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Gay activist chosen for McKinney's Washington office

Atlanta—Newly elected 11th District Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney has chosen Gary Cox to serve as executive administrative assistant and office manager in her Washington office. Cox, who worked on McKinney's campaign during the election last fall, previously served as an advisor to Fulton County Commissioner Nancy Boxhill, and wrote the county resolution introduced by Boxhill that bans discrimina-



Gary Cox, a longtime Atlanta gay activist, has been named executive administrative assistant to newly elected U.S. Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney.

tion based on sexual orientation for county employees.

"I'm very pleased that I was chosen for this responsible position," said Cox. "I think that the appointment goes to show what

happens when we're not discriminated against. Cynthia practices the politics of inclusion."

McKinney said that Cox will hold the number two spot in her Washington office, which will be headed by Chief of Staff Andrea Young, daughter of former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young. She added that she didn't hire an openly gay man to send a message, but rather to get the job done.

"But if a message is to be received," she added, "then it ought to be that we believe in fairness and we will put into practice what we believe."

Cox, who has a long activist career in the gay and lesbian and political community, said that he will maintain a residence in Atlanta, and will remain "as active as I can even though it's at a distance."

"The only regret that I have in going to Washington is that I leave behind an unfinished job on reapportionment," he said.

Cox had worked with McKinney last year while she was a state representative to redraw the Atlanta City Council districts to bring the area from Midtown to Atlanta-in-DeKalb together as one district, effectively uniting the most heavily gay and lesbian areas of the city. Cox said that he hopes Atlanta groups will pick up the drive for city reapportionment.

When Cox leaves for Washington, he will leave a ten-year career with the Department of Human Services, the last several years focused on AIDS-related health care services. He also served as liaison to the lesbian and gay community from Fulton County Chairman Michael Lomax during Lomax's unsuccessful bid to become mayor of Atlanta in 1989. He also served as project coordinator for the Ryan White CARE Act in Fulton County.

KC WILDMOON

Fulton County HIV+ prisoners stage short strike

Inmates protest substandard conditions; newly elected sheriff says she will soon begin in-service training on HIV issues

Atlanta—Some 30 HIV+ inmates in cellblock 3 South 600 at the Fulton County Jail began and ended a hunger strike on Dec. 18, protesting what they called "substandard conditions" at the jail.

The inmates began their strike around 8 am after submitting a written list of grievances to the jail administration, according to a press release sent out by the Atlanta chapter of the National Association of People With AIDS. The prisoners called off the strike around 4 pm after meeting with jail administration representatives who agreed to address some of their demands.

The inmates had complained that jail medical staff was inadequately trained and that officials refused to give HIV+ inmates food when medication was dispensed; that jail food was substandard; and that proper clothing and bedding was not provided.

According to Dennis Davis, who was in contact with some of the inmates during the strike, the inmates met "with Major Barrett and Lt. Ely, and they agreed to do something about the food and food with meds issue."

"The inmates called off the strike at that

point," said Davis, who is executive director of the Atlanta Buyers' Club.

Davis also said he later spoke with newly elected Fulton County Sheriff Jackie Barrett, and that Barrett was sympathetic to his, and the inmates', concerns.

"She acknowledged that there were problems, but she said it wasn't just that cell block, that it was the whole building," he said. "I feel pretty confident with what she said."

Davis said that Sheriff Barrett told him she'd like to have an in-service training on HIV issues for her staff after the new year. Southern Voice could not reach the sheriff for a comment in time for the holiday deadline.

The Dec. 18 strike was not the first time problems have come up at Fulton Co. Jail over HIV issues. Early in 1992, inmates and AIDS advocates complained that HIV+ inmates were not receiving needed medications. The AIDS Legal Project negotiated a settlement with jail officials.

"We got them to draw blood and take it to [Grady's Infectious Disease Clinic] for t-cell tests. [The inmates] get their PCP prophylaxis, and they're taken to the IDC for treatment," said AIDS Legal Project attorney Chip Rowan. "The last time I was [at the IDC] there were seven prisoners from Fulton County."

KC WILDMOON

Major gay groups officially call for boycott of Colorado

Washington, DC—Three major groups, including the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the Human Rights Campaign Fund, have joined the effort to boycott Colorado because of that state's recently passed Amendment 2, which bans civil rights protections for gays and lesbians.

NGLTF and HRCF were joined by the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California in endorsing the boycott at a press conference at the National Press Club on Dec. 22. The ACLU/SC is the nation's second-largest ACLU chapter.

"NGLTF endorses the boycott of Colorado as one tactic, among others, to be used to overturn Amendment 2," said NGLTF acting executive director Peri Jude Radevic. "There can be no business as usual as long as the rights of gay people are repealed, as long as we are officially second-class citi-

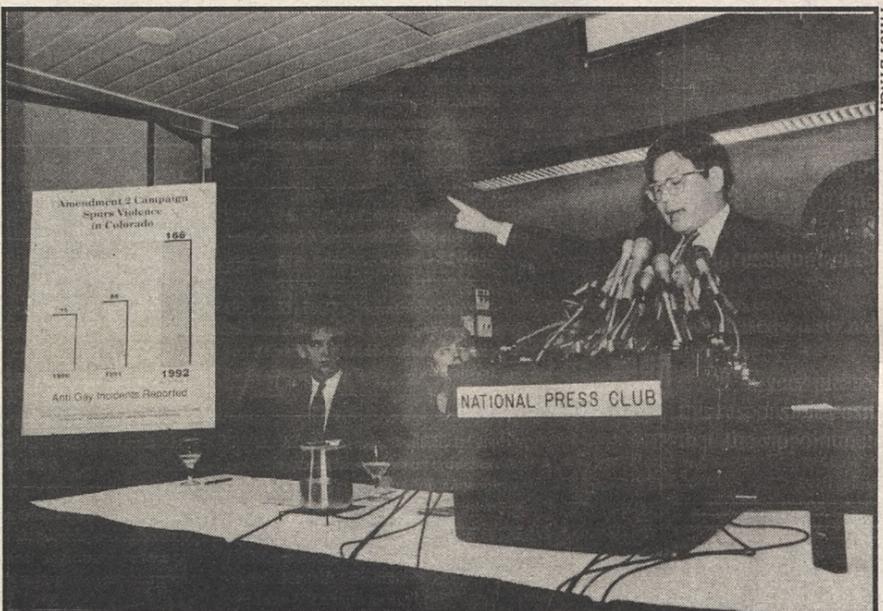
zens, as long as discrimination against us is legal and condoned."

HRCF executive director Tim McFeeley echoed Radevic. "Colorado's once sterling reputation has been stained and tarnished by its decision to give aid and comfort to the haters, to the bigots and to the champions of anti-gay and anti-lesbian discrimination," he said "At a time when the extremist right is plotting anti-gay assaults on perhaps a dozen state ballots, we must do everything possible to alert this country to the costs that will be paid when intolerance and bigotry win."

to October 1992 average of 12 incidents per month. The November 1992 figure also represents an 800% increase over the five crimes reported in November 1991.

"We believe this rise is directly attributable to the climate of fear and hatred created by the passage of Amendment 2," said Martin Hiraga, NGLTF's anti-violence project director.

Both NGLTF and HRCF said they consulted with Colorado activists before making the decision to endorse the boycott, which was called by some activists immediately after the passage of Amendment 2. The call for a boycott created disagreement within Colorado's gay and lesbian community, as well as elsewhere in the country, with some believing that a boycott would hurt the gay community in the Rocky Mountain State. Others called for a partial boycott, exempting three cities—Denver, Boulder, and Aspen—that voted against the amendment and have anti-discrimination measures that will be overturned when Amendment 2 takes effect on January 1. Recently, however, public opinion, even in Colorado, has swung toward the boycott.



Martin Hiraga, anti-violence project director of NGLTF, points to a chart depicting the rise in anti-gay violence in Colorado.

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Both HRCF and NGLTF said their organizations would support travel to Colorado to organize against Amendment 2 "in conjunction with state and local groups."

At the press conference, NGLTF released reports from the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Colorado showing an 87% rise in bias incidents against lesbians and gay men from 1991 to 1992. During this period, gay-related murders have more than doubled, from two in 1991 to five so far in 1992.

Bias incidents reported directly to GLCCC rose meteorically in the month after passage of Amendment 2. During November 1992 alone, 45 bias incidents were reported, a 275% increase over the January

"We realize that an economic boycott can bring hardship upon the very people who voted against Amendment 2," said NGLTF's Radevic. "But the law will be endorsed everywhere in the state. No community will be exempt...All must join in the fight and share in the sacrifice until the amendment is repealed."

"The majority of voters in Colorado made a decision to endorse bigotry. Now we have made ours," said HRCF's McFeeley. "Our community is willing to make a sacrifice at this time to strengthen our civil rights in the long run."

NGLTF and HRCF said they would work closely with groups in Colorado and elsewhere to overturn Amendment 2, and to monitor the boycott's progress. According to the statement released by NGLTF at the press conference, "When Amendment 2 is overturned and civil rights for gays and lesbians [are] restored and ensured, "NGLTF's participation in the boycott will end."

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Condom machines installed at University of Alabama

Tuscaloosa, AL—Condom vending machines were installed last week in restrooms at the University of Alabama student center in a campaign against AIDS.

The university becomes the first public school campus in the state to allow the coin-operated machines.

When students return from Christmas holidays, they will be able to use the six machines in the men's and women's restrooms at the Ferguson Center, said Bill Williamson, the center director.

"If there was a cure for AIDS, we probably wouldn't have the machines," Williamson said. "But think about this, if you get [AIDS], you don't get rid of it."

During the summer, the Ferguson Center's board, composed of both students and faculty, voted unanimously to put condom machines on campus.

Mark Bain, president of the Student Government Association, said he hasn't heard any negative student reaction.

"Nobody's taking it too seriously," he said.

"Nobody's really been outraged about it. People's initial reaction is they laugh about it."

Bain said he had mixed reactions about the machines.

"It's not something you want to show off to your parents as part of a tour of the campus," Bain said. But he said, "Something needs to be done to get the word out that safe sex needs to be taken seriously. It's unfortunate that it's come down to this, but any attempt to promote safe sex is important."

Williamson said there have been some complaints.

"Ever since this has come up, there have been people who have said we are promoting sex," he said. "We're not promoting sex. We are promoting a safety mechanism."

If the condom machines are successful in Ferguson Center, similar machines will probably be installed in campus dormitories by next fall, said Dale Taylor, director of housing. (AP)

Gay employees at Disney World form organization

Lake Buena Vista, FL—A new organization for gay and lesbian employees of Walt Disney World will provide information, raise funds and lobby for insurance benefits for their partners.

"One thing this group isn't going to be is a group with parades and banners, and march down Orlando streets," said Charlie Irwin, 30, one of about 50 people who founded The Alliance on Dec. 16.

"We also don't want to attack Disney. We want to show Disney and the community that we're not someone to be threatened by," he said.

The Alliance is similar to one set up at Disney movie studios in California.

The company is supportive of their rights, organizers say, and the group wants to expand that cooperation and seek benefits such as those available for employees' spouses.

Ron Parsell, a business agent for two unions at Disney, said labor groups have asked Disney before to provide insurance coverage for gay partners, but the company has declined because of "financial considerations."

However, Disney remains "kind of out in front" in its fair treatment of gays and lesbians, Parsell said.

Those who attended the meeting at a Disney employee recreation center said they also wanted to help raise money for AIDS support groups, provide information of interest to gays and counsel employees who have been victims of discrimination.

In November 1991, the Walt Disney Co. established a written policy that employees may not be discriminated against because of sexual orientation. Early this year, Disney employees founded Lesbian and Gay United Employees (LEAGUE), in California.

Activists estimate that the giant entertainment company employs thousands of gays at its theme parks, hotels and resorts. (AP)

Hillsborough Co. gay rights amendment survives challenge

Tampa, FL—Commissioners have rejected an effort to repeal Hillsborough County's sexual orientation amendment.

The measure stayed on the books Dec. 16 after a commission vote deadlocked 3-3 on a motion to start the repeal process.

The vote came six weeks after Tampa voters repealed a similar gay rights measure in a referendum led by David Caton, state director of the American Family Association.

Caton threatened commissioners with four years of "strife and division" if they did not agree to hold a public hearing, the first step in a process to repeal the measure. It likely would take four years to mount a ballot initiative similar to the one that led to the repeal of Tampa's amendment.

Newly elected commissioner Jim Norman, who made the motion for a vote on the measure, said that other laws and the U.S. and Florida constitutions already protect gays and lesbians from discrimination. Besides, he said, the amendment has been divisive.

Commissioner Jan Platt disagreed. "There's going to be controversy if we do repeal it. Social change comes slowly. It takes understanding, but it makes a community better because of it." (AP)

VA man killed himself thinking he had AIDS, parents file lawsuit

Marion, VA—The parents of a man who committed suicide because he mistakenly believed he had AIDS have sued a hospital and two doctors for allegedly failing to notify him of a blood test that would have eased his mind.

Before Christopher Yarber shot himself on Sept. 7, 1990, he left a note saying he committed suicide because he had AIDS, the lawsuit says. But an autopsy showed the 21-year-old had no trace of the disease.

Blaine Yarber Jr. and Jeanine Yarber allege that their son's death stemmed from a failure to notify him about the results of the HIV test he agreed to take when he was an emergency-room patient.

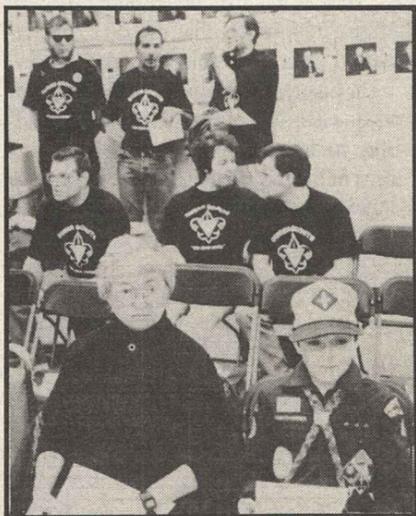
The lawsuit filed this month seeks \$1 million each from Smyth County Community Hospital and doctors G.A. Fairchild and James Patterson.

The parents contend that Fairchild, an emergency-room staff physician under Patterson, ordered the test for human immunodeficiency virus for their son on July 22, 1990, when Yarber was a patient in the emergency room.

Yarber was discharged the same day he was treated and was told he would get the test results in the near future, but he was never notified or given the chance to be tested again, the suit says. (AP)

Homosexuality May Have Been Motive In Sailor's Murder: The U.S. Navy is investigating whether a sailor based in southern Japan was murdered six weeks ago because he was gay, the Pacific Stars and Stripes newspaper reported last week. The paper quoted an anonymous Navy spokesman as saying the "homosexuality issue is certainly a motive being investigated" in the death of 22-year-old Seaman Allen Richard Schindler. The report said Schindler was beaten to death in a public restroom in a park near Sasebo Naval Base. It said two of Schindler's shipmates—Navy Airman Charles E. Vins and Airman Apprentice Terry M. Helvey—were taken into custody in the death and that Vins had been punished and discharged. Helvey is awaiting trial. Schindler had previously told his superiors he was gay, and the Navy was preparing to discharge him.

Norwegian Government Proposes Marriage-Like Contract For Gays: The government of Norway proposed a law last week that would allow gays and lesbians to cement their relationships with a contract similar to the one that legalizes heterosexual marriage. The minister of children and families, Grete Berget, said she hoped Parliament would adopt the law next year. It would allow gays to register their partnership with a notary public, after which gay couples would have the rights and obligations of a married couple, except for adopting children and being married in a church.



Anti-Bias Policy Cuts Off Boy Scout Funding: The Boy Scouts in southern and western Maine will lose United Way funding under a new policy that cuts off local groups that discriminate against gays. The Greater Portland United Way board voted unanimously last week to add the words "sexual orientation" to its discrimination policy. The Boy Scouts do not allow gay members or volunteers. "United Way has a mission to the entire community. If we're going to live up to that mission, we have to support a community that is tolerant and diverse," said Meg Baxter, the local chapter's executive director. United Way began researching the discrimination issue early this year after a local BSA council refused to allow a Portland lesbian to become a den mother.

The work of San Francisco's Queer Scouts, pictured here at a Bay Area United Way meeting, stretched to Maine where the Portland United Way board added sexual orientation to its discrimination policy, effectively cutting off funding to the Boy Scouts.

KC Officials Toss Out Petition Against Gay Rights Ordinance: A civil rights ordinance that a conservative religious group sought to repeal, arguing it would lead to special rights for gays, is safe for the moment. Members of FIRED UP were angry last week when Kansas City officials announced that a petition drive to repeal the ordinance did not have enough valid signatures. When the petition's failure was announced last week to the city council, a gay-rights opponent began berating a pro-gay Councilwoman. A security guard escorted the vocal fundamentalist from the Council chamber.

Condoms In San Francisco Schools: Condoms will be distributed in all 20 San Francisco, California public high schools by the end of June, according to San Francisco Superintendent of Schools Waldemar Rojas. Eventually, said openly gay School Board member Tom Ammiano, the condoms might be distributed by teenaged peer counselors who already provide volunteer services in the high schools. "I'm happy it's finally off the ground," said Ammiano. "The first year of programs such as this are often hard, but Rojas really believes in the program and is committed to making it happen." The program, supported by local AIDS experts, is opposed by the San Francisco Parent Teachers Association president and right wing religious fundamentalist groups. — Dennis Conkin

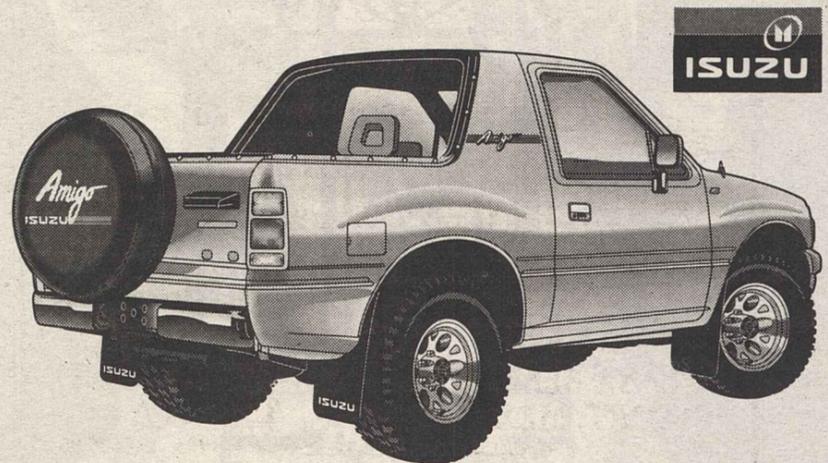
ACT UP Protests Cardinal O'Connor: ACT UP/New York and Cardinal John O'Connor had differing views of a protest that took place outside St. Patrick's Cathedral on Dec. 13. According to church officials, a protestor desecrated a communion wafer inside the church, an act O'Connor called bordering "on the demonic." A demonstration organizer said the incident was not part of the planned protest outside the cathedral, and that the wafer fell to the floor when church officials tried to remove the protestor. The demonstration was called to protest O'Connor's opposition to the NY Board of Education's Children of the Rainbow curriculum, which teaches tolerance of gays and lesbians.

Gay Police Officer Sues San Diego and Boy Scouts: A police officer has sued the Boy Scouts of America because the group expelled him as an adviser to its Explorer program after learning he is gay. El Cajon, California, police Officer Chuck Merin's lawsuit also names the city of San Diego because the Boy Scouts use city land. Unless he's allowed to return to the unpaid position with the Explorer program, Merino wants the scouting organization evicted from city-owned property. The lawsuit also seeks unspecified monetary damages. The San Diego and El Cajon police departments have severed ties with the Boy Scouts.

Oregon Won't Challenge Ruling On Gay Rights Measure: Oregon Attorney General Charles Crookham has decided not to challenge an Oregon Court of Appeals ruling that overturned a 1988 anti-gay rights measure. Crookham's decision effectively kills the referendum, which was sponsored by the Oregon Citizens Alliance. Last month, the appeals court ruled that the referendum, known as Measure 8, violated state constitutional guarantees of free speech. Measure 8 repealed then-Gov. Neil Goldschmidt's executive order barring state agencies from discriminating against gays and lesbians. Voters approved the measure 56 percent to 44 percent.

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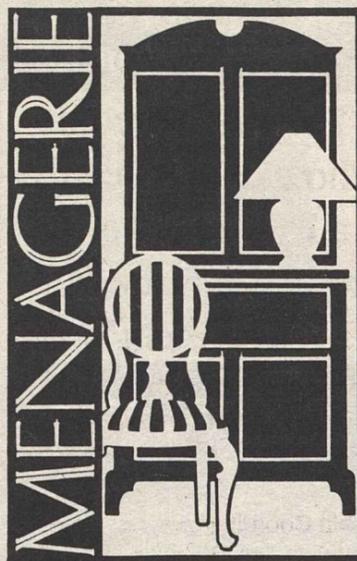
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Live, modified virus shows promise in AIDS vaccine

Washington, DC—A living, genetically changed virus creates the most powerful AIDS-type vaccine yet found in monkeys, but it will take years to test the safety of such a vaccine in humans, researchers say.

In a study published Dec. 18 in the journal Science, Ronald C. Desrosiers and colleagues at the Harvard Medical School report that rhesus monkeys injected with a modified simian AIDS virus were protected from infection even when they were exposed to 1,000 infectious doses of the whole virus.

"None of our vaccines using other products have come anywhere near this level of protective effect," Desrosiers said. "This is far and away the most impressive protection effects that we've seen."

He said the virus used had been weakened, or attenuated, in a way similar to modifications in polio, measles and small pox vaccines. That technique, so thoroughly proved in other diseases, has not before been shown to work in an AIDS-type illness, Desrosiers said.

He said there would have to be extensive human trials before such a vaccine is released for general use.

"It could take 10 to 15 years before scientists would be comfortable with the notion of putting such a vaccine into thousands of people," he said.

As of Sept. 30, 1992, AIDS had been diagnosed in 242,146 Americans, of whom 66.2 percent, or 160,372, have died since June 1, 1981, according to the Centers for Disease Control. No one is known to have recovered from AIDS.

The work was called "very impressive" by Dr. Anthony Fauci, leader of an AIDS program at the National Institutes of Health.

"This is the first demonstration in an [AIDS virus] model that use of a live, attenuated virus is possible," he said.

Dr. Charles C.J. Carpenter of Brown University, chairman of the AIDS program advisory committee at NIH, said the study was "some of the most encouraging work yet" in AIDS vaccine research.

"It has the potential of leading toward a vaccine," said Dani Bolognesi, a Duke University AIDS researcher and an NIH adviser. "You could get to the goal line that way."

PAUL RECER

Animal model will show how HIV affects brain, researchers say

Washington, DC (AP)—A genetically altered mouse gives science the first laboratory animal that can be used to study how the AIDS virus infects cells in the brain, researchers report.

In a study published last Friday in the journal Science, scientists report that by engineering genes, they have created a mouse that carries a select part of the genetic pattern of human HIV. The researchers also inserted into the mouse strain a genetic marker that causes cells to turn blue when the HIV gene fragment becomes active.

The result, said Janice Clements of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, is that cells within the mouse that are targeted by some strains of HIV turn a bluish color, making it quickly apparent which cells are susceptible to attack by the virus.

The new mouse strain, she said, will now enable scientists to study the steps that HIV goes through as it infects cells in the central nervous system. Such studies are impossible in humans.

HIV rapidly mutates and develops many different strains, even within one patient. The CD4 blood cell is the primary target of HIV, but some strains of the virus are able to attack the brain.

About 30 percent of all AIDS patients develop severe loss of mental abilities, a condition called AIDS dementia. The symptom is particularly prominent among children infected with HIV. Autopsy studies show that patients with AIDS dementia have a significant loss of neurons, but just how these neurons are killed by the HIV virus is not known.

With the new mouse model, said Clements, scientists will be able to follow each step of the infective process of HIV in the brain.

"We can use this as a model to ask

questions about HIV in the central nervous system," she said. By studying the mouse, researchers can learn which brain cells are affected, how they are changed by the virus and what process leads to death of brain cells, said Clements.

Once this is known, then the same mouse strain can be used to test drugs that could prevent the brain damage from occurring, she said.

PAUL RECER

FDA split on approval of oral AIDS test

Washington, DC—An advisory panel split last week on whether to approve sale of an oral AIDS testing device to the medical profession.

Three of the six panel members voted to recommend to the Food and Drug Administration conditional approval of Epitepe Inc.'s OraSure AIDS testing device, and three recommended against approval.

The tie means the FDA will have to decide on the device's commercial suitability without a definitive advisory panel recommendation, said Monica Revelle, an FDA spokeswoman. The agency will make a decision in the next few months, she said, taking into consideration the panel's conflicting advice.

OraSure is a toothbrush-like device that is left in the mouth for two minutes, absorbing saliva. It then is placed in a sterile tube and sent to a laboratory for analysis. Epitepe says the test is cheaper and faster than blood testing and safer for those administering it.

In August, the Mexican government approved OraSure for commercial use. Epitepe said Mexican health officials found oral testing of nearly 2,000 subjects showed the same results as blood testing.

Epitepe, a biotechnology firm based in Beaverton, Ore., develops diagnostic tests and, through its Agritope subsidiary, breeds new plant varieties. (AP)

HIV concentration camp continues despite complaints

Guantanamo Naval Base, Cuba—What critics call the world's first HIV concentration camp has grown up despite complaints from federal health officials, military officers and advocates of the Haitians refugees confined behind rolls of concertina wire.

Unlike tens of thousands of Haitians sent back to their homeland, the 277 men, women and children kept at Guantanamo Naval Base's Camp Bulkeley have recognized claims to political asylum. Many were government officials or political supporters of ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

But they also have something that leaves them in legal limbo—tests showing they are HIV positive and thus "excludable" from the United States.

At a cost to the United States of \$55 million, they have lived up to a year or more jammed in crowded huts with only hanging sheets to give them privacy, and nothing but

"We are political prisoners," [Vilsaint] says. "We are being treated like we are prisoners of war. We need to get out of here."

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screens between their beds and the rain.

"We have done nothing wrong, but every morning we wake up to look at this," says Rosenick Jean, 23, sitting in the shade of a hut and gesturing toward barbed wire fences and guard towers. "This is no way for Christians to live."

Her captors seem to agree.

The Haitians have a strong attachment to the outgoing base commander, Col. Stephen Kinder, who closed a punishment stockade used for discipline, cleaned up the site and even put cable television in one center.

Surrounded by women and children during a news media tour a few weeks ago, Kinder learned that the Immigration and Naturalization Service had refused his plea to send four Haitians with full-blown AIDS to the United States. Military doctors here say they have no facilities to treat advanced cases.

"I don't understand why they denied it, but INS denied the four," Kinder said, holding a sleeping 2-year-old in his arms. If it were up to him, the commander said, the camp would be shut down.

INS spokesman Duke Austin in Washington said he knew nothing of the denials. But, obviously irritated, he added there was no reason Guantanamo couldn't keep AIDS sufferers.

"We have no policy allowing people with AIDS to enter the United States for treatment," Austin snapped. "They're going to die anyway, aren't they?"

Dr. Paul Effler of the national Centers for Disease Control called the concentration of infected people "a potential public health disaster."

"Is it a good idea in general? No," said Hill.

Doctors and aides have aggressively medicated and counseled camp residents to keep infections to a minimum, he noted. But the doctor acknowledges that well under half of those prescribed AZT and other AIDS-fighting drugs are actually taking them—and condom supplies don't seem to be dwindling rapidly.

In New York, attorneys for the Haitians are fighting at various levels—including the U.S. Supreme Court—to have the Haitians treated as if they were on American soil. Their attorney, Michael Ratner of the Center for Constitutional Rights, said a broader issue is involved, however.

"The United States should never set up a camp for HIV-positive people," he said. "It's illegal, inhumane and immoral. There should never be a camp in which people are behind barbed wire simply because they have a health problem."

Camp President Michel Vilsaint, 28, walking down a dusty road past the concertina wire, says the Haitians are being confined not because of their own actions, but because of U.S. policy to exclude HIV-positive refugees.

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President-elect Clinton's softer policy toward Haitian immigrants is a glimmer of hope, says Munir Coulanges, 25. But the prospect of ending another year at Camp Bulkeley has darkened the residents' spirits.

"We feel sad. We would usually be with our families and friends for Christmas," he says. "But here we are in prison—an HIV prison."

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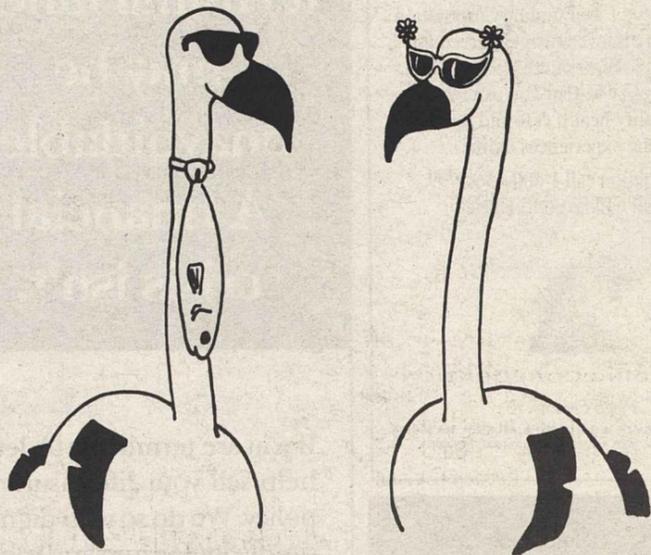
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OCCASIONS

JOBS:

Congratulations to Skip Marklein who will begin a new job on January 4th. She will be doing upholstery work for the Atlanta Public School System. Way to go, Skip, good luck in your new job.

ORGANIZATIONAL OCCASIONS:

Eighteen people, including five from Atlanta, spent ten days in the Dominican Republic recently, helping to build a pavilion which will be used as the new meeting place for MCC El Tamarindo. The group was part of an Atlanta-based organization called World Community Builders, a cross-cultural work camp program serving the needs of Metropolitan Community Church. WCB founder Steve Fund along with Mary Bologna and Helene Loper were just several of the people from Atlanta who went on this mission of mercy. Fund says the important aspect about WCB is that they work with the people, not for them. Men from Santo Domingo and women and children from El Tamarindo worked with the campers through the week. Women and girls helped in the kitchen, and children (both boys and girls) helped to dig the trench for the water line. But, in the end, they had what the locals would consider a luxurious building. When the building adjacent to the pavilion is finished it will be the only fully enclosed lavatory in the community with the only flushing toilet. The campers contended with little sleep, modest food, heat, humidity, and a little rain, but it was a mostly tearful goodbye when it was all over. A second work camp is being planned for the San Salvador orphanage on March 12-22, 1993. For information on this work camp call WCB at 627-2369.

A great time was had by 400 women at the Inman Park Trolley Barn as old and new friends gathered together to dance the night away at the Good Friends for Good Causes first annual Christmas Benefit Ball on December 11th. This year's charities were ACHOR Center, a shelter for homeless women and children, and The Feminist Women's Health Center. For information on next year's event call 872-0102.

NEW YEAR'S WISHES:

Patrick Bell says he doesn't make New Year's resolutions, because he never keeps them. (I know that feeling!) Instead, in 1993, he would like to see President Clinton get

the U.S. economy moving, and enact hate crime legislation. Also, Patrick says, he hopes gays and lesbians will find more self-direction so they can feel more comfortable about coming out and being honest about their lives. "It all comes down to just being your own person," he concludes.

Reid Christiansen, Senior Pastor at First MCC, says he hopes their congregation will find a new building. Their property in Virginia/Highlands is for sale, and they are looking at the old cinema and drafthouse on North Druid Hills Road as their new sanctuary. "That's been our dream, to have a bigger place," he notes, "because our growth and our continued ministry have been hampered by the building we are in now. We just don't have enough meeting rooms."

Kathleen Brockel, President of NAPWA-Atlanta, says number one on her list for '93 is to see an end once and for all to the waiting list for AIDS patients to get into Grady Clinic. After that, in no particular order, she would like to see everyone celebrate the new year with a condom, thank you very much, see herself get into law school, and see the state of Georgia form a Human Rights Commission.

Frank Miller, author of the table top book commemorating the 50th anniversary of Casablanca, hopes President Clinton "works absolute miracles and gives us all he promised." He would also like to see '93 as the year he becomes independently wealthy ("but it ain't gonna happen"), and happily attached ("it could happen"). He would also like to receive a healthy dose of perspective on life. "I want to stick to my guns about my priorities, and not let the little pains upset me," he says wistfully. Good luck, Frank!

For 1993, Darlene Warren envisions 100,000 people at the Pride March in June. She also says she would like to see '93 be the year of unity for the gay and lesbian community. "The fighting between individuals and organizations should stop," she observes. "A separatist attitude won't work, we need to come together and work as one."

—Whatever your dreams and wishes for 1993 are, we at Southern Voice hope they all come true. Happy New Year!

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The collapse of heterosexuality

Over the years, Commentary magazine has followed its editor Norman Podhoretz from counter-cultural leftism to revanchist neo-conservatism. In the last decade or so it has kept up a zealous, if intermittent, assault on gays and gay social and legal equality.

A sampling of such articles would include "Are Homosexuals Gay" (January, 1979) by Samuel McCracken, then an assistant to Boston University's homophobic president John Silber; the particularly mean-spirited "Boys on the Beach," (September, 1980) by Midge Decter, the wife of editor Podhoretz; "Inventing the Homosexual" by Marjorie Rosenberg (December, 1987); and periodic pieces on such topics as E.M. Forster and Willa Cather, by the sneering and dismissive Joseph Epstein, best known for an article in Harpers (September, 1970) where he announced that if he had the power he would "wish homosexuality off the face of the earth" and that he found the mere idea of gay sex "appalling."

Commentary's newest entry in its campaign against gays is in the December, 1992 issue: "Straight Talk about Gays," by E.L. Pattullo, a now-retired former associate chairman of Harvard's psychology department.

Unlike the other writers, however, Pattullo does not criticize gays as sick or depraved, rebellious or hostile, shallow or socially deficient. This in itself is an important index of how far intelligent anti-gay polemics have had to retreat in the last 15 years to remain intellectually respectable.

Rather, says Pattullo, gays and straights are hardly different at all, except for their sexual orientation. And that, for him, is the problem: they are not different enough. And so we need to introduce, or preserve, some "social distinction" between gays and straights.

What sort of "societal distinctions" (a delicious phrase) does Pattullo have in mind? He would deny gay couples the "privilege" of adopting children; he would discriminate in favor of a straight parent in a custody dispute; he thinks the Boy Scouts—"which shape the character and psyche of growing children"—should be able to ban "avowed" gays; he thinks grade schools and high schools should insist that gays not "flaunt" their sexual orientation (presumably "flaunt" means "mention" or "let it be known"), and govern-

ments should not pass laws banning discrimination "in any way" against gays.

Pattullo bases his argument not on the inferiority of gays but precisely on our "ignorance" of so much about sexual orientation. The argument goes like this. A) We do not know what causes sexual orientation but surely "the post-natal environment" or "nurture" or "the social climate" or even "our social attitudes and behavior" play at least some part. B) We do not know how many people grow up with a capacity to live "straight or gay lives," perhaps "a certain number" or "a substantial number" or even "many." C) Those "waverers" might be gay if there were no contrary pressures or "social bias." D) So society has an interest in fostering some discrimination in order to induce those "waverers" to be heterosexual. E) Why? Because society is "not indifferent;" that is, it has an interest in "reproducing itself" and "strengthening the institution of the family."

In its stark outline, Pattullo's argument looks plainly appalling, however hedged it may be with an avowed advocacy of "dignity

GUEST EDITORIAL

and respect" for gays. But make no mistake: what Pattullo is acknowledging here is the utter collapse of "heterosexuality."

Not as an existing fact about most people, of course, nor as a cluster of erotic arousal cues, but "heterosexuality" as an ideology. Pattullo is unwilling to lend his name to claims of any important differences between gays and straights. He is unwilling to produce any argument for the moral, social, psychological superiority of heterosexuality. He is even unwilling to say that heterosexuality has any superiority for a person leading a life, or even that it has any natural, biological, evolutionary tug on the human psyche. This very fact is precisely his rationale for legal and social discrimination. Nature does not discriminate enough.

Pattullo's argument seems morally doubtful. He wishes to place gays at a disadvantage not because of anything wrong with them, but to make an example of them, so other people will see a disadvantage to being gay. Is this in order to benefit those others (the "waverers") who might otherwise be "tempted" (his word)? Not at all, Pattullo admits, because, remember, no harm accrues to anyone by their being gay. Who then does

anti-gay bias and discrimination benefit? No one, it turns out; but "society" will benefit—because it has an interest "in reproducing itself."

Here we see displayed as clearly as anyone could wish, the deep-rooted social collectivism, the hostility to liberal individualism and the indifference to individual rights that lie at the root of much neo-conservative thought. And does Pattullo seriously believe that the under-production of children is likely to be a problem, or that a reproductively significant portion of "waverers" will become exclusively gay and never do heterosexuality?

Nor is Pattullo on stronger grounds in discussing the genesis of sexual orientation itself. This becomes clearer if we ask the question the right way: How does it happen that, say, a man comes to see male (masculine) properties and attributes as erotically arousing?

Expressed that way, it is much clearer that a gay sexual orientation is simply becoming aware of the charge that male attributes have in one's own erotic value structure—a value structure analogous to, though different in affect from, a person's set of aesthetic values. Such erotic values clearly can begin forming as early as a youth is aware of male/female differences. Since their development requires only the presence of males, it clearly does not require, nor is it supported by, the presence of gay men or even an awareness of their existence—to say nothing of its being influenced by any awareness of bias and discrimination against them.

Nor do the physical or cultural correlates of homosexuality lend plausibly to Pattullo's bias-influence model. C.A. Tripp points out that there is more male homosexuality in cultures that prize such attributes as courage, bravery, individual heroics, initiative and "derring do"—values unaffected by specific attitudes about gays. So far as physiological correlates are concerned, homosexually active men tend to reach puberty at a slightly younger age (true with animals as well), to have slightly higher (not lower) levels of male hormones, and even a slightly larger-than-average penis size.

Such correlates are clearly independent of social opprobrium and tend to undermine the plausibility of any notion of conscious or even "behavioral" choices postulated by Pattullo. All of which must leave Pattullo with the feeling that he has abandoned the old ship only to find his lifeboat is a sieve.

PAUL VARNELL

Gay Democrats live in glass houses

To the editor:

Recently there has been much written about whether or not gay Republicans are really "gay." As a gay Republican for 57 years I can assure you that my bedroom activities are gay and my voting activities Republican.

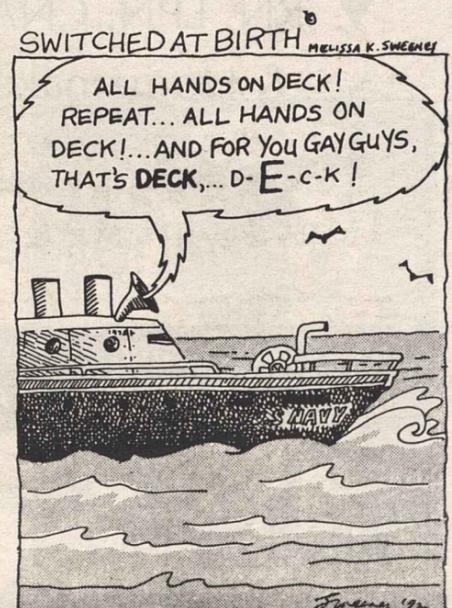
A lesbian Republican wrote to your newspaper defending her right to her political views—I applaud her letter!

The Republican Party has a lot to learn about gay issues and idiots like Jesse Helms certainly don't help. The nation is rid of George Bush, with most gay Republicans, including myself, voting for Clinton.

Gay leaders love to attack the Republican Party, and yes, they are an inviting target. But what about the Democrats? Democratic Senator Sam Nunn fired staff members because they were gay, the Democratic city council in Washington DC refused to repeal the sodomy law and the Democratic legislature in New York State refused to pass a gay civil rights bill.

The GOP needs to be worked on—but so does the Democratic Party. Gay Democrats should stop throwing stones at the Republicans—their own glass house might break.

Sincerely,
Stephen Carlson



SHELLY ROBERTS

Requiem for the Dinosaur

It's been a very queer year. Odd. For a community that's just trying on its self-esteem, the messages have been more than just mixed, they've been down-right confusing.

This is the year the biggie black general who, a few short light years ago would have been scouring pots and potatoes without a little help from his liberal friends, said to gay men and lesbians, "No, no, you can't ride on my bus! It'll get too confusing. We have taken the last tokens."

The same year that we elected a President with a gay college roommate, and, who knows, maybe even a gay brother-in-law (but I don't mean to be implying anything just because the one Hillary brother who finally got married [hetero] didn't get an apartment till a couple of minutes before the wedding on the off chance that his bride would consent to moving in with the two boys, and not interrupt their male bonding). And said President-elect said the military ban was a bomb.

It was the same year that Canada and Australia banned the ban. And Russian President Yeltsin proposed a new criminal code for the new republic that would eliminate an old Stalin-era law against what the Russian President called "male love." (As you no doubt know there are not now nor have there ever been lesbians in the Soviet Union, so help you God.)

And Oregon. The state you always went to in your mind when things were getting a little too corporate. Too civilized. Or too citified. Where you knew you could go when the manual for your PC, your capuccino maker, and your juice extractor all seemed to be the same instruction booklet only with different pictures on the cover. Oregon, the State of Grace where hippies had graying, wrinkling portraits upstairs aging in the attics of their hand hewn log cabins. Where you always knew that if you could go home again, it would probably be to Oregon, where you, not a Japanese machine that looked like R2-D2, would bake the bread. This year we found it was infested with active bigots.

And while we were spraying furiously to rid ourselves and Oregon of such a plague of viri, Colorado slipped right past us. Colorado? Home of John Denver. And Robert Redford. And where will Martina sleep tonight? Rocky Mountain low. Who'd have thought it.

But it was also the year that National Conference of Mayors cancelled Denver. They said, "Oh, no, we won't go." Not just because it was no longer politically expedient (something elected mayors have to take into account) but because, they said, it also just wasn't right. And who would have thought that?

1992. It was the year of genetics. The year we could stop taking responsibility for our own actions because we didn't do it on purpose. We were born that way. A

university study said so. Which seemed to make everybody straight but Jesse Helms and Rush Limbaugh feel better about us.

And another university study showed conclusively that we could raise happy, healthy, well-adjusted heterosexual children. We are still waiting for the similarly funded study that shows that we can also raise happy, healthy, well-adjusted homosexual children. Just like our parents did.

And speaking of funding. This year NEA stood for Not Erotic Art. At least Not OUR Erotic Art. This year Triple A said we were A-OK, and the Boy Scouts said we were without merit.

Lotus, and American Express, and Levi Strauss and AT&T and Bank of America gave us the benefit of employee benefits. Washington, DC said our spouses were politically correct. In Florida, on the one coast, Miami Beach said, "Gay, gay all the way!" And on the other, Tampa said, "Gay, gay go away."

In 1992, mainstream publishing discovered that Rita Mae Brown wasn't the only one lesbian who could write her way into a bank account. And Book-o'-the-Month turned over a whole new page with our names on it.

In the mainstream press, Martina and Judy's high pitched, pricy split was treated just like any ordinary, none-of-your-business, sling-the-dirty-linen-Gerty gossip column stuff that makes up anybody's celebrity divorce.

FIRST PERSON

This year "normal" people got AIDS, which meant it was a real disease. Which seemed to make all the "thems" madder than

ever at us for having it first. Normal Magic Johnson became a hero of the courts for saying he had AIDS. Normal Arthur Ashe was made a hero of the courts for being forced at newspaper point to admit that he had AIDS. And Wilt Chamberlin was considered in some circles a normal hero above and beyond the call for the number of women (twenty thousand or so give or take a ten-minute-stand or two) he had courted without getting AIDS.

How do you grade a year like that? A minus? F plus? A over D? Darned if I know. Some say, though I can assure you, contrary to popular opinion, that I wasn't around at the time, that when dinosaurs die, there is great thumping and whumping of tails to ground, with much earth quaking and everything nearby ashudder. There is snarling, and roaring, and shouting so clamorous as to force hands right up to ears in protest and defense.

In 1993 a million of us will converge on freedom's front door to officially retire the word "abomination" out of our life's job description. And that will be a very good year indeed. But that is next year, and this is this. I like to think of 1992 as the year the gray old men left the stage, finally, and gave us our arena. The year the dinosaurs began to die.

It was a very queer year.

L E T T E R S

Bashing back at Republicans

To the Editor:

To all the gay Republicans—yes I support your striving for gay rights within your party. I support the idea of multiple parties, but don't expect me to embrace a party that so vehemently bashes gays and lesbians. If someone bashes me you'd better believe I'm gonna bash back!

I'm also sure that gay Republicans have bashed more than a few Democrats in your 12 year hey day. How else did the word liberal (means freedom) become such a nasty word? You did it. Nobody today even knows what that word liberal really stands for, thanks to the bashing you gave for 12 years.

I bash the Democrats for stupid things they do and yet I vote Democrat. I hope you also can bash the party you vote for when it shows it's unpretty ass.

So...sure, go on and be Republicans. I hope someday you more open-minded types take over the party from the bigots. But until you do don't expect me to smile your way.

Sincerely,
Doug Stickels

Dying friends more important than line item veto

To the Editor:

I must respond to Diane L. Fremont's opinions expressed in your December 17, 1992 issue. Her letter titled "Stop the Republican bashing" incensed me.

No Diane, all gays are not Democrats—only those with a conscience. I agree that capital gains tax cuts, line item vetoes, and balanced budgets are in the interests of all Americans. The Republicans hold no monopoly on these issues. But I cannot support any candidate or party who supports the denial of the basic human right of freedom of expression. Maybe you should think of that the next time you hold Barbara. And I cannot support any party who for 12 years has turned their backs on my dying brothers and who continue to support the denial of individuals from serving in the military because they are gay.

So, Diane, get used to the bashing because it will continue with fervor until the war your Republican party declared is over. So get your values in order and join the fight. What is more important—a line item veto or your friends who are dying of AIDS?

Sincerely,
John Von Hohenstein

C A R B O N C O P Y

Senator Sam Nunn
United States Senate—Georgia
The Capitol
Washington, DC

Dear Senator Nunn:

It is my firm belief that gay men and women in Georgia were a significant force in the defeat of Senator Wyche Fowler.

To those of us who vote, your recent positions regarding gays in the military and recent articles about the firing of gay employees from your staff are making you appear of the same conservative ilk as Senator Fowler.

I think that it's time to stop pandering to the same religious righteous groups that caused George Bush to go down in defeat in November. Gay people went out in record numbers to vote George Bush out of office. I have been voting since 1970 and never in my life have experienced an election in which ALL my friends voted. This year it happened. I can assure you this won't be the last time. Wake up Senator Nunn...before it's too late. Otherwise you will be deserving of the same fate as Wyche Fowler.

As Bill Clinton and Al Gore take office, America faces opportunities for peace that it has never seen before. Americans deserve the very best government in the world. We haven't been feeling like we've got it.

I implore you to get more in step with the '90s and help find creative ways to use the vast resources of the defense department to serve mankind in a different way. Realize that all Americans have the same rights. Realize that because of the religious righteousness of this country AIDS is still considered a Gay problem. As the numbers of AIDS infected individuals in Georgia increases and the deaths continue to multiply... so will the votes against you. Gay people are seeing their friends die when they are young. When straight people like yourself see their friends die the same way with increasing frequency (if you haven't already, I can assure you,

you will) if you haven't been part of the solution, you will be swept away with the same broom that swept away George Bush, Dan Quayle, Wyche Fowler and a host of others.

Gay people are everywhere. Gay people are getting stronger every day. And more vocal. And more and more of us are voting every year. And running for office. Think about it, Senator Nunn. Help Bill Clinton build the kinder, gentler America that George Bush only gave lip service to. It is possible now. If you aren't a part of making the right decisions, it could be... bye-bye Mr. Nunn!

Most sincerely,
James Fabian Bernecker

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As a youngster in the fifth grade, I remember very little of the actual day-to-day instruction of my teacher, Miss Wiggins, although I am quite sure, in retrospect, that many of the skills she so patiently and lovingly covered have allowed me to sit down and articulate this memory. However, there was one assignment I do remember with photographic crystal clear precision which required each of us to learn and name twenty-five women who had made contributions to our world. There were writers, philosophers, politicians, entertainers, scientists and teachers. Since Carson McCullers, the most famous writer from Columbus, Georgia, my hometown, grew up next door to my grandparents, I was given the honor of finding out all I could about her and reporting back to the class.

On the classroom wall was a huge multi-colored collage of portraits. I remember Marie Curie, Alla Nazimova, Ma Rainey (also from Columbus), Bessie Smith, Colette, Gertrude Stein, Alice B. Toklas, Willa Cather, Virginia Woolf and Marilyn Monroe, just to name a few. Little did I know that I would run into these women many times during my life as a student, a teacher, a freelance writer and a proud, gay Jewish man. Little did I know back in 1961 that I was blessed, not cursed, by being placed (I later found out at my mother's request) in Miss Wiggins' class. She believed in teaching boys that girls could grow up and be something too.

Miss Wiggins lived with another teacher, Miss Elder, who taught the sixth grade. Almost every morning I watched them arrive at school together, eat lunch and chain smoke cigarettes in their car during recess, and depart in the afternoon, always together talking about dinner or the weekend or a party at the lake. And as involved as they always appeared to be, they never seemed to tire of any of us. I began to wonder what their lives must be like after school. They reminded me of my parents when they talked except they were

kinder to one another.

I adored Miss Wiggins, not only as a teacher, but also as a woman. Massive and big boned, her hands were larger than my dad's and she could fix anything. With no make-up or jewelry and a practical hair cut, she was the antithesis of Miss Elder. She also looked mean and early in the year some of the kids nicknamed her "Bulldog Wiggins." Her sense of humor was equal to her size because she used to laugh and say back to us, "you got it *almost* right," with a twinkle in her eye that was more beautiful than all the make-up, perfume and painted nails in the world. She taught me, a young boy just beginning to struggle with his sexual and ethnic identity, so much about love, devotion, humor, and pride.

By mid-December, I had fallen in love with Miss Wiggins. I remember it was a typical Friday and she had just finished reading a chapter to us about a pioneer woman alone with her two children. I don't remember which book but the last words of the chapter I believe were "Ma HATED Indians." We begged her to continue but consistent with her notorious cliffhangers, she already had the book in the backpack she carried in place of the obligatory purse. As we sat around her wide-eyed, she talked about Ma and the special hardships that a woman alone with two children must have endured in the 1800s. She also talked about hate. She told us that Ma was wrong to hate Indians, and to hate somebody was the most terrible thing in the world. She asked us, no, she told us, that every time we hated someone that a little bit of our souls shriveled up and became hard and useless. She told us that from that day on she didn't want to hear us use words like "nigger," "queer," "bitch," or say things mean about Jews or people who were different from us. Someone giggled, but the rest of us were very quiet. It was 1961 in Columbus, Georgia, a bastion of traditional conservative Christian family values. Except for my mother, I had never heard another adult speak with such conviction concerning the oppression of others. For most of my classmates in this small, isolated, segregated community I imagined it was the first time someone had dared to cross the sacred line.

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worried all through Social Studies and English thinking that she knew it was I who drilled a hole in my desk with a compass because I dreaded Monday morning. The last thing I could bear was to disappoint Miss Wiggins. There was no way that she could ever know how much I needed her approval or her massive hands patting my shoulders.

I returned and she tried to put me at ease, but I was alone with Miss Wiggins and I didn't know what to say. She pulled her bifocals off and looked me straight in the eye. Pulling me close to her she told me that I was a special fellow and I should be very proud of who I am. She was as perceptive as a sage.

"On Monday morning," she stated in the most loving voice I have ever heard, "we will have the Christmas program and I think that being the only Jewish student in the class is bothering you." With that she got up from her chair and held me tight and whispered in my ear over and over "I am so proud of you, I am so proud of you."

I cried and shook and between gasps for air I told her that I didn't like being different from the other kids, especially at Christmas. She continued to hold me close, very close, and said that being different was the same as

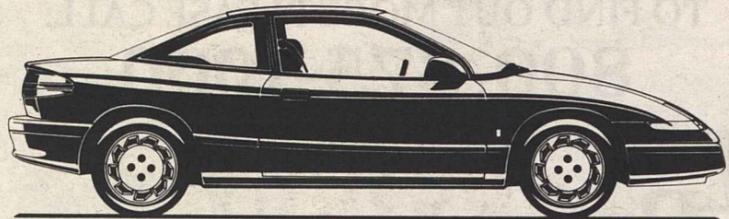
being special and as I got older that each time I felt different she wanted me to say over and over again, "I am proud of me, I am proud of me." With the boil and pain of guilt and shame lanced by Miss Wiggins, I smiled weakly and with a slight tremor I said "whatever happened to Ma's husband in the story you read to us today?" I don't know" she said, "maybe she didn't need one."

That afternoon Miss Wiggins and Miss Elder gave me a ride home and both of them hugged me real tight before I got out of the car and told me how special I was to them. At precisely that moment I knew that they also hugged each other real tight and loved one another as much if not more than all the adults I knew who were married. And I felt good, and I felt right, and for the first time in my young life I dreamed of loving men and holding them close. On that raw December night, Miss Wiggins and Miss Elder were in my dreams, too, nodding and smiling with approval.

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**San Francisco to pull \$6 million
from Bank of America because
it supports Boy Scouts**

San Francisco—The San Francisco Board of Supervisors voted on Dec. 21 to divest over \$6 million in city funds from the multinational Bank of America because the Bank financially supports the anti-gay Boy Scouts of America.

By a 7-3 vote, the supervisors passed a resolution by lesbian Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg calling for the action.

The funds would be pulled from lock-box and revolving checking accounts issued by city departments to deposit cash collected from parking and traffic fines, San Fran-

donations to the Boy Scouts after initially announcing that it would no longer support the group because it discriminates against gay youth by flatly refusing to allow them to join the organization.

The Bank initially announced in a June press statement that it would join a growing number of corporations such as Wells Fargo Bank and Levi Strauss and Company that it would no longer fund the group because it is inappropriate for the Bank of America to make charitable contributions to any organization that discriminates.

The move followed the decision of the United Way of the Bay Area to withdraw more than \$1 million in funds from six San Francisco-area Boy Scout councils because of their anti-gay policies.

In August, after pressure by right wing religious fundamentalists who threatened a boycott of the Bank, the Bank reversed its position but said it did so because the corporation had been assured that gay youth could join the group.

The same day the Bank announced its decision to resume funding the Boy Scouts, a BSA spokesman announced that the group had, in fact, not changed their position.

"Anyone who comes out and says they are homosexual are saying that they are not able to live within the tenets of the Scout Oath. One of the tenets is that you are not a homosexual and a homosexual is someone who has come out publicly and said 'these are my lifestyle preferences,'" said BSA national spokesman Blake Lewis.

"My reaction was that a corporation with \$189 billion in assets is not going to be duped or otherwise fooled by the Boy Scouts. They knew exactly what they were doing. They were lying," said Queer Scouts leader John Woods.

A boycott of the Bank, supported by the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation and other groups, was launched.

Woods and other members of Queer Scouts, a focus group of Queer Nation with



Roberta Achtenberg, openly lesbian San Francisco supervisor, called for the measure which will divest \$6 million in city funds from Bank of America.

cisco General Hospital, Public Utilities Commission and other city cash revenue sources.

"It's an effort to send the right message to the youth of this city that this board will stand up for what is right," Achtenberg said.

"We have no comment on the action" said Bank of America corporate spokesman Peter Magniani.

Achtenberg took the action following the Bank of America's change of mind earlier this year to reinstate corporate charitable

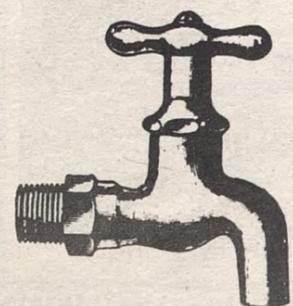
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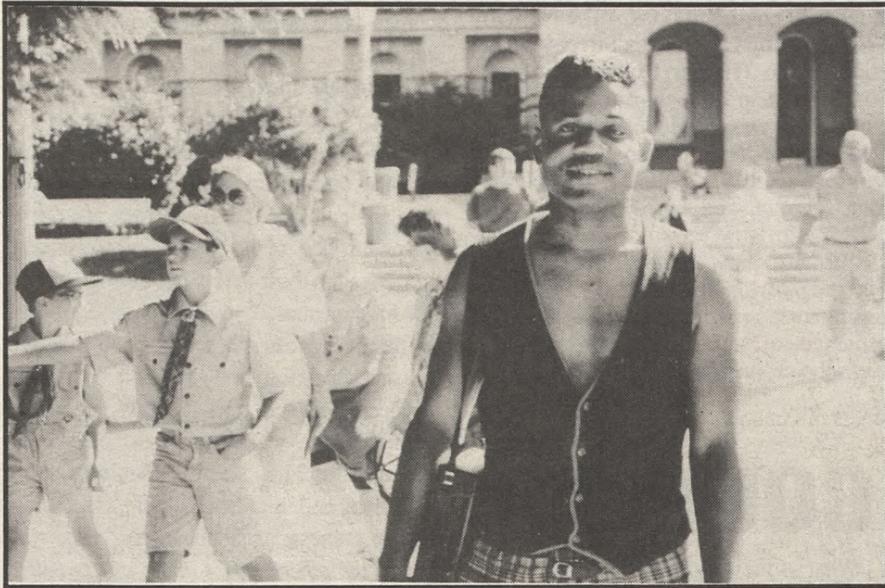
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John Woods, co-founder of Queer Scouts, says that gay and lesbian groups will continue to go after funding sources of the Boy Scouts.

chapters in Seattle and Washington, DC, along with other gay activists had successfully organized a 1991 campaign to have the BSA's "In-School Scouting" program thrown out of San Francisco and San Jose school districts.

The program sends volunteer Scout leaders into elementary, middle and high school classrooms for a class period to teach nature-lore or other science and crafts subject with a heavy dose of Scout philosophy thrown in.

The Scouts were barred from conducting the program in the San Francisco and Alum Rock Unified School District in San Jose because both districts have strict anti-discrimination policies and do not allow groups who discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation to conduct such in-school programs.

In the months the resolution by Achtenberg was moving through the city's legislative process, the bank lobbied hard against divestiture.

The Supervisors received visits from Fred Miller, an executive vice president of the bank, urging that they vote against divestiture, and pointing out that the Bank had provided more than \$300,000 in funding to San Francisco area AIDS service organizations compared to the \$18,000 it donated to the BSA in the 1991-1992 fiscal year.

The tactic infuriated gay activists.

"First of all AIDS is not a gay disease and we're not going to be bought off. One has to assess how much they have given in charitable contributions to lesbian and gay groups," Woods said.

"A major reason the Bank of America gives corporate contributions is to develop goodwill but the negative publicity has gotten out the message that the Bank has not been a good corporate citizen by funding an anti-gay group," he said.

Wood says that a variety of lesbian and gay groups plan to continue "to go after the Boy Scouts funding sources" locally and nationally.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors, the resolution must now go Mayor Frank Jordan for signature.

If Jordan vetoes the measure, local political observers believe the majority of the Supervisors will vote to override the veto.

The funds represent a small fraction of the billions of dollars of business a year the city does with the bank.

According to a city treasurer's report, the city has an estimated \$40 million in cash and negotiable securities on deposit with the Bank of America.

Achtenberg acknowledged the mostly symbolic nature of her resolution and said that it "wasn't an anti-business move or an effort to punish the bank."

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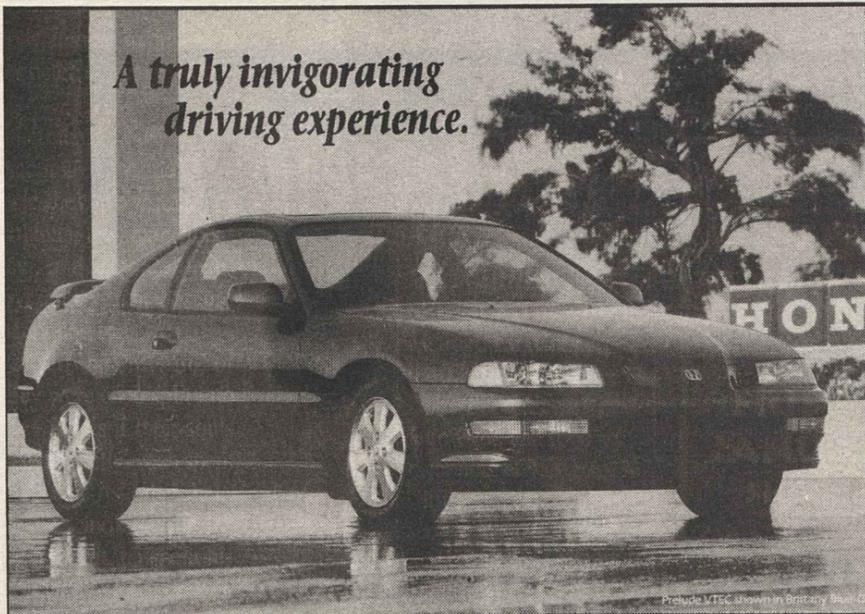
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The following essay is an excerpt from the recently published book, "The New Joy of Gay Sex" by Dr. Charles Silverstein and Felice Picano (Harper Collins; hardback; \$30). Silverstein is a clinical psychologist who founded two counseling centers for gay people in New York. Picano is a member of the Violet Quill Club, the first openly gay writer's group, and the author of twelve books. "The New Joy of Gay Sex"—targeted to gay men—contains dozens of essays on topics, ranging from fidelity and monogamy to safer sex to parents, designed to encourage enjoyment of sexuality. Offered here is the chapter on couples.

man/woman, now split into a man and a woman, is the origin of heterosexual relationships.

Plato said this of the men:

They who are a section of the male follow the male, and while they are young, being slices of the original man, they hang about men and embrace them, and they are themselves the best of boys and youth, because they have the most manly nature.

Aristophanes described the suffering of the three sexes after they were each split into two and separated. They felt as if their souls had been torn apart. Consequently, each spent all of its time searching for its other half, hoping to reunite. He was looking for his soul-mate, and until he found it, he spent his days in sadness. Aristophanes said, *The pursuit of the other half of one's self is called love.*

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What is the origin of love? The Greek philosopher, Plato, answered this question in his "Symposium." Plato has Aristophanes tell the following tale: In the beginning, there were three sexes: man, woman, and an androgynous man/woman. Each of the sexes was round, like a sphere, with a face and two arms and legs on either side. They could walk forward or backward, or tumble and roll on the ground. These three played and frolicked in the fields. But then, they foolishly challenged the power of Zeus. For that, he punished them by splitting them in half, separating them, so there were two of each. What had been the double man (now two men), said Aristophanes, is the origin of gay male relationships; what had been the double woman (now two women) is the origin of lesbian relationships; and what had been the

Today, we have the freedom to search for our soul-mates, and, with luck, we may find our "other half." Love between two men gives them the strength to ignore the scorn of a heterosexual world, and immunizes them against a homophobic society. Gay love is a source of pride, courage, companionship and security. Loving couples share more than their bodies. They share their souls.

There was a time when psychologists and psychiatrists claimed gay men were incapable of real love, that their relationships were fated to break up because of emotional immaturity. There are probably still some professionals who maintain this biased belief despite all the evidence to the contrary. Long-lasting gay relationships are common in our society, es-

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pecially since World War Two. It's not unusual to meet white-haired men whose relationships have lasted fifty years, or more. It's always interesting to hear how they explain the success and longevity of their relationships. One such man said, "You each have to forgive and forget a lot." Another, said, "I keep his stomach full and his balls empty."

Some gay lovers would like their unions legally recognized. Though not yet possible, some steps have been taken in this direction. Some municipalities now provide benefits for gay spouses of their employees, as do a few private corporations [see "Civil Rights"]. Perhaps, the most significant advance in legitimating gay love relationships has taken place in the area of adoption. Thousands of children have been quietly adopted by gay men, and in many cities, support groups for both fathers and children help sort out potential problems. A set of books for these children, is now available from Alyson Publications in Boston.

Many problems in relationships are due to differences in personality type between the lovers. One, let's say, spends his energies on his home, furnishing and decorating it with panache. Out of a strong sense of attachment to his lover, he's building a nest, and believes that love should last a life-time. To him, intimacy with his lover is the highest achievement, and sex represents love. He agrees completely with the Greek lesbian poet, Sappho, who, when writing about her and her lover, said, "We came together like two drops of water."

A man with a different personality style, one who values autonomy and independence, is likely to be alarmed by the sentiment expressed in that quotation from Sappho. The idea of losing his individuality or merging his personality with another is repugnant to him. While he enjoys a comfortable home, his life is not focused on domesticity. And in sex, he likes excitement and novelty, drawing a distinction between lust and love.

The first personality described is characterized by what psychologists call "Attachment," the second, by what they call "Autonomy." The difference between these two styles is at the root of many conflicts between lovers. It's not that one is good or the other bad, it's the mismatch that causes problems. Two men who share the trait called attachment can make a happy couple, since their approaches to the relationship are similar. The same is true for two men who value autonomy in a relationship. Conflicts multiply when an attachment-motivated man sets up a relationship with someone autonomy-oriented. *One style does not love more than the other; they feel and express the love differently.* [A fuller explanation of these styles will be found in Silvester's "Man to Man: Gay Couples in America."]

No wonder sexual fidelity is the number one problem in gay relationships. Every couple faces the question of whether or not to maintain an exclusive sexual relationship [see "Fidelity and Monogamy"]. Some lovers live together but have frequent sexual encounters outside the relationship. Sometimes, these encounters are one-night stands, sometimes they involve steady partners. Many gay lovers who have been together for years and now seldom have sex with each other remain deeply committed. As in heterosexual marriages in the

more sophisticated parts of Europe, these are known as "Marriages Blanches," literally "white marriages."

The problem of sex outside the relationship also faces gay couples who are still having sex with one another. One partner, for instance, may be content to be faithful; his need for security may outweigh his desire for novelty. The other partner, however, may feel a strong desire for sexual adventure. In every case, a solution to the conflict can be found, if the couple is willing to talk openly and honestly. Dishonesty is the chief enemy of good and enduring relationships: Couples who lie to each other are headed for disaster. Lying destroys mutual trust and, if two men do not trust each other, the relationship will not last.

Sex outside the relationship is particularly dangerous these days because of HIV [see "Mixed HIV Couples"]. Each man has a responsibility not to bring HIV, or any other disease, into the relationship. Not surprisingly, many couples, regardless of their personality style, have agreed not to have outside sex, so as not to contaminate one another. On the other hand, couples that engage in outside affairs insist that each man follow safe sex guidelines.

There is another essential prerequisite for an ongoing fruitful relationship—the realization that the relationship will change over time. When we find happiness with someone, we may feel that we have stumbled upon a magic formula that must be preserved. Accordingly, we resist change, unwilling to recognize that all living things, including relationships, must change or fall apart.

Gay couples also suffer from external pressures. In many places, bigotry still persists, and if linked to economic discrimination, the couple may break apart under the strain. Parents of one or both of the gay lovers may also undermine the relationship. Some parents may attack the relationship openly, more often they take a subtler tack: They pick a quarrel with the lover and force their son to take sides. Many parents, on the other hand, want their sons to be happy, and are supportive of their love relationships [see "Parents"].

Gay relationships commonly end because of personal conflicts. The primary psychological problem of our time is the fear of intimacy. Ironically, many couples break up because of their love for one another. One partner feels he is unworthy of love, and affection makes him frightened and suspicious ("He doesn't really love me, just his mistaken impression of me"). Another partner feels he is incapable of expressing love. Intimacy makes him feel guilty and inadequate ("He deserves someone better than me. I'm just a cold fish and I'm ruining his life").

More deeply, intimacy evokes feelings of vulnerability and loss of control in many men. Because they have been disappointed in their childhood relationships with their parents, or because they have been hurt in earlier love affairs, they may be alarmed when they sense a growing closeness to another man. This fear seldom expresses itself overtly. Often, it shows up in covert forms, such as an inclination to pick absurd arguments, to suspect a partner of sexual infidelity, or even in a frantic urge to trick with strangers and thereby, disrupt the love relationship. Sometimes the only way to deal with these fears is psychotherapy, perhaps together as a couple.

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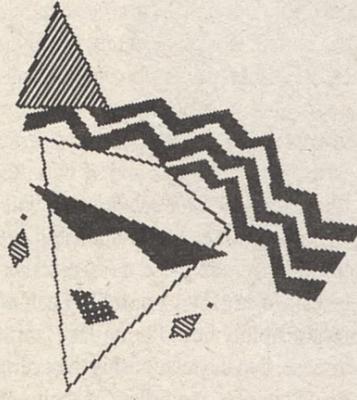


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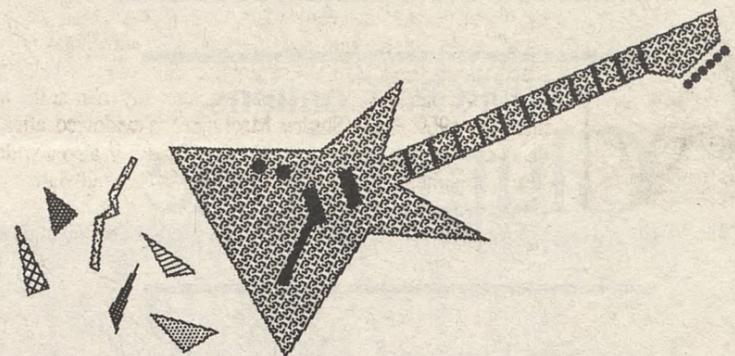
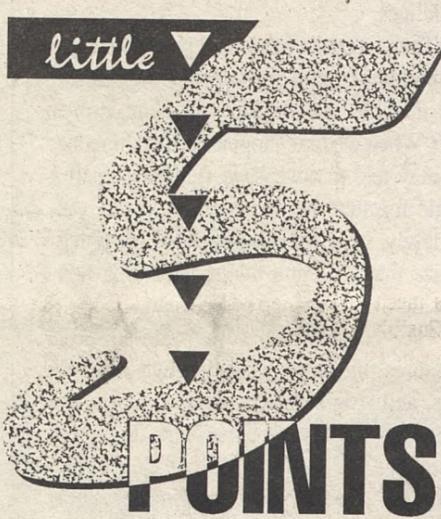
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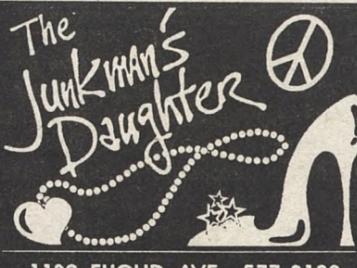


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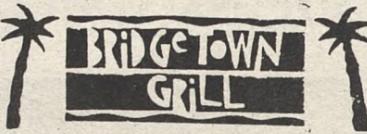


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MOVIE REVIEWS

THE CRYING GAME

The most unusual love story in some time and Neil Jordan's best film since "Mona Lisa," "The Crying Game" asks tough questions about sexual identity, such as: do we fall in love with a person or a gender?

The director has permitted me to reveal the film's most publicized "surprise" to gay and lesbian readers who would find it less surprising and might not want to see the film if they don't know about it; but if you don't want to hear about it in advance, skip the next review.

Fergus, an unenthusiastic IRA soldier, befriends Jody, a British hostage, while guarding him. Jody gets Fergus to look up his girlfriend Dil in London if he can't get back to her himself. In London Fergus gradually transfers his affection for Jody to Dil, until the clothes come off and the secret comes out. Entertaining as the performance is, I can't imagine most gays not getting wise to the tall, deep voiced Dil.

The rest of the film has Fergus fighting two wars—one against his homophobic conditioning, the other against his old IRA teammates, who track him down for an assignment. Although this movie is unusual in other respects, it reverts to convention by working things out through two bloody action climaxes.

"The Crying Game" will be a different experience for gay and straight audiences, but the open-minded on both sides should like it.

Peter's Friends

After scoring with "Henry V" and "Dead Again," Kenneth Branagh stumbles with a dip into "Big Chill" territory called "Peter's Friends." He doesn't fall, but he stumbles. An appropriate score would consist solely of rim shots, as the characters speak in one-liners. You may actually communicate that way, but on screen it doesn't sound natural.

Peter (Stephen Fry) hasn't seen his college chums much since they graduated a decade ago. He invites them to his English country estate for a weekend. Hugh Laurie and Imelda Staunton are married; she can't adjust to the death of one of their sons. Andrew (Branagh) brings along his American wife (Riba Rudner, who co-wrote the screenplay with her husband, Martin Bergman), a TV sitcom star.

Alphonsia Emmanuel's escort is married Tony Slattery; they met two weeks ago and have been having sex hourly ever since. The only unattached member of the group is Emma Thompson, who's decided she and Peter were made for each other. She won't listen to Andrew ("Peter's never been interested in women") or even to Peter when he explains he's a bisexual who's presently asexual.

Stop reading here if you don't want the ending revealed, but it can't be ignored in a lesbian/gay publication. Like "The Boys in the Band" and others of the genre, "Peter's Friends" is built around a series of revelations, the climactic one being the most shocking thing imaginable at the time. Here it's that a character—no surprise which one—is HIV-positive. It's not insensitively handled, but exploiting HIV for dramatic purposes is annoying—the last straw in a splendidly acted film that's filled with vague annoyances.

Leap of Faith



Steve Martin and Debra Winger shine in "Leap of Faith"

Janus Cercone's script for "Leap of Faith" is among the year's best for 90 percent of its length, until she paints herself into a corner and has to cliché her way out of it. Steve Martin plays con artist/evangelist Jonas Nightengale, who believes in giving people a good show for their money. Real miracles are called for when his troupe is stranded in a Kansas town where it hasn't rained in five years and crippled Lukas Haas can't wait to

throw away his crutches. Jonas' assistant (Debra Winger) is attracted to skeptical sheriff Liam Neeson.

The tent show trickery exposed in "Leap of Faith" should reinforce the unbelief of unbelievers while serving as a warning to the fleecable faithful. The film is serious without being heavy. Martin is surprisingly effective in his dramatic scenes, but falls back on shtick in the revivals, where you can see a direct link between the King Tut dance and the Pentecostal shuffle. The best part about those scenes is the singing of the all-star Angels of Mercy choir, which should please the mainstream crowds who liked the music in "Sister Act."

Toys

"Batman" fans may enjoy playing with "Toys," which suffers from the same flaws: it's overlong, overproduced, tries to get too much mileage out of a distinctive look, degenerates into chaos, and can't decide whether it's for children or grown-ups. Robin Williams is restrained by a script that has him battling his uncle, General Michael Gambon, for control of the family toy factory, which Ferdinando Scarfiotti designed like Pee-Wee's Playhouse built on the scale of San Simeon.

The climactic battle, in which war toys massacre peaceful ones, lasts 25 minutes. The idea of toys being "killed" may bring war to a level the very young can understand, but they may also be traumatized by it. (The rating is PG-13.)

"Toys" is a dark comedy you won't laugh at much. After an incredible string of winners, director Barry Levinson needed a



Robin Williams stars in the dark comedy "Toys."

dud to bounce back from. He's got it in "Toys."

Forever Young

Some editors won't give space to reviews of Mel Gibson movies because of his declared homophobia. It will be a harder ethical decision if he makes a good movie again. A lot of "Ghost" fans may be desperate enough for romance to accept "Forever Young," but you either swallow it whole or spend 104 minutes tripping over holes in the plot.

Mel Gibson plays Daniel, a 1939 Army Air Corps test pilot who's been in love with Isabel Glasser since they were children. He's 32 and hasn't mustered the courage to propose—a silly anachronism.

An accident puts Helen in a coma. To avoid seeing her die Daniel applies for a top-secret cryogenics experiment conveniently being conducted by his best friend (George Wendt) where he can be frozen for a year. He awakes in 1992, when two boys find him in a dusty corner of a warehouse. One of them, ten-year-old Elijah Wood happens to be the son of Jamie Lee Curtis, an appealing presence in the story. The Air Force and FBI take a belated interest in Daniel for the sake of experimentation, and mother and son run interference for him—one of many ways "Forever Young" borrows from the far superior "E.T."

Hoffa

Written by David Mamet and directed by Danny DeVito, "Hoffa" is more creative than the new biographies of Chaplin and Malcolm X, but it presumes you already know about James R. Hoffa. In the framework sequence DeVito, as the fictitious Bobby Ciaro, and Jimmy Hoffa (Jack Nicholson, who is good but not great) are waiting in a car by a restaurant, the last place Hoffa was seen alive. Flashbacks progress to the same point from some 40 years earlier.

The first hour is concerned with Hoffa's rise to power, recruiting members for the Teamsters and leading one monotonous, artificially staged strike after another. Things pick up tremendously when publicity-hungry young senator Robert Kennedy, superbly portrayed by Kevin Anderson, begins his "Get Hoffa" campaign.



Kathy Bates, Shirley Maclaine and Jessica Tandy all deserve Oscars for their performances in "Used People."

Mamet's episodic script leaves the viewer to figure out how much time passes between vignettes. The viewpoint is pro-Hoffa, but not a total whitewash. He's not Norma Rae in drag, but employs his questionable tactics for the benefit of the workers.

Used People

Used People, the first American feature by Beban Kidron, is damned good but not equal to her "Oranges Are Not The Only Fruit," and "Antonia and Jane." Todd Graff's screenplay takes a female point of view to tell of the Berman family, which isn't exactly matriarchal—it just doesn't include any men at the moment. In 1969 Pearl (Shirley MacLaine) is widowed after 37 years of marriage. Her mother (Jessica Tandy) is also a widow; Pearl's daughters, Bibby (Kathy Bates) and Norma (Marcia Gay Harden), are both divorced.

Since Norma's husband left her she's lived in a fantasy world of movies, impersonating the actresses she sees on screen and confusing her 12-year-old son Sweet Pea. At the wake for Pearl's husband, Joe (Marcello Mastroianni) tells the widow he's been in love with her for 28 years. She tries to deal with his off-putting passion while the rest of her family sort out their own troubles. Tandy faces separation from Sylvia Sidney, her best friend of 72 years. There's no suggestion these two yentas are lovers, but they might as well be.

The culture-clashing Jews and Italians may be stereotypes, but they're not quite like any you've seen before. Despite a magical scene involving the first man on the moon, these people aren't "moonstruck."

MacLaine deserves her seventh Oscar nomination for her performance as Pearl. Bates is great, but Harden is the real standout here. Come March 29th, "Used People" could have four Oscared actresses in its cast.

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Jack Nicholson portrays Teamster boss Jimmy Hoffa in "Hoffa."

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BWMT/ATLANTA CELEBRATION. Black and White Men Together host a party to bring in the new year starting at 10:00 p.m. Food, music, party favors and free champagne highlight the evening. Call 892-BWMT for details.

WINK'S NEW YEAR'S PARTY. Usher in the New Year in the company of women. Women in Kahoots holds its first party of 1993 at 7:00 in Marietta. Call 438-1421 for more info.

GUYS AND DOLLS. Georgia Public TV presents a special filmed during the May recording session that resulted in the best-selling album. The current revival cast is featured in the recording of one of the greatest scores ever written for the Broadway stage. GPTV Channel 8, 9:00 and 11:30.

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FLAME TREES OF THIKA. This is the story of an English family who moves to Edwardian Africa, told from the point of view of 11-year-old Elspeth.

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2 SATURDAY

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3 SUNDAY

BAROQUE CHAMBER MUSIC. An ensemble performing with period instruments will feature pieces by Bach, Hotteterre and Corelli. The recorder, harpsichords and the viola da gamba can be heard at The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany on Ponce de Leon Ave. beginning at 4:00 p.m. Call 658-1357 for more info.

DREAM MAKERS. Through Feb. 21. The High Museum of Art presents an exhibition of 118 original drawings and paintings and 75 rare children's books in a survey of children's book illustrators from the 18th century to the present. Characters such

as Raggedy Ann and Andy and works of present-day favorites Maurice Sendak and Dr. Seuss will be featured. 892-HIGH for more info.

4 MONDAY

HANSEL AND GRETEL. Through Feb. 27. The Center for the Puppetry Arts presents an updated version of this Grimm Brothers' fairy tale. The adventure of the two children lost in the woods, the temptation of the candy house, and their run-in with the wicked old woman can be seen Mon.-Fri. at 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. and on Sat. at 10:30 and 12:30. Call 873-3391 for ticket info.

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

5 TUESDAY

CAREGIVING AND HIV. Caremark presents a six-week support group beginning tonight and meeting each Tuesday at 6:30. The group is for volunteers and professionals actively involved in the HIV epidemic. There is no cost, but space is limited. Pre-register by calling 873-4642.

GONE WITH THE WIND. Through July 19. The Atlanta History Center displays the works of Fred A. Parrish, the still photographer for the 1939 movie classic. Many of the 40 black-

and white prints have never been seen in Atlanta. Call 814-4000 for details.

6 WEDNESDAY

BLANCHE VISITS STELLA. Tennessee Williams tragic heroine collides with her vulgar brother-in-law Stanley in this New Orleans drama. Alliance Theatre presents A Streetcar Named Desire at 8:00. Call 892-2414 for ticket info.

SINGING FOR FUN. Elise Witt presents singing classes for both beginners and experienced vocalists Wednesday evenings throughout Jan. Call 377-3102 to register.

INSIDE HUNGER. Author Naomi Wolfe and feminist theologian Dr. Louise Bringle examine American women's disordered relationship with food in this provocative GPTV special. A live call-in program will follow. GPTV Channel 8, 9:00 p.m.



Pictured: ABOVE: Local vocalist Elise Witt offers singing lessons throughout the month of January. BELOW: "Dream Makers: American Children's Book" Illustrators on exhibit at the High Museum through Feb. 21. Works range from illustrations by Maurice Sendak to Dr. Seuss, to memorable characters like Raggedy Ann and Andy, the Brownies and the Goops, to classics such as "Little Lord Fauntleroy."

ONGOING AND UPCOMING

OUTSTANDING AMERICAN PAINTINGS. Through Jan 17. The 100th anniversary of Randolph-Macon Woman's College of Lynchburg, Virginia is celebrated at the High Museum of Art with an exhibition of American art. Works by Whistler, O'Keefe, Pendergrast and Homer are included in the showing. For more info call 898-9285.

DREAM. Through Jan. 23. Emory Framing and Gallery presents an

exhibition featuring the works of artists Lilly Cannon, Mary Carmichael, Phyllis Stapler, and Jill Wiscombe. Call 634-6568 for info.

BILLY BISHOP GOES TO WAR. Jan. 7. Theatre Gael presents sing-along musical of World War I and nerve rattling descriptions of the early days of aviation. Runs through Jan. 31. 876-1138 for info and reservations.

MASQUERADE '93. Feb. 13. Tickets are on sale now for the Mardi Gras party in Atlanta which benefits Project Open Hand. Last year over 2,000 attended which features Krewes, cabaret, food and non-stop dancing. Call 525-4737 for more info and tickets.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE FOR LESBIANS AND GAY MEN. March 4-7. The 17th annual conference

will take place in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. "March Forth" is this year's theme as southerners prepare for the National March on Washington on April 25. Entertainers include Suede, Romanovsky & Phillips, Danny Williams and Lea DeLaria. Workshops, vendors and more. For more info: SECLGM '93, PO Box 4954, Tuscaloosa, AL 35486-4954 (205) 750-0257.



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The man whose name means ballet will perform along with the woman who wrote the book on choreography. These two major forces in the dance world have worked together before, starting in 1976, when their professional relationship began with "Push Comes to Shove," followed the "The Little Ballet" and "Sinatra Suite." Tharpe also choreographed the feature film "White Knights" in which Baryshnikov starred with Gregory Hines. In the same year, Tharpe won an Emmy for her co-direction and choreography of the PBS special "Baryshnikov and Tharpe."

Twyla Tharpe is the most respected female choreographer/dancer working today. Her career spans 30 years from the formation of her own company, Twyla Tharpe Dance, in 1965 to the present. During the twenty years with TTD, Tharpe created and performed over 70 new works. Her talents as a choreographer have led to projects on Broadway, television and film, as well as for the American Ballet Theatre, where she served along with Baryshnikov as co-artistic director.

Mikhail Baryshnikov left the legendary Kirov Ballet of Leningrad to dance in the West 16 years ago. He has danced for various companies, including the American Ballet Theatre and the New York City Ballet, in roles both new and old. Many of the most eminent choreographers in the world have created roles for him to dance, including the openly gay dancer/choreographer Mark Morris, whose strange and wonderful adaptation of the Nutcracker called "The Hard Nut" was shown to many a raised eyebrow on PBS recently.

Baryshnikov has grown beyond the realm of dance and become an international figure. His acting skills have been

AFTER HOURS

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The Women, the 1936 social satire by **Clare Boothe Luce**, has become a cult classic. Actor's Express will present its theatrical version of this well-loved story beginning January 9 and running through Feb. 21.

seen in three major motion pictures as well as the Broadway stage and television. 1993 will see the release of two new films in which he stars, "The Cabinet of Dr. Ramirez" and "Company Business."

The curtain rises on this show, January 19 & 20, at the Fox at 8:00 p.m. Originally planned as a one night only performance, a second night has been added on the 19th. Tickets range in price from \$150.00 to \$25.00. The \$150 ticket gets you a post-performance champagne reception, and a \$100 tax deductible contribution to the Atlanta Ballet. If you attended the Atlanta Ballet production of the Nutcracker, you may exchange your ticket stub for a voucher, allowing you to purchase a ticket to the performance on the 19th before the remaining tickets go on sale to the public on

January 4. Call 873-5811 for more info.

Another January event which will attract a somewhat different crowd is the concert by the **B-52's**, that long-lived and much loved group from Athens who began to put that town on the musical map in the early eighties. Although they are down to three of the original five members—Ricky Wilson succumbed to AIDS, his sister Cindy is on sabbatical—the trio is still very successful on the charts and on the concert circuit. The group has recorded some of the best party/dance music ever and because it was so different from the music anyone else was playing, it still sounds as fresh and alive as when it was first recorded. Just thinking about it makes me want to "Dance this Mess Around." And who could forget the real Voice of the 2's, Cindy Wilson belting out "Give Me Back My Man?" Let's hope that she will soon return to the group. The date is January 27, at 8:00 p.m. at the Fox. Call TicketMaster at 249-6400.

The theatrical highlight of January will be **The Women** at Actor's Express on Elizabeth Street. Opening January 8th and running through February 21st, this play features an all-female cast and will be familiar to fans of the Golden Age of Hollywood, when it was made into a film starring Joan Crawford, Norma Shearer, and Rosalind Russell. The play should be just as much fun. I hope my favorite line from the movie will be in this production. Mrs. Fowler (Rosalind Russell) goes to the perfume counter to check out Crystal (Joan Crawford) whom Fowler suspects is having an affair with the husband of a friend. After the barely civil interrogation, Crystal looks down at the signed receipt from Mrs. Fowler's purchase and says, "A pleasure to meet you, Mrs. Fowler..." to which Russell bellows, "That's Fowler!" and spins around only to fall face forward into a passing clothes bin.

Look for the very talented young actress, Megan Shea, in the role of Little Mary. Megan and her sister Amy are bright spots in any of the productions they lend their talents to. They are veterans of the "Straight From the Heart" ensemble and appear in many other productions throughout the city.

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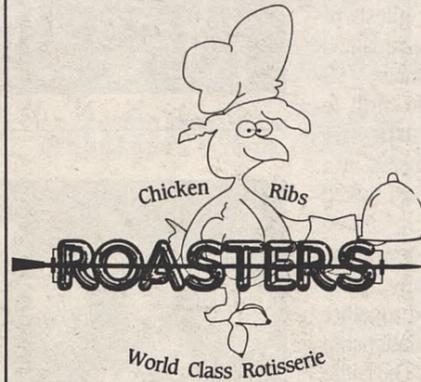
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No plans for New Years? Don't want to go out, but don't want to be alone? One of the nicest December 31's that I've ever spent came from just such a quandary.

What I did was invite half a dozen friends over for dinner and a glass of champagne, promising them they'd be out the door in plenty of time to party elsewhere at the stroke of midnight. I don't remember what I served for dinner—something simple, maybe even just soup and salad and some good bread. I followed that with some elegant pastries (purchased that year from **Maison Robert**, 3867 Peachtree Rd. 237-3675) and a glass of bubbly. Everyone, save one special friend and I, was out the door by 10 pm and then we...well, you get the picture.

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Or get thee to **Alon's** (1394 N. Highland Ave. 872-6000) for some equally scrumptious pastries. I bought one each of six different types a couple of weeks ago and shared them with a group of friends. Top vote getter was an incredibly light, yet rich, Napoleon that didn't fall into 10,000 tiny pieces when attacked with a fork. Banana cream and fruit tarts share the same rich, tender crust; eclairs are topped with fab bittersweet chocolate. The rye (and country French) breads here have the best tasting, chewiest crusts in town.

Now We Know

I am eternally grateful to Omni magazine for explaining (at least partially) one of the great culinary quandaries of the latter half of the 20th century. Why does food cooked in the microwave sometimes taste so strange? Take the potatoes I nuked last night; they were barely done yet they tasted burned. Or the one and only cake I ever tried in the damn thing—tasted like collards. Come to think of it, so does fish on occasion.

According to some food chemists at the University of California at Davis, the problem is water. Food cooked in microwaves does not stay hot enough long enough to undergo what is called a Malliard reaction—a complex chain of events involving sugar molecules and amino acids. When your cooking fails to tickle the "M" spot, strange flavors result. Too much water is generally the culprit. Food chemists are working to try to find the right water levels in packaged foods, though progress is slow. The secret with fresh veggies (at least the ones that cook quickly) seems to be to use no more water than clings to them after a thorough rinsing.

Business News

You were probably in Poughkeepsie last week if you didn't see the news that the much vaunted Veni Vede Vici is closing down in mid-January, because the owners are somewhere between \$100,000 and \$500,000 behind on their rent. The Buckhead Life Restaurant Group (Chops, Pricci, 103

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West et al) will open a new eatery in the Midtown space by February 15. That's lightning fast for Pano and Paul who usually take a year or more to convert old spaces to new.

The very popular Chow of Virginia Highland fame is set to open a downtown location in Peachtree Center this spring. The tentative name is Chow Downtown, we'd cast a vote for just plain Chow Down.

The owners of Einstein's and Cafe Mythology have signed a lease on the long-vacant Old Hickory House location on Piedmont just north of Monroe. Steaks and ribs are said to be the major menu items with limited fish and chicken entrees available for those who eschew red flesh.

Two Chefs, the wonderful veggie take-out food stand in Sevananda is, alas, no longer. That's the second excellent eatery to depart the deli space in Sev in the past 4-5 years. The good news is that both chefs plan to continue cooking as caterers and that they have teamed up with sculptress Chris Sibley to do events in her funny, funky Urban Nirvana warehouse on Edgewood Avenue. Call Two Chefs at 524-7168 for details.

And finally, there is an opening date for the much anticipated Resto des Amis in the old J. Paul's space at Peachtree and E. Paces Ferry. The menu at this "restaurant of friends" was conceived by two of the country's hot chef's, Guenter Seeger (of the Ritz-Carlton Buckhead) and Jean-Louis Palladin (of Jean-Louis' in DC's Watergate Hotel). The concept is "Americanized French Bistro" and much of the food will be done on a giant rotisserie suspended from an open brick hearth. Sounds great, especially if the atmosphere is as "non-intimidating" as is promised.

More Phipps Fun

I've been back to Phipps Plaza a couple of times since my debacle dinner at The Tavern a couple of weeks ago and sampled the wares of three shops in the third floor food court.

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Johnny Rockets is the hot spot in the food court with waits entirely too long to call this fast food. Nonetheless, grilled cheese sandwiches, burgers, fries and malts are all first-rate and worth the wait—so long as your movie isn't getting ready to start without you. The food comes on biodegradable paper plates, too.

I tried a turkey Caesar salad (on styro unfortunately) at **Turkey and Salad Sensations** and was more than pleased with all save the \$5.29 tab. The turkey is fresh and tender, the greens crisp and plentiful and the Caesar dressing sharp, but not abrasive. The bill of fare includes 12 different salads (with or without turkey), a like number of turkey sandwiches, and hot turkey platters. It's a good as any mall food you'll find.

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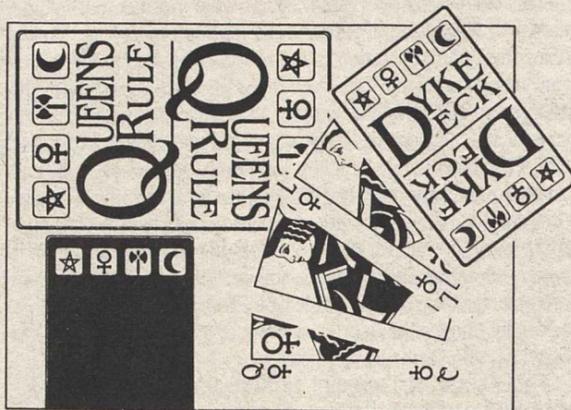
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Dish

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



Fast(and Loose?)Fax: Every morning when Dish comes to work our fax machine has regurgitated a page or two of info from a company called What's Up Information Services. Generally its nothing of particular interest to our readers, but every now and then there are some tidbits that we pass along. Such as the fact that the World Health Organization says that 70 percent of HIV infection world-wide is through heterosex; only 15 percent is homosexually transmitted. The missing numbers we assume are drug and transfusion related. Then there's this from Playboy's "Raw Data" column: 89 percent of Americans who earn more than \$50,000 a year say they are in love. Of those who earn less than \$20,000 only 45 percent say that their heart regularly goes pitter-patter. And conventional wisdom says that money doesn't buy love? Hmmm.

that George and Barbara Bush lit on the Ellipse on December 10. Wanna' guess which of this country's 50 states that 38 foot tree came from. How about Colorado? The one and only state which has codified discrimination against queers. Coincidence? We think not, especially when we consider that the indoor tree at the White House comes from Oregon—Springfield, Oregon, the city that passed a municipal version of that state's Measure 9.

Oh Tannenbaum: OK, so maybe money can't buy love (or happiness), but it can buy big pretty Christmas trees like the one

Ski Vermont?: The Vermont Ski Areas Association has issued a call to queers around the country reminding them that "they

can be sure their rights are protected... [in] Vermont." That's because in July of this year, Vermont became the sixth state in the country to extend protection (in housing, employment, accomodation and credit) based on sexual orientation to its citizens and visitors. Vermont has 14 major ski resorts. To find out about them call the VSAA at 802/223-2439.

Thorny Question: Speaking of civil rights protections, is Dish the only one who notices (and is profoundly annoyed by) this fact: While Atlanta's city council and Mayor have banned city-paid travel to Colorado (and gotten much press for it), neither the Mayor's office, nor city council, nor local activists have lifted a finger to enact ordinances which would protect the average homo on the street from discrimination. That's right boys and girls. If an Atlanta business wants to fire you because you are queer they can. If your landlord wants to boot you out because you are a man who loves men, he can do it. If the bank wants to not give you a car loan because you are a lesbian, why that's legal in Atlanta. What Dish wants to know is, why is that still legal. And just when is it going to change?

No Dating Game: A full page ad from the ACLU in the NY Times (paid for by the David Geffen Foundation) is the best refutation we've seen yet for the military establishment's contention that homos will turn the armed services into one big kakhki version of The Dating Game if they are allowed to serve their country openly. Nearly half the page is taken up with a bold headline that asks "NO ONE SIGNS UP FOR BOOT CAMP TO GET A DATE." (Dish agrees. In the entire 8 weeks of hell that we spent in boot camp, no one even asked us out to a movie.) There follows a reasoned explanation of the Army's bigoted policy and the ACLU's arguments against it. Good work!

December 31 - January 8, 1993

It is time to say goodbye to 1992, which was a year filled with surprises. Change will continue to be the theme for 1993, but if we are able to stay in a creative and affirmative emotional gear, we should see definite progress in major problem areas. However, we will have to be very tenacious about being positive and creative. Happy New Year!

STARSIGNS

ARIES, are you ready for a fast start with 1993? If you have been considering a new business venture or starting a business of your own, this could be an excellent year. Just be sure all your horses are at the starting gate before the gun goes. **TAURUS,** your new year begins with the Sun, Uranus and Neptune joined by Mercury in your 9th house of global awareness and long distance travel, so this could be a year of adventures, new experiences and stretching your intellectual horizons. **GEMINI,** with all the activity in your 9th house of travel and world wide communication, you could find a lot of satisfaction in any situation where you are in touch with many different kinds of people. Remember, real facts help dispel fear and ignorance.

Do your best to create peace and harmony through communication. **LEO,** are you ready for a super-charged year of change and possibly new priorities at home and in close relationships? It is not always easy for fixed signs to flow with major change, but you will see definite improvements in your life by being more fluid. **VIRGO,** creativity is in and worry is out! This is definitely a year for finding ways to make everything you do fun and playful. You will find life more interesting, and all your friends, family and lovers will applaud your new approach to life.

CANCER, dear ol' Mars is still in your 1st house with the potential to raise cain and continue to cause turmoil not only in your personal life, but in the trouble spots of the world as well.

LIBRA, this is your year to bring all your dreams and visions out of cold storage, really study them and decide what it is you want to do the very most in the world. You can bring your dreams into reality with consistent effort and common sense. **SCORPIO,** with Mars in your 9th house and Venus moving into your 5th house of romance and creativity, your new year prom-

ises to be fun, exciting and quite possibly romantic. Expect the unexpected, plan for change and your life will run smoother. **SAGITTARIUS,** this can be a really exciting and adventurous year for you, if you are willing to step out on your dreams and make them a reality. This can also be an excellent year for increasing your income by being innovative and energetic.

Happy Birthday, **CAPRICORN!** Celebrate your life with close friends, lovers, business associates and folks at work. You made it through another year of constant change and unexpected events. Congratulations! Pat yourself on the back and prepare for next year. **AQUARIUS,** sparkling Venus is in your 1st house of personal experience and self-awareness adding charm, beauty and a little touch of magic to your life. Venus helps lift any of Saturn's oppressive energy and moves you gracefully into the New Year. **PISCES,** Venus moves into your 1st house of personality and self-awareness bringing you into the New Year with a greater sense of optimism, grace, charm and wit. Plan to have a good time this year. Romance is definitely in the picture.

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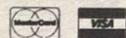
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Political predictions for the winter cycle

The election is over, Bush/Quayle are out and the Bill/Hillary/Al/Tipper coalition are in. So, now we can all sit back and let things run themselves. Right? Well, not actually a good idea. The Winter Solstice chart with the Sun in Capricorn and the now famous Uranus/Neptune conjunction also in Capricorn, seems to say we are scheduled for an intense period of learning how to be responsible for inherited blunders, along with the ones we have created on our own.

Capricorn is a sign in love with tradition, with the familiar structures of everyday life. The Capricorn part of us will wage a bloody and mean battle to maintain social and political structures that have been around for a while. We may have voted Bush and his little buddy Quayle out of office, but they do represent a part of us. In the many days between now and the end of the century, we will have to deal with that part of ourselves that doesn't really want to lose the old familiar "Comfort" Zone.

This Winter Solstice chart is very significant because it is the beginning of a three month cycle which will include the first of three exact conjunctions for Uranus and Neptune. On the left

hand side, Uranus and Neptune in Capricorn represent sudden, unexpected change and the dissolution of structures that are old, out-dated and no longer useful. In other words, constant turmoil and upheaval. On the right hand side, the Uranus/Neptune conjunction is the collective genius we share for finding innovative and elegant ways to make life on the planet a little better.

This chart is also important because the Presidential Inauguration will take place in January. As the representational power passes from one generation to the next we must be prepared for some serious repercussions throughout the entire structure of the nation and the rest of the world. One of the major disappointments of the election was the passage of Amendment 2 in Colorado. This piece of legislation essentially leaves the gay and lesbian community open to harassment and persecution. It also opens the door for unequal treatment of straight people who may appear to be gay, such as large mannish women with short hair or slender, attractive and effeminate men. Beards and long denim skirts may become the rage, at least in Colorado. This legislation potentially nudges the door even more open for unfair treatment of anyone who seems to be "different."

This issue of "special rights" versus equal treatment will probably follow us through the rest of the century. As awful as it is to admit, there are bigoted Christians and prejudiced Americans still wandering around, passing judgment right and left and crushing individual human rights with every step. However, we do need to remember these folks represent the part of Capricorn psychology in all of us that can be self-righteous and sadly insensitive to the real world of other folks rights and feelings.

There is hope that we will move through this potentially deadly issue without a national confrontation. Getting through this passage will require some grace, lots of personal courage and determination and oceans of help from Spirit. In the Solstice chart Venus and Saturn are conjunct in Aquarius. Aquarius is a very progressive and socially oriented sign, concerned with the plight of the individual and especially concerned with the unfortunate people who drop through the cracks or get run over by the wheels of a society they don't comprehend. Abraham Lincoln and Franklin Roosevelt were obviously progressive Aquarians, along with writer Virginia Woolf and writer/director/actor Alan Alda. "M*A*S*H" is one of our more balanced and humane social commentaries.

The combination of Venus and Saturn is interesting because Venus rules beauty, harmony, the arts and esoterically represents

the pathway to illumination. Saturn, on the other hand is either the stern one room school teacher with thin lips and a long stick or a kind and supportive mentor who helps us move out into the world as full-fledged adults. The Venus/Saturn conjunction in Aquarius definitely indicates some hard work ahead, especially in the arena of social justice. But, Venus always brings a saving grace to any situation (the San Francisco earthquake) and helps take the entire vibration to another level.

Ghandi, the quintessential Libra (ruled by Venus) lawyer, became a super human nonviolent force for social change. Martin Luther King, Jr. (an Aquarian) reached into the confused mire of Christianity, pulled out the teachings of Jesus and, combined with the words and deeds of Ghandi, was able to forge a coalition of real people from every sort of background who just happened to change the world.

Bill Clinton is a Leo, the opposite sign or polarity of Aquarius. As a sign, Leo is considered to be more openly passionate, often available to step into center stage at a moment's notice and also capable of being a very encouraging and supportive personality. Bill Clinton is Us. In many ways he is a composite of all our hopes, dreams and visions. His non-stop handshaking, talk till the voice is gone strategy paid off. Now it's time for all of us to jump into the process with both feet. We must develop new coalitions, better communications and much more elegant ways of getting things accomplished.

Bigotry, prejudice, gay rights, minority rights, the needs of homeless and forgotten people, abuse and brutality are a reflection of deep social wounds expressing through individuals. Just as George and Barbara, Bill and the gang are all us, so are we the solution.

The Winter Cycle is about community structure, cooperation for the common good and compassion for each other. The thoughts, deeds and prayers of the winter always bear fruit in the Spring. The power to change and make better is with us now!

MARY BAILEY-RULE

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O U T L I N E S

LINDA BURGESS

Age: 32

How long in Atlanta: 2½ years

Relationship status: together 1½ years

Last book read: "Backlash"
by Susan FaludiPet peeve: people, especially women,
who think feminism is a dirty word

"The truth is," says Seven Stages' Technical Director and Facility Manager, Linda Burgess, "I've never been a conformist so I'll probably go to politically incorrect hell, and have to eat tofu and eggplant and listen to Cris Williamson forever."

Keeping up a warmly humorous and sometimes wry commentary about what's going on around her is one of the ways she stays sane in the theatre world, where having a sense of humor, she says, is a prerequisite for survival.

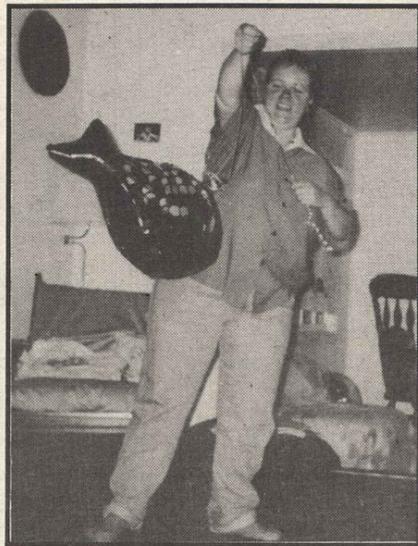
On a recent rainy morning Linda sat in the lobby of the Little Five Points theatre of which she says she knows every good and bad inch, and while relishing a very incorrect breakfast from McDonald's, related her life experience. "They call me the Queen of Space here," she says with a laugh, "not the queen of the space—I try to make the space work well as possible."

Making it all come together for a production is a difficult balancing act. "I kind of think of myself as a juggler—seeing that the props are in the right place, the costumes are ready, that the lights are set and even that the electricians and carpenter aren't in each other's way."

Linda came to Seven Stages and Atlanta via Albany, New York where she was Tech-Directing for several theatres and city-sponsored summer in the park productions.

"It wasn't quite a smooth transition, knowing exactly what kind of theatre that I wanted to be involved with. I mean there I was, making sure that the Hills were Alive with the Sound of Music in this outdoor city-sponsored extravaganza from hell, (mind you I was being paid well), and during a break I walked across the park—thinking God, I'm just being a whore for money—to see a friend in a bare-bones production of Hamlet and that's when it hit me—I had to preserve my artistic integrity."

While Linda was in Albany, she was able to work with Michelle Crone of RhythmFest fame, on creating spaces for lesbian performers under the auspices of an organization she called "Elword." "It was a neat thing," she recalls, "because a lot of people like Lea Delaria would come through and we'd get a big audience for Albany of about 250 women but then they would disappear for the rest of the month. I got tired of wondering where they went and why



they weren't more visible all the time."

Growing up, Linda was "allowed to be an eccentric in a small town." The town she refers to is Dunkirk, New York, a small hamlet on the shore of Lake Erie.

"I was a bit of a left-over from the hippie generation but my mother raised me to be true to what I am. It was a very supportive atmosphere."

Though Linda didn't realize she was gay until she was nineteen, she recalls that, "my mother told me in my teens she wasn't holding her breath about me having grandchildren. I believe some people are just born dykes, anyway." Linda is out to her entire family and remembers her baby sister's reaction when she told her that she was gay. "She just looked at me and went—'well, duh.' They always know when we think they don't."

Though Linda has always concentrated her interest in the theatre, she minored in Women's Studies as well and gave guest lectures while still a student on famous women in the fields of science and technology.

"Where I differ from other feminists," Linda states, "is that extremism on the far right and left meet themselves. I believe that there is a middle ground. It's one of the reasons that I feel so at home at Seven Stages. Sure there are a lot of gay folk that work here, but I'm not the "gay" Technical Director. As soon as you start putting a label on yourself I believe you start limiting your abilities. I don't have to prove anything or wear a tag."

Linda lives in Decatur with her partner Alice, a soft-sculptor. Though Linda is happy with her life now, she would like to return to academia to teach one day. "Just so I could impart my lavender perspective. "When I was in high school, girls weren't supposed to touch the power tools to make props. Things have come a long way," she concludes.

IAN W. GINSBURG

I N T H E L I F E

OUTstaff of Emory

Type of Organization: Professional

Number of members: 50

Founded: February, 1992

Recent Accomplishments: Joint reception with Emory Lesbian and Gay Faculty Group for the lesbian, gay and bisexual community at Emory
Contact information: P.O. Drawer AAA, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322, (404) 727-2787

OUTstaff is an organization for non-faculty gay, lesbian and bisexual employees at Emory University. There is a separate group for lesbian, gay and bisexual faculty, "although, the two organizations have already begun to do stuff together," says OUTstaff member Donna Narducci. An introduction to OUTstaff is included in packets of information received by each new Emory employee.

Sexual orientation is not currently included

in Emory's discrimination clause, and that is one of the things that OUTstaff hopes to change, though the organization has not experienced overt discrimination. "We haven't met any resistance, though I think that the administration thinks that it's safer to be out on campus than it really is," says Narducci. Not all OUTstaff members are Emory staff. "There is such a need for groups like this on other campuses, we have people from Georgia State and DeVry," she says.

OUTstaff meets bi-weekly to plan events and activities. Narducci plans to invite speakers to talk to students about being openly gay or lesbian at work. But they also realize that the students at Emory are not the only ones who need education. "We've tried to work on the environment at Emory to make it a safe place for gays, lesbians and bisexuals," says Narducci.

DEBBIE FRAKER

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Asians & Friends—Atlanta—876-0090
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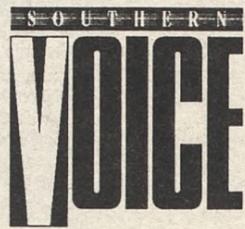
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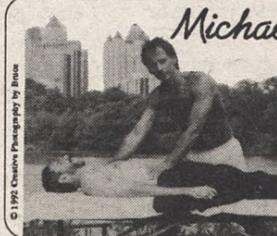
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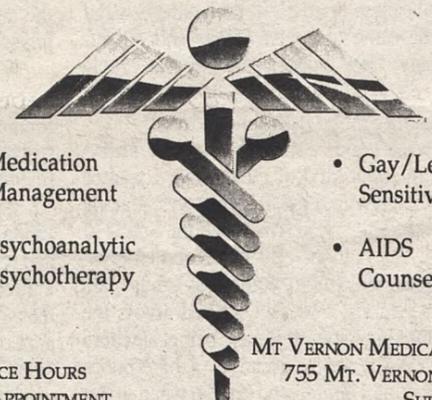
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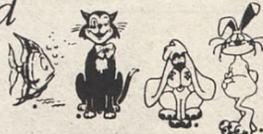
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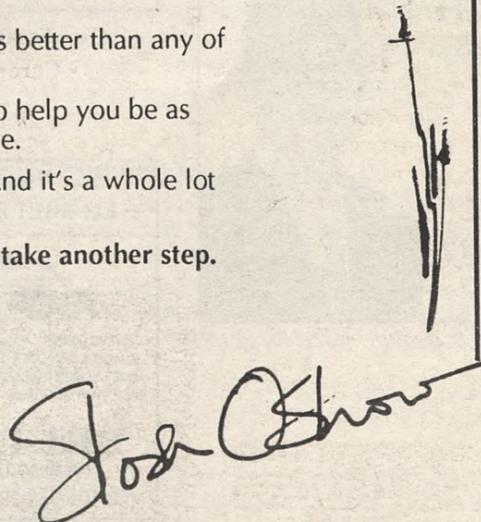
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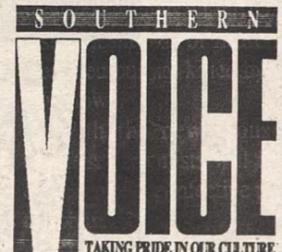
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Remodeling to increase value of home

If a man's (or woman's) castle is indeed his (or her) home, then a lot of Americans enjoy remodeling their primary residences.

Of course, remodeling can refer to many changes in one's home environment. Improvements can be downright practical and straight-forward as insulation or as extravagant and luxurious as a marbled master bath.

Whatever the project, it's an indisputable fact that American homeowners are jumping on the remodeling bandwagon.

And why shouldn't they when industry analysts observe that remodeling costs are lower than they've been in a decade. Estimates are that a kitchen makeover billed at \$30,000 in 1989 will probably cost only \$21,000 in today's slumping markets in such cities as Buffalo, Boston, Atlanta and Philadelphia. In many of these areas, contractors are cutting their profit margin just to stay alive.

Even with lower prices for remodeling, many homeowners gasp upon seeing a contractor's estimate for carving a new half bath out of a closet or adding on a third bedroom. Of course, they're soothed by the fact that the proposed improvements will increase the value of their home at resale.

But is it true that all home remodeling projects pay for themselves? Leading experts in the real estate industry answer in a resounding no. They point out that many additions and extravagances such as swimming pools may actually reduce the value of a property. They add that there are other factors which must be taken into account when a homeowner considers a remodeling project.

Among the first considerations for a homeowner embarking upon a remodeling project is the length of time that they plan to remain in the home. Where there is the real possibility that you home will be sold within a year or two, experts advise against any commitment to a large remodeling project. They point out that only a few major improvements pay back 100 cents on the dollar.

The issue of personal taste also comes into play when considering a major remodeling project. In fact, the axiom is "the more highly personal a project; the chancier the return on the investment." Energy-efficient projects such as adding a "sun room" are usually profitable while a black lacquer kitchen with yellow high-gloss walls may not be a positive selling-point even though the dollar investment was \$10,000.

As always with any real estate, the issue of location is tantamount to resale price. No matter what extent home improvements are made, there are always limits upon what a home within any given neighborhood will sell for. Real estate analysts point out that in an area where the houses range from \$100,000 to \$125,000, the resale price of not higher than \$150,000 can be obtained no matter how extensive and costly the home improvements.

In fact, homeowners should be aware, real estate writer Susan E. Goodman comments, that "a general rule is that you are not likely to recover costs that raise your home's value to more than 20% above similar neighborhood properties."

Avoiding the highly personalized and extravagant remodeling is probably wise unless the homeowner is certain that they will be residing there for a considerable length of time in order to enjoy the financial investment. Whereas half-court basketball setups may not be appreciated by prospective buyers who hate sports, practically everyone admires a modernized kitchen. Experts predict that the estimated recovery of investment for kitchen remodeling averages from 75% to 100%.

But that high a return even on kitchen remodeling depends entirely upon a wisely budgeted investment. Since it's so easy to spend a small fortune to renovate the average kitchen - *Remodeling Contractor*, a specialty trade publication, reports the current average expenditures ranging for major kitchen remodeling at \$19,500 and for minor kitchen remodeling at \$7,300 - it's essential that experts say that a kitchen should not represent more than 10% of a home's sale value.

Adding a second bathroom is, however, one of the most profitable remodeling investments according to the experts. They estimate that on the average initial cost of \$8,000, the return is between 120% to 130%.

An old bathroom in bad condition is also a smart remodeling move. If you're planning to add spas and whirlpools, these luxuries may only be realized by your personal pleasure.

After the addition of a second bathroom, a fireplace can also bring up to 130% return on a remodeling investment despite the fact that they waste more heat than they provide.

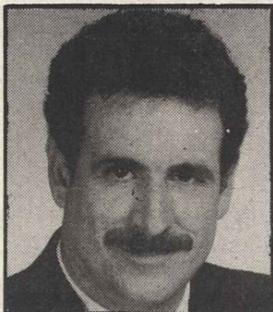
On the other hand, there may be a myth about improvements when it comes to additional rooms. Many experts say that this is a chancier decision and can bring only a 40% to 70% on the investment depending on the particulars.

Despite what might seem at first a whimsical purchase, attached greenhouses frequently bring a 90% return so long as they're not too elaborately-designed. Well-placed decks and patios, almost anywhere in the United States, have surprisingly brought an average return of 50% to 70% on the sale value of a home.

Choosing home improvements and remodeling shouldn't be entirely based upon its impact upon the resale value. The enjoyment brought about from upgrading a home can not be denied. Moreover, every home improvement project doesn't have to mean an unspeakable outlay of money.

Goodman recommends a few small ways to create major visual changes in a home's appearance without a major investment of capital. These include: (1) brightening a home by updating some lighting fixtures and adding others. (2) painting always makes a room look cleaner, brighter, more inviting. (3) older kitchen cabinets can be modernized with a sense of style with new hardware, and (4) stenciling a border around the edge of wood floors and sealing it with varnish can renew the life of any room.

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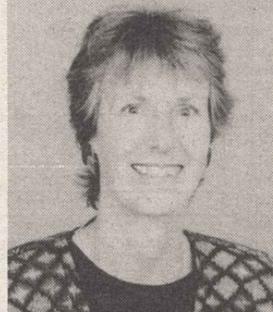
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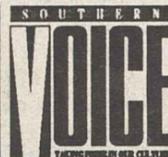
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GWM, 29, attractive, 5'5", 132lbs, BRN/BRN, beard, moustache, hairy. Seeks attractive 6'+, 30's, non-smoking GWM for relationship. ☎ 1092

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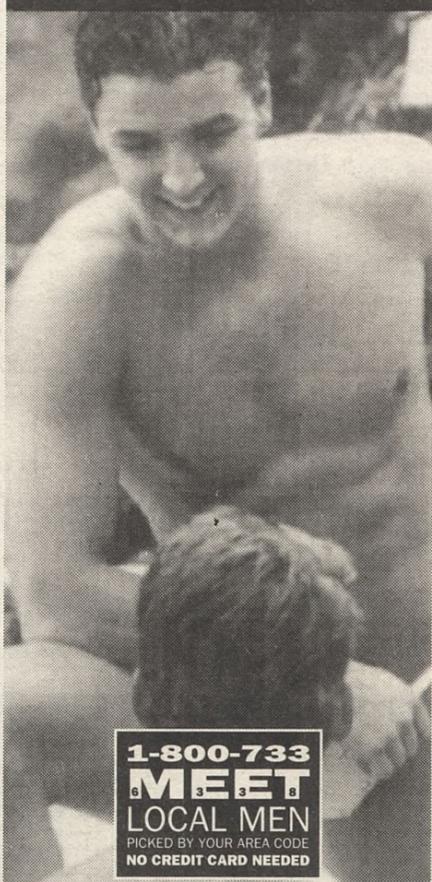
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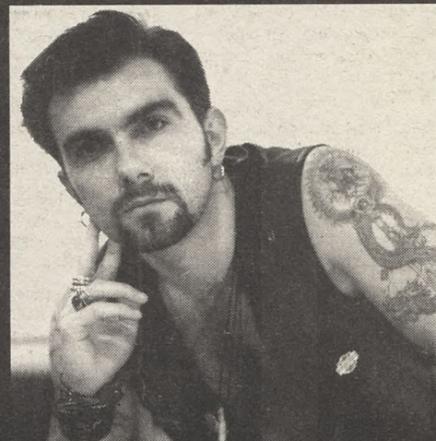
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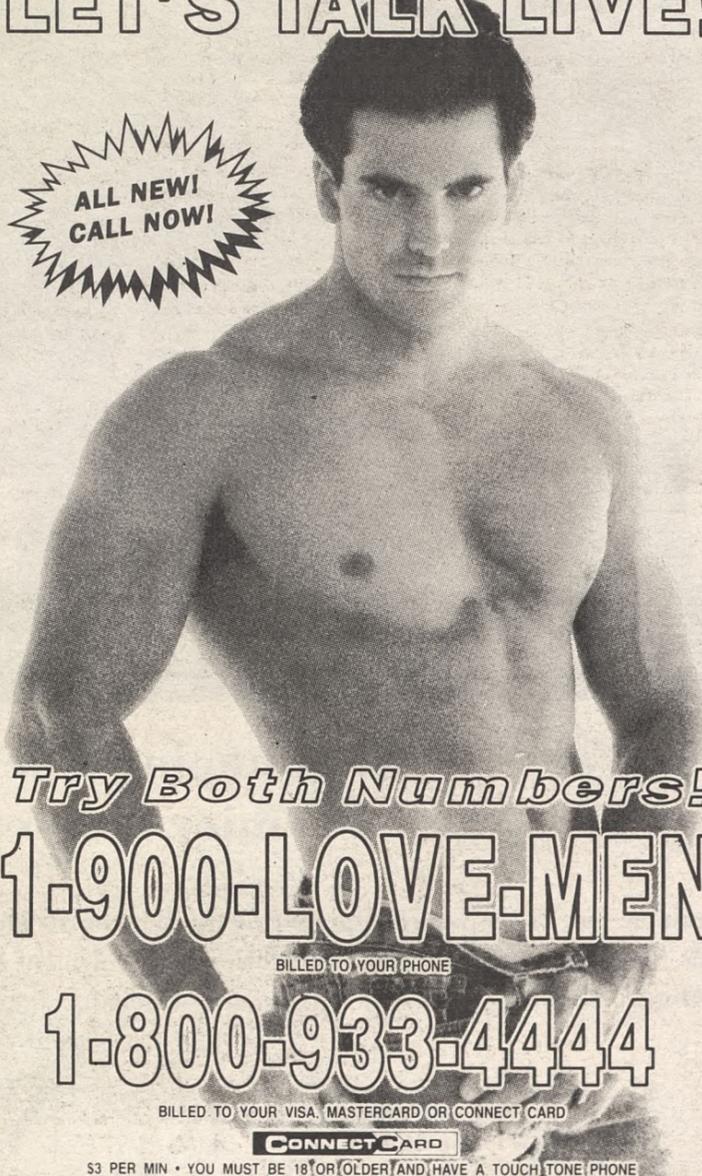


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Council's Myrtle Davis says civil rights come first

Atlanta—It's the right thing for any government to do. So says Myrtle Davis, the Atlanta City Councilmember who sponsored a measure to ban expenditure of city funds for travel to Colorado and two western cities where recently passed laws prohibit civil rights protections for gays and lesbians.

Sixteen Atlanta Councilmembers signed on to the proposal. One was absent and only one opposed the measure.

"It's a civil rights issue, and whether or not you condone another government allowing discrimination," explains Davis. "There could be an issue of whether the people who travel from Atlanta will have their rights protected in these areas."

The travel ban also includes Springfield, Oregon and Concord, California. Concord's measure was declared unconstitutional by a California Superior Court Judge shortly after it was passed.

Many governments and activists have called for an outright boycott of all travel



Atlanta City Councilwoman Myrtle Davis introduced the measure to ban spending city funds for travel to Colorado.

and commerce with Colorado after Amendment 2 passed November 3rd. The new law prevents the enforcement or creation of laws

guaranteeing civil rights protections for gays and lesbians. But Davis says she didn't see the need for such extreme measures.

"I don't know what practical affects a total ban would have since we don't get many of our goods and services from Colorado," she says. "We felt our resolution was the message we wanted to send. We think it was heard loud and clear."

It was, and in Denver they didn't like the sound of it. The voters there had overwhelmingly rejected Amendment 2. The new measure overturns their city's ordinance protecting the rights of gays and lesbians. Chamber of Commerce officials say bans and boycotts unfairly affect them. They call it a case of "blaming the victim."

Davis says there is just no other equitable way. "The fact is, state law takes precedent," she explains. "I don't think you can single out one city and say, 'OK, you can go to Denver, but not the rest of Colorado.' If you have a segment of the popula-

tion that cannot be protected under the law, then that law should be repealed or changed."

The Denver City Council agrees. They voted 12-1 to fight the new law in court.

Mayor Maynard Jackson is very supportive of the City Council's measure. Spokesman Nick Gold says, "The Mayor does not want our taxpayers' dollars to be spent for city officials to travel to a state that discriminates against any group of people. He felt Atlanta should step forward and make this mandate."

Jackson also led the way in favor of moving next year's U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting. It was scheduled for Colorado Springs in 1993. An alternate site has not yet been selected.

As for the future of gay and lesbian rights in Georgia, Davis hopes there will not be a similar measure proposed here.

"I think it would be very detrimental to our efforts to host the 1996 Olympics."

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