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WE WON !!

The gay and lesbian vote, in Georgia and across the United States, was critical to key wins and losses on election day

KC WILDMOON

Atlanta—It's over. Election '92 is history. In Washington, the Republican administration is packing to leave and updating resumes. In Little Rock, Gov. Bill Clinton prepares to move to east. And across the country gays and lesbians are analyzing the results, looking at what was won, and what was lost, in what is considered by many the most important election season of the century for the lesbian/gay community.

National and local leaders of the community wasted no time praising Clinton's victory, and the role played by lesbians and gays in it.

"This year we formed a crucial voting bloc and helped elect a new President," said National Gay and Lesbian Task Force director Urvashi Vaid. "We defeated the extremist Right's attempt to use anti-gay bigotry to hijack a national election. For the first time in history, gay men and lesbians will serve as full and equal partners in the governing of our country."

Human Rights Campaign Fund executive director Tim McFeeley echoed Vaid.

"This is a great day for lesbian and gay Americans, and a great victory of all Americans," he said. "The election of our lives is over. Governor Clinton's victory, along with those of a record number of pro-lesbian and gay candidates for Congress, indicate that we have taken a major step forward in the fight for fairness. Now the hard part begins."

Gays and lesbians expect now to hold Clinton to his promises of dropping the military ban of homosexuals, appointing an AIDS czar, and support of the lesbian/gay civil rights bill.

The difference in Georgia

Gays and lesbians played a major part in many campaigns across the country, including Georgia.

"In case anybody doubts it, we gave Clinton the margin of victory in Georgia," Don George, HRCF's field coordinator here, said, noting that Clinton's margin of victory was less than 20,000 votes. "When you look at the states around us—South Carolina, North Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, that all went for Bush—what's the difference? The strong gay and lesbian community."

Gays and lesbians rallied around gay-supportive candidates in Georgia, including Reps. John Lewis and Cynthia McKinney, Fulton County Sheriff Jackie Barrett, and Clinton, in record numbers, providing volunteers and money to the campaigns.

"We were the main source of volunteers, with the unions, for the DeKalb Democratic Party for the entire election," said Cathy Woolard, an HRCF lobbyist and former Atlantan who came back to Georgia to help with the campaign. "In the last two weeks of the campaign, we had to turn people away because we literally had nothing for them to do that wasn't already being done."

Gays and lesbians provided over 300 volunteers

for the Democratic Party, and nearly \$35,000. Nationwide, gays and lesbians filled Democratic coffers with nearly \$5 million, helping to elect Clinton, and gay-supportive Congress members like Barbara Boxer in California, Carol Mosely Braun in Illinois, and Pat Schroeder and Ben Nighthorse Campbell in Colorado.

What about Wyche?

But the withholding of gay support brought some surprises as well. Many believe that Sen. Wyche Fowler was forced into a runoff with challenger Paul Coverdell by the lesbian and gay community, working in concert with women's groups.

"He forgot his constituency," said Don George. "We showed our strength."

Gay and lesbian groups were angry with Fowler over the senator's recent trend of voting against gay and lesbian issues, often siding with notorious homophobe Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) on issues such as the District of Columbia's Health Care Benefits Act, which would have allowed the District to enroll domestic partners of unmarried city employees in the city's benefits program at no cost to taxpayers. Women's groups joined the outcry against Fowler, citing his vote to confirm Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Fowler received 49% of the vote in his campaign, but Georgia law requires that candidates receive a majority of voters to be elected. Libertarian candidate Jim Hudson—and write-in candidates Harvey Milk and Anita Hill—got enough votes to keep Fowler from victory. Hudson has since endorsed Coverdell.

With the runoff less than two weeks away, gay and lesbian organizations are trying to meet with Fowler and Coverdell to determine if either candidate warrants an endorsement. At press time, no meetings are scheduled, although the Fowler campaign agreed to a meeting, and then subsequently cancelled it, prompting some to wonder if the Senator was sincere in originally agreeing to the meeting.

"I'm afraid he may be just teasing until it's too late to go to press with any information we get," said George.

Ignoring the obvious

At the Clinton/Gore victory party at Colony Square on election night, television cameras brought to living rooms across the state the unmistakable signs of gay presence. "Gay and Lesbian Vote" signs filled the room. But time and again, reporters seemed to ignore the obvious.

"Here's this big elephant in the living room," said George, "and hardly ever did those reporters mention it."

In fact, WSB-TV reporter Sandra Bookman was seen once—while live—ordering the celebrating gays and lesbians to "put down those signs." Southern Voice was unable to reach WSB for an explanation, but one

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Ruling could affect gay/lesbian relationships in Georgia

Atlanta—Georgia's Supreme Court has heard arguments in another case that has a direct bearing on the legitimacy of lesbian and gay relationships, although the benefits and drawbacks in the case are not necessarily clear cut. Earlier this year, in *Crook v. Gilden*, the court ruled that a lesbian relationship did not automatically invalidate partnership agreements between the two parties.

In *Van Dyck v. Van Dyck*, Phillip Giles Van Dyck, who was divorced from his wife in 1978, filed suit to terminate his alimony payments on the grounds that his former wife is now living with a lesbian lover.

Van Dyck's attorney argued on Oct. 13 that Georgia's live-in lover statute relieves him from the obligation to pay. The statute makes a former spouse who lives with a lover in a relationship "akin to marriage" ineligible for further alimony payments, but it specifically defines cohabitation as "dwelling continuously and openly in a meretricious relationship with a person of the opposite sex."

That statute, argued University of Georgia law professor Albert M. Pearson III, is unconstitutional because it discriminates based on the gender of the third party.

Martha J. Kuckleburg, representing the former wife, told the court that there was discrimination in the statute, but it was not gender based.

"What we have is discrimination by relationship," she said.

Kuckleburg argued that the relationship of the former Mrs. Van Dyck cannot be considered akin to marriage "because two persons of the same sex cannot get married... You don't have a marriage unless you have two persons of the opposite sex."

How this case will affect lesbian and gay couples is unclear. Should the court rule in favor of Pearson's argument that the alimony laws do discriminate based on gender, the

way could be open to challenge the state's marriage laws, which ironically do not specifically require the two parties to be of opposite sexes.

To date, however, the statute has always been interpreted as applying to two persons of the opposite sex. That argument is the basis of Attorney General Michael Bowers' defense in *Shahar v. Bowers*, the case involving a law school graduate who was denied a job by Bowers when he learned she had participated in a religious commitment ceremony with her partner.

Attorneys familiar with the law as it relates to gays and lesbians do not see much hope for the court to reverse the assumption that marriage must be between two people of the opposite sex.

"Yes, what they're discriminating against is same sex relationships," said Jeri Kagel, a local attorney. "But the courts have continually said we're not a protected class."

Kagel said that if there was a law on the books that prohibited discrimination based on same sex relationships, the live-in lover statute would clearly violate it. "But, we're not protected," she said.

Kagel said that it was also possible the court could rule in favor of Van Dyck on some other grounds, avoiding any kind of precedence on gay/lesbian relationships altogether.

"They could say that [the former wife] is participating in illegal behavior, and that should alleviate him of the obligation of paying," she said.

Judge Linda W. Hunter in DeKalb County Superior Court earlier this year agreed that the statute was discriminatory based on gender; Kuckleburg appealed to the Supreme Court. A ruling is not expected until early next year.

KC WILDMOON

Murder of HIV+ prostitutes in Burma can't be confirmed by Amnesty International

Washington, D.C.—Amnesty International's new probe of atrocities in Myanmar (Burma) failed to document earlier reports that HIV+ prostitutes have been forcibly expatriated and injected with lethal cyanide to stop the spread of AIDS.

"The allegations are credible, but not verifiable," said openly gay Kerry Johnson, Amnesty's mid-Atlantic region director.

Amnesty International's (AI) researchers were unable to locate the Thailand military general named by Burmese dissidents during the August investigation, Johnson said. "He's nowhere to be found."

While authoritative sources would not confirm the reports, "there's no definite proof that the killings did not happen," said Dawn Calabria of the U.S. Catholic Conference, just back from Myanmar. "Everybody knows about the deaths," she said, "but nobody knows."

The Myanmar government denies committing the cyanide deaths, and blames pimps, brothel owners, and other sex trade henchmen as being responsible for abuses, Calabria said.

The "genocidal murder" of 25 or more women sex workers was protested by ACT UP and "Queer & Asian" (Q&A) members at the Myanmar Chancery in Washington, D.C.

on May 29.

The demonstration was sparked by San Francisco's IGLHRC, which asked for emergency action after reports in *The Nation* magazine and on UPI's wire service. A director of a shelter for abused women in Bangkok said Thai police disclosed Burma's chemical execution. "The police told us the girls were injected and buried, all killed," Nitiya Thippayanuruksakui told UPI.

Burmese officials at the chancery refused to discuss the protesters' request for a meeting on the scandal.

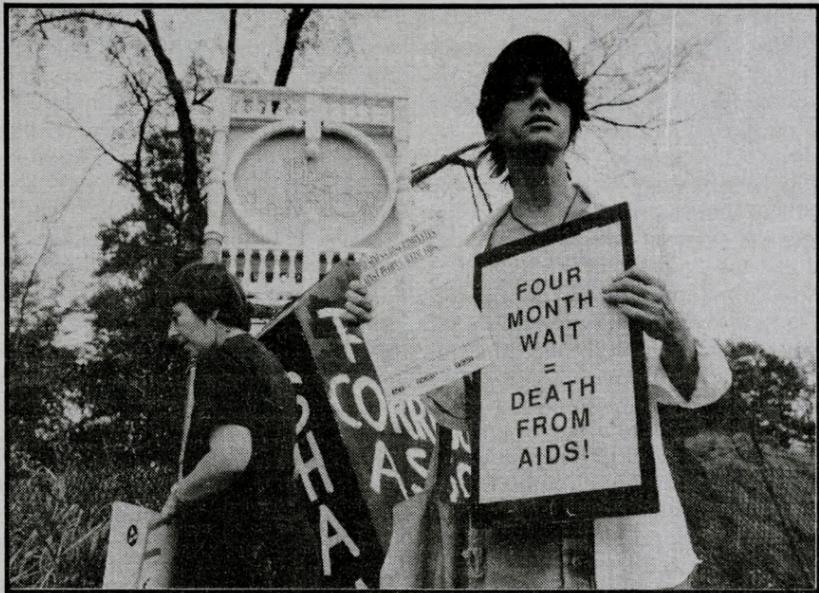
The Burmese incident constitutes one of the most extreme examples of how HIV+ people are persecuted, said ACT UP's Margaret Cantrell, of the Washington, D.C. chapter. "This kind of thing goes on all over the world against HIV+ people. This is just the worst of it. It's horrifying."

Human rights violations are now so widespread in the southeast Asian country that many thousands of people from every walk of life have been victimized, AI said October 27.

Myanmar is run by the State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC), a "notorious military regime," charges the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission. IGLHRC, allies, and the press first reported the alleged cyanide deaths.

Activists have said they will appeal to the U.S. State Department, the United Nations, AI, and U.S. businesses in Burma for intervention to prevent further killings.

JOHN ZEH



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The Coalition for a Grady Clinic on Ponce sponsored what one protestor called an "All Soul's Day Moveable Feast Demonstration" in front of the Mansion and the Abbey Restaurants and at the Woodruff Bed and Breakfast Inn.

The November 1 protest drew 40 people and targeted three of the six Ponce de Leon Avenue businesses on the Coalition's boycott list. Mary Mac's Tea Room, Lake Chiropractic Clinic and Express Collision Center are also on this list because of their support of a lawsuit filed to stop the expansion of the Grady Infectious Disease Clinic on Ponce.

MONA BENNETT

Condom law passes City Council

Atlanta—Caving in to pressure from the Atlanta Braves and other "family-oriented" businesses, the Atlanta City Council watered down an ordinance requiring on-site sale of condoms. Originally, the measure developed by council president Marvin Arrington and introduced by member Carolyn Long Banks would have applied to all establishments where liquor is sold. Then the city discovered that state law prohibits applying such a rule to liquor stores. Next, the council was lobbied by restaurants, hotels, sporting venues, and others who didn't want to sell condoms.

The final version of the ordinance, passed Nov. 2 by a 9-3 vote, applies only to city bars and nightclubs that derive less than 50% of their annual sales from food. The new law mandates that bars and clubs "shall have latex

condoms available for sale." In the opinion of city research analyst Al Berry, bars that distribute condoms free of charge will not be considered in violation.

"I think the ordinance is a good step," said Kathleen Brockel, executive director of the Atlanta chapter of the National Association of People With AIDS. "It's one more avenue for AIDS education and availability of condoms at places where people might decide to have sex. But I think it would be a lot better if we had much more widespread, targeted AIDS education."

Palmer Marsh, the owner of Burkhardt's, an Atlanta gay bar, agreed that education would be a more useful government effort. He also questioned the weakening of the ordinance. "There's a lot more sex going on in hotels than there is in bars," he said. "I don't know why they exempted hotels."

GARETH FENLEY

Bashers get probation for attempted murder of two gay men in Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C.—Two white teenagers who tried to kill two gay men on Dupont Circle's popular P Street here two years ago were sentenced to three years of strict probation in lieu of a prison term.

D. C. Superior Court Judge Ellen Segal Suvelle sentenced the suburban Virginia pair to three to six years imprisonment, but expressed empathy for white youths being sent to D.C.'s Lorton Prison, where they would face "cruel and unusual punishment" amidst overcrowding and a population of predominantly black offenders doing hard time. Consequently, she suspended the sentence.

Instead of incarceration, the two face strict adult probation requirements. They are to be monitored for three years, must perform 300 hours of community service, obtain employment or enter college, abstain from alcohol, seek substance abuse counseling, and see a psychologist weekly.

The youths, now 19 and 18, faced prison terms of 40 years.

The case is the first gay-bashing prosecuted under the District of Columbia's hate-crime law.

Survivors of the crime, Tom Donegan and

Mark Weinress, have pledged to redouble efforts to prevent bashings, assist victims, and hold government officials more accountable.

"Whatever sentence would have happened will never make me feel safe on the streets again, nor bring back the sense of security I once had in our gay community," said Donegan.

The two teen perpetrators were released from city jail here October 26 after serving two months behind bars in a special youth unit. John Bertrand, then 17, of Great Falls, and David Schmugge, then 16, of Falls Church, were indicted for assault with intent to murder while armed and trying to injure a person.

Witnesses said the teens stalked the victims in a vehicle on the popular P Street strip, returned to assault them with a billy club, and shouted "kill the fags." Some 12 people saw the August 1990 incident.

Donegan and Weinress survived the unprovoked attack thanks to intervention by those witnesses.

"They were ready to kill us, out to murder. I've seen thousands of murders on TV and in films, but it's nothing like having it happen to you," said Donegan. To look at someone and know that he's going to kill you is an extraordinary experience."

Reports of anti-gay violence have escalated by one-third this year. Five gay-related murders and another five bashings near P Street bars were logged by Gays and Lesbians Opposed to Violence (GLOV).

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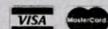
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KY bed & breakfast receives bomb threat

Russellville, KY (AP)—A bed-and-breakfast for gay men in this southern Kentucky town was closed for the weekend after receiving a bomb threat for Halloween night, a co-proprietor of the resort said.

The Logan County sheriff's office was notified by Louisville police Oct. 29 that 20-25 sticks of dynamite were stolen from the area and the bed-and-breakfast outside Russellville was the target, Jim Turner said.

No explosive devices were found on the property, but a deputy sheriff was posted near the house, which was closed to guests Friday, said Turner, who operates the resort with his companion, Jimmy Cates.

"It's been kind of quiet," Turner said. "But it's a terribly grave situation. You don't know what to do. The sheriff told me he had to take it seriously. If they are going to take it seriously, I guess we should, too."

Turner said the sheriff's office recommended they close the house and leave tempo-

rarily. They canceled reservations from three couples for the weekend, but Turner said he and Cates decided to remain at the house.

"I don't want to give in to them and it's my house," Turner said. "I have no where else to go. It's like the captain going down with the ship."

Since the couple turned their hilltop chalet on 10 wooded acres into a bed-and-breakfast, they have been the subject of sermons, harassment, prayers and death threats. Gay-bashing graffiti has been spray-painted on asphalt outside the house and effigies have been hanged from the oaks and maples along the private road leading to the resort.

But this was the first bomb threat since it opened Oct. 16, Turner said. The couple had previously hired several armed security guards, who remained at the house this weekend, Turner said.

They hope to reopen the resort early next week, he said.

Gay man beaten by teenagers in Miami Beach

Miami Beach, FL (The Weekly News)—A 45-year-old Miami Beach man was jumped and beaten by two teenagers on Nov. 1, outside a gay night club, police said.

The victim, whose name is not being released by the Miami Beach Police Department, was walking outside the Bulldog, a Levi/leather night club, when he was approached by two juveniles, ages 15 and 16, who repeatedly called him a "fag."

One youth, according to police reports, said, "You're a fag and I don't like fags." The other said, "I'm going to kick the shit out of a faggot now."

The assailants then punched the victim several times in the face, leaving cuts and bruises. The victim, in fear for his life, ran to the Bulldog's front door and started banging to be let in, reports said. The youths followed him and began punching and kicking him. Employees inside the bar, which had closed, called police. The youths fled while screaming "We kill fags," "I hope you learned your lesson, faggot" and "Next time we see you, we're going to kill you."

Police were able to catch both youths, who were taken into custody by state Health and Rehabilitative Services officers.

Miami Beach police reports state clearly that the attack was rooted in prejudice, and the battery is expected to be reported to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement as a hate crime.

STEVEN BILLER

Baseball star's wife opens gay bar in Miami

Miami (AP)—The soon to be ex-wife of baseball slugger Jose Canseco is opening up a new gay bar in Miami.

Esther Canseco put up the money for The Hidden Sailor after some gay male friends told her they were looking for a sophisticated bar to socialize in, said her attorney, Luis Delgado.

"These are older higher income people and they didn't have a place to go," said Delgado.

Her brother, Roberto Haddad, will manage the nightclub.

Last week, Mrs. Canseco filed for divorce, saying her stormy four-year marriage with the Texas Rangers outfielder was irretrievably broken.

NC gay vet group kicks off

RTP, NC—The North Carolina Veterans Coalition kicked off its membership drive with a fund raiser featuring Perry Watkins on November 7. At the meeting, members discussed strategies to address the policies of the upcoming Clinton administration.

The organization plans to serve as a watchdog group to insure that the military complies with the expected repeal of the Department of Defense's ban on gays and lesbians in the military. Lobbying efforts from the group will support resolutions repealing the ban from Sen. Howard Metzenbaum and Rep. Pat Schroeder.

Membership in the NCVV is open to all past and present members of the Armed Forces and Coast Guard, and interested non-military personnel, who live in North Carolina. For information, write NCVV, PO Box 13774, RTP, NC 27709.

Ky gay man severely beaten by Skinheads

Louisville, KY (AP)—Three members of the Chaotic Brothers, a group that professes contempt for gays, have been charged with assault in the severe beating of a man in a city park earlier this month.

Police are seeking a fourth suspect in the attack on Mark Jeffrey Bailey, 30, who did not report the incident until five days after it happened.

The three in custody told police they are "Skinheads," belong to the Chaotic Brothers and are supporters of neo-Nazi beliefs, said Louisville police Capt. Wayne Kessinger.

Kessinger said police are trying to determine whether the Chaotic Brothers is an organized hate group or a loosely knit bunch of people who don't like gays.

One suspect, Ramon Dale Julian, 21, was arrested in Cherokee Park in August and charged with assault on a man, police said. According to court records, Julian pleaded guilty Sept. 3 and received a six-month suspended sentence.

In addition, Damien Chad White, 18, and Robert Willard Eve, 21, are charged in the latest attack in Cherokee Park. All three have court hearings scheduled for early November.

Bailey was in Cherokee Park with another man about 11 p.m. Oct. 8 when Bailey was hit repeatedly on the head and face with a stick, police said. The second man fled and has not pressed charges, police said.

Bailey did not tell police of the assault until five days later, after the severity of his injuries became apparent, the police report said. Bailey spent several days at Baptist Hospital East, some of that time "in critical condition with life-threatening symptoms," the police report said.

Kessinger said police are investigating whether a hate group was involved in other recent incidents in which men have been assaulted in the park.

Study Group Completes First Survey Of Gays In China:

A survey of homosexuality in China indicates that while attitudes toward it are easing, the country still has a long way to go toward acceptance. People believed to be homosexual are no longer arrested automatically, although in less cosmopolitan areas of the country, those suspected to be gay still are often put in labor reform camps or given electric shock treatment. In a survey conducted by the Shanghai Sex Sociological Research Center, 32.3% of the people interviewed described homosexuality as harmful behavior. The interviewees were all people who had been designated by acquaintances or police as gay. Forty percent of those interviewed denied being gay.

Gays and Baptists Angry At "Sex" Printer: R.R. Donnelley & Sons, the company that printed Madonna's book "Sex," has come under fire from Southern Baptists and a gay publisher. The Baptists, which have a \$2.1 million Bible printing contract with Donnelley, say they are reviewing their contracts, while Sasha Alyson, head of Alyson Publications, condemns Donnelley's printing of the explicit book as hypocrisy." In 1984, Donnelley refused to print a novel we sent, and flatly told me they would not print any new books from us that had gay subject matter," said Alyson, who said the company also refused "Gay Sex: A Manual for Men Who Love Men" last year. Donnelley also refused to print "Gay Ideas: Outing and Other controversies," by University of Illinois professor Richard Mohr. "It seems to me that R.R. Donnelley's morals are up for sale," said Mohr.

Detroit Bishop Dissents From Vatican Statement On Homosexuality: A group of gay Catholics was joined by Detroit Bishop Thomas Gumbleton and two colleagues in criticizing a recent Vatican statement that okays discrimination against gays. New Ways Ministry, based in Mount Rainier MD, has prepared a four page advertisement scheduled to appear in the Nov. 13 issue of the National Catholic Reporter. More than 1500 people have signed the ad, including Gumbleton, Bishop Walter Sullivan of Richmond, VA, and retired Bishop Charles Buswell of Pueblo, CO. "This will be educational for a lot of people," said Buswell. "Many don't understand homosexuality except to think it's bad. This is to let people know publicly that gay people should not be discriminated against."

Second Submarine Sailor Comes Out: A 21-year-old enlisted man has become the second sailor at the Naval Submarine Base Bangor (Bremerton, Washington) in recent weeks to face discharge from the military after announcing he is gay. Seaman Apprentice Frederick W. Seltzer, Jr., a journalist at the base's public affairs office, told Navy officials this week about his sexual orientation. "I do not want to leave the Navy," he said, "[but] by hiding this, I'd be lying... I'm a person that can't deal with lies." In late September, Robert E. Matt, a radioman second class aboard the Trident submarine USS Alabama, came out. Both Matt and Seltzer are now being processed for discharge under the Department of Defense's policy banning gays and lesbians from service.

Police in California Reviewing Affiliation With Boy Scouts: The California Highway Patrol is reviewing its affiliation with the Boy Scouts because the BSA ousted a gay police officer from an Explorer post. That announcement came one day after San Diego police said they would sever ties with the BSA because the scouts had suspended El Cajon police officer Chuck Merino after he said publicly that he is gay. The Highway Patrol decided to review its affiliation with the Explorers because the patrol policy prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation.



KRISTY MACDONALD

Lesbian Denied Post As Presbyterian Minister: A lesbian minister will not be permitted to lead a Presbyterian congregation in Rochester, NY. The Rev. Jane Spahr's appointment as pastor of the church was ruled improper because she is "a self-affirmed, practicing homosexual" by the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Rev. Spahr said she would work to change the church's policy. "I believe my sexuality is a gift from God," she said. "For any institution to encourage that a person lie, or that a person cannot say or be who they are, I am deeply troubled by the decision." Spahr was chosen by the Downtown United Presbyterian Church in Nov. 1991, but that appointment was held up while 10 church's challenged the appointment.

Iowa Regents Add Gay Partners To Insurance Plan: The Iowa Board of Regents last week approved a new plan that allows University of Iowa employees to purchase health insurance coverage for domestic partners. In the new program, participants must pay the additional premiums to add their partner. At least one Board member, Thomas Dorr of Marcus, condemned the action, saying that "the issue should be decided by the Legislature."

Episcopal Clergy Ordered To Stop Blessing Gay Unions: Bishop A. Theodore Eastman last week ordered Episcopal clergy not to bless gay unions. Eastman made the order in response to the blessing of the union of a lesbian couple by the Rev. William W. Rich on July 4. Conservative members of the Episcopal Church said that Eastman's order was not strong enough, calling for the removal of Rich from his duties. Concerned Episcopalians says that the service performed by Rich "looked and sounded like a wedding." Rich says that he designed the special service for the couple to avoid such a controversy.

Ex-IRS Agent Charged With Fabricating Evidence Against Gay Man: A former IRS agent has been indicted on charges of making up evidence used to arrest a gay activist on drug charges, according to the New York Daily News. Frank Primarena was charged with three counts of making false statements used to indict William Nachman, who has since died of AIDS. Primarena, who resigned from the IRS last year, faces up to 15 years in prison and \$750,000 in fines if convicted.

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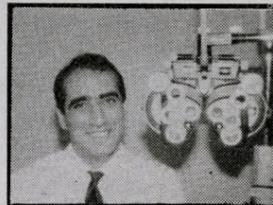
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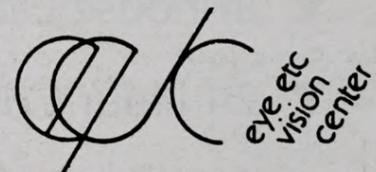
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Magic resigns again due to fear among NBA players

Los Angeles, (AP)—People with AIDS will suffer a setback in their attempts to lead productive lives because fear among NBA players prompted Earvin "Magic" Johnson to retire from basketball forever, experts say.

"When even a person as beloved and respected as Magic Johnson feels he must leave his life's work due to people's unwarranted fears, you can guess what happens to the tens of thousands of other people with HIV," said Dr. David Rogers, vice chairman of the National Commission on AIDS.

Johnson first retired from the Los Angeles Lakers a year ago when he revealed he was infected with HIV but hadn't yet developed symptoms of AIDS. He decided to re-join the team Sept. 29, but on Nov. 2 announced he was retiring for good, citing "various controversies surrounding my return."

Johnson's agent, Lou Rosen, said he was referring to public comments by other NBA players that competing against him put them at risk of contracting the virus if they received cuts and were exposed to Johnson's blood on the basketball court—a fear medical experts have dismissed.

"It is a physical game and you do get

kicked and scratched," said Utah Jazz forward Karl Malone. "I do have concerns, just like anybody would have. It's not a thing of kicking a man when he's down."

The risk of catching AIDS on the court "is near zero," said Rogers, who also is an adviser to the NBA and a professor at Cornell University Medical College in New York.

Rogers called Johnson's action "yet another example of the discrimination suffered by people with HIV."

Players' fears of Johnson "shows how poorly we've done in public education efforts," Rogers said. "They've just failed us badly."

"It's a little tragic to me that we're going to live out these old myths that we can't play together," said Mary Fisher, the Republican stalwart who took Johnson's place when he quit the National Commission on AIDS in protest against President Bush's AIDS policies.

Johnson "did so many things to break down these walls and I'd hate to see them built back up," Fisher said.

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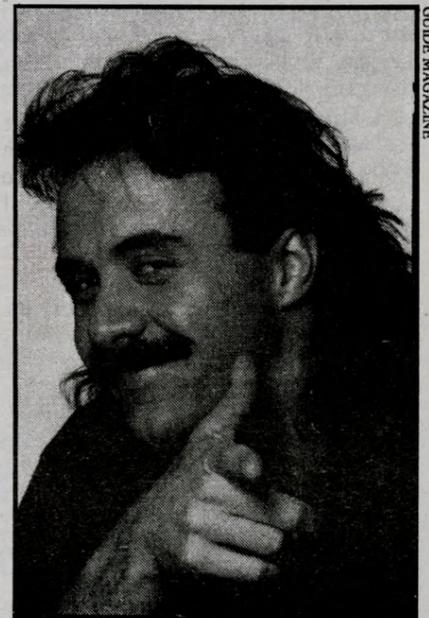
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Treatment which infuses blood of healthy HIV+ people encouraging

Encouraging results from preliminary Passive Hyperimmune Therapy trials in California has led to a recruitment campaign in that state to enroll both HIV-positive donors and treatment recipients. Passive Hyperimmune Therapy (also known as PHT, passive immunotherapy or PATH) involves the transfer of HIV neutralizing antibodies from the blood of healthy HIV-positive donors to other infected individuals whose health is more rapidly declining. HemaCare Corporation, a blood-products company based in Southern California, hopes to recruit approximately 800 study participants on the West Coast in anticipation of Phase III trial approval by the California Food and Drug Branch (FDB) of the federal Food and Drug Administration.

HemaCare recently completed Phase I and II clinical trials of Passive Hyperimmune Therapy which involved 219 study volunteers and a reported beneficial treatment effect among study participants with 50 or greater T-helper cells. The FDA approved ending the placebo control group in the Phase II study after the review of encouraging research results from initial HemaCare PATH trials.

"We were able to document a beneficial clinical response among patients with a 50 to 200 T4 cell count," stated Dr. Joshua Levy, medical director at HemaCare. Significant increases in T4 (T-helper) cell counts and a reduction in the level of p24 antigen levels was also observed in study participants with T4 cell counts greater than 50. "A positive correlation was observed between the level of

p24 antibody increase and the maintenance of T4 counts," Levy added.

"Unfortunately, patients with less than 50 T4 cells just did not respond to Passive Hyperimmune Therapy," added Levy. The researcher cautioned that all the study participants were taking anti-retroviral drugs highlighting the need for further PATH trials to accurately determine the therapeutic value of Passive Hyperimmune Therapy against HIV infection.

The donated blood is pooled with approximately 50 different donors to provide a large variety of antibodies. "The greater variety of antibodies increases the likelihood of having an enhanced effect against HIV in any individual patient," stated Levy. The plasma pool is sterilized to destroy any infectious viruses that may be present and then infused into study participants on a monthly basis. "Not one participant withdrew from the study over the course of a year because of toxic or allergic reactions to donating or being infused with healthy HIV antibodies," emphasized Levy.

HemaCare PHT Donor Centers in California will be located in Torrance, San Francisco, San Diego and West Hollywood. "The donation of plasma from healthy people with HIV and the possibility that it may help someone else not so well is the greatest motivator for those who have participated in these trials," stated David Sexton, PHT Donor Center manager in San Francisco. For information, contact HemaCare at 818-986-3883.

ARTURO JACKSON III

Protein fragment may be key to new AIDS drugs

Durham, NC (AP)—An advance in AIDS research by Duke University Medical Center scientists may open the door to a new class of drugs, but it may not work in humans, a researcher says.

Duke researchers have created a protein fragment that stops HIV from infecting human cells in laboratory tests. They warn there's no guarantee and say a new drug won't be found quickly.

"There is some interest in developing this idea into an anti-viral drug," Dr. Dani Bolognesi, director of Duke's Center for AIDS Research and one of the scientists involved in the research, told The Herald-Sun of Durham in a published report last Sunday. "We're making plans for that right now. We would like to see clearly if this can be applied to the HIV disease, and that's a whole other ball game.

"To say if it's good enough for a clinical trial, we could have an answer yes or no certainly within a couple of years."

The Duke researchers are looking for a way to disarm the virus before it gets into the cells of an HIV-infected patient. The team created a peptide—a short piece of protein—that mimics a key part of the HIV infection machinery, found on the outside of the virus particle.

In laboratory experiments, scientists mixed the peptide, known as DP-107, with HIV and human immune cells. The peptide blocked the virus from entering the cells. It also stopped infected cells from killing healthy cells.

Scientists are sharing the information with drug companies and research agencies with the hope of using it to develop a new treatment for HIV. But a drug that could actually be given to patients is probably years away at best.



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OCCASIONS

ANNIVERSARIES:

T.K. Buchanan and Connie Oxford will celebrate two years together on November 18th. T.K. says they will celebrate with a weekend away, "someplace beachish."

Lisa Daniels and her spouse will celebrate their five year holy union anniversary on November 21st. The two have actually been together six years, but waited a year to walk down the aisle. Congratulations!

BIRTHDAYS:

Jan Riley celebrated her 35th birthday on November 7th like she always does, going to Mount Arabia in Lithonia and building sculptures with rocks and rusty metal. "I know people think that there must be Satan worshippers around there, but it's just me." (See related story in "DIsh").

Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee board member Monty Corley celebrated a birthday on November 10th. Hope it was happy, Monty!

Happy belated birthday to Ken Gallups, who celebrated another year on November 11th.

Doug Johnson, new Senior Pastor at All Saints MCC, celebrated his 61st birthday on November 9th. He had dinner with two of his sons and three of his grandchildren to mark the occasion.

Jim Whittis will celebrate 41 years of life on November 16th. Hope it's a b-day to remember, Jim!

SoVo Office Manager Gary Kaupman quietly celebrated his 48th birthday on November 4th. "Maybe I'll celebrate at 50," he commented.

Rev. Chip Carson, head of First MCC's AIDS Ministry, will be 44 on November 20th. Happy Birthday, Chip.

HOLY UNIONS:

Nancy K. Turner and Marion E. Teele joined their lives on October 10, 1992, at the home of Jackie Parker-Teal, Jim Teal and Josh Parker. Ms. Parker-Teal performed the ceremony, Mr. Teal gave the brides away, and the readings were performed by Brad Andrews and Cheryl Zellars. Attending the ceremony were friends and co-workers of the couple. Following the reception Marion and Nancy (who took the name Teele) took a honeymoon trip to North Carolina, where they stayed at the Old Mill Inn in Bat Cave. They are now at home in Atlanta with their combined family: Corie, the Welsh Corgi, and cats, Merlin, Jihan and Josh. Congratulations, and may you spend many happy years together!

ORGANIZATIONAL OCCASIONS:

October's WinK (Women in Kahoots)—sponsored First Annual Big Chicken Road Rally drew 18 participants in 7 cars. Road Ralliers followed a winding path through Historic Marietta and the scenic surrounds, deciphering clues to find their way. The winners arrived at the starting line singly and had never met before the rally began. It was a winning combination though as they completed the 25 mile trip in a little under 2 hours. If you missed the road rally this year, plan to join WinK for their 2nd Annual Big Chicken Road Rally.

compiled by CANDACE CHELLEW
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LETTERS

Rocky Mountain low

To the Editor:

Ski Colorado? Hell, no! That state won't be getting its hateful hands on my dollars. Or dimes. Or nickels. Or pennies.

This decision comes, of course, after voters there hit a Rocky Mountain low on Nov. 3. They killed local laws protecting the gay community. The majority of Coloradans would rather we didn't exist. The next thing you know there'll be "whites only" bathrooms at Denver's International Airport. It wouldn't surprise me, given the message they're sending out.

They're saying that stereotype is truth. They're saying we're irresponsible, unfit, immoral, corrupt. Their pejoratives are endless. Well, the following might instruct regarding some truth.

Wallets strike greater blows than ballots. A friend of the family recently moved to Boulder. When she reaches out and touches us, her exuberance about the place is catching. She's issued invitations. Before the election, I had hoped someday to go. I now decline. The state can look elsewhere for tourist income.

Hospitality attracts. Hate doesn't. You don't go where you're not wanted unless it's Cracker Barrel for a sit-in. And even then, you're careful not to spend any money.

You're not nice to those who treat you like crap. There are other places to go. Ironically, even Russia makes for a better vacation. I know. I've set foot on its welcome mat twice in as many years. There's also a move by its government to decriminalize homosexuality. And to think, one of our so-called united states is now more repressive.

There are those you avoid at all cost. It's folks with their brains up their butts. After all, they say we're a bad influence. But I'm college-educated, several times over. I'm employed. I'm in a loving relationship and committed to it. If they want to be an enemy, I won't be a friend.

They'll say the former anatomical position is preferable to having dicks up your butt. But if indeed we do have dicks up our butts, you can bet they've got condoms on them. And that's more than can be said for the sexuality they endorse. Guess whose rate of AIDS has been exceeding ours?

Thanks for the victory

To the Editor:

I wish to thank the hundreds and hundreds of people from our community who worked so diligently in HRCF's coordinated effort to elect Bill Clinton president. I've never seen such passionate, dedicated, enthusiastic volunteers who helped electrify the gay and lesbian electorate. There is absolutely no doubt that the gay and lesbian vote delivered Georgia to Clinton. We can all be very proud.

It was personally rewarding to witness our community come together, march together and seek the same goal.

Victory is sweet, but the real reward will be on January 21 when the military ban will be lifted, an AIDS Czar will be appointed, and our issues begin receiving the attention they deserve from Washington.

Again, a heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped, and let's not forget the strength we have as a community when we work together.

Sincerely,
Don George
Atlanta Field Representative
Human Rights Campaign Fund

Actually, they are right about one thing. The responsibility issue. It's time the gay community studied whom it benefits with its travel bucks. You can bet this fairly-frequent traveler has thought about it. The next time I pack my Nikon and hiking shoes, I won't be unpacking them in Colorado.

How's that for responsibility?

Jerald M. Byrd

Thurman's endorsement of Fowler reckless

To the Editor:

In the issue of Southern Voice that was on the stands during the election I was astonished to read a [letter to the editor] headline which read "AID Atlanta Supports Fowler."

I find it unbelievable that someone with the political savvy of Sandy Thurman would risk the tax-exempt status of Atlanta's flagship AIDS service organization by having her own political views published in the press under the name of AID Atlanta. IRS rules governing non-profit 501 (c) (3) corporations specifically forbid them from taking political stances, and Ms. Thurman's letter is in direct violation of that rule.

What happens if her candidate doesn't win and his opponent decides to take a little political revenge by having the law enforced? AID Atlanta, which receives the overwhelming majority of all funding directed toward AIDS services in this city, would be out of business overnight. Ms. Thurman has every right to her own political views, but does any one individual have the right to knowingly take such dangerous risks with an organization that belongs to all of us?

Pleading ignorance won't work. She could not possibly be unaware of the political restrictions on non-profits and still be capable of running an organization as complex as AID Atlanta. This is incredibly reckless behavior on the part of someone who is rumored to be lobbying to become the AIDS Czar under President Clinton.

As it turned out on election day, the newly unified gay and lesbian vote not only carried Georgia for Clinton, it forced Fowler into a run-off. This was a noisy statement of our maturity as a political force that every politician has heard. How they act on that message in large part will be determined by the Fowler-

Coverdell run-off. Will we be the wimps that they think we are or will we continue to speak with a strong voice and play political hardball with our power? I hope it's the latter because I'm tired of taking the political crap they drop our way and I want to fight back!

Personally, I was very unhappy with the choices in Georgia's Senate race, but in the booth I acted on the old truism which states that when you're faced with the choice of two evils, you always pick the one you haven't tried yet. Six years ago Fowler got elected with our support but once in he double-crossed us and played to South Georgia, voting with Jesse Helms 70% of the time.

On Nov. 3 we gave him a message. If we do the same in the run-off, you'd damn well better believe the winner will hear us—which ever one it is. They may be cynical about us, but they probably aren't stupid.

Sincerely,
Tom Blount

Civil rights should not be up for vote

To the Editor:

Yesterday 57% of the citizens of Portland, Maine, voted not to repeal that city's gay rights ordinance. With the exception of Colorado, the vote went pretty much our way this year.

We must recognize, however, the injustice of having our civil rights put to popular vote. When did we agree to entrust politicians with decisions affecting our private lives? Who says that we have to be popular in order to exercise our basic human rights?

After 14 years in Georgia, I can tell you that we would still have segregation and lynching in some areas of the South if the human rights of African-Americans were dependent on popular vote. Are we less important?

So while "winning" most of these referenda is better than losing, the very idea that our human dignity is up for vote is cruel and unjust, and something we can NEVER feel good about. Just as in the case of racial bigotry, we need national legislation to provide clear and uniform protection of our civil rights as gay and lesbian Americans, second to none!

Respectfully yours,
Vern Lewis



NY man who died of AIDS has his coffin carried to Bush/Quayle campaign office

New York (AP)—Mourners carried out the wishes of an architect and AIDS activist who died of the disease last week by taking his open coffin to the Bush-Quayle reelection campaign's Manhattan headquarters.

"I want my own funeral to be fierce and defiant, to make the public statement that my death from AIDS is a form of political assassination," Mark Lowe Fisher, 38, said in a request published in the gay magazine QW last month.

Fisher, a senior project architect with James Stewart Polshek and Partners and a member of ACT-UP, died Oct. 29.

A memorial service was held for him Monday afternoon at Judson Memorial Church on Washington Square South, after which nine pallbearers carried Fisher's plain pine coffin around the perimeter of Washington Square Park and up the 39 blocks to Republican headquarters on West 43rd Street.

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— Mark Lowe Fisher

About 200 mourners marched with the coffin, accompanied by some 100 police officers.

The protest was peaceful and there were no arrests, said police spokesman Sgt. Ed Burns.

"He wanted his death to serve as an indictment of the inaction of George Bush and Ronald Reagan over the last

12 years," said James Baggett, a spokesman for the Marys, a subgroup of ACT-UP that was formed by Fisher and others before a 1989 protest at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

The mourners chanted, "Mark Fisher died from AIDS! Where was George?"

Staffers at the Bush headquarters had no comment on the protest.

After leaving the casket outside the campaign office for about 15 minutes, mourners put it in a station wagon and took Fisher's body to a cemetery.

Polshek, Fisher's former employer, told New York Newsday that Fisher had been a "brilliant" architect.

"He kept us straight," Polshek said. "In a lot of ways he was the conscience of the firm, but not in a nettling way. He was always coming down on the side of the humanizing of a building."

Fisher is survived by his parents, two brothers and a sister.

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Time enough

Autumn is my favorite time of the year. I like that autumn-melancholy feeling, getting all bundled up in a sweater and kicking leaves around. The best autumn month is October, a month to savor before the tempo of the impending holidays kicks in. Personally, I do the Cocoon Thing—hide for a while, don't return calls, take a book and a large coffee from McDonald's to the park, and sit and read and contemplate.

But this year, October has been too full of Stuff. In Atlanta, we know what it's like to have both a pennant race and an important election simultaneously grinding away at our sleep and attention span. In addition to that, for me there's also been a new job to adjust to, which carries the requisite other "News"—new hours, new people, new commute, new off hours. Lolling and lazing and strolling around isn't easy when Stuff is going on.

And then, an even bigger Pile of Stuff showed up at my apartment door. For the first time since I came out over eight years ago, my parents decided to visit Atlanta.

Autumn, as it turns out, is the only time my mother likes to travel, since there are no ice storms or tornadoes to threaten her arrival. So they decided (either subconsciously or telepathically, but I know for a fact that they did not, in any way, shape or form, actually discuss their apprehensions out loud) that the time had come to visit. Their curiosity about what they might see finally outweighed their fear of what they might see, so they picked an October day and warned me that they would soon set out for Atlanta.

I had two weeks to decide how to handle this. And complicating the process, as Out as I am, I still have not figured out how to be confrontational with my parents. I told them I was gay in 1987, and they decided that if they never hear the word again, they'll die happy deaths. And my Inbred Southern Niceness prevents me from wanting to make them uncomfortable.

"But darn it all," I said, "this was my turf they're coming to. Polite is fine when I go to Tennessee, but when they're here, by gosh, they need to function on my terms." I resolved that if they wanted to see my life, then they would.

Physically, I prepared only by cleaning the apartment, and I would let my non-de-fagged decor speak to the substance of my existence. I added nothing to terrorize them, but neither did I hide anything to spare them—*Advocates* abounded; books and refrigerator magnets and rainbows stayed put. (Well, I did do some de-kinking; I had nightmares of waking up to my mother asking, "Al, what's this clothesline in your closet for?")

And I did pretty well in choosing where to take them—Lettuce Souprise You for lunch, followed by Underground and the Coca-Cola Museum, the Colonnade for Friday night dinner. But I was in no way prepared for how powerfully Retro-Active a parental visit can be. When two people who have known you for 35 years show up with an image of you that doesn't match reality, you have to work real hard to keep reality from changing. They ran the clock back simply by walking in the door, and I

was the one who had to figure out how to make it "spring forward."

The Colonnade saved me—it was the only time I felt like I wasn't pulling the load completely alone. With gay men or lesbians abounding right there amidst the fried chicken livers and yeast rolls, the ideal subliminal message (We Are Everywhere) may have slipped behind their defenses.

But they clearly know that they can shut me up, simply by not talking. And the question remains about my ultimate strategy. Is there Time Enough for me to let them come around at their own pace? Ultimately, 35 years of history needs to be respected for what it is. It's not been actively evil, and I know lots of other friends with more toxic parents. That's something. Resignation, I guess.

But let me tell you as soon as they left, I put on my purplest shirt and went to be among as many gay people as I could find. Fortunately, the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Educational Network had not only arranged for 100 or so of us to be conveniently gathered at the World Congress Center, but for half of them to be psychotherapists—proof that there IS a Goddess.

But then that night, the Trickster Goddess showed up with More Stuff—baseball ran out of time on us. Never a pleasant prospect for a baseball fan, but this year especially, I was feeling profoundly roller-coastered.

It wasn't until the departure of Daylight Savings Time that I finally got my hour of lagniappe, a little extra as the Cajuns call it. Since I'm not partial to the concept of rigging the clock for someone else's convenience, I've always anticipated and appreciated the end of Long Time.

For one day, there is at least the illusion that there is Time Enough. In years past, I've put that hour in my pocket and headed to The Cove, staying out all night knowing that with the extra hour of sleep, I might not regret the fact that I went there until next Tuesday. Or I've used it to end a relationship, or to bury some bad memories in Cincinnati, or to explore new destinies in Seattle.

This year, I claimed my hour quietly on Monday afternoon, back in the park with a book, wrist-watchlessly walking around Lake Clara Meer and re-reading Armistead Maupin's "Sure of You." His last Tale of the City is full of beepers, betrayals, people deciding if they're moving on or staying put. Time is the real star here—you can't read it without feeling how time has changed Mary Ann, stood still for Brian, and keeps ticking away for Michael and Thack.

Time running, passing, running out, speeding up and falling back simultaneously. October is where I feel most directly connected to this Stuff of Life. If I'm lucky and hit for average, then I'll see about as many Octobers as I've seen go by. Thinking of absent friends and how much they would have paid for that hour, it makes the whole thing seem both precious and ridiculous, futile and momentous.

Ultimately, the gift comes from having one day a year to remind us that, from baseball to parents to October afternoons and all the other Stuff, there is never Time Enough. And if you live your life knowing that, the Trickster Goddess will avoid your door, or maybe at least your baseball team.

FIRST PERSON

LETTERS

An Open Letter to the Community:

It is with great pride that we, the members of Queer Nation/Atlanta, extend our appreciation and admiration to the lesbian and gay community in Atlanta and throughout the country who gave their energies to not only the Clinton/Gore Campaign but also the many other campaigns. We stand proud that over 71% of the lesbian and gay community cast their ballots for change and the Clinton/Gore ticket.

With the election of Governor Bill Clinton to the Presidency, the lesbian and gay community in the United States and Atlanta stands at a crossroads.

One road leads toward President Clinton and the 103rd Congress. A Congress which will flow with new blood of a changed America. Through our perseverance, we will achieve the full funding of the Ryan White Act, the abolishment of the ban on lesbian and gay men from the military, the achievement of a Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Act, national health care for all citizens of the United States, and many other reforms which we seek to achieve. By choosing this road, Atlanta can become a city free from fear, violence, and bigotry toward all minorities.

The other road is more bleak. It leads to continued downfalls, job discrimination,

AIDSphobia, hate and bias crimes, as well as, social and economic ruin.

Through our spearheading of the AIDS crisis, the queer community has been forced to master the art of politics and it is apparent through the election of President Clinton that we are taking our rightful place.

However, now that we have stepped out of the closet and into the voting booth, we *must* not look back. It is our choice in which direction our path leads. Reflecting on the '60s, we are reminded of the adage—"If you are not part of the solution, then you are part of the problem." Which will you be?

We still have a long way to go in order to assure that the issues of the queer community are placed on the forefront of the national agenda. Will we now return to a life of complacency in which the queer community sits at home allowing the religious right and the politicians to dictate our future or will we propel the queer community forward? Will we make America live up to its motto of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for *all* people.

Queer Nation/Atlanta has chosen the road of change and we encourage you to choose the same. Please continue to give your time, your resources and your dedication on the road toward change.

Sincerely,
Queer Nation/Atlanta

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Mr. Aaron Taub
ACT UP/Atlanta

This is in reference to your letter to Ms. Marcia Greenburg of AID Atlanta, concerning police harassment against your organization during the recent AIDS Walk.

While I understand and appreciate the need for a degree of radical behavior to draw attention to AIDS causes, I question the use of an AIDS fundraiser to accomplish your goals and specifically your need to use the ever popular "fuck" word to express your views. Granted, it is an attention-getting phrase, much like a child would use to shock a parent. However, have you considered how much of the heterosexual community, walking with their children in support of the AIDS service agencies, who may not return next year because of your actions?

As Director of the 1991 AIDS Walk, one of the many goals the Volunteer Steering Committee and myself attempted to accomplish was to create an awareness of the AIDS crises to the heterosexual community and to get them involved. I'm proud to say that for the first time, Atlantans from all life styles walked together, thanks to a group of hard-working dedicated people who made it happen. Believe me they didn't have to say the "fuck" word in order to accomplish this goal.

I too confronted people from your organization during last year's Walk because of their rudeness and harassment of celebrities and dignitaries who had donated their time to be a part of Atlanta's first AIDS Walk. When I attempted to question the logic of the individual who was blasting his bullhorn in Elton John's ear, he indicated they were making sure that the "straight" population would hear their message. I told him to simply look around—they were already here, walking with us.

Your actions at fundraisers are counter-

productive to what many of us are trying to accomplish and that is to take care of our friends, neighbors, loved ones and relatives affected by AIDS. As a point of fact, at least one of the 1991 major corporate sponsors, BellSouth, declined to participate this year as a direct result of your activities at the first Walk.

Continue your protests and demonstrations, but use a more logical venue to accomplish your goals.

Sincerely,
Harry Brown

CORRECTION & AMPLIFICATION

In an article about piercing and tattooing which appeared in Vol. 5, No. 36 we forgot to credit the photograph of the tattooed woman. The photographer was Dennis Carlyle Darling. He is represented by Art Space Dorothy McRae Gallery.

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participant did say that Bookman had explained that she wanted the signs down lower so that cameras could see the number of people in the room. Other stations broadcasting the proceedings, however, apparently had no problem with the signs, although reporters rarely spoke of them.

In fact, virtually no one did. After Clinton's victory was sealed, speaker after speaker thanked the gathered crowd, but not until Mayor Maynard Jackson's speech did gays and lesbians get acknowledgment for their efforts.

"There's another group of people here," said Jackson after a laundry list of groups that helped the Clinton/Gore ticket, "who pay their taxes, do their jobs, participate in their neighborhoods, and decided they weren't going to be treated like dirt anymore just because they are gay or lesbian."

Jackson's acknowledgment aside, the Democratic Party itself, at least in Georgia, seemed uncomfortable with the real contributions of gays and lesbians to the campaign. Throughout, campaign volunteers reported difficulties in dealing with state and local officials.

HRCF staffer Cathy Woolard said that campaign staff would not allow HRCF to dispatch literature drop volunteers from inside the DeKalb party office, and always "there was this whispering about buttons and t-shirts."

Woolard also reported an initial balking on the part of state party officials to allow a photo to be taken of the campaign receiving money raised in the gay and lesbian community. Although that issue was eventually resolved, Woolard said the problems were constant.

"Every time we had an interaction about something, there was a struggle," she said, "and that's too bad, because in an election the last thing you want to do is put up road blocks to the people who are doing the work."

But, said Don George, the difficulties did not extend to the national campaign.

"We went through a lot those last two months before the election," he said. "But it was truly a local thing. We had no problems with the national Democratic Party or national Clinton/Gore."

Local party officials had no comment, saying they would not talk to the press until after the Nov. 24 senatorial runoff. But national officials did acknowledge gay efforts, and said that the community had undergone a transition in national politics.

"The HRCFs, the Mixners [Tom Mixner, a Clinton campaigner], the Hattoys [Bob Hattoy, the Clinton staffer who spoke at the Democratic National Convention as an HIV+ gay man] have made a big difference," said George Haddow, director of training for the Democratic National Party. "It worked. The community came through in a big way, and now you're a part of the mix."

Gays and lesbians win

The number of open gays and lesbians holding elected office across the country jumped from 64 to 75 on November 3. While no openly gay or lesbian Congressional candidates joined

Reps. Barney Frank and Gerry Studds, who were both reelected, voters in 10 states and the District of Columbia elected gay or lesbian candidates to state and local positions.

Wisconsin and New Mexico added lesbians to their state assemblies. Tammy Baldwin became Wisconsin's first openly lesbian Assembly member, and Liz Stefanics was elected to New Mexico's Senate.

Winning reelection were Texas State Representative Glen Maxey, Oregon State Representative Gail Shibley, Minnesota State Senator Allan Shear, Minnesota State Representative Karen Clark, Maine State Senator Dale McCormick, Maine State Representative Susan Farnsworth, New York State Assemblywoman Deborah Glick, Vermont State Representative Ron Squires, and Washington State Representative Cal Anderson.

Six openly gay and lesbian candidates for boards of education were elected in California, and six candidates for Advisory Neighborhood Commission seats were elected in the District of Columbia. Additionally, Joan B. Lobis was elected to the State Supreme Court of New York.

In another race of interest to the lesbian and gay community, former Texas State District Judge Jack Hampton lost to Judge Barbar Rosenberg in the race for a seat on the Court of Appeals. Hampton previously gained infamy by giving a light sentence to the murderer of a gay man because the victim was "queer."

But what about Oregon and Colorado?

Based on the number of phone calls to the Southern Voice offices on Wednesday morning after the election, the ballot referendums in Oregon and Colorado generated at least as much voter interest as the presidential election. Unfortunately, the news there, and in Portland, Maine, and Tampa, Florida, is mixed.

Oregon's hateful Measure 9, and an attempt to repeal Portland's gay right ordinance, went down in defeat, but Colorado's Amendment 2 and a Tampa repeal of that city's gay rights ordinance both passed. And the victory in Oregon is tempered with concern—the measure passed in 21 of that state's 36 counties, and proponents of the measure promise to be back with a revised ballot initiative in the near future.

"The numbers of people who voted for the measure are significant and there's a message here," said Lon Mabon, chair of the Oregon Citizens Alliance, which was responsible for Measure 9. "What we didn't do with Measure 9 is close some doors that needed to be closed."

"We'll come back with a modified version of the measure, probably in 1994," added OCA's Scott Lively.

Opponents of the measure were relieved with its defeat, and confident that any attempt to resurrect it would fail.

"I don't think Oregonians are going to be anxious any time soon to have another year like this year," said Peggy Norman, campaign director for No on 9. "They can try to disguise what they really have in mind by using more modest language, but we remember."

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ADAM TAYLOR

Gay and lesbian volunteers, who dominated the audience at the Democratic victory party on election night, made both mainstream reporters and party officials very uncomfortable.

sure would have mandated that homosexuality be taught in public schools as abnormal and wrong, Colorado's Amendment 2 stopped short of those words, "merely" prohibiting local and state government's from adopting any protective measures based on sexual orientation. The law also repealed existing protections in Boulder, Denver and Aspen.

In Colorado, gay and lesbian groups—as well as those three cities—were preparing legal challenges to the new law. Tennis star Martina Navratilova, who helped raise money for EPOColorado, the group opposing Amendment 2, pledged her help.

"[Amendment 2] makes it legal to discriminate against gays," she said. "There's going to be a legal fight that I will be involved in. It's pretty devastating."

Elected officials across Colorado, including Gov. Roy Romer, also pledged their support.

"My personal opinion is that it's unconstitutional to discriminate based on sexual orientation," said Romer.

Denver Mayor Wellington Webb said that his city would file a challenge within 10 days. Webb said the amendment violates the state Constitution's home rule provision, which gives some cities authority to make their own laws.

In the immediate aftermath of last week's election, some groups called for a boycott of Colorado.

"It's inconceivable to us to spend our money in a state that endorses discrimination against us," said Benjamin Schatz, executive director of the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights (AAPHR). AAPHR immediately cancelled its planned 1993 convention, scheduled for next August in Denver. The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund also removed Colorado cities from its list of potential sites for its next convention.

But some activists called on gays and lesbians to flood Colorado.

"When someone declares war on you, you

don't pull out your troops," said comic Robin Tyler, a noted gay and lesbian community organizer. "The state of Colorado has declared war on us, and we are graciously accepting."

Tyler urged gays and lesbians to turn out in force for the annual Aspen Lesbian and Gay Ski Week early next year. Aspen, she noted, voted 3-1 against Amendment 2.

The ski week is the Aspen community's chief fundraising event, regularly drawing 3,000 skiers. Tyler wants to see 10,000 gathered for "fun and politics," using the week to raise money and support for April's March on Washington.

"Quite the opposite of boycotting," she said, "we're going to use that week to organize. I've heard people say 'Why do we need a March on Washington?' Well, here's why. Colorado should lead that march."

The campaign in Colorado did bring more gays and lesbians into the political forefront than ever before. Nan, a lesbian living in Denver, got involved for the first time.

"I never did before," she said. "I had a deep feeling that [my sexual orientation] is nobody's business, but they have made it their business."

Sue Anderson, director of the Colorado Gay and Lesbian Community Center, said that the campaign had galvanized the community to continue the fight.

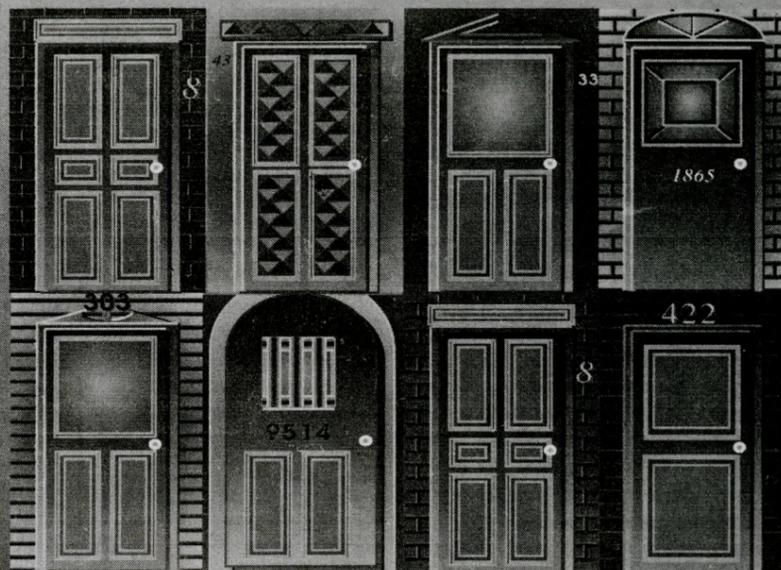
"We're finding our voice. We're finding our feet. We will battle on," she said.

To help with the grassroots and education campaign in Colorado, contact EPOC, PO Box 300476, Denver CO 80203.

To help with the legal battles, contact CLIP, PO Box 44447, Denver CO 30203 (Make checks out to Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, write "Colorado initiative" in memo section).

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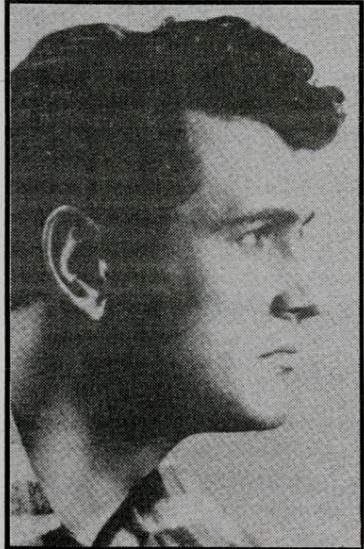
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Gay and Lesbian Film & Video Festival

Finding movies with positive gay themes is about as hard as finding a happy conservative nowadays. But, you can find a whole two weekends worth of great gay-positive films during the 4th Annual IMAGE/SAME Gay and Lesbian Film and Video Festival.

"The film festival is one of the most exciting events we do," says Rebecca Ranson, Executive director of SAME, "because it runs the wide range of forms from features to documentaries, to experimental films. In general, these are films people can't see anywhere else."

The festival, which runs November 13-15, and November 20-22, begins with



UNIVERSAL INTERNATIONAL

"Rock Hudson's Home Movies," playing Sat., Nov. 14, recalls America's sexual past through the eyes of a much more political Hudson than we knew.

"Changing Our Minds: The Story of Dr. Evelyn Hooker." Director Richard Schmiechen, producer of the Academy Award-winning "Times of Harvey Milk," brings to film the historical story of Dr. Hooker, the trailblazing psychologist whose research proved that homosexuality is not a mental illness. The film covers the 1940s to the present using archival footage and illuminating interviews. "Changing Our

Minds" begins at 8 pm, November 13th at Rich Auditorium at the High Museum of Art, followed by "Where The Cows Go," a touching film about a woman institutionalized for 40 years at age 14 for kissing a girl.

Ranson says it's a giant step forward for the festival to open at the High. "Getting the people from the High to cooperate in this is wonderful," she says. "Eventually, I would like to do the whole festival there."

The rest of this year's festival will take place at IMAGE Film & Video Center.

Saturday, November 14th, go From Queer to Eternity with three feature films including "Rock Hudson's Home Movies" by Mark Rappaport. Rock (played by Eric Farr) recalls America's sexual past through countless snippets from his films.

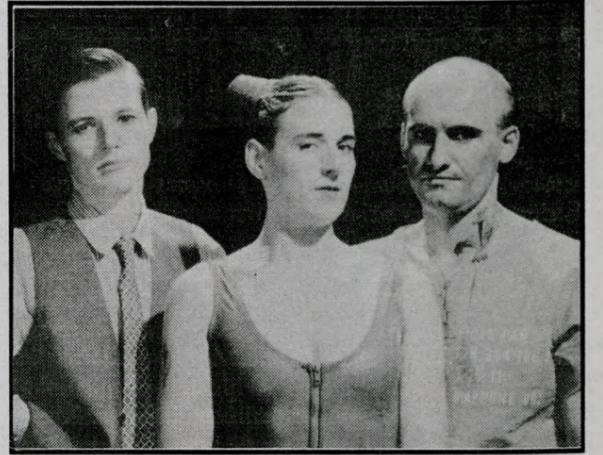
"At Home With the Stars" by Joe Westmoreland features interviews with Hollywood icons including Patsy Cline. Cecilia Barriga's "The Meeting of Two Queens" uses montages to bring Marlene Dietrich and Greta Garbo together at last.

Five films are featured on Sunday, November 15th—Celebrating Our Diversity. Six deaf performers are brought together in "Actions Speak Louder Than Words" to devise staged pieces based on their gay and deaf cultures intersecting. Richard Kwientniowski's film also features a beginner's guide to sexual signing.

"Khush" by Pratibha Parmar takes its title from the Urdu word meaning "ecstatic pleasure" and is an uplifting documentary about South Asian lesbians and gay men in Britain, North America and India.

Cheryl Dune's "She Don't Fade," explaining a young black lesbian's life, "Two Spirit People," depicting Native American concepts about sexual orientation, and "(In) Visible Women," focusing on HIV+ Latina women, round out the evening.

Get into Shorts on Friday, November 20th with seven short films. "Aristophanes On Broadway," by Zack Stieglitz



"Flaming Ears," playing Sat. Nov. 21, is a futuristic tale of urban lesbian angst in the year 2700. Filmmakers Angela Hans Schierl, Ursula Purrer, and Dietmar Schipek are pictured here.

is a lyrical visual study of the 1990 Gay Pride Procession filmed in Chicago.

"(Tell Me Why) The Epistemology of Disco" is an affectionate and humorous look at the role disco music plays in the gay male identity.

The "Q.C. Girls" by William Smartt, features several sassy dykes in McMinnville, Tennessee, who give as good as they get from the local bigots.

"Faerie Tales" takes us to the Northern California countryside to meet actual Faeries.

A hot lesbian coming out story is told in "Rosebud" by Cheryl Farthing.

"A Spy" is a hilarious lesbian Jesus-drag music video to the Doors' tune "I'm a Spy in the House of Love."

Crossdressing gives a hetero twist to an encounter between a gay man and a lesbian in Heidi Amesan's "Dual of the Senses."

Saturday, November 21st, encounter Future Shock with two films. "Flaming Ears" by Angela Hans portrays lesbian angst in the year 2700.

Phillip R. Ford's "Vegas in Space" is an outer space/drag

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Local and regional Work is featured on the last night of the festival on Sunday, November 22nd. Dick Richards has put together excerpts of the Atlanta cable access queen DeAundra Peek's "High Class Hall of Fame Show."

"Snow Melts," by Doug Bonner is a ritual on videotape of creative and destructive figures that incorporate images of nature and sexuality.

"The Bickersons" is a SAME production about a dysfunctional lesbian family of choice.

John Williams' "Greetings From The 6th World," closes the festival with a video of conversations with men discussing what it's like to be gay in the '90s.

Friday and Saturday showtimes for the festival are 8 pm. Sunday shows begin at 7 pm. Admission on opening night is \$10.00, all other evenings are \$6.50 an evening, \$4.50 for IMAGE and SAME members, students and seniors. Call IMAGE at 352-4425 for more information.

The 4th annual IMAGE/SAME Gay And Lesbian Film Festival is sponsored by Maddix Deluxe and co-sponsored by Southern Voice and Etcetera.

CANDACE CHELLEW



Dr. Evelyn Hooker is the memorable champion of gay rights presented in the new documentary "Changing Our Minds" which opens the 4th annual Atlanta Gay/Lesbian Film & Video Festival on Nov. 13. Hooker is the trailblazing psychologist whose research showed that homosexuality is not a mental illness.

with gay activism, forced the American Psychiatric Association to remove homosexuality from its official manual of mental disorders.

The new 75-minute, 16-mm color film is titled "Changing Our Minds: The Story of Dr. Evelyn Hooker." It is narrated by Patrick Stewart, best known as Captain Jean-Luc Picard on "Star Trek: The Next Generation."

Evelyn Hooker earned her PhD at Johns Hopkins, then

moved to California during the hysteria we now call McCarthyism. "Perverts Called Government Peril," ran a headline in the New York Times. "G.O.P. Chief Says They Are as Dangerous as Reds."

When this twisted rhetoric appeared, the basic image of the sick, desperate, criminal queer was nothing new. For decades, medical doctors had been trying to obliterate homosexuality with appalling "treatments": lobotomy, castration, hysterectomy, and electric shock. Schmiechen shows glimpses of these atrocities in startling archival footage.

At first, the young Dr. Hooker's contacts with homosexuals revealed a truly gay life. Home-movie clips show her entertaining gay author Christopher Isherwood and other well-to-do friends at a backyard party. Then, she recounts, a gay student at UCLA introduced her to the underground world of average people terrorized by vice squads and violence. He begged her to study "people like us," hoping she could bring scientific reason to the cause of human dignity. Reluctantly at first, Hooker began a course of research that ultimately led to a radical conclusion: the medical profession was wrong about lesbians and gay men.

"Every man who came to me put his occupation, his job, his reputation at stake," Hooker recalls, "because of the possibility that he might be followed there and that somebody else might learn his secret, namely that he was gay. So it was indeed a very perilous time."

A compelling role model, Hooker made great gains in the scientific understanding of human sexuality. With an open mind and the courage to challenge conventional wisdom, she revealed evidence essential to gay self-esteem and acceptance. Daily Variety calls this new film presentation of her work "documentary education at its most exciting and enjoyable," and predicts "recurrent major TV exposure." Let's hope it changes a few more minds.

"Changing Our Minds" will open the fourth annual Gay and Lesbian Film and Video Festival. A short film, "Where the Cows Go" by Maggie Ford, will also be shown. Tickets are \$10 for the showing at 8 pm, Friday, November 13, in the Rich Auditorium at the High Museum of Art. For more information call IMAGE at 352-4225.

GARETH FENLEY

CHANGING OUR MINDS: THE STORY OF DR. EVELYN HOOKER

After his Oscar-winning "The Times of Harvey Milk," Richard Schmiechen has focused his documentary camera on a six-foot-tall straight gal from Colorado. Now 84 years old, the charismatic Dr. Evelyn Hooker is a lively and engaging storyteller as she reflects on her pioneering career.

Hooker's research startled the world by asserting that there is no difference between gay and non-gay psychological profiles. Homosexuals are not, by definition, "sick." In 1974, the weight of Hooker's continued studies and others, along

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THEATRE REVIEW

MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG

The Neighborhood Playhouse certainly accomplishes its mission to entertain in its latest production of Stephen Sondheim's "Merily We Roll Along." It is a frothy, fun-filled evening with an inside look at the paper moon reality world of show biz. Along the merry way we pick up some miscellaneous tidbits of wisdom about friendships and getting older and wiser.

The Playhouse scored a big hit last summer with its production of Sondheim's "Into the Woods." This presentation of an obscure Sondheim composition does present some special problems for the Playhouse's small but elegant stage. The 18-member cast sometimes seemed to be dancing in one another's laps. Regardless of the tight quarters, everyone, including the audience appeared to be having a good time.

The story, taken from a book by George Furth, revolves around a 25-year friendship extending back to 1957. As the events of a successful composer/producer's life unfold, the cast becomes progressively younger until, in the final scenes, we see them as young adolescents. Becoming 25 years younger in the space of two hours is a true challenge, and the fine ensemble handles it well. I especially enjoyed the changing fashions, as the hands of time ran backwards from cocaine chic to go-go boots and leopard skin coats.

Marian English is particularly good as she rejuvenates herself from an old lush to a starry eyed girl gazing into the night sky on the roof tops of New York. She remains the true blue helper and defender of the self-centered producer because, in her heart of hearts, she hopes he will someday look up and really see her.

The producer's other best buddy, played by Jeff Biering, is about as socially adept as an

Easter Island tortoise. He is nonetheless, very engaging, and handles the difficulty, quirky tunes of the musical with aplumb.

Wendy Harned gets the best bitch award as the composer's second wife. She is a snooty fashion conscious beauty whose high heels never notice where she's stepping. Her first husband, played by Jeffrey A. Cohen, is the devil in the guise of a hit-hungry Broadway producer who destroys the lead with an insatiable lust for wealth and power. His accent wanders from Rocky to Brando, but his strong singing voice is never off base.

Daniel L. Carne, as Franklin Shepard, the composer/producer has a difficult time establishing his likability with the audience. He is, after all, an insensitive egocentric individual who climbs to success on the back of his friends and two broken marriages. He's the sort of fellow who has an affair on opening night while his wife is in the hospital having their first baby. The fine voice of Mr. Carne, last year's Star Search Atlanta male vocalist winner, helps bring the audience into his corner but it cannot win their hearts.

The rest of the cast trades off cameo roles with varying degrees of success. Rob Roberts is particularly amusing in a number of bad toupees. His talk show host was deftly handled.

This play is simply not one of Sondheim's best works. It closed after only 14 performances in its 1981 Broadway debut. Its songs, while lively and melodic, do not remain with you, and even the fine singing of the cast does not hide the fact that there isn't a single hit song in the entire score. Still, it's a frolicking evening of theatre, and one that will lift your spirits and delight your heart.

Keep an eye out for the final productions of Neighborhood Playhouse's '92 season. Pamela Parker will have a world premiere of her play "Home for Christmas" on December 9th, running through the 19th.

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DANCE PREVIEW

ACTS OF LOVE

The upcoming concert of Louise Runyon Barth Dance Company, Acts of Love, depicts many kinds of love—male/female; female/female; woman/self; and within a community, represented by a diverse group of black, white, men and women dancers. Nurturing, sensuality and play are the essence of the evening.

In "In Kind," a premiere celebrating mutually supportive relationships, dancers hold each other and are held in every permutation of black/white/male and female; the piece is set to the music of Ladysmith Black Mambazo, as is Barth's new solo, "Everything's Not So Serious." Also to be shown are "What Was It You Wanted," an intimate, wrangling duet for Barth and Susan Keller, and "Leaving It All Up To You," a new cowboy duet for Barth and Martin Keefer.

"Dolls/Careless Love" contains diverse images of women and duets for adult and child female puppets; it deals with integrating child and adult selves and affirming one's sexuality. Long-limbed dancer-puppets appear as friends, lovers, mother and daughter, as Barth manipulates and dances with them. Originally produced at the Center for Puppetry Arts, the piece has been expanded to five sections.

"Hearts and Water" draws a portrait of Barth's mother as a strong, fighting woman who succumbs to symbols of independence offered women of that generation—"smoking, drinking and cussing." Barth uses humor, irony, celebration and pathos to detail family alcohol consumption and come to peace with her childhood.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, November 20-22 at Seven Stages, 1105 Euclid Avenue. Tickets are \$10, \$8 in advance and are available at Charis Books, International Records and Oxford Books (Peachtree Battle). For reservations, call 523-7647.

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C A L E N D A R

12 THURSDAY

EAGLE ART SHOW & SALE. The Atlanta Eagle Art Show will feature original art by various artists today through Nov. 23. Proceeds will benefit several Atlanta AIDS service organizations and Alabama's gay and lesbian resources center. 308 Ponce de Leon Ave. 87-EAGLE.

AID ATLANTA'S 10th ANNIVERSARY. Atlanta's flagship AIDS service organization celebrates 10 years at a dinner which includes a 10-year retrospective slide presentation, and keynote address by Dr. June Osborne, chair of the National Commission on AIDS. 8 pm. Marriott Marquis. 872-0600 for tickets.

OWNER'S CAR CARE. Mobile mechanic Margie

Seals gives a talk to women on what to do, when to do it and how to communicate with your mechanic. Avoid getting ripped off. 7:30 pm. Charis Books & More. 524-0304.

13 FRIDAY

IMAGE/SAME LESBIAN & GAY FILM FESTIVAL. Nov. 13-15; 20-22. The fourth annual fest promises to offer the best selection of films yet. Opening night features "Changing Our Minds" a documentary about Dr. Evelyn Hooker who was largely responsible for having homosexuality dropped as a disorder by the American Psychiatric Association. Detailed scheduling info on pages 14 & 15. 609-9590 for more info.

CRIMES OF THE HEART. Southern Fried Productions presents Beth Henley's moving play about three very different sisters awaiting news of the family patriarch. Runs through Dec. 12, Fri.-Sun. Mercer Fine Arts Auditorium. 378-8646.

AIDS & THE CHURCH: A CALL FOR COMPASSION, EDUCATION & ACTION. A weekend seminar open to all interested in knowing more about offering care and support for persons living with AIDS. Sponsored by the Good Samaritan Project. Briarcliff United Methodist Church, 4105 Briarcliff Rd. 873-4589 for more info and to register.

ACLU OF GA. BILL OF RIGHTS DINNER. Molly Ivins, syndicated columnist who writes about politics and other weird things in the state of Texas, will speak. Ivins is the author of the best-selling book "Molly Ivins Can't Say That, Can She?" The ACLU salutes three Georgians whose perseverance has had a positive impact on the state. World Congress Center. 523-6201 for reservations and more info.

Senator will attend. Scorsone successfully argued against the Kentucky sodomy law before the State Supreme Court earlier this year. Play runs through Nov. 29. Actor's Express. 280 Elizabeth St. 221-0831. The Harvey Milk Show is sponsored by Southern Voice.

COMEALOT: A QUEER MUSICAL PARODY. Also Thursday & Friday night. Again Nov. 19-21. Atlanta's lesbian and gay repertory company, Funny That Way, presents their version of, you guessed it, Camelot! Full-length production featuring Sir Girl, Marilyn the Wizard and Puff the Magic Draggin'. 8 pm. First Existentialist Congregation. 470 Candler Park Dr. 875-2275.

ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Robert Shaw, ASO Music Director Emeritus and Conductor Laureate, leads the symphony and the ASO Chorus in Brahms' eloquent "German Requiem." Features Metropolitan Opera soprano Marvis Martin and baritone William Stone. 8 pm. Symphony Hall. 892-2414.

Thelma's Pump Room. at 9 pm. Tuesday night's show is at The Armory. Join in for good food, good fun and a good cause.

DANCE OUT. The Office of Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Life at Emory University presents this dance as part of its fall program. Country & Western theme; two-step lessons free. For more info about the dance and other activities call 727-0272.

LANIER TRIO IN CONCERT. Musica Da Camera presents this violin, cello and piano trio performing works from Beethoven and Brahms. 8 pm. Recital Hall, Ga. State University. 727-3552 for more info.

16 MONDAY

OUT IN ATLANTA. Atlanta's own public access gay television show features interviews, news, entertainment, history and more. 10:30 pm. Cable Channel 12, People TV. Same show airs again on Wednesday at 5:30 pm, and at 10 pm on City Channel 6.

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

17 TUESDAY

BAR OWNERS ASSOCIATION AWARDS DINNER. Winners in all categories will be announced tonight along with a special tribute to the Grady Infectious Disease Clinic. Monica Kaufman, anchorperson of Channel 2, will present the tribute to Grady IDC. Entertainment includes Terry Turner on keyboard and skits from



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THE DAN COY GROUP & STEPHANIE PETTIS. Hot jazz for cool fall nights. Hear them thru Nov. 21 at Casal's. 1021 Virginia Ave. 873-9844 for more info.

ASPECTS OF LOVE. Andrew Lloyd Webber's most recent musical opens tonight and runs through Nov. 22. Five impassioned characters of the famous Bloomsbury group travel from Venice to Paris to the Pyrenees amidst the international art scene of the 1950s. Lyrics by Charles Hart (The Phantom of the Opera). Fox Theatre. 249-6400.

mountain stories and songs is written into script by Phillip DePoy and Eddie Lee. Runs through Dec. 23. Theatrical Outfit. 1012 Peachtree St. 872-0665.

Pictured: ABOVE: Jaime Morton performs Nov. 18 at Charis Books

LEFT: Linda Morgan (seated), Susie Caldwell and Angela Bratcher star in "Crimes of the Heart" opening Nov. 13 at Mercer Fine Arts Auditorium.

BELOW: Daniel L. Carne, Marian English and Jeff Biering star as three friends with different musical priorities in "Merrily We Roll Along" now playing at Neighborhood Playhouse. Photo by A. Bratcher



14 SATURDAY

THE HARVEY MILK SHOW. The popular musical, which recounts the election and assassination of Harvey Milk, the first openly gay publicly elected official in the U.S., has a special guest for this evening's performance. Ernesto Scorsone, the openly gay Kentucky State

15 SUNDAY

HOMECOMING '92. This is the 8th year for Homecoming '92, a month-long fundraiser put on by various members of Atlanta's gay community. The previous seven campaigns have raised over \$100,000 for AID Atlanta's Emergency Assistance Fund. Tonight's event takes place at Theatre. 892-2414.

18 WEDNESDAY

JAIME MORTON. Urban folk singer, who has won recognition from the likes of Richie Havens, in a special performance. Morton has shared the stage with Laura Nyro and Lucie Blue Tremblay. 7:30 pm. Charis Books. 524-0304.

APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS. Atlanta's signature Christmas show returns for its fourth year. This collection of traditional

ONGOING

PUMP BOYS AND DINETTES. Through Nov. 14. Onstage Atlanta's 20th anniversary opens with this popular musical comedy with a country kick. Thurs.-Sun. Onstage Atlanta. 420 Courtland St. 897-1802.

MY CHILDREN! MY AFRICA! Through Nov. 15. The southeastern premiere of a play which is among the best from Athol Fugard who has been acclaimed for his insightful dramas of apartheid and its effect on the people of South Africa. 7 Stages Theatre. Wed.-Sat. at 8 pm; Sun. at 5 pm. 523-7647.

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

AND

MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG. Through Nov. 28. Stephen Sondheim's innovative musical about the lives of three friends, the superficiality of fame and money, and the loss of innocence. Neighborhood Playhouse. 430 W. Trinity Place, Decatur. 373-5311.

THE HARVEY MILK SHOW. Through Nov. 29. Chris Coleman returns as openly gay San Francisco supervisor Harvey Milk in this highly acclaimed musical. Sponsored by Southern Voice. Actor's Express. 290 Elizabeth St. 221-0831 for tickets.

PRELUDE TO A KISS. Through November 29. The season opener for Horizon Theatre Company is a magical fairy tale for adults. Prelude was nominated for a Tony award in 1990 and took home the OBIE award

DUPLICATE

for best play. Horizon. Little 5 Points Community Center. 584-7450 for tickets.

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

FLYIN' WEST. Through Dec. 13. 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. Tues.-Sat. at 8 pm; Sun. at 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Alliance

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HENRY IV. Through Dec. 19. Shakespeare's epic tale of chivalry and comedy. Wed.-Sat. at 7:30 pm. Shakespeare Tavern. 499 Peachtree St. 874-5299.

CONTENTIOUS AND PRECIOUS. Through Dec. 19. A group exhibition of crafted objects which are socio-political in content. Artists explore multiculturalism, racism, sexism and more in these works. Nexus Gallery. 535 Means St. 688-2500.

CRIS WILLIAMSON IN CONCERT. Dec. 5. Hear the mother of women's music in concert with The Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus. 8 pm. Ga. Tech Theatre for the Arts. Tickets now on sale at Atlantis Connection, The Boy Next Door and Charis Books. 523-7455 for more info.



Back in the early spring of this year, I told you about **Jody Hanvey**, a visual and performance artist who was to be included in an upcoming book by Madonna and photographer Steven Meisel. That was then and this is now and the controversial book is causing quite a stir across the country since its recent release.

Sex, as we all know by now, features the Blond One in various settings, including S/M fantasies and lesbian linkings. The operative word here is 'fantasy' and this is what Hanvey seeks to stress. The forward of the book clearly states that the photos are a peek into the sexual imagination of one of the most interesting women of this century, and are not to be confused with the work-a-day world of reality.

Hanvey's inclusion as the most prominent model in the book (after Madonna) came about after Madonna saw two of his near nude vocal performances at underground parties in New York. He was approached in the dressing room by a thin young man with a dark moustache. They chatted until Hanvey excused himself in order to change clothes whereupon the stranger removed the moustache and Madonna was revealed. This meeting was the first of many, some taking place in Madonna's deco apartment overlooking Central Park.

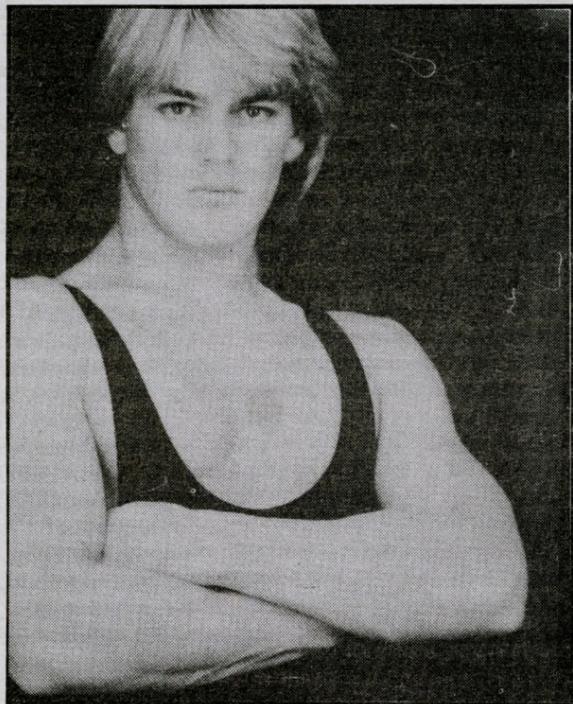
Jody brought his experience as an art director and photographer as well as his personal message of safe sex to the book. His original idea was to have the words "Safe Sex" superimposed over his body, recreating the look he often employs in his own club appearances. But Madonna disagreed, saying that her book was about a fantasy world where AIDS does not exist. As a whole though, Hanvey stresses that "Sex" is about safety. It is "visual sex" and therefore the safest possible sex. As he says, "You can't catch anything sucking someone's toes—you can't catch anything dripping hot wax on anyone."

In his numerous performances across the country at AIDS benefits, Hanvey encourages his audiences to reach beyond the merely sexual to the realm of sensuality, to explore new and unique areas of erogenous pleasure. Hanvey also laments the gay community's singular reliance on condoms, pointing out that they are far from infallible. According to Hanvey, "The use of condoms removes responsibility—we need to promote other activities."

His audience pleasing act includes laser lights, body paint, and backup dancers and has left audiences sweating on both

AFTER HOURS

DANNY ROBLE



Jody Hanvey is a prominent figure in Madonna's new book "Sex."

coasts. But Jody's professional endeavors go beyond the realm of nightclubs and photographer's sets. He is the art director of the CBS daytime soap opera promo campaign known as "Try Me." He is also involved in the production of music videos, most recently doing Atlantic Star's "Masterpiece" and currently working on a new video for Warner's.

Most familiar to Atlantans are Hanvey's cards and jewelry which he creates using photos of himself and others emblazoned with messages of safe sex and monogamy. Also spotted at this year's Pride March were several hundred of his heavy silver chains adorned with an unmistakable pink triangle.

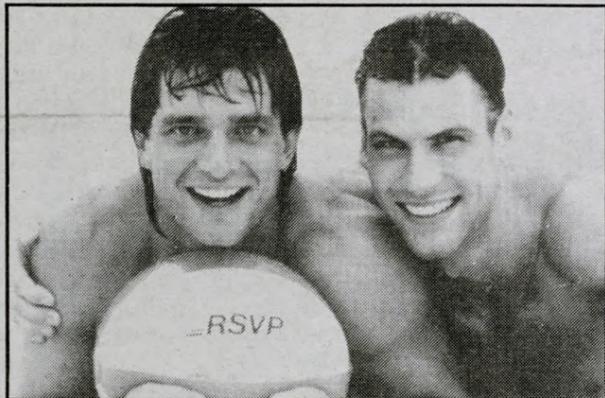
There is more to come from Hanvey as well as Our Lady of Ambition, Madonna. Look the the Material Girl to be in our city in early '93 for a benefit, sans moustache.

Atlanta donned its Halloween finery and partied from dusk til dawn. In clubs, bars, warehouses, and homes across the city, costumed celebrants of All Hallows Eve drank and laughed and danced, starting in one location and continuing on to the next. My own odyssey took me to Club Men, where Daisy Chain emceed the show of nearly nude male dancers, then to a party in Buckhead. Next stop was Velvet, followed by an early morning wrap-up at the Cove. One friend was disappointed in the "I'm too cute for a costume" atmosphere at the bar he chose and went to Dunk and Dine where he had such a good time among the costumed revelers he stayed three hours.

Recently, I enjoyed the **Morningside Tour of Homes**, which afforded me the opportunity to peer into the homes of various families and couples. Is anything more interesting than seeing how the other half lives? This weekend offers the chance to see how two artists work as sculptor Stephen Smith and painter/designer Ray Pierotti invite us into an open studio and garden. Saturday and Sunday, November 14 and 15, from 2 until 5 pm, the public is invited (with special invitation to gay and lesbian friends) to enjoy the art and the setting. The location is 1594 Friar Tuck Road, near the Ansley Park Golf Course.

Smith's sculptures are crafted using the lost wax bronze process. He will display fifteen or so sculptures around the garden. Pierotti creates multi-layered paintings as well as unique window treatments and free-standing screens in fabric. For further information call 874-6672 or 355-2004.

Make plans to catch **Contentious and Precious at Nexus Contemporary Art Center**. This group exhibition of crafts includes textiles, weaving and sculpture, with much of the works coming from a jewelry and silversmithing tradition. All of the works have a subversive quality and deal with issues of multiculturalism, racism and sexism. Local artists include Thomasine Bradford, Mario Petirena, Barbara Schreiber, and Marianne Weinberg Benson. Show runs through December 19.



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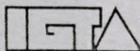
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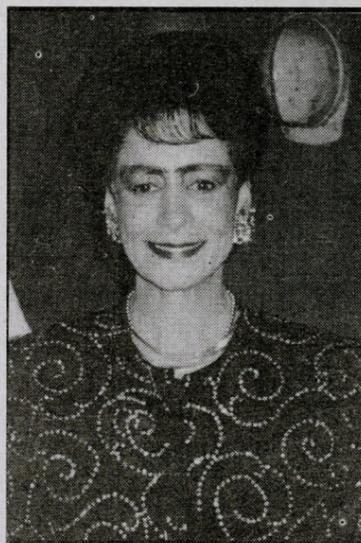
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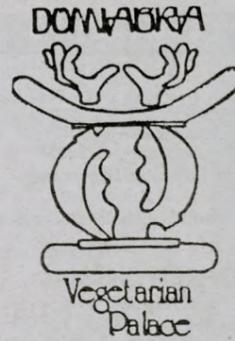
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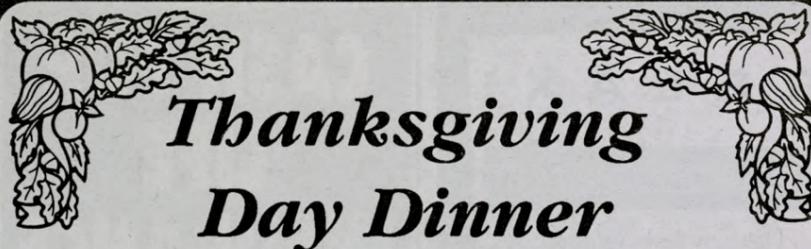
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A FOOD COLUMN BY GARY KAUPMAN

With dietary fat getting as much bad press as it does, you'd hardly expect a rush of new steakhouse openings...especially in Atlanta where Longhorn seems to have a near stranglehold on the Butch-R-Us segment of the red meat market.

But neither cholesterol consciousness nor competition has stopped the owners of the **Outback Steakhouse** from giving the Atlanta market a try. And if crowds are any indicator—we waited 15 minutes for a table at the Toco Hills location on a recent Wednesday night when the Braves were playing and virtually every other restaurant in town was bare to the walls—they're doing just fine, thank you. Critical comment has been generally first rate, too.

There is, in fact, much to like about the way Outback looks and operates, as well as the food that it serves.

The big rectangular room, with a mighty fancy inlaid bar in the center, hosts a collection of booths and tables, many individually lit. Despite the crowds, wood floors, TVs in the bar, and Muzak in the dining room, the noise level is amazingly low and unobtrusive. Decor is simple, wood, wood and more wood, broken up by art that ranges from postcards to aboriginal primitive to Crocodile Dundee posters. Some of it's quite attractive, and only a single hat held to the wall by knives displays the sort of fake macho bravado that many women, and not a few men, find discomfiting.

The menu, done up in tasteful earthtones, is too cute for me: appetizers are "Aussie-Tizers," steaks are "Land Rovers," and grilled items are "Grilled on the Barbie." That gripe registered, an appetizer of "grilled shrimp on the barbie" is mighty good stuff. Fat shrimp, grilled (but not overcooked), and served with a slightly tangy remoulade, ought to be a treat in anybody's book. Definitely an improvement on that somewhat worn steakhouse standard shrimp cocktail.

The same big shrimp are also offered dipped in beer batter, rolled in coconut, fried and served with a marmalade sauce. I've never had "coconut shrimp" that even approached being edible, and I ate all six of these, so I suppose I should have nice things to say, but the shrimp here have a slightly perfumey taste that completely obviates the fact that the coconut/batter combo is not over-cooked and actually quite tasty. Give the fact that Outback's honey-mustard salad dressing bears a similar flowery odor and taste, I'm suspicious that honey is the culprit, even though the menu makes no mention of it with the fried shrimp.

The most original appetizer on the menu, a bloomin' onion, is also the most spectacular. Take a big, sweet onion, cut almost to its base in matchstick-like pieces, dip it in batter, fry until golden and you've got a luscious to look at, and fun to eat, take on more mundane onion rings. The truly cost conscious could complain about shelling out \$5 for a single onion and some spicy dipping sauce, but you'd have to be more of a curmudgeon than even I.

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Steaks are another matter altogether. The menu's most popular offering, a 12 ounce center-cut sirloin is thick, lean, moist, tender and as flavorful as any similarly priced (\$10.95) offering in town. Our waitron bragged about the fact that it was rubbed with "18 spices," most of which were blessedly not apparent in the eating. Also offered: three sizes of prime rib, a filet, a NY strip, a porterhouse and a rib eye. The baked potato that accompanies steaks is hot, fluffy and packed with flavor—first rate. "Aussie chips," offered as an alternative, are naught but ordinary fries—neither outstanding nor dreadful.

Danish baby back ribs are advertised as both smoked and grilled. There's not much evidence of the former, though they are lean, meaty, and presented in a tencherman-sized portion, with good, spicy barbecue sauce. I'd be more enthusiastic about the ribs, were not a similar offering at Skeeters, just around the corner, just a little leaner and a little more tender.

For those who eschew red meat, there are several seafood offerings. Sauteed shrimp (the same large, mild crustaceans referred to earlier) served with mushrooms and herbed butter over fettucine is the only one that I've tried. It's better than just decent, but both the steak and ribs are a better bet.

If you want to eat red meat and not feel quite so guilty in the process (at least about the fat and calories) try a side of steamed veggies with your steak. The portion is large, the assortment varied and the texture just-cooked crisp. Way better than lack-luster salads.

Though its burdened with a too-cute name, "chocolate thunder from down under" is one of the best brownie, ice cream and hot chocolate sauce combinations that I've ever had—and plenty for three or four to share, especially if you've had an appetizer.

The wine list is short, simple, mostly Australian and fairly priced. At \$3.65 a glass and \$13.95 a bottle, Seppelt's Cabernet-Shiraz blend is a particularly good choice with red meat.

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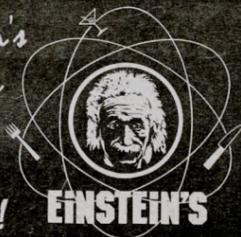
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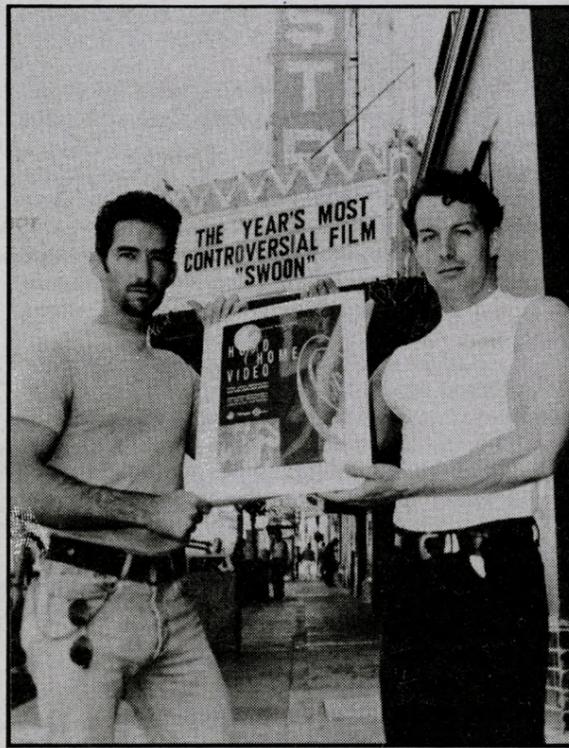
Homo Home Video: The San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Falcon Studios, and Frameline (the folks who sponsor the S.F. Gay & Lesbian Film Festival) have joined forces to promote an erotic safe sex video contest. And you need not be a big studio to win; special mention will be given to the best home and best commercial videos. Entry categories are also divided into videos of less than 10, 30, and 60 minutes. The press kit that we have seems to imply that only male/male tapes will be accepted, but it never actually comes out and says so, thus Dish encourages both women and men erotic videophiles to write to Homo Home Video, The Erotic Safe Sex Video Contest, PO Box 426182, San Francisco, CA 94142-6282 for entry particulars.

High Fat, High Profit: Dish is sure that you will rest easier to know that Atlanta is the "only McDonald's market in the country with multiple hospital locations." Grady, Northside, and now Hughes Spalding Children's Hospital at Grady have their very own dispensaries of high fat, low fiber food. We are not prone to believing in conspiracies, but Dish wonders what sort of collusion has to go on to allow such unhealthy food to be served at what are supposed to be healing institutions—especially public ones and those that serve children.

Witchery on Arabia Mountain: Dish is indebted to the DeKalb News/Sun for letting us know that "homosexual witchcraft" has been officially reported (in the same breath as "Klan activities") at South DeKalb's amazing Arabia Mountain Park. Now let it be known that Dish has personally taken part in such activities (the homo witchery, not the white hat bigot stuff) at this moon-like landscape, and that we find it a perfect place to commune with both nature and various and sundry Goddesses (and even a few Gods.) What we find truly scary at Mt. Arabia are all the broken beer bottles and tasteless graffiti scattered about by the rednecks who also use the park. The News/Sun articles claims that there have been more than 20 sting-like arrests for "illegal homosexual activities" in the Park. No men-

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Falcon models pose outside San Francisco's historic Castro Theatre where winners of Homo Home Video, a national safe sex video contest will be screened during the 1993 International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival.

tion is made of how many reckless kids with spray paint cans have been sent to the pokey. A group named "Friends of Arabia Mountain" has formed to try to take the park back from "undesirables."

From The Lavender Locker: Are there queers in Idaho? Evidently so. One Ms. Diane Anderson is in the process of compiling "essays, interviews, poetry, prose, fiction, artwork, and photographs" on the subject of coming to terms with one's (homo)sexuality. If you'd like to make a submission, send it to Ms. Anderson at 544 1/2 S. Sixth Ave., Pocatella ID 83201. If you need more info give her a call at 208/233-5709.

Quote of the Week: Actually it's from months ago, from George Bush at a livestock and rodeo event in Texas: "Ours is a great state, and we don't like limits of any kind. Ricky Clunn is one of the great bass fishermen. He's a Texas young guy, and he's a very competitive fisherman, and he talked about learning to fish wading in the creeks behind his dad. He in his underwear went wading in the creeks behind his father, and said—as a fisherman he said its great to grow up in a country with no limits." And this man has had his finger on the nuclear trigger for four years. Scary.

Under Attack: It may not be easy to watch, but it's a necessary and worthwhile endeavor. What is it? A movie entitled "Under Attack." U.A. is being produced by Testing the Limits—the non-profit group that made "Voices From the Front," the excellent documentary on AIDS activism—and is about the "root causes of the epidemic of hate and violence sweeping the nation." When the film is finished it will be distributed by Frameline and likely be seen at lesbian and gay film festivals as well as on public TV. Since the election is over and no one will be hitting you up for campaign contributions any more, may Dish suggest that you send \$35 or \$50 to help this worthwhile project along? Make your check to Testing the Limits/AMIC at 39 W. 14th Street, Suite 402, New York, NY 10011.

NOVEMBER 12 – NOVEMBER 18

Mercury is retrograde in the mutable fire sign of Sagittarius which can be a bit unsettling and distracting. This is definitely not the time to take on or start new projects. Keep your feet on the ground and finish what you've started.

ARIES, life at home may continue to be intense for a few more weeks, testing your patience with those nearest and dearest to you. If you feel like vanishing or leaving, you will gain much by working through this cycle. **TAURUS,** that someone special may be just over the horizon, waiting for you to stop worrying long enough to notice them. Look around, there are some really wonderful people nearby. **GEMINI,** with Mercury moving backwards in your 7th house of close friends and intimate relationships, you may need to fulfill previous commitments, even though you have to go out of your way.

CANCER, home base may not feel as comfortable and safe as usual, but your creative abilities will bring you through any

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challenging situation with full glory. **LEO,** if you are feeling restless or ill at ease with close friends or your career, you may find help and guidance in your dreams or your intuitive flashes. If necessary, take a day to play. **VIRGO,** if you have been considering a return to school in order to change careers or enhance your career position, this may be an excellent time. Seek the advice of a close and wise friend.

LIBRA, planning to make a major commitment in a long-term relationship? Your timing is good, but remember to nurture the romance and don't start taking certain things for granted. **SCORPIO,** Happy Birthday! Be sure to celebrate every day of your life

and look for the wonderful people and events already in your life. Make this a year of healing and transformation. **SAGITTARIUS,** do you feel like you have been walking around in a day-dream lately? If so, then you may need more physical activity and more outlets for your creative energy.

CAPRICORN, as your personal projects at work or at home begin to take off, you may need the assistance of others in order for everything to come together smoothly. **AQUARIUS,** even though the elections are over, this is the perfect time for you to speak up, speak out and get involved in your favorite political or community activity. You are needed. **PISCES,** your creative abilities and input are very much needed right now. Don't be shy! Speak up with friends, family and co-workers. You'll surprise yourself as well.

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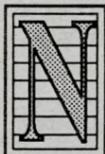
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ONE DAY DENTAL DAMS ARE DE RIGEUR. THE NEXT I FINDOUT THEY'RE "SEX NEGATIVE." WHILE I'M TRYING TO DECIDE WHETHER TO GET MY NOSE PIERCED, PUTTING RINGS THROUGH YOUR LABIA BECOMES THE THING TO DO. I TELL YA, I CAN'T KEEP UP ANY MORE!
I KNOW THAT FEELING. WHEN I OPENED THIS STORE 15 YEARS AGO, I CARRIED THREE DOZEN LESBIAN TITLES. NOW WE HAVE NEARLY A THOUSAND. THERE'S BARELY TIME TO ORDER 'EM, LET ALONE READ ANYTHING. YEAH... I USED TO FEEL LIKE I WAS RIDING THE WAVE... BUT NOW I'M JUST FLOUNDERING IN THE SURF.

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JEEZ, WE'RE VISIBLE NOW?
WELL, THAT'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN FIGHTING FOR. BUT I KIND OF MISS THE DAYS WHEN OUR CULTURE WAS SMALL AND MANAGEABLE AND WE HAD IT ALL TO OURSELVES.
YEAH. NOW IT'S LIKE A BIG, OBSTREPEROUS TEENAGER MAKING A NUISANCE DOWN AT THE MALL.

MAYBE I'LL GET MY NAVEL PIERCED.

MARIA HELENA DOLAN



November is the fullest month. When Yankee gardening friends sneeringly ask what's so great about Georgia gardening, I rattle off a number of things. But what cuts the deepest is when I smirkingly taunt "tomatoes 'til Thanksgiving."

So long as there's plenty of mulch and night-time temps over 40°, you can pick well into November. And if you pot up peppers now, not only can they fruit into the winter, they'll bear earlier and bigger than new ones next summer. Now, all this may lend an illusion of a six month long summer.

However, we know that leaf fall irrevocably signifies Autumn, despite anomalies. For instance, that September cold snap followed by rains fooled one of my azaleas and two iris into counterfeit Spring bloom.

Autumn also means we bring potted tropicals inside. Since the dwarf orange and the bougainvillea live in massive 25" clay pots, once they're in, they stay put until Spring.

Painfully, I've learned that cats can be lethal: shredding leaves, chewing stems, digging up roots, urinating that concentrated piss into the soil, etc. You need a viable cat strategy in order to keep felines and tropicals indoors.

One year, I tried shade netting tacked around the soil...unsuccessfully. This year, we built a wall to create a small cat-free space. Now, I can keep my girls at home, in front of those west windows, under three grow lights (they're not very high-energy; one isn't adequate).

To insulate the pots from the cold concrete-slab floor, I piled newspapers over the floor, and covered these with plastic.

That's indoor stuff. Outdoors, Fall clean-up continues. Cut back browned parts of perennials. Pull up spent annuals. Want volunteers? Shake out full seedheads. Don't want volunteers? Keep seedheads intact when removing.

Hate Black Spot on roses? Get all the old mulch up and away, replacing with clean stuff. Old mulch harbors the Black Spot virus, as well as other pests. Mound the mulch around the base of the bush 5-6", to prevent any frost damage later.

I mulch everywhere, with leaves (shredded or not), wood chips, and pine straw. After clean-up, put the gleanings into the

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compost pile—if it's disease free.

And if you don't have a compost pile (barbarian!), start one. There are dozens of how-to books available. I use a 55 gallon black drum which once held liquid soap.

Divide irises which need it—i.e., either overcrowded, or didn't bloom well. Trim the fans down to about 4", and don't mulch heavily—Iris Borers love mulch hideouts.

Want more blooms on the mums? Deadhead 'em (i.e. keep pulling off spent blossoms). And make sure camellias get enough water now, to ensure later blooms. While you're at it, remove raspberry canes which bore fruit, or are weak.

Now, as if all this wasn't enough to keep us busy, November is the plantingest month here. It's the height of pansy planting season. One year, my pansies lasted 12 months, until I got sick of them. This is the time to stick in balled and burlaped trees, shrubs, ornamentals, roses, rooted cuttings, etc. And don't neglect cool-weather veggies: lettuce, chinese cabbage, broccoli, carrots, collards, peas, etc.

Finally, love and ladle in those Spring bulbs. Of course, good soil prep is a must here, with lots of well-rotted manure and compost dug in. Bone meal (or roadkill) supplies necessary nitrogen and phosphorus.

My freezer and fridge have been hosting hyacinth, narcissi, grape muscari, and anemone bulbs for weeks. I'll be planting them out at the requisite depths, with the proper up/down orientation, by December. Soak anemones overnight if you hope to have them come up.

Post-season regrets? Well, I wish I'd done onions again this year. They provide sure-fire prognostication: "Onion skin very thin, mild winter's coming in; onion skin thick and tough, coming winter cold and rough." We'll see.

EARTH ALERT: ONE BILLION BULBS A YEAR
That's how many we plant in this country alone. But this

very success has proven disastrous for some wild species and their ecosystems.

Wild bulbs are collected by the poor in countries such as Turkey, S. Africa, Spain, and even here, with no regard for the plant's ability to continue propagating itself, or other species dependent upon the plants.

Should we then live without Spring bulbs? Certainly not! But we need to make sure that what we put into the ground doesn't come from threatened or wild-collected species.

So watch those small, early-bloomers in particular, or anything labelled "wild," "species," or "botanicals." Find out the bulb's origin. Did your retailer propagate it in their own nursery? Look askance at an answer such as "commercial sources."

The following list, compiled by the World Wildlife Fund, provides a starting point for consciousness raising in this area.

AMARYLLIS FAMILY

Galanthus. Avoid *G. elwesii* (always wild origin); *Leucojum*, particularly *L. vernum*. Avoid *L. aestivum*; *Narcissus*. Avoid *N. triandrus albus* and *N. tazetta*.

LILY FAMILY

Chionodoxa, especially *C. sardensis*, *C. tmoli*, and *C. lucillae*; *Colchium* species. (I'm very sorry to know this; I love these); *Erythrorium*, except "Pagaoda," which is a propagated hybrid; *Fritillaria*. Avoid *F. persica* "Adiyamen"; *Lilium*. Many species are propagated, but exercise caution when buying *L. martagon*; *Scilla* species. Grows readily in cultivation, but large numbers are still exported from Turkey. Exercise some caution; *Trillium*, especially *T. grandiflorum*. (When you attend the Botanical Garden's annual plant sale, ask about this one); *Tulipa*. Species that do not offset easily probably come from the wild, particularly *T. undulatifolia*, *T. hageri*, *T. praecox*, and *T. pulchella humilis*.

ORCHID FAMILY

Pleione species; *Cypripedium*, especially *C. acaule*. (raise a stink at the annual Flower show).

PRIMROSE FAMILY

Cyclamen, except from specialized nurseries, which propagate from stock. *C. mirabile* may be exported from Turkey as *C. purpurascens*.

RANUNCULACEAE

Anemone. Blue or mixed stocks of *A. blanda* may be from the wild; *Eranthis*, particularly *E. hyemalis* and *E. cilicia*.

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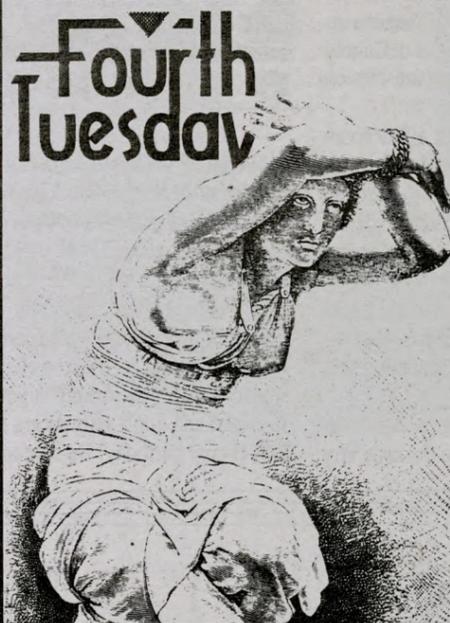


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Dr. Lainey Richardson has spent much of her life in prison. But, she says she feels comfortable there.

"I have a personality that works well in prison," she explains. "I like to scream and cuss, and as long as you're not screaming and cussing at anyone in particular, they don't get upset with you."

But, unlike most others at the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary, she gets to go home every night. Lainey is the Coordinator of the Drug Abuse Program at the prison, a job that has taught her a lot.

As a psychology major at Auburn Univ., she worked at a Youth Correctional facility. When she received a Masters from Eastern Kentucky Univ. ("the cheapest university in the nation") she began working as a Mental Health Counselor in Georgia's prison system. She has been at the Federal Pen since receiving a Doctorate from Florida Tech in 1991.

Spending all that time with inmates has sparked a conflict in Lainey. When she reads accounts of horrible crimes in the newspaper she says her first reaction is "fry 'em," but seeing these criminals on a day to day basis can change things.

"A lot of these guys I have worked with, it's just sad," she explains. "Their families are so messed up, they were headed for prison from day one. It taught me how to separate the behavior from the person. I can honestly say there was only one person who I could find no redeeming qualities in."

Her work has led her to other revelations, too. "Prison is not the answer. We're putting money in the wrong area. We need to put money in the educational system, teaching parenting skills, providing pre-natal care and job training. The way society is going right now, we're not going to stop producing crimi-

nals," she concludes. When not behind bars, Lainey enjoys time with her partner of nearly six years, Linnie, and their mixed family; dogs Petey and Buster, and cat Sara.

Linnie stayed in Georgia while Lainey worked on her Doctorate for two years in Florida. "It was a trying time, as my Visa card can attest," says Lainey. When she returned to Atlanta, they didn't want to move in right away and waited until June of 1991. "We didn't want to rush it, so we didn't, thank you. We live well together though."

They must be doing something right. They will have a commitment ceremony on their sixth anniversary in February, and honeymoon in Cozumel.

Lainey has worked for several years in the gay and lesbian community, and has served on the Business Guild, and the GAPAC board among others. She also has taught gay sensitivity classes to law enforcement officers, and students at DeKalb Community College.

"There are always two or three idiots," she comments, "but they're young and misguided. I always go in with the attitude that I'm not going to change their opinion and that's fine, I just want them to be informed."

"During my presentation, I will say, 'I've been involved with a woman for years now, and I'd like someone to tell me how that has affected their lives.' They have no answer."

CANDACE CHELLEW

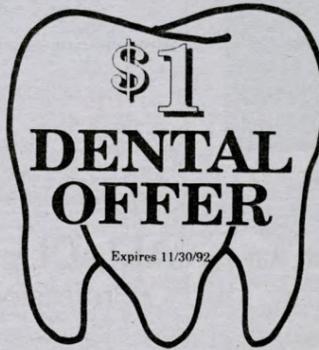


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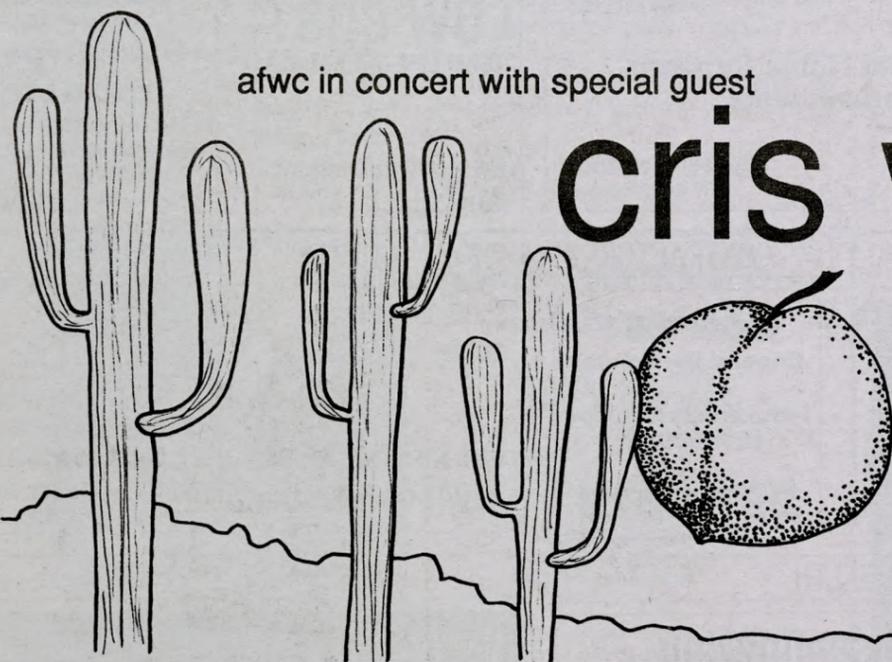
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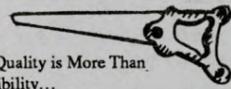


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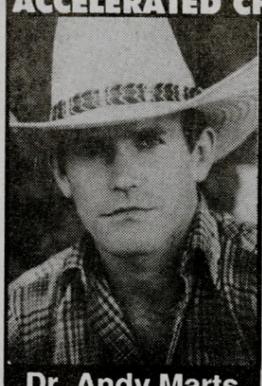
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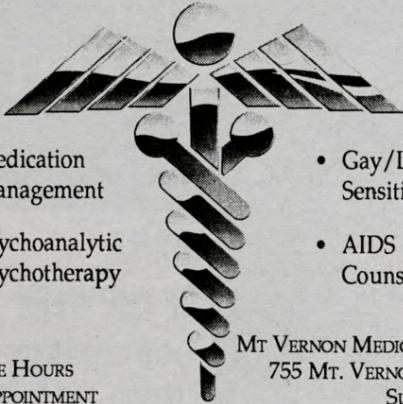
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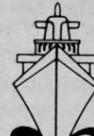
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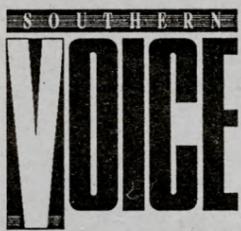
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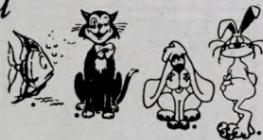
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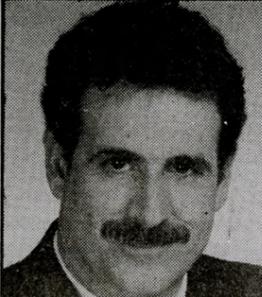
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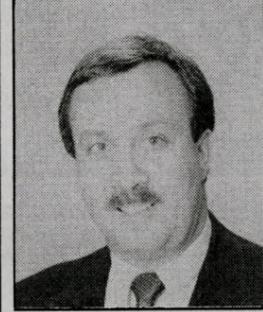

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Good Samaritan Project provides care and support for persons living with AIDS. Support groups, buddy program, clothing/food bank, practical support, education, pastoral care. Call 873-4589. (5.37)

Heartstrings of West Georgia—an AIDS education and support org. We help meet the needs of those affected by HIV/AIDS and increase public awareness. For free monthly newsletter, call 214-AIDS or write "Heart to Heart," PO Box 633, Carrollton, GA 30117.

Support Group for HIV positive physicians and dentists. For more information contact: 634-0672.

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AID Atlanta: the Southeast's largest non-profit AIDS service agency. Services include education, case management, transportation, housing, buddy program, practical support, homeless services, pediatric services, support groups, AIDS Information Line. Call 872-0600 for more information.

Want to meet new friends and have community? Enjoy new activities? Join the day program at Common Ground for people living with HIV/AIDS. Mon-Fri, 10:30-3:30. Call 874-6425 for information. Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network.

Tuesday Night at The Shrine - A weekly dinner open to ALL individuals with HIV. Tuesday at 6pm. Come and have some fun, laughs and great food. The Shrine is located at 48 MLK Jr. Dr., Atlanta on the corner of Central Ave. FREE. For information call Alan Dillmann, 521-1866.

HIV/AIDS SUPPORT GROUPS IN CARROLLTON You don't have to deal with HIV/AIDS alone. All groups are held weekly—confidential and free of charge. PWA/HIV Support Group, call 214-8054. Friends & Family of PWA/HIV, call Margo Barnard at 832-9866. AIDS Bereavement Group, call Pick Conner at 836-6505 (days) or 834-8195 (eve).

AIDS HOTLINE FOR WOMEN—888-9991 - new project of the Feminist Women's Health Ctr. Learn how HIV is transmitted, testing locations, how to clean your "works," how to use condoms, dental dams or anything about HIV and AIDS. Trained phone counselors 5:30-9:30pm Mon-Fri, 10:30am-2pm Saturdays. Caller anonymity assured. To volunteer call Tonia at 874-7551.

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HIV+ Narcotics Anonymous (NA) for African Am. Wed. eve., transportation avail; Family support group for loved ones of HIV+ African Am.; "Latex Lovers" sex-pos. HIV prevention prog. for GBM (need volunteers also); FREE ANONYMOUS HIV TESTS, counseling, referral (minority cultural sensitivity) begins mid Feb. For confidential info call OUTREACH, INC. 346-3922.

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AIDSCHAIM: Congregation Bet Haverim sponsors a support group for those affected by the AIDS crisis. Meets the 1st & 3rd Thurs. at 7:30pm, Friends Meeting House, 701 W. Howard St., Decatur. Info/Directions? Edie, 642-3467.

P.O.O.H. - Positive Outlook On Health is a supportive network of HIV+ persons who share positive health attitudes and want to meet similarly oriented people for social and emotional interaction. Call 872-9954.

THE ATLANTA BUYERS CLUB—ABC provides access to optional treatments for the HIV community in the Southeast. Our hours of operation are 12-5 PM, Tuesday through Friday. We are located at 44 Twelfth St., NE, with parking available in the rear. For further information phone (404) 874-4845, fax 874-9320, or write P.O. Box 77003, Atlanta, GA 30357.

Atlanta Gay Center—Plus groups for HIV-affected people. Fridays, 8:00pm and Sundays, 6:00pm. 63 12th Street. 9144.

Call 876-5372 for more info. Helpline, 892-0661, for info, counseling and referral. 6:00-11:00pm 365 days a year.

ACT UP/Atlanta: 874-6782 (office & 24hr. voice mail)

AIDS Information Line / GA Toll-Free AIDS Hotline Free, anonymous information and referral services. In Atlanta: 876-9944; Toll-free: 1-800-551-2728 (voice/TTY)

Announcements

ATTENTION ALL BISEXUAL, LESBIAN, AND GAY YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS: The United Church Coalition for Lesbian/Gay Concerns' Youth Outreach Program is seeking to network with other youth-serving organizations and develop a national resource directory. To ensure your organization is included, please send a one paragraph description and your organization's address and phone number to UCCL/GC Youth Outreach Program, 18 N. College St., Athens, OH 45701. Inquiries call UCCL/GC Youth Outreach Program, (508) 755-0005. (5.41)

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LESBIAN/GAY ALUMNI—Interested in forming a lesbian/gay alumni organization? If so, write Box 28876, Raleigh, NC 27611. (5.38)

ATTENTION COLORGUARD ALUMNI: The Southern Element Senior Colorguard is looking for a few good twirlers. If you are over 21 and would like to compete in indoor competition, please call us. We are looking for flags, rifles and sabres. We also need an indoor space in which to practice drill (preferably a gym). If you can perform with us and/or provide a place to practice, please call Les Parker at (404) 624-3873. (5.38)

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PART TIME

Sitter needed for PWA. In home care Mon-Fri 8:30am-3:00pm. Please contact Ernie, 365-8231 or 368-5343. (5.38)

FULL TIME

Education Program Coordinator: Individual needed to oversee HIV education and risk-reduction program for gay/bisexual community. Duties include recruiting, training, and coordinating volunteers; developing strategies for reaching target population, implementing and evaluating program. Must have excellent communications skills, thorough knowledge of gay/bisexual community, and demonstrated ability in program development and management. Send cover letter, resume, and salary requirements by November 27 to Deputy Director, AID Atlanta, 1438 West Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30309. (5.39)

The Georgia AIDS Coalition will hire a full-time lobbyist for the period January-March, 1993. The lobbyist will work on a part-time basis prior to the Georgia Legislative session. Applicants may submit a letter of intent and a resume detailing related experience to: GAC, PO Box 1258, Snellville, GA 30278. (5.39)

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GWM to share 2 BR furnished apartment in Midtown. No smokers or drugs \$325 + 1/2 util. Call Dwain 892-8025 after 5:30. (5.39)

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GWF Couple (27, 26) seek other GWF couples for platonic friendships for movies, dinner, going out, etc. Please call ☎ 1094

GBF, Floridian: Quiet, sensitive, cerebral, professional, avid reader, traveler. Into New Age thought. Seeking like-minded sisters for correspondence / friendship. ☎ 1093

GWM, good looking, 37, seeks nice looking fem lesbian for convenient relationship for social events. All expense pd. for evenings. Serious responses only. Please write SV Box #1308, 1189 Virginia Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. (5.38)

Cute, feminine, GWF, 26, educated, motivated, professional, energetic, somewhat wild and wacky, seeks kindred spirits. No drugs or butch. ☎ 1024

GWF seeks attractive, romantic lesbian over 30 for relationship. ☎ 1028

GF seeks fun, intelligent, good looking female for friendship, possible relationship. Me: 5'8", 150 lbs and a good catch. ☎ 1075

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GWF, 28, intelligent, feminine, attractive non-smoker who lives near Asheville, North Carolina. Loves outdoors and romance. Seeks girlfriend for friendship, possibly more. ☎ 1018

GWF, femme, 25, w/5yr. old daughter seeks GFs for friendship. The rest is destiny's call. Call me today! ☎ 1026

30 year old GBF looking for 30 & up GBF. No drugs and no drinking. ☎ 1023

GBF, 38, professional, attractive, very effeminate, seeks the ideal aggressive female for serious relationship. Butches welcome. ☎ 1019

MARRIAGE

GWM, 27, seeks GWF for marriage of convenience. Would father child if you desire. Former Olympian. Degree sports administration. ☎ 1076

Looking for a fun-loving friend-lover near Asheville, NC. I am feminine, healthy, a little shy, goofy (not looking), 30, and very much alive BiWF. Call me, talk to me, how else will we ever meet? ☎ 1025

Fem GWF, 22, into politics as well as old-fashioned romance. Seeking butch for possible relationship. TRAY ☎ 1022

New to Atlanta, GBF, in search of that special lady who's not afraid of an interracial relationship. ☎ 1003

Very attractive, feminine GWF, 31, professional, non-smoker who loves the arts, travel and theatre seeking same for fun or possible relationship. ☎ 1021

GBF, 33, good looking, fun loving, serious, aggressive, drug free. Seeking 100% lesbian, 19-33 years old, companion to travel with on a Caribbean vacation. Absolutely no bisexuals, smokers, no drugs, for friendship and possible romance. ☎ 1017

GF with interstitial cystitis wants to meet other G females with interstitial cystitis to form support group. Confidentiality assured. ☎ 1015

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Seeking attractive hermaphrodite female for friendship & possible romance. Me: attractive, androgenous female. Intelligent, fun-loving. Let's talk. ☎ 1069

Pretty GBF, 25, 5'5", 120 lbs, very affectionate. Seeks gay fem female who's intelligent and serious about a friendship / relationship. ☎ 1013

GWF seeks "sensual" lesbian over 27, not into playing games for long term monogamous relationship. ☎ 1008

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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GBM, 31, 6, 195, stocky seeks WM 18-20 to watch videos, concerts, safe fun. P.O. Box 174, 461 Ponce de Leon Ave., Atlanta 30308. (5.41)

GWM, 21, incarcerated, looking to be loved by someone special. Respond to: Danny, 119492-U32, Box 747, Starke, Fla. 32091-0747. (5.39)

GWM, incarcerated, seeks sincere, open minded GWM for friendship, possible relationship. Write: Keith, 095045-U3N7, Box 747, Starke, Fla. 32091-0747. (5.39)

WM, masculine, 6'3", 185 lbs., 43, HIV-, closeted, seeks only similar, masculine, HIV-, hung, WM for private regular mutual satisfaction. ☎ 1098

GWM, 37, BL/Blue, attractive, intelligent, healthy, passionate, masculine, trim, muscular, hairy, long "married" and horny. Seeks attractive, daytime top

buddy. ☎ 1096

GWM, 25, 5'3", 135, br/bl, looking for hot safe times with 35 or younger top. PR, Latino, Oriental preferred. ☎ 1095

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

GBM with buns, searching for the Ultimate Hot Dog. Let us unite. Box 57154, Atlanta, GA 30343. (5.39)

Attractive GWM, 33, with boyish good looks, in great shape, seeks young, handsome, hunky GBM for hot times and friendship. ☎ 1090

GWM, 50; apiarist, aviculturist, herbalist, horticulturist; humble, meek, healthy seeks masculine, aggressive partner to share simple country life (handicapped welcome). ☎ 1089

GWM 38, 170, 6', clean cut daddy type. Work out. Seeks 25-40 for submissive relationship, non-smoker, HIV neg. ☎ 1087

White male bottom looking for top man, any race or age for daytime get-togethers—very discreet. ☎ 1086

GWM, 30, country music lover eager to learn C&W dance, needs partner, teacher, new friends. Interested? Please respond. ☎ 1079

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

GWM, 5'8", 160#, healthy, professional, generous, seeks lunch partner and afternoon relaxations. ☎ 1082

GWM, 29, 5'11", 170, BR/BL. Attractive, receding, honest, monogamous. Seeks safe, romantic, fit, smooth WM around same age. Possibly permanent relationship. ☎ 1084

Above average, masculine GWM, 40 seeks similar attractive and sincere GWM 25-40 for relationship. POB 550183, Atlanta, 30355. ☎ 1083

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

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

GBM, 36, 6'4", 185#; Top seeks tall and/or fat GWM into GR; welcome bald, beards, gray, hirsute, big feet. ☎ 1055

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, DISCREET, closeted, seeks long, monogamous relationship with same. Henry, Rockdale areas. ☎ 1058

GBM, 35, Ph.D., honest, sincere, professional, financially secure, aggressive, seeks GWM, Italian, Hispanic with similar qualities. Let's talk / get acquainted. ☎ 1050

GWM, 22, college student, feels disgusted by the effeminacy and crudeness typical of gays; is looking for someone else who is not at home among them. ☎ 1049

BM, 18, 5'8", bottom seeks masculine male, any race, for fun, friendship and much more. ☎ 1048

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GWM, 20; attractive, non-stereotypical, passionate, relationship-oriented, W.G.C. student seeks cute, young GWM student 18-22 for friendship or more. ☎ 1056

Hot, horny, hairy, heavily hung hunk, Daddy-type (early 40's) seeks sons, companions. Preferably tall, muscular, endowed. ☎ 1054

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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

Beguiling GBM, 30, Attractive-Long-Hair (bottom), seeks dominant attractive (top) but sensitive GWM Italian or Hispanic for relationship, good times. ☎ 1038

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, Midtown, endowed, Gemini, positive, sincere, honest, drug free, musician. ☎ 1040

GWM, 23, cute, wants to meet guys 22-26, "semi-red necks," long hair a plus, pick up the phone & let's talk. No one-nighters. ☎ 1037

Asians, Blacks, Hispanics! Mature WM, hot, fun, physical, more. Beginners welcome. ☎ 1043

Senior seeks to mentor, pamper, and have day-time relaxation and fun with attractive male 20-40. ☎ 1072

MASSAGE

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

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

Very masculine suburban WM, 40, 6', 175 lbs, dark curly hair, mustache. Seeks submissive daytime companion for discreet encounters & friendship. ☎ 1035

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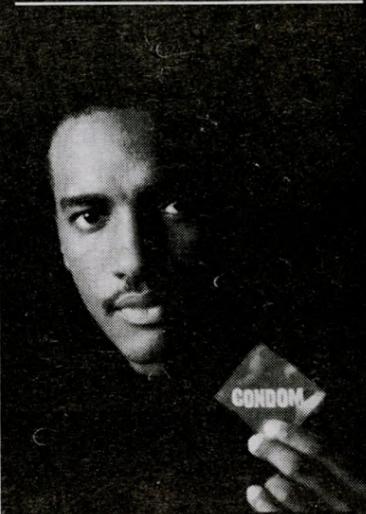
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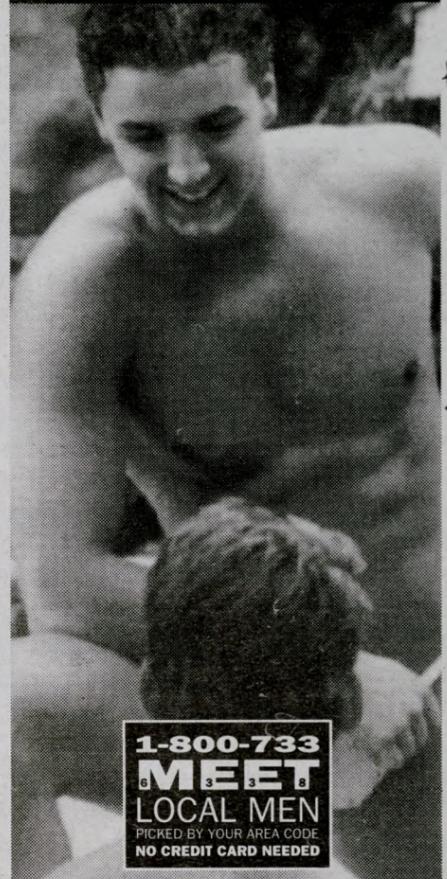
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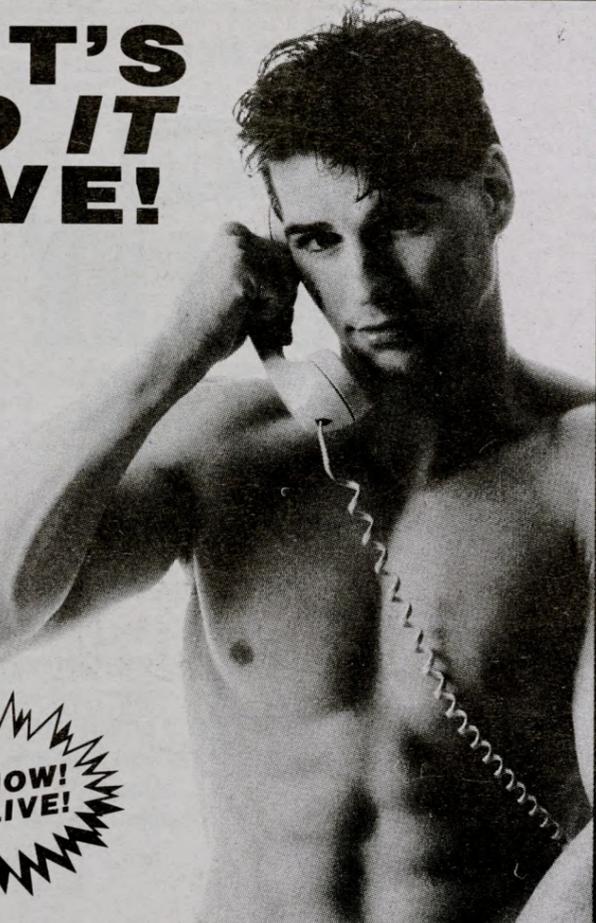


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Gay gangster movie will make you "Swoon"

Hypnotic is the word for "Swoon" which opens November 20 at the Screening Room. Well, it's one word. If you wonder why a film about two gay men would receive NEA funding, consider that Nathan Leopold, Jr. and Richard Loeb were the John Wayne Gacy and Jeffrey Dahmer of the "Roaring '20s."

Previous films about the lethal couple, "Rope" (1948) and "Compulsion" (1959), couldn't use their real names and could only hint at their sexuality. "Swoon" manages to provide more facts in less time, but draws fewer conclusions. Writer, director, editor and co-producer Tom Kalin masterfully condenses the crime, the trial and the prison terms into a brisk 92 minutes with plenty of time for arty touches—a Greek chorus of flappers and drag queens, and atmospheric shots of water and leaves.

When it's over you'll know Leopold and Loeb were homosexuals and that they kidnapped and murdered 13-year-old Bobby Franks in 1924. If and how you connect these facts is up to you. Coincidence? Cause and effect? What happens the next time a basher says, "This is for Bobby?"

Okay, "Swoon" is a good movie. It's got humor, romance and a vicious bludgeoning. What more could you ask for? Craig Chester (Nathan) and Stallone clone Daniel Schlachet (Dick) appear to be posing at first, but have the goods in reserve when the dramatics start.

Jewish critics will have their own take on "Swoon," as both youths were Jewish—although here they drift in and out of the faith: Nathan says he ceased to be Jewish when his mother died and Dick uses his Catholic mother as an excuse to deny his Jewishness; but when asked point blank whether they're Jewish they both say yes.

One of the big surprises in the picture is seeing the nervous, somewhat effeminate Leopold top the hairy, confident Loeb in bed. Nathan tells his shrink of a fantasy of being on an island and having Dick as his slave. In addition to their Nietzschean superiority to the rest of the world,



Craig Chester as Nathan Leopold, Jr. and Daniel Schlachet as Richard Loeb in "Swoon," opening Nov. 20 at The Screening Room.

Leopold had to be superior to Loeb as well; but we learn later that Loeb was rationing sex to make Leopold participate in his escalating crimes.

There's a lot of narrating, as if from the youths' journals. Entries bounce back and forth confusingly between 1923 and 1924; I advise you to ignore the dates and just watch the action, which advances quickly enough to the kidnapping and murder, the investigation, the arrest, the interrogation and the trial.

There's a romantic moment early on when "Babe" (Nathan) and "Dickie" don wedding rings, and another near the end—at least I found it romantic—when Nathan sees Dick for the last time. Such elements make us want to care

for the pair, but their crime rules that out.

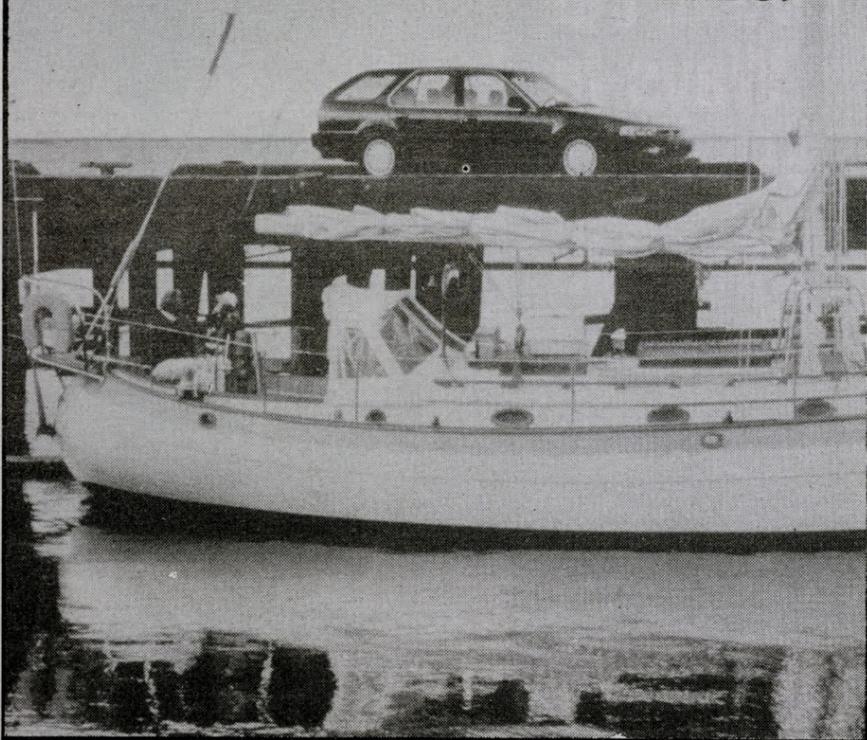
So just root for Kalin, who has rehashed the case in a way that leaves you nostalgic for the good old days when a single killing was enough to make headlines and inflame the country against "perverts."

Shooting in black and white to blend with archival footage so that "Swoon" resembles a queer "Zelig," Kalin uses anachronisms—touch-tone phones and all-digit phone numbers in prison graffiti—more sparingly than Derek Jarman, and with no apparent reason other than budgetary.

If "Swoon" weren't made by one of us, I'd picket it; but since it was, I'll recommend it.

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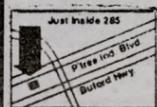
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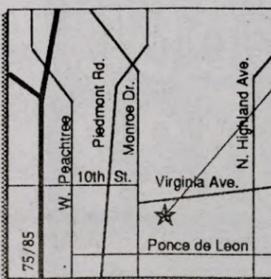
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