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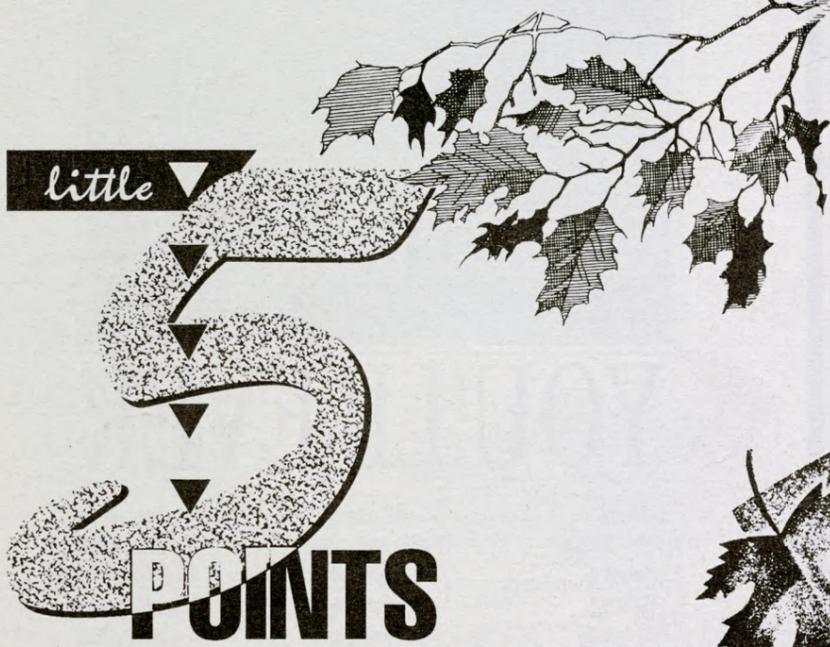


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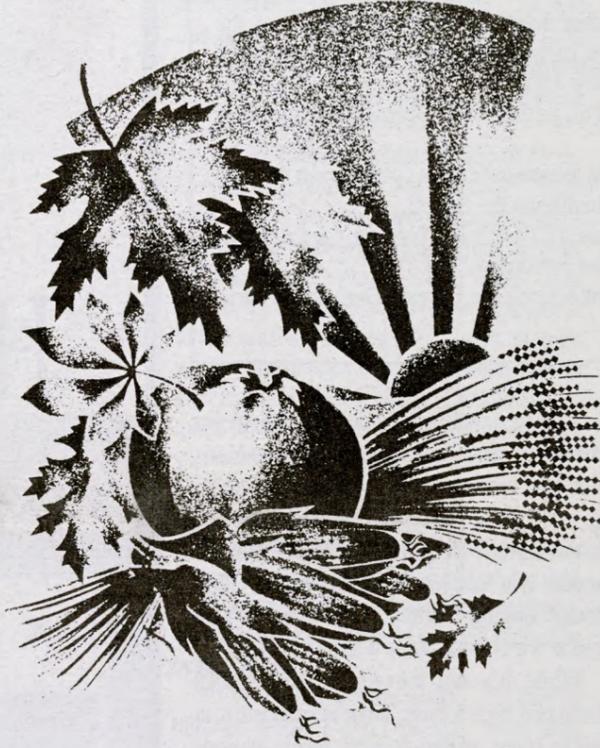
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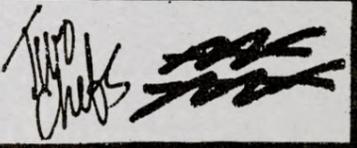
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FILM REVIEW

THE HOURS AND TIMES

Would you drink Einstein's enema? Funny how the least significant thing associated with a great individual often attains a certain stature, especially after his or her death. That explains part of the fascination of "The Hours and Times," a film about the intense friendship between the Beatles' brilliant and gay manager, Brian Epstein, and John Lennon. The rest of the fascination for this incredible film is the excruciating exploration of how some gay men will pay any price, financial or emotional, to get what they can from straight men.

Just before Barcelona got started up for the 1992 Olympics, young filmmaker Christopher Munch captured it as it looked in April, 1963, when Lennon went there with Epstein for "four days' solid relaxation." If you've ever wanted someone you couldn't have, you know it wasn't very relaxing for Epstein.

But couldn't he have Lennon? John at 22 was cocky, irreverent, depressed, horny, curious; if he wasn't yet open to all sorts of experimentation, he soon would be. He loved Brian—in a platonic way—and respected his culture, worldliness and business acumen. For his part, Brian was simply hopelessly infatuated with John. Under the circumstances, anything might have happened that weekend.

Biographers have speculated about what did happen, but the only two men who know for sure are dead. It appears that if anything sexual ever occurred between them, this would have been the time—away from John's wife, Brian's mother and the other Beatles. The band had just released what would be their second number-one single in England, but the birth of true Beatlemania was still six months away.

As entitled to his guess as anyone else, Munch installs the two men in the pressure cooker of a Barcelona hotel room and lets nature take its carefully scripted course. John is full of questions about gay sex which Brian is happy to answer. In one of his more rational moments (or is he trying for a pity fuck?) Epstein says, "I suppose I should realize it's hopeless once and for all." Lennon replies, "I find you an engaging and remarkable

THE HOURS AND TIMES

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The Hours and Times, starring David Angus as Brian Epstein and Ian Hart as John Lennon, explores the erotic tension between the lead Beatle and the band's brilliant—and gay—manager.

man, Brian. I've never met a man like you. I don't really want to knock it off with you."

That's not quite on a level with his lyrics, but he's on holiday. No Beatles music intrudes on the mood Munch creates. We hear only a Bach piano piece, traditional Spanish guitar, some blues harmonica and Little Richard or a soundalike.

In a way it's disorienting, like a story about Picasso in which no one mentions painting; but that in itself helps maintain the edge, for this film is nothing if not edgy. Whether the men are naked together in a bathtub or fully dressed in a more innocuous location, there's a constant sense that anything—or nothing—can happen at any moment.

The idea of being a fly on the wall of two such extraordinary people at such a moment in history is so exhilarating, it's amazing that "The Hours and Times" has some boring moments. Still for a film made up primarily of dialogues and trialogues in static interior setups, it's incredible how interesting it is most of the time.

David Angus, who plays Epstein, has Sylvester Stallone's eyes and Jose Ferrer's intensity. He makes his character sympathetic, not predatory. If there's a villain it's Lennon, who plays with everyone, sometimes cruelly. After an upsetting phone conversation with his wife Cynthia he tells Brian, "Sometimes I want a woman to push me like a strong wind. Sometimes I want a woman to eat my shit." John suggests to Brian that they go dancing at a "fag joint," and invites a man back to the hotel from there. He also invites a stewardess up to the room at another point, leaving Brian to cry on a bellboy's shoulder.

Ian Hart captures all of John's mood swings. Because his resemblance to Lennon is much stronger vocally than visually, Munch wisely lets us get used to his voice before giving us a good look at him.

When all is said and done, we don't know if all's been said and done. We know John and Brian have tested the bonds of their friendship and found them strong enough to hold for the

four years until Epstein's death, and we know that's what counts in the long run.

With a one-hour running time, in black and white with minimal production values, "The Hours and Times" is determinedly uncommercial. The last thing Munch can be accused of (though he doubtless will be) is exploiting a legend. He's created a compelling film that haunts you long after its hour of time is over.

STEVE WARREN

COUNTRY MUSIC

WOMEN IN COUNTRY

In the midst of country music's celebration of its recent prosperity comes a most telling statistic: only about 15 percent of the records on the Billboard country singles and albums charts are by female artists.

Though country has long been a male-dominated genre, that percentage is even low compared to country's post-"Urban Cowboy" depression a decade ago, when the likes of Barbara Mandrell, Crystal Gayle, Janie Fricke, Sylvia, Anne Murray and Juice Newton could be counted on for regular schmaltzy smashes.

But a recent Recording Industry Association of America survey indicates that only half of country records are bought by women. Females are buying the hunks, but then so are males.

Five new albums prove, however, that women are an undeniable creative force in Nashville. Lorrie Morgan, Kathy Mattea, Suzy Boggus, Pam Tillis and Tanya Tucker have been among

the "haves" on the charts, but they each should enlarge their audiences with wonderfully expressive new LPs.

Pam Tillis, racing up the charts with the single "Shake the Sugar Tree," thinks things are getting better for female artists in spite of what the charts may say. "I don't think women were previously respected in Nashville like they are now," says the daughter of Mel Tillis. "They were expected to stand there and look pretty and not make any waves. But then Loretta Lynn came out and sang 'The Pill' and Dolly Parton wrote some of her wonderful songs, and the attitude [toward women] started changing."

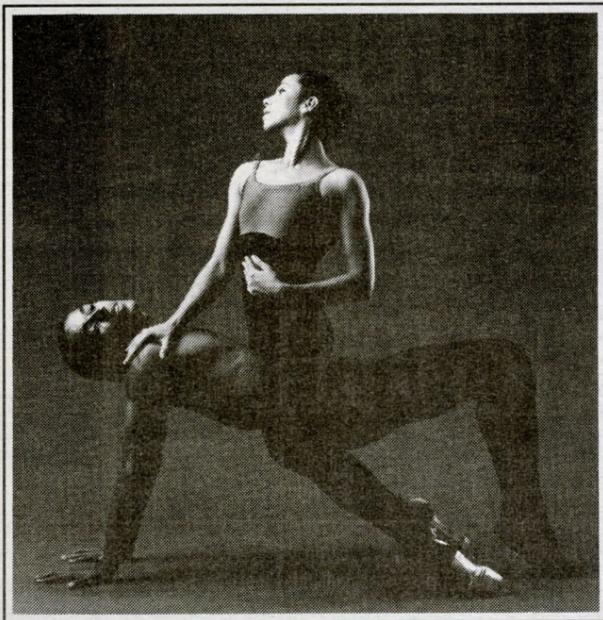
Tillis also credits Rosanne Cash for breaking ground for the latest slew of introspective country females. "Rosanne proved that the public was ready for personal, touching songs from the women's perspective," Tillis says.

Suzy Boggus' recent Country Music Association Horizon Award as best new artist showed that the Nashville establishment is willing to expand its expectations of female artists. At the time of awards voting, Boggus was zooming up the charts with "Letting Go," which is about a daughter leaving home to go to college—not your usual country theme. That Boggus beat out more traditional artists, such as Brooks & Dunn and Tillis, proved that the normal "but is it real country?" authenticity check is a thing of the past. Boggus, whose new album is "Voices in the Wind," is a folk-based pop singer who grew up listening to Linda Ronstadt and Joni Mitchell.

The new wave: "Watch Me," Lorrie Morgan (BNA); "Lonesome Standard Time," Kathy Mattea (Mercury); "Voices in the Wind," Suzy Boggus (Liberty); "Homeward Looking Angel," Pam Tillis (Arista); "Can't Run From Yourself," Tanya Tucker (Liberty).

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Piercing & Tattooing

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erating, a reinforcement of identity or an avenue to empowerment on a personal level.

Hooks-Culbreth believes tattooing and piercing are big steps in anyone's life because both are body modifications that carry some degree of social stigma. His most obvious, and to some most shocking, hole is the ring worn through the back of his neck. He says this piercing was "a statement of personal growth and individuality; I wanted something very non-traditional."

As for his tattoos, Hooks-Culbreth confesses his first experience was less than positive. He was young and so eager to have a tattoo that he dismissed bad feelings about the artist and situation. His memory of the next tattoo is far more satisfying. "It was designed by my lover. It's a statement of our relationship and our commitment to one another." He thinks of it as a bonding experience for them both.

Hooks-Culbreth assists Callicutt in arranging appointments for piercing. Both offer similar advice to people contemplating tattooing or piercing. Take time to plan. Talk to people who've had it done. Ask questions. Don't be afraid to ask a piercer or tattoo artist for references. Look at their work. And because of the known risk of HIV transmission via needles, absolutely demand assurance that a potential piercer or tattoo artist's instruments are sterilized. Finally, if your gut reaction is to stay away, follow that instinct.

Remember also that an artist or piercer reserves the right to decline his or her services to you. Callicutt has to believe someone genuinely wants to be pierced before he begins work.

"I've turned people away. If they're high or drunk I can't be sure what they want." Or when a couple shows up and one does all the talking, Callicutt spends some time determining who really wants the piercing done and why. He cautions people against getting pierced just to please a lover or companion.

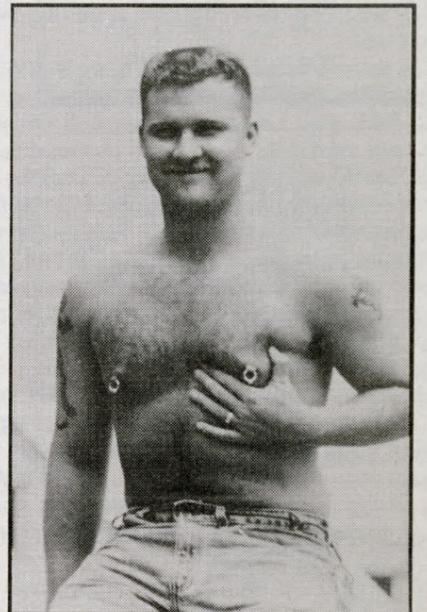
What about the pain involved in tattooing and piercing? Phil Steiner remembers that his tattoo "hurt like hell." Did he care? "No, it was worth it. I'd have taken more pain because I'm pleased with it."

Hooks-Culbreth agrees. "You give up a

few moments of comfort to enhance your body. It's worth every minute of pain and inconvenience." Then he adds, "It's not what you'd expect anyway. Some parts of the body are more sensitive to the needles than others. Coloring in is the most painful part."

In piercing, of course, the actual moment of pain is very short. Callicutt notes that while there is certainly pain, it probably hurts less than most injections. But he wants everyone to know it's a two-step process. First, the needle piercing. Then the jewelry is put through the hole. Any reassuring words? "I've never had a client pass out on me."

For those concerned about their threshold for pain, remember that only a medical



professional can legally administer anesthetics.

With a tattoo or piercing also comes a commitment to aftercare. A tattoo takes roughly a week to heal and requires multiple daily cleanings and bandaging. Piercing, on the other hand, takes four to six weeks to heal and must be cleaned daily to prevent infection. Listen carefully to the piercer or tattoo artist's instructions about this. And remember that all this attention doesn't have to be a burden. Instead, it can be an opportunity to get to know your own body and revel in new sensations.

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At the first neighborhood Halloween party I can recall, the prize for best costume went to a girl in a ballerina outfit. The judging panel consisted of some of the mothers and they thought her adorable in her leotard and tutu. I tried to instigate a protest because that really wasn't a costume at all...that little Miss wore it once a week to her ballet class. But my attention was easily diverted by apple bobbing, and the party continued, without mutiny.

Much has changed in the ensuing years, but my enjoyment of All Hallows Eve has only increased. The costumed revelry of this darkly fascinating holiday is one of the few things which is even better enjoyed as an adult than as a child. And do any adults know how to celebrate Halloween better than our community? No. Because this is the one day of the year when everyone is allowed to live a fantasy. And for Halloween '92 the options for Atlantans, gay and straight, are almost limitless.

One option many civic-minded party-goers will take advantage of is the **Masquerade Ball** to benefit the Atlanta Lambda Community Center. This affair will be held in the awesome confines of the Lowe Gallery at the TULA Complex on Bennett Street. The theme is Broadway Melody which means a plethora of Evitas, Mermans, and Dollys, not to mention innumerable Phantoms. Admission is only \$10 and will help to get the new community center off to a flying start. Call (404) 662-9010 for further information.

The most talked about party of 1992 is **eXtacy** to be held at Petrus on Halloween night. My sources tell me this will be THE Party where the envelope is pushed to the limit. Originally planned as an open bar party with a hefty cover charge, this plan has been altered to a cash bar and a very affordable \$10 cover. Rumors abound about this party and the only way to check it out will be to be there. The costume contests which will be divided into three categories—most creative, best group, and most provocative. The music and lights are said to be out of this world and not to be missed.

For those of us who crave the thrills and chills of Halloween,

AFTER HOURS

DANNY ROBLE



Lily White in heavy Halloween drag

enter, if you dare, the **Haunted Castle at Heritage Row** in Underground Atlanta. Sponsored by the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, this grande dame of haunted houses is usually held at Rhodes Hall. This year the Boom Town exhibit of Heritage Row will be transformed into Doom Town with a very high tech assemblage of laser lights, sets, costumes, holograms, and mechanical and live actors. Enter the castle gates for a mere \$6 on October 29, 30 and 31.

SAME has a frightfully wonderful evening planned for both Friday and Saturday nights for those of you of a more theatrical

bent. **Fright Nights** consists of two one-act plays from local comic Deb Calabria. "A Little Long in the Tooth" and "Can We Keep Her" are described by the playwright as "late-night lesbian horror fests." Sounds ghoulish doesn't it? Fright Nights is at TULA Galleries in SAME's auditorium. Performances are 10 pm on Friday and 8 pm on Halloween night, and continue the following weekend with both shows at 10 pm. Call 609-9590 for details.

At Theatrical Outfit, Charles Riley and Alice Lovelace (who read her powerful poetry at 800 East recently) will present a program of songs, poems, music, and stories called **Tales From Our Darkside** on October 29, 30, 31 as well as November 5, 6, 7. Advanced tickets may be purchased for only \$6 at Charis Books or on the day of the performance for \$8.

Back on the bar scene, the **Otherside** will observe Halloween in a big way with costume contests awarding \$1,000 in cash and prizes. Casting a spell over the crowd will be the bewitching beauty Amber Richards. In the piano bar, the trio of Scooter Lee, Kristy Vaughn and Robin Treadwell will entertain.

Leather lads aplenty will observe the holiday at the Eagle on Ponce. Friday the 30th will be **Night of the Mandrake** put on by the Atlantis M.C., followed on Saturday by the Eagle's 13th annual **Hooded Halloween Ball**. Think of all those hoods and harnesses...

Babylon, too, will host two major parties, one on Halloween night and another on Sunday. Serious contestants will compete for a trip for two to the North American destinations of their choice.

Of course, costumed revelers will inhabit every bar in the city this weekend, especially **The Armory** and **Backstreet**. Over the years, Backstreet's dark, multi-level interior has provided a perfect background for my own Halloween excursions. Last year Lily White held court in a flame red costume that stole the show.

Devotees of All Hallows Eve will plan a long evening, starting early with friends gathering to paint on a pretty face. Then it's off to a party or two at the home of other friends, where trick or treating takes on new meaning. Next stop, your favorite bar to mingle with other ghosts and goblins. Last stop for many spirits of the Night will be the **Cove**, where the dancing will continue way past sunrise.

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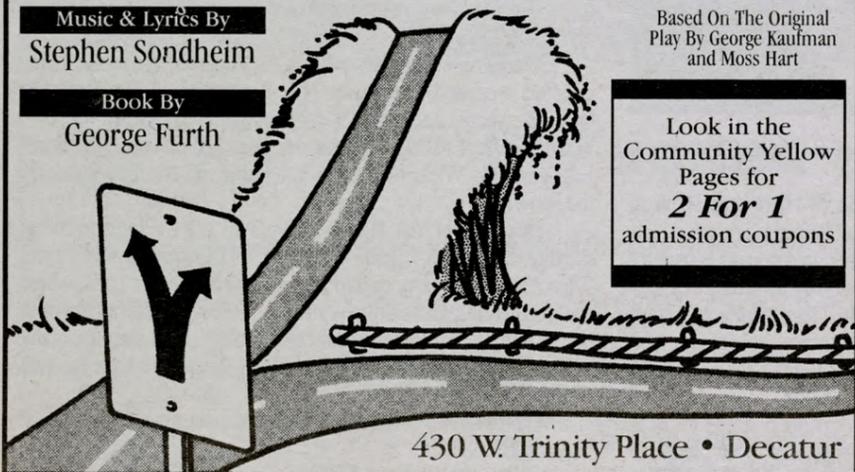
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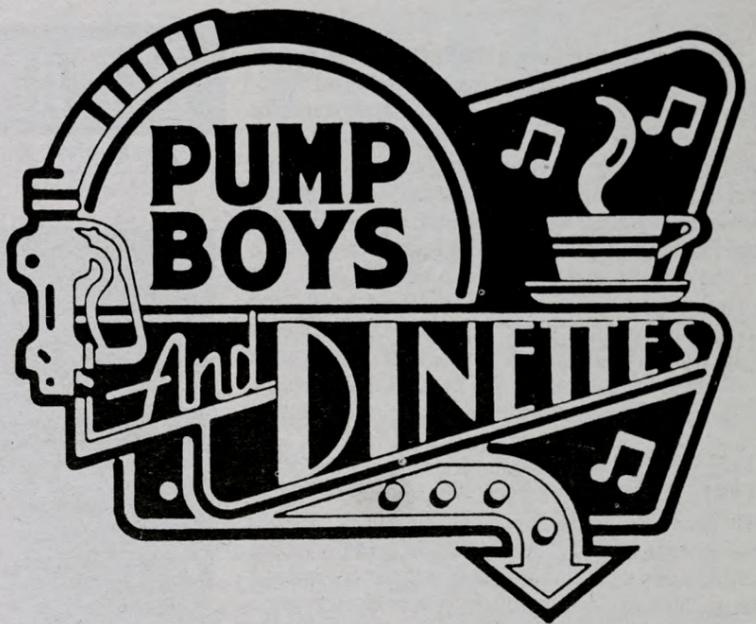
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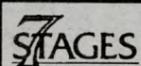
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30 FRIDAY

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FRIGHT NIGHTS. Two one-act plays from Deb 875-2275.

THE HOURS AND TIMES. Nov. 6 & 7. A film about the friendship between Beatles leader John Lennon and Brian Epstein, the band's brilliant and gay manager. See story on page 19. 8 pm. Rich Auditorium, High Museum of Art. 892-HIGH.

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Calabria dubbed a "late-night lesbian horror-fest." 8 pm tonight; Fri. & Sat. at 10 pm through Nov. 7. TULA Galleries. 75 Bennett St. 609-9590.

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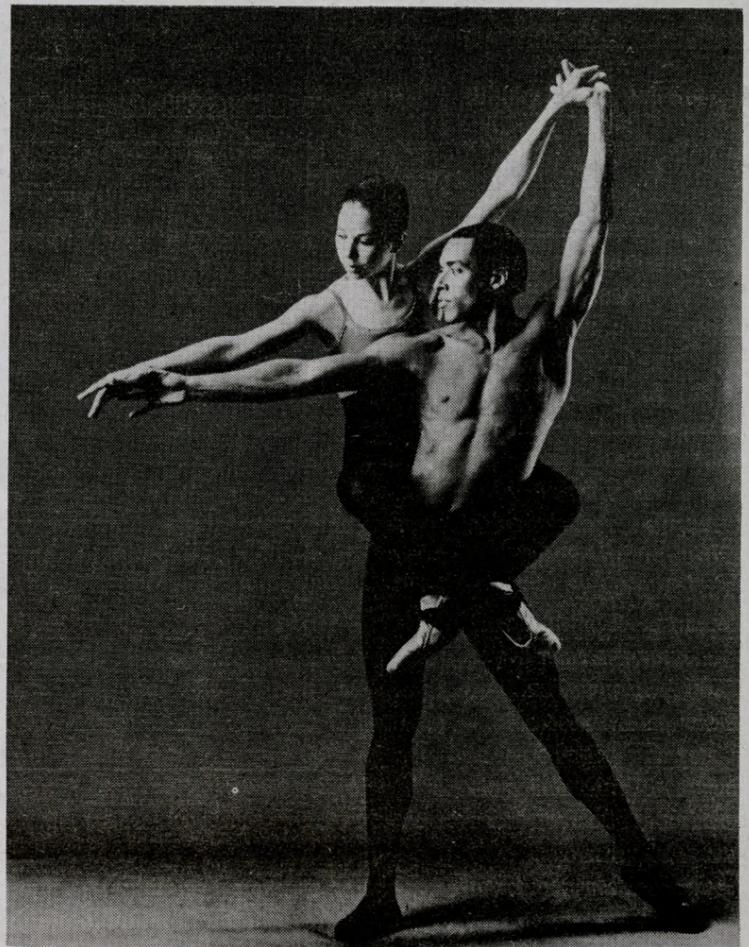
4 WEDNESDAY

FLYIN' WEST. The world premiere of Atlanta playwright Pearl Cleage's poignant story of the strength and struggles of black women homesteaders in 1898. Directed by Kenny Leon, artistic director of the Alliance Theatre. Runs through Dec. 13. Tues.-Sat. at 8 pm; Sun. at 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Alliance Theatre. 892-2414.

MELANIE HAMMET. The woman who dreams wild horses is back in town. 9:30 pm. Star Community Bar in Little 5 Points.

Pictured: BELOW: Deirdre Carberry and Cubie Burke of The Atlanta Ballet in *Common Ground* which premieres Nov. 5. Photo by Neil Higgins.

ABOVE: The cast of *Fragments of Truth* which runs through Nov.





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My friends Eric and Ulrich from Berlin visited a couple of weeks ago, hellbent on soaking up all the Southern culture that they could in two short days. Regional cuisine was high on their list so I sent them to Deacon Burton's for lunch and then took them on a tour of **The Colonnade** (1879 Cheshire Bridge Rd. 874-5642) for dinner. I would have fed them at Mary Mac's too, but Ms. Lupo's stand on the Ponce IDC location has me boycotting that establishment for at least the rest of the year.

Eric and Ulrich were quite taken with food at The Colonnade, but it was the clientele—an egalitarian mix of Southern ladies, gentlemen, bubbas, bubbettes and queers—that really turned them on.

If you, too, have never eaten at this Atlanta landmark, then you may want to get yourself over to Cheshire Bridge Road this very evening. But pay attention to the following paragraphs before you go; the menu is huge and not everything is equally likely to make Miss Scarlett's lady-like lips blush with joy.

Were The Colonnade a house, real estate agents would describe its style as "vanilla ranch"—that popular long, low, and brick look that dominated residential Atlanta in the '50s. The interior, spiffed up a bit since the fire that closed the place down for three months last spring, is not unlike a dining room in one of those houses—a little wood, a little wall paper, carpet that doesn't quite work, and a strange sense that the hostess is putting on airs...especially when Beethoven is the Muzak of the day.

But don't be fooled, The Colonnade is a finely tuned, lean and mean restaurant money machine. There is frequently a wait, especially on weekends, no credit cards are accepted, and both menu (despite the fact that it is huge) and service are designed to turn tables faster than the turnstiles at a Braves game. The waitrons may remind you of Aunt Lulu from Unadilla, but they know how to get you watered, fed, and out the door in less time than it takes to fry up the next batch of chicken.

Fried almost anything is a good place to start here. Chicken, chicken livers, okra, trout, shrimp, scallops, and oysters all emerge hot, moist, and well seasoned from the rigors of immersion in deep fat. The shrimp and scallops are especially noteworthy, ranking among the best in the city. Serving sizes are generous (gargantuan if you order livers) and the food is rarely greasy. Good stuff and fairly priced.

Veggies too are generally excellent. Whipped potatoes are light, and obviously made from the real thing, not poured from a box. Sweet potato souffle isn't really a souffle and is too sweet by half, but I challenge you not to scarf it all down and lust for more. Blackeyed peas, collards, stewed corn, pole beans, and okra and tomatoes are all prepared with the kind of care that makes for happy return customers. Celery dressing is so light that it almost floats from the plate.

But beware the turnip greens (which too often resemble well-boiled dishrags), sauteed onions (barely cooked and without character), apples (actually half a something that could best be called ambigufuit) and macaroni and cheese (boring).

Also beware the tossed salad, a paltry portion of iceberg lettuce adorned with a slice or two of beet and a wedge of tomato. Better

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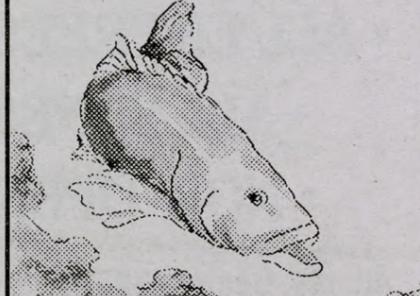
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to return directly to the '50s and order the wedge of lettuce salad—a fat chunk of the same iceberg lettuce adorned with the same beets and tomato. It's amazing what a difference presentation can make. Tomato aspic (another blast from the past and one which I usually abhor) is especially good—silky smooth and loaded with flavor.

Salmon croquettes with egg sauce (another '50s comfort food) are almost devoid of flavor and studded with occasional bones—not much fun at all. Crab cakes, on the other hand, contain an amazing amount of moist white crab bound up with a spicy, mustard-laced breading. Not quite on a par with Chef's Cafe, but at \$6.95 with two veggies, I'd sure order them again.

Some dishes seem to be less well seasoned than before the fire. Vegetables, across the board, are definitely less salty. That's good for those who are watching their sodium intake and not difficult to remedy. But roast pork and roast turkey (tender though they may be) seem to have been cooked without the benefit of parsley, sage, rosemary, or thyme. All the salt and pepper in the world can't make up for that.

Roasted lamb shanks fare better, though their viscous, translucent gravy looks like it came from a can and makes me just a mite queasy. The chicken and veggie part of chicken pot pie is just right, but simply topping a cup or so of the well-spiced mixture with a round of baked crust and then calling it "pot pie" is the sort of menu dishonesty up with which I would prefer not to put.

Grilled trout was over-cooked and lack-luster the one time I tried it. A country ham steak was big, tender, and not too salty on the way down, but by 3am the following morning I had drunk a gallon of water and my mouth still felt like a box of Morton's.

The Colonnade's ethereal, golden yeast rolls are reason enough to eat here three times a week; cornbread is almost as good. But be careful not to fill up on either lest you be too stuffed to at least share a piece of the excellent apple, banana cream, and key lime pies.

The Colonnade is open every day for lunch and every night for dinner. In the evening expect to spend \$10-\$15 a head for a meat, two veggies and dessert.

VAL•UE (val'ū)

n. **1.** a fair equivalent in money, etc. for something sold or exchanged. **2.** the worth of a thing in money or goods at a certain time. **3.** that quality of a thing according to which it is thought of as being more or less desirable.

4. a buzz word for the '90s. **5.** a seafood restaurant on Cheshire Bridge Rd.

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Gifts to Watch Out For: What to our wondering eyes should appear in our mailbox last week but a catalog full of goodies from "Dykes to Watch Out For" creator Alison Bechdel. In addition to the usual stuff (calendars and books), the talented Ms. B is offering post cards, greeting cards, posters, buttons, and "Coffee, tea, or Mo" cups. For your very own complete catalog write to Alison at PO Box 703, Waterbury, VT 05676.

Milk & Cookies?: Confounded and confustigated about what to do with your vote for US Senator this year? Wychey-poo Fowler obviously is not the answer. And while there was a lot excitement in insider circles over whether his opponent Paul Coverdell might actually come out and be better on lesbian/gay/AIDS issues, it appears that he is not willing to do so. So, other than moving to California and voting for Nancy Boxer and Diane Feinstein, what's a queer to do? How about a write-in candidate? Who? Dish has heard several suggestions—the best, we think, is Harvey Milk.

(Anti) Quote of the Week: Newsweek magazine quotes J. Peter Grace (chairman of the huge W.R. Grace and Co. who recently moved his conglomerate's headquarters from the Big Apple to sunny Florida) thusly: "Where I come from, we have Cuomo the homo and then, in New York City, Dinkins the pinkins." Grace (the graceless) is said to have later apologized, but what Dish wants to know is to whom...and exactly what for.

Even Nancy Had One: Regular readers know that Dish is a fan of Metropolitan Home for any number of reasons. But we think the editors may have gone one toke over the line in their November issue with an article entitled "At Home With Hillary Clinton." Their politics may be okay, but the Clintons need to give serious consideration to hiring a (pref-

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



Alison Bechdel's catalog is full of gift ideas for your favorite dyke.

erably queer) decorator whose sense of style was not purchased from Sears. One sign of hope: The Clintons own, and proudly display, a very funny (and gilt framed) spoof on Wood's "American Gothic" featuring none other than Bill and Hillary. Not something you'd likely find in George and Barbara's parlor.

Swag Time: On the other hand, there is some good news in the decorating department. It seems that the Georgia Democratic Party has (sensibly) agreed to let HRCF volunteers decorate the Victory Party Headquarters on November 3. Quipped one (anonymous) wag, "They know it's too important to be left to amateurs." If you would like to lend a hand, call Don George at 231-5479.

Rara Avis: Former Atlantan Cathy Woolard in a dress? Wearing hose and real girl shoes? With shaved legs and arm pits? That's what a little bird who attended HRCF's fund-raising dinner in DC during the showing of the Names Project quilt tells us. We called Woolard to ask if the report was true and her response was "Yes, it was a dress...the butchest dress I could find." A black Liz Claiborne, we believe. Asked if she used a Lady Norelco to do her legs, Ms. W. growled, "Would you believe a machete?"

Doth The Man Protest Too Much?: Dish thinks so, but then we would, wouldn't we. Rumors that Magic Johnson may swing both ways, and that he did not thus "acquire" HIV as the result of a rich and full hetero-sexual life, are afoot once more. In an article in the Atlanta J/C Johnson is quoted as saying "A player in the [NBA]—I know who he is—ran to a few people insinuating I was going both ways." Writer Dave Kindred (The Sporting News) then published a piece in which he said that Magic could not be seen as a "typical heterosexual male" and that the chances of a man getting HIV from a woman "are remote." "But," Kindred insists, "I wasn't suggesting he was homosexual or a drug user by any means." Yea, sure, Dave! And how many hets now once again think that it's okay to have unsafe sex. Get some education, dude.

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The Sun is in the fixed water sign of Scorpio, indicating a need for transformation and rebirth in all areas of our lives. No matter who wins the election, we must participate more and more in the creation of our own destiny. VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!



ARIES, Mars in your 4th house of family, home and parents may ignite some touchy situations. Be prepared to handle things as they come up, avoid making hasty decisions and stay calm. **TAURUS,** difficult times often call for changes or adaptation in the way we are used to doing things, but it is possible to respond to change without compromising our values. Keep your sense of perspective. **GEMINI,** your creative energy as well as your ability to communicate your passions and your beliefs to others should remain high as Jupiter moves through your 5th house of personal expression. **CANCER,** with Mars still in your 1st house you can count on plenty of physical energy and stamina to carry you through

demanding situations. Physical exercise is a must. **LEO,** with the Sun moving through your 4th house, you may find issues involving family, home or parents highlighted. Could be an excellent time to heal or resolve old family wounds in gentle ways. **VIRGO,** if you have been considering redecorating or remodeling your home, this is a good time to draw up some plans and get estimates. Also an excellent time to get friends together for a party. **LIBRA,** your finances may need focused attention for a week or two. Be sure to stay very positive and practical about your economic situation. Invest in yourself and in your dreams. You are worth it! **SCORPIO,** Happy Birthday! Hopefully, you are having a wonderful time celebrating your birth, your growth

and everything wonderful about your life. Nurture your dream every day! **SAGITTARIUS,** Mercury and Venus in your 1st house may feel very expansive and optimistic. Keep your feet on the ground and your attention focused on your own priorities. **CAPRICORN,** has the political bug bitten you? If so, then get yourself involved. The real work starts immediately after the election. You can make a real difference if you monitor personal ambition. **AQUARIUS,** with Saturn in your 1st house, you could have some wonderful opportunities for leadership. Don't be shy, this is not the time for false modesty. Also be patient with close relationships. **PISCES,** with Mars in your 5th house of creativity and the Sun in your 9th house of travel and world perspective, you can be creative, expansive and productive all at the same time. Have fun!
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Dykes To Watch Out For



MARIA HELENA DOLAN

← THIS OLD HOE →
EARTHSHAKIN' OBSERVATIONS



My Absolute Favorite Holiday. No foolin'. Even my mother says "You loved Halloween even when you were a little kid. It was always your favorite holiday."

Of course, my interest in things which go bump in the night may have evolved in the ensuing decades. But the more I've learned about this ancient festival, the more enthralled I become. This fire festival has gone on from time out of mind.

Hallowmas marks the ending of the old year, and the beginning of the new. The name comes from Neolithic goddesses such as Holla, Hohle, Hel — all known as Mother of the Dead. Here is the Goddess in Her Crone aspect. The Greek Hecate, Goddess of the Underworld and the Crossroads, held this night as particularly sacred (hallow means sacred, or holy).

Wailing for the dead Dammuz/Tammuz marked the new year festival for the worshippers of the Cybele/Astarte/Ishtar. The wailing entreated the powers in the Underworld to allow the dead consort to return to the realm of light. The post-matriarchal Celts called their fire festival Samhain, for their Lord of Death, Samana.

Traditionally in many cultures, the evening (or e'en) was celebrated as the slip point between the years. The veil between the worlds was known to be very thin, and the dead could ascend to this mortal realm. Indeed, the custom was to invite the beloved dead into the home, fete them and feast them, remind them that they are loved, and ask for their assistance.

The dead, far from being destructive or frightening,

could provide oracular utterances, giving prophecies for the new year. (The old bobbing for apples game is actually a remnant of a scrying exercise.) The Fairy Folk also rode abroad, dancing with the spirits. According to Judy Grahn, "All fairy mounds are thrown wide open," and their treasures could be glimpsed by mortals."

Additionally, Grahn holds that "Just as spirits slip into the mortal world on the ill-fitting evening, so a mortal might easily be swallowed into the spirit world if precaution is not taken. So impersonating a spirit is the only safe way to travel outdoors."

Hence our costume custom. And the underworld was known to be populated with tricksters. Better to treat them with foodstuffs than be tricked, eh?

Apples are one of the traditional foods for this festival. Not surprisingly, as this is the time of the apple harvest in Europe. The apple is magical, is she not? Slice her, and see a pentagram inside.

A member of the rose family, the apple represents the Sacred Marriage, the combining of opposites, including life and earth. Traditional too for this holiday is the pomegranate, an ancient symbol of uterine fertility. "Therefore, pomegranates were eaten by souls in the underworld, to bring about rebirth."—[Barbra Walker] When you know you'll be returning, you don't get too worried, but instead just follow the process set forth by the deities. Surely we recall the story of Persephone and the pomegranate seeds?

That blood-red fruit is inextricably linked with the life force.

And the pumpkin, a fruit native to these shores, becomes the repository of the survival of the spirit of life amidst death, with the addition of a carved face and a lit candle.

Inevitably, animals which symbolize the soul become linked with this festival: cats, bats, owls. So, too, do flowers of the dead: chrysanthemums, and those large calendulas seen ubiquitously in Mexico for the Day of the Dead celebration (a survival of an ancient Aztec festival).

Before going out and tricking on this night, I like to circle with the beloved spirits. We acknowledge their presence, invite them in for sustenance, ask for their guidance, appreciate life's cycle.

EARTH ALERT

Don't do it.

Don't rake up all of Nature's fertilizer, stuff it into petroleum product bags, and throw it 'away.' First, it ain't going anywhere but to the already precariously overburdened landfill. Second, you're using up your plastic allowance frivolously. (See, if we're acting in the least bit responsibly, we know we have a finite allowance on plastics, and ration accordingly.)

And third, leaves are an integral (and vital) part of the natural cycle. They fall off, compost themselves around their parent plant, and provide fertilizer and moisture retention for years to come.

Pretty efficient and effective, no? So what are you doing, sweating and raking and interfering? Just enjoy the turn of the year. There are plenty of other autumnal cleanup chores.



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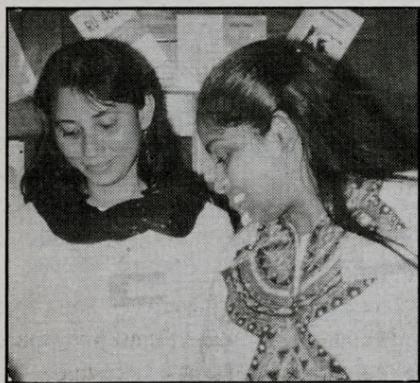
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Local bookstore owner creates book exchange with four countries

Donations of women's books, lesbian and gay titles requested

In May 1992 Linda Bryant, one of the owners of Charis Books and More in Atlanta, attended the 5th International Feminist Book Fair held in Amsterdam. Bryant met women bookstore owners from around the world, some of whom noted the great difficulty (costs, import taxes, etc.) in obtaining books from abroad, as well as the difficulties their women patrons had in obtaining materials. In India, for example, it may take a month's wages for a woman to buy a book.

In August, Bryant gave one of Charis' Thursday night presentations about the book



Indian women at Fifth International Feminist Bookfair, Amsterdam

fair and requested books in good condition, and money for postage for books, to be sent to women's bookstores in India, Bangladesh and Brazil.

A number of women responded to the request, including two women who funded postage for a letter Bryant wrote to 40 women's bookstores around the world, proposing a system of "sister stores," whereby a store in a more affluent country would be

paired with a store in a less financially well off country, for the former to send books to the latter. "Not charity," which the Bangladeshi owner rejected outright, but an exchange, with each country also reading and studying about conditions of women, women's writing, etc. in the other.

In the meantime, a recent issue of Feminist Bookstore News carried a request for gay and lesbian books to be sent to a gay man in Moscow who will forward them to individuals in Russia. He writes that because male homosexuality is illegal, positive books about gay men and lesbians are practically non-existent. The letter writer, Nikolai Vadimovich Zubov, says he will take great precautions not to get recipients in any trouble.

Bryant is asking Atlanta gay men and lesbians to help send books to these four countries — Russia, India, Bangladesh and Brazil. She and bookstore owners in these countries are aware that primarily English readers will benefit from the books.

Here's how you can be a part of this international project. By November 15, 1992, bring books in excellent condition ("like new," says Bryant) by women—fiction, politics, education, history, health care, childcare, etc.—to be sent to women's bookstores in Bangladesh, Brazil, and India. The owners of these store cannot receive lesbian titles for fear of reprisal. The owners will also decide whether to sell the books as used, give them away, or put them in a library.

Also, by November 15, bring gay male and lesbian titles to be sent to Russia. Boxes in Charis will be marked with the names of the four countries. Donations for postage will also be accepted.

IN THE LIFE

Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America—Atlanta Chapter

Type of Foundation: Educational

Founded: June, 1992

Number of members: 20

Recent accomplishment: Coming-out press conference for Jason Skerik, active-duty Army Specialist at Fort Gordon

Upcoming event: Forming a gay veterans bagpipe band to march in Atlanta's Gay Pride parade next year

Contact information: PO Box 512, Duluth, Georgia 30136, (404) 623-4099

When Army Specialist Jason Skerik decided to publicly proclaim that he is gay a few months ago, he contacted the Atlanta chapter of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America. Through the Atlanta chapter, Skerik was put in touch with the national GLBVA which provided him the resources he needed to fight his discharge.

The Atlanta chapter of the GLBVA was formed earlier this year in the wake of a record-number of gay and lesbian active-duty military personnel coming out voluntarily. "Our number one priority is doing whatever it takes to get the ban on homosexuals in the military overturned," says chair and founder Wesley

Temple.

"Our membership is open to both veterans and people who support our causes," says Temple. Once a month, on the second Tuesday, the group gets together for a social occasion. "We sit around and tell 'war stories' is the way we like to put it," says Temple. Their "war stories" are about being investigated and discharged or about those close calls when they were almost discovered.

The group also gets together once a month on the fourth Tuesday for a business meeting. They offer support to active duty persons under investigation and give aid to those who have already been discharged with anything less than an honorable discharge. "If being gay is the only reason for the discharge, if you have a good record, there is a good possibility that we can get that changed to honorable," says Temple. They are also trying to help out other veterans. "At present, we're on a groundbreaking venture trying to help veterans at the VA Hospital who are HIV+."

Because they hope to involve more active duty military personnel in the organization, membership is confidential. But as more lesbian and gay service people come out, even more are encouraged to be open. "The government and the military are so naive about how many of us were in the military and still are," says Temple.

DEBBIE FRAKER

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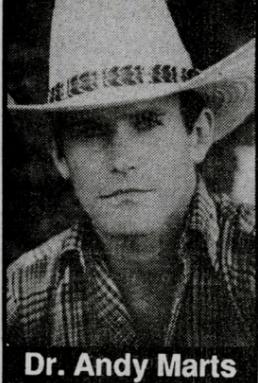
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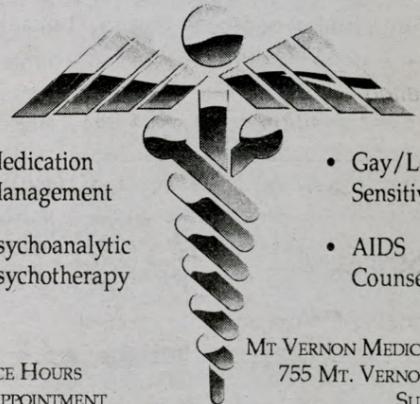
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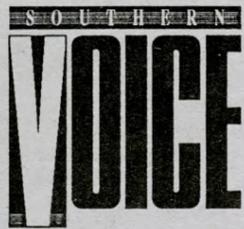
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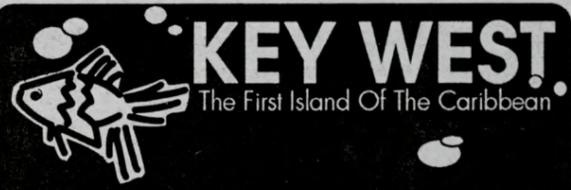
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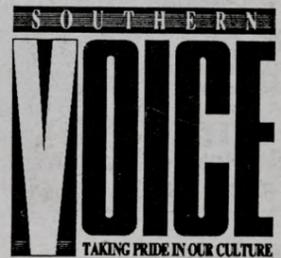
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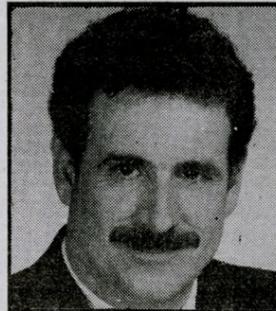
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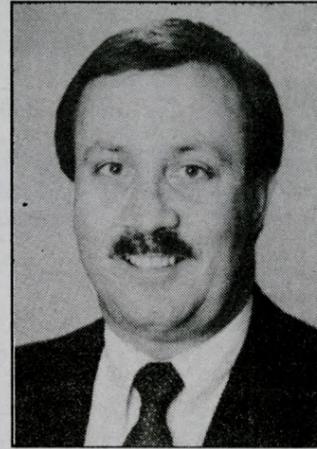




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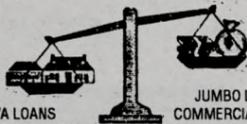
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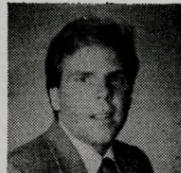
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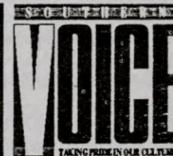
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GWF, 30, lonely, heart broken, seeking GWF for friendship, possible relationship. No more games. Honest, serious. Loves outdoors, movies and more. ☎ 1002

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BiWM 6'4" 260lbs, 34, looking for sports-minded BM masc. (TOP) discreet to handle it. ☎ 1091

GWM, 29, attractive, 5'5", 132lbs, BRN/BRN, beard, moustache, hairy. Seeks attractive 6'+, 30's, non-smoking GWM for relationship. ☎ 1092

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GWM, 41, 5'11", 165, BR/BL, romantic, relationship oriented, looking for long term relationship with caring, down-to-earth WM, 26-32. Call ☎ 1080

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GWM, 37, 6'2", 200, smooth uncut seeks hairy bearded guy 30-40 for friendship or more. Smoker OK. ☎ 1085

BiWM, happily married, seeks friendship with same, 25-35. I am 29, 5'8", hairy and fit. ☎ 1073

Wrestlers wanted by athletic WM 5'11", 190#. ☎ 1068

GWM, 25, honest, sincere, looking for GWM 28-35 for good times, possible friendship leading to solid relationship. ☎ 1065

Tom from Atlanta, visiting Washington DC Thursday, August 6: sorry you had prior commitment. When will you return? Harry. ☎ 1064

GWM, 39, handsome, professional, masculine, healthy, in shape, hairy, horny. Seeks attractive top for discrete, safe daytime fun & friendship. ☎ 1067

GWM, 29, 5'9", 160, Br/Hz. Very masculine, good-looking, muscular, health-conscious, honest, educated, high-achiever, humanitarian, stable, laid-back, casual, playful, out-going, open-minded, with varied interests, seeks same. ☎ 1066

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GWM, 26, college student, 6'0", 165 lbs, muscular, clean-cut, looking for wealthy WM for fun and excitement, any age, weight. ☎ 1060

GWCM, 23, seeks non-smoking GWCM 18-30 with a genuine love for life and laughter to help paint "picket fences." ☎ 1078

GBM, 5'9" - 196 lbs. seeks top GBM for honest, serious friendship and or relationship. Serious persons please. ☎ 1077

WM, 25, 5'9", 175 lbs., seeks other non-stereotypical WM 18-30 for friendship or more. I live in Chattanooga but travel to Atlanta weekly. All answered. ☎ 1062

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GWM, 30, 5'9", BL/BL, 170, looking for my "thirtysomething." Call VOICEbox for address or leave message. ☎ 1061

GWM, 32, 5'11", 165, HIV neg, short black hair, dark eyed top man needs light hair blue eyed bottom boy. ☎ 1059

WM, 29, 6ft, 175, Bruce Willis type, DIS-CREET, closeted, seeks long, monogamous relationship with same. Henry, Rockdale areas. ☎ 1058

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Masculine, attractive GWM, 31, 6'1", 185# seeks masculine black male for fun & possible relationship. ☎ 1053

Attractive, fit, professional GWM couple 26/38. Seek adventurous, imaginative, submissive, in shape guys into discipline, bondage, leather, servicing. Curious, inexperienced OK. ☎ 1047

GWM, 31, 155, Br/Br, handsome, well-adjusted, hopeless romantic seeks swell guy (18-35) for relationship. ☎ 1046

WM, 24, blond, blue, 6', 158#, seeks guys 18-30 for great times. ☎ 1041

GWM, 29, Professional, nice-looking, HIV positive, is interested in meeting similar professional guys for friendship or possible relationship. ☎ 1052

GBM, 20, 6'3", 175, very attractive ex-model, seeks attractive, fit, professional yet fun GWM 21-35 for friendship or more. ☎ 1051

Submissive WM, 30, fit and attractive, total novice, wants to learn strict discipline and dominance. At your service! ☎ 1039

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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

GWM - handsome, lovable, blonde, submissive, surfer type. Love animals, Mid-town, endowed, Gemini, positive, sincere, honest, drug free, musician. ☎ 1040

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

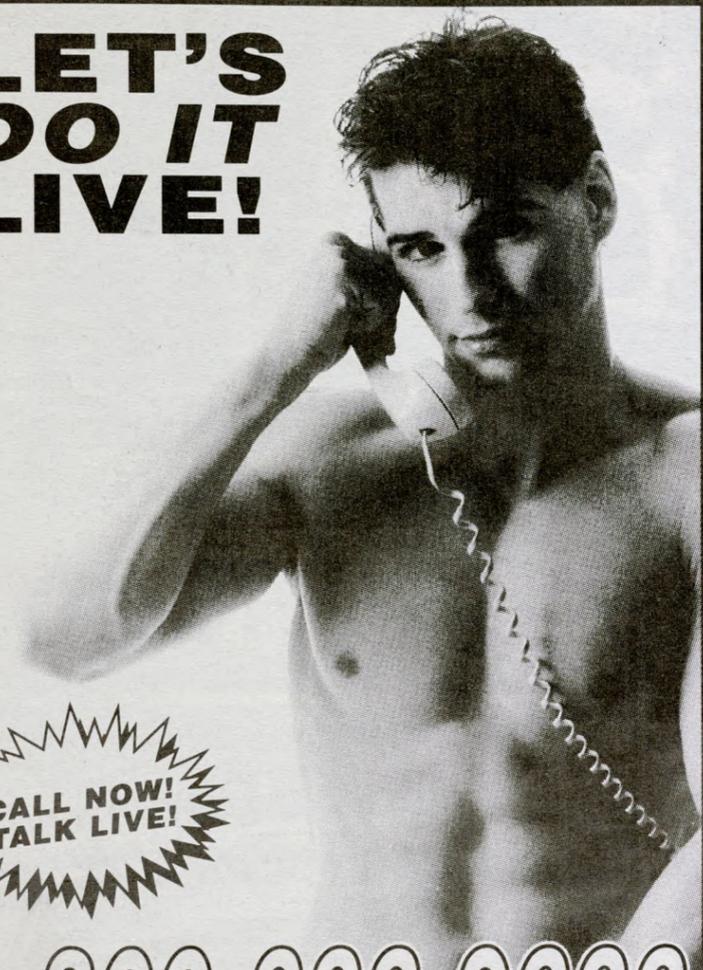
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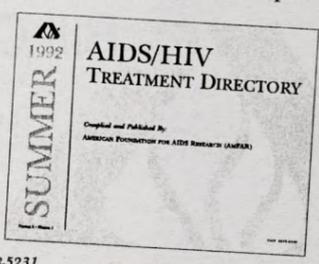
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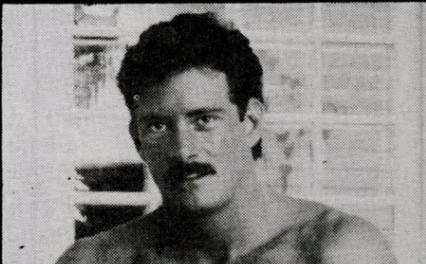
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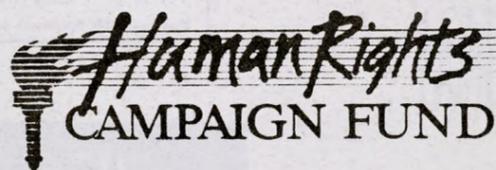
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