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Pride Before a Fall

Internal problems, which included heated bickering between activists and groups, marred last year's Atlanta Lesbian & Gay Pride. Recent events indicate that similar problems are carrying over into 1993.

KC WILDMOON

Atlanta—In Atlanta and the rest of the world last week, celebrations rang in the new year. For lesbians and gays, 1993 brings new hope—a new president, one who uttered the "g" word during his acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention, will be inaugurated on January 20, and that inauguration brings expectations of improving conditions for the country's gay and lesbian communities. But in Atlanta, a celebration of a different kind will be inaugurated the day after Bill Clinton takes office: the kick off party for the 1993 Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Celebration will be held at the Terraces Restaurant in the Georgia World Congress Center. That celebration, too, brings hopes, expectations, and a world of questions about how this year's Pride committee will deal with the controversies that surrounded last year's events.

A look back

Some 60,000 lesbians, gays and supporters took to the streets last June in the largest Lesbian/Gay Pride in Atlanta's history—and the fifth largest across the country for 1992. But that history-making event was marred by bitter controversy and personal attacks.

While record numbers of celebrants from Atlanta and the surrounding areas marched down Peachtree and partied in Piedmont Park, activists and community leaders bickered over speakers, vendors, performers and personalities. Heading the list of complaints was the Pride committee's ban on political campaign speeches, a decision that left openly lesbian Georgia House of Representatives candidate Samantha Claar off the speakers list.

ACT UP and other AIDS activists jumped into the fray when Pride co-chair Lynn Cothren was quoted in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution saying that he wanted to "give up the ownership of AIDS as a gay white male to blacks, straight people, Congress and the president whose responsibility it is to deal with it."

The Pride committee was also sharply criticized for allegedly trying to censor co-emcee Lea Delaria, who engendered complaints in 1991 for a routine that some deemed "offensive." Despite published reports to the contrary, however, the Pride committee repeatedly denied any attempt at censorship, and lesbian comic Delaria's routine was as wild as ever.

All of that and more led to a "political rally" on the steps of the state capital on the day before the official Pride march. While many speakers spoke about the local and national issues affecting the lesbian/gay community, a good portion of the rally was devoted to the Pride committee's refusal to "let Sam speak," referring to the ban on campaign speeches that denied Samantha Claar a spot on the podium. Some speakers

also slammed the committee for its use of straight vendors and performers at the two day festival.

On Pride Day, a feared stage-storming by Claar supporters never materialized, largely because scheduled speaker Kelly Patillo gave part of her time to the controversial candidate. On the Park grounds, loud arguments between factions occurred, but the anger never made it to the stage, although emcee Delaria briefly engaged with an ACT UP demonstrator just off the stage. During the early portions of the rally, ACT UP had taken a position directly in front of the stage to protest Cothren's AJC remarks.

Before and after Pride, some local activists loudly condemned the Pride committee, especially Cothren. Privately, in fact almost semi-publicly, some called him a "demi-god" trying to create his own private kingdom out of Pride. After the event, however, both he and fellow co-chair Shelly Robbins announced that they would not run for reelection to the Pride board.

By the time of Pride board elections on August 20, only three previous board members ran for reelection. All three—Dale Biggers, Paul Stone and Hubert Alexander—were reelected. Only one of the many people who had complained about last year's Pride ran for the board. Judy Siff was not elected, but she did continue to work throughout the fall on the Pride committee.

What now?

The 1993 Pride Board had its work cut out for it. With participation doubled from 1991 to 1992, and a jump from 60,000 to 100,000 projected in 1993, the organizers began work on restructuring the board and committee to accommodate the much larger event. Almost immediately a committee—made up of Pride committee and board members as well as some community leaders—was formed to rewrite the organization's by-laws.

"This [Pride celebration] has grown so fast," said committee chair Hubert Alexander. "A few years ago a small, loosely organized group could do it. But that's not true now."

Changes in the by-laws were approved on December 17, and according to Alexander, "The changes were pretty extensive."

The committee worked from September until December on reorganizing both the Pride committee and its board. At each meeting new drafts were looked over and further changes made. The final version, Alexander said, will make the Pride organization more efficient, and hopefully more reflective of the community at

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Lomax forms gay/lesbian advisory committee

Top priority domestic partnership for Fulton Co. employees

Atlanta—Fulton County Commission Chair Michael Lomax has formed a Gay & Lesbian Advisory Committee to discuss issues of concern to the lesbian and gay community.

According to Atlanta, the newsletter of the Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance (ALFA), the new committee met with



Fulton County Chairman Michael Lomax, pictured here campaigning for Mayor in 1989, says the gay/lesbian advisory committee is his way of meeting promises to do more for community.

Lomax on Dec. 16. Betty Irwin, an ALFA member serving on the advisory committee, wrote that during the meeting, Lomax "freely admitted that he made promises to the gay community during the last election and he has not kept those promises."

The other members of the committee are Joe Blount, Charlene Cothran, Lynn Cothren, Ann McAllister, and Duncan Teague.

Jeff Cheek, Lomax's liaison to the lesbian/gay community, said the formation of this committee was a top priority.

"I wanted to wait, after I took the job, until I'd had time to get out and meet more people," he said. "I'm pleased with this group. I think we'll be able to work well together."

Cheek said that domestic partnership legislation for County employees is the committee's "number one priority."

"The city has already done a lot of the work," he said. "And the county is self-insured, and we have our own pension plan, so it really all depends on what the commissioners do."

Cheek also said a letter from Lomax to U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn urging his support of the repeal of the military's ban on gays and lesbians came out of the Dec. 16 meeting.

Next, said Cheek, the committee is planning an all-day retreat in early January to discuss the issues at length. Lomax, Cheek, the six committee members, and possibly Commissioner Nancy Boxhill will attend.

"Our hope is that, while we probably won't be covering much new ground at first, we will move quickly on issues," Cheek said.

KC WILDMOON

St. Louis passes sweeping gay rights law

St. Louis—While voters in other cities have loudly debated and sometimes rejected civil rights protection for homosexuals, St. Louis has quietly adopted one of the strongest gay-rights laws in the nation.

The ordinance, passed unanimously by the city's Board of Aldermen, drew so little attention that its adoption went unreported for two months until the St. Louis-based Lesbian and Gay News-Telegraph carried a story on it Dec. 3.

"One doesn't think of St. Louis as being in the progressive rank of cities," said Jim Thomas, editor of the News-Telegraph, which is distributed in five states. But he said of the law's passage: "We didn't even have to fight, or even work much."

The law bars discrimination in housing, credit, employment, education and public access on the grounds of physical or mental disability, race, religion, family status and sexual orientation.

"It clearly is one of the strongest laws of the 130 we have in the U.S.," said Robert Bray, a spokesman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in Washington, D.C.

Laws in many other cities and states are less comprehensive, he said. Some may protect homosexuals from housing discrimination, for example, but not job discrimination.

Only 260 miles away, in Kansas City, a religious group is calling for repeal of a

civil rights law that doesn't bar homosexual discrimination—but could be amended to do so. It was during debate of the Kansas City measure that St. Louis' new law was first widely mentioned.

The St. Louis board included a clause in its law to prevent it from being repealed by referendum, said James Wilson, the city's lawyer.

Bray said that was unusual and praised the move.

"Once you have granted civil rights, you can't take them away by popular vote," he said. "Women would still be in the kitchen; blacks would still be on the plantation."

Mary Ross, the alderwoman who introduced the measure, said she wasn't trying to be a trailblazer. She simply wanted to update the city's civil rights protections.

"I think we covered, hopefully, everybody in this legislation (who) could possibly be discriminated against in one manner or another, and that is the intent," she said. "It is not a gay-rights thing."

Ross said she wasn't lobbied on the issue and hasn't received any complaints.

The law also created a civil rights commission, which has the power to investigate, fine violators up to \$500 and jail them for up to 90 days.

J. L. HAZELTON

Clinton team supports passage of federal gay rights bill

Washington, DC—President-elect Bill Clinton's transition team last week completed a domestic policy "opinion paper" which includes strategies for securing passage of a Congressional bill to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Robert Hattoy, the transition team's openly gay deputy director for constituencies, said the opinion paper's section on the gay-related bill was prepared at the direction of Clinton's top advisors and received input from gay political groups, members of Congress, and gay activist attorneys.

"It was never a matter of whether we should be doing this," said Hattoy. "It was a matter of how it should be done."

Hattoy said separate groups within the transition team prepared opinion papers on AIDS and on Clinton's plan to lift the ban against gays in the military. Draft copies of each of the papers have been sent to Little Rock, Arkansas, where Clinton will review them and send them back for revision, Hattoy said.

Clinton's plan to lift the ban against gays in the military has dominated news media coverage of Clinton's agenda on gay issues. While gay political leaders say they consider the military issue a crucial one, they say they intend to launch an aggressive campaign next year to seek passage of the Congressional bill to ensure equal rights for all gays.

One major reason, they say, is that anti-gay initiatives, such as the one that passed in Colorado and the one that lost in Oregon, are expected to crop up in other states, forcing gay groups to expend vast sums of money opposing them.

"This has the potential of bleeding us dry," said David Mixner, one of Clinton's openly gay campaign advisors.

Mixner, who works in Los Angeles as a business consultant, said he and other gay representatives briefed transition team officials on the issues surrounding the Congressional legislation and the strong desire on the part of the gay community to see such a bill enacted.

Hattoy and Bert Brandenberg, the official responsible for writing the transition document on the Congressional bill, declined to provide specific details of the paper's contents, saying they preferred to wait until Clinton receives it early next week.

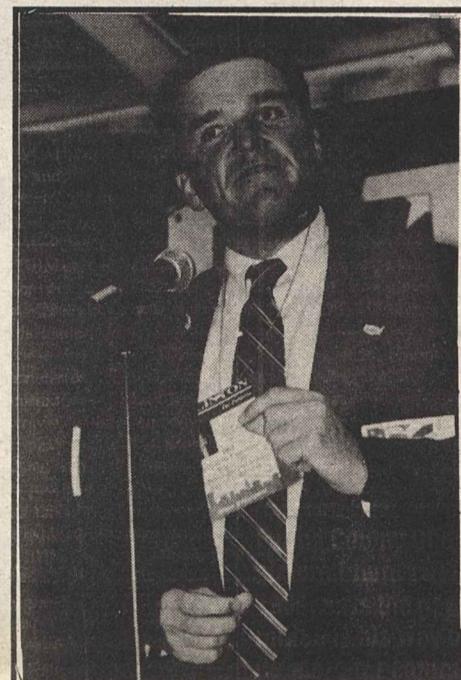
But the two said the document is intended to provide Clinton and his White House advisors with a series of options on the content of the civil rights bill and the strategy for persuading Congress to pass it.

Brandenberg said the document also discusses options for a presidential executive

order banning sexual orientation discrimination in federal departments and agencies. Clinton said during the campaign that he would issue such an order.

Hattoy, who worked on several subject areas on the transition team, attracted national attention in July when he addressed the Democratic National Convention as an openly gay man with HIV. He served as an advisor on issues involving gays, AIDS, and the environment during Clinton's presidential campaign before joining the transition team last month.

A bill to include sexual orientation under the federal Civil Rights Act was first introduced into the House of Representatives by former Rep. Bella Abzug (D-NY) in 1975. The number of Members of Con-



David Mixner, friend and openly gay advisor to Clinton, has briefed transition team officials on the need for passage of the gay and lesbian civil rights bill.

gress willing to cosponsor the bill increased gradually from less than a dozen in 1975 to 109 this year. Seventeen Senators have signed onto a Senate version of the bill, according to the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

Fifty-one Senators and 227 House members are needed to pass the measure.

Gay rights lobbyists have said they never asked supporters to bring the bill to the floor of the House or Senate for a vote because they did not believe the measure had a chance of passing. Similarly, the bill has never received a formal hearing by a committee.

Since it was first introduced by Abzug, the bill has sought to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964—the historic measure that prohibits discrimination based on race, religion, sex, and ethnicity—by adding the term "sexual orientation."

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HIV+ gay dad shouldn't have custody of child says AL judge

Jemison, AL—A judge returned custody of a 9-year-old girl to her mother after discovering the father was infected with HIV.

Harvey Joe Brown, 34, had been awarded full custody of his daughter last year by a Georgia juvenile court which found the child had been abused by her stepfather.

But Chilton County Circuit Judge Steve Drinkard reversed that decision this month in a ruling that accused Brown of hiding his true health status. Brown was ordered to return his daughter to his former wife's custody the day after Christmas.

Brown has hired an attorney to appeal the decision to the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals.

In the meantime, he said, a psychologist helped him explain to his daughter Monday that he is gay and has an incurable disease.

"I want her to know before she goes back to her mother after Christmas," he said.

On Nov. 4, 1991, a juvenile court judge in Gwinnett County, Ga., awarded Brown full custody of his daughter. Brown had divorced the child's mother, Patricia Ann White, in 1988.

On June 29, Mrs. White filed a petition in Chilton County Circuit Court seeking to re-

gain custody. She cited as major reasons her former husband's lack of a job and the fact he was undergoing "psychiatric counseling."

Brown said that after he was awarded custody of the girl, he learned he had contracted the HIV virus. He did not tell anyone involved in his case of his physical condition, and that played a major role in him losing custody of his child.

Drinkard apparently took a dim view of Brown's reluctance to disclose his condition. The judge said in his order that Brown had "cast suspicion on the credibility of his testimony in ... Georgia and in his court regarding his views toward promiscuity [and] the gay lifestyle."

In his order, Drinkard said he found Mrs. White had improved her "parenting skills" and returning the girl to her custody would "promote the overall general health and well-being of the child."

Also, he noted, the stepfather no longer lives with Mrs. White.

The judge did give Brown custody on alternating weekends, six weeks during the summer and special occasions such as Father's Day. (AP)

Baptists takes strong stand against gays

Meadowview, VA—A regional Baptist organization in southwestern Virginia has issued a policy statement denouncing homosexuality as sinful.

The board of the Lebanon Baptist Association said the statement was needed to strengthen a statewide Baptist statement last month that the church should minister to homosexuals. The Virginia Baptist General Association did not endorse homosexuality.

"We just don't feel that it went far enough," said Rev. James Meriwether, director of the Lebanon association.

The group's executive board adopted a resolution recently saying it was "disturbed and embarrassed by the failure of the recent Virginia Baptist General Association to publicly state the sinful and un-Biblical nature of homosexuality."

The resolution also says the Bible teaches that homosexuality is unnatural and an example of degrading passion.

"Our purpose is not to condemn people ... but to condemn the practice as sinful," Meriwether said. "We don't agree with the statement that homosexuality is just a lifestyle." (AP)

"South Florida got there first and that's where the money's been going every since," said Dick Niemann, president of the People with AIDS Coalition of Jacksonville. He also blamed a lack of attention from North Florida legislators.

The Northeast Florida network serves seven counties—Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, St. Johns and Volusia—where 1,588 people have been diagnosed with AIDS since record-keeping began in the early 1980s. (AP)

SC gay minister and mother die from AIDS

Columbia, SC—The Touchton family must cope with the loss of a second family member to AIDS, but the survivors vow to use the double tragedy in a positive way.

Sarah Touchton died of AIDS in the summer of 1990. She got the virus that causes AIDS from a blood transfusion. She told church members that she wanted to open people's minds and dispel stereotypes.

Her son, the Rev. Robert Touchton, used her message in his sermons and ministry. But he never told anyone that he, too, had HIV.

On Dec. 18, he died from AIDS.

"My son was gay, and he was in the ministry, and he had to keep it a secret the whole time," said Bruce Touchton, who was Sarah's husband and Robert's father.

He and his daughter, the Rev. Zeta Lamberson, say they believe Robert Touchton would have wanted them to tell people how he lived and how he died.

"I have to believe that he didn't expect anything different," said Rev. Lamberson, a minister at Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta. "I think he just didn't want to be the one to have to tell people." (AP)

Charlotte chorus looking for members

Charlotte, NC—Charlotte's gay, lesbian and gay affirmative chorus, One Voice, is looking for new members for its 1993 season. Prospective new members should come to either the first or second rehearsal of the year, beginning January 14, 1993 and each following Thursday. Rehearsals are held from 7-9 pm at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 1900 The Plaza. For more information, call (704) 548-0771.

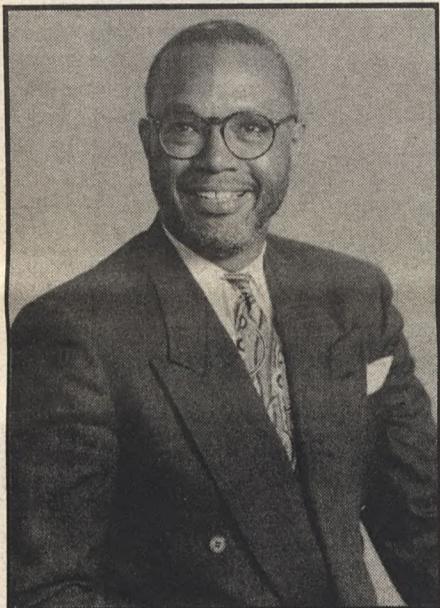
Aspin Says Lifting Military Ban Against Gays Will Be Made Cautiously:

President-elect Clinton's choice for defense secretary, Rep. Les Aspin (D-WI), says the policy banning gays from the military "has got some serious flaws," but he warned that changes would be made "very, very deliberately." Aspin made his comments at a news conference in which Clinton announced Aspin's nomination. Clinton has promised to repeal the ban, but has said he would consult military leaders before making a move. Aspin said he would follow Clinton's lead.

First Openly Gay Episcopal Minister Dies: The Rev. J. Robert Williams, the first openly gay minister ordained in the Episcopal Church, died on Christmas Eve in Boston of an AIDS-related pulmonary infection. He was 37. Williams, who was asked to resign just six weeks after his ordination in December 1989, was diagnosed with AIDS in November 1990. Williams was the author of "Just As I Am: A Practical Guide to Being Out, Proud, and Christian." Survivors include his partner, Kevin McKown of Boston, and his father and stepmother, Bob and Patsy Williams of Abilene, Texas. His body was cremated and his ashes scattered over Cape Cod Bay.

Univ. of Chicago Extends Benefits To Same-Sex Couples: The University of Chicago will offer health insurance, tuition and other benefits to gay partners of staff and faculty, one of the few universities in the country to do so. The policy will apply to "couples who cannot legally marry but who have a long-term commitment to each other and joint financial obligations," said Henry Webber, assistant vice president for human resources management. In addition to health insurance and tuition, gay partners will receive the right to live in university housing and the same gym and library privileges as the spouses of married staff, faculty or students. The policy was approved by trustees on Dec. 7.

NY Commission Says Gays Can Inherit Co-ops From Partners: The New York City Human Rights Commission has ruled that gays have the right to inherit co-op apartments from their partners. Last week's decision, which lawyers and city officials say could affect thousands of cooperative apartments, extends to gay people the same rights of inheritance that apply to heterosexual spouses. The case which prompted the ruling involved a co-op where a gay partner, bequeathed an apartment owned by a companion who died in 1989, was rejected by the co-op board. The co-op president has said the board would appeal the ruling.



Kenneth Reeves, openly gay mayor of Cambridge, Mass.

Cambridge, MA Mayor Comes Out: Kenneth Reeves is believed to be the first openly gay African-American mayor in a U.S. city. Reeves, who has been a member of the Cambridge, Mass. City Council since 1989 and was elected mayor by the council this year, came out on Dec. 11 during an acceptance speech for a "Friends of the Community" award given by the Greater Boston Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance. "I felt it was duplicitous [and] deceptive...to be accepting some sort of 'friend to myself' award," he told the Washington Blade. Reeves, who is a native of Detroit, also told the Blade that his sexual orientation is Cambridge's "best known secret."

New Jersey Church Fears It May Have To Hire Gays: A New Jersey church that fears anti-discrimination laws could force it to hire gays has lost a court battle for an exemption. The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals denied the Orthodox Presbyterian Church's request for a preliminary injunction barring the state from enforcing a gay and lesbian civil rights provision against it. The church, which teaches that homosexuality, bisexuality and heterosexual sex outside marriage are "grievous" sins, argued that its First Amendment freedom of religious worship might be violated.

Gays And Lesbians Protest Boston Univ. President's Remarks: A crowd of gay and lesbian activists demonstrated last weekend outside Boston University president John Silber's home in response to comments he made in the Cambridge Chronicle that few children come from gay or lesbian homes because "lesbians don't produce children, and neither do gay people produce children." "We're trying to make the point that we do have children and we want to be respected as families," said Jennifer Firestone, one of the protestors. Silber was also criticized recently for remarks he made in a forum in New York in which he accused gay activists of forcing their agenda on society at large.

Bishop Says Homosexuality A 'Basic Disorder': The Catholic bishop of Brooklyn, describing homosexuality a "basic disorder," said city school leaders show a lack of "moral leadership" when they advocate its acceptance. In a televised interview last week, Bishop Thomas Daily said he thought the avowed purpose of the New York City school's "Children of the Rainbow" curriculum—which teaches tolerance for gays and lesbians—was being obscured by an effort to "legitimize" gay lifestyles. In calling homosexuality a disorder, Daily said, "Just look at them. I don't think you'll argue with me."

Wis. Woman Wins Approval For AIDS Awareness Stamp Design: A Madison, Wis. woman, who spent more than five years trying to persuade the U.S. Postal Service to issue an AIDS awareness stamp, says her design has been approved for future use. Jean Anne Hlavacek says federal officials rejected the idea nearly a dozen times before the national Citizen Stamp Advisory Committee approved the basic design last week. The stamp features the international symbol for stop—a red circle with a diagonal line through it—over the word AIDS. The words prevention, education, and compassion are written in two corners of the stamp. The post office lists the design as "under consideration."

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AIDS cases double with new definition

Atlanta—The number of people diagnosed with AIDS climbed dramatically when a new definition of the disease went into effect Jan. 1, raising demand for treatment and dollars.

Under the new definition, an estimated 90,000 Americans will be diagnosed with full-blown AIDS in 1993, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That's almost double the current average of 50,000 a year.

Since 1981, about 242,000 Americans have been diagnosed with AIDS and 160,000 have died.

The new definition could make it easier for people infected with the virus to collect disability benefits available to those diagnosed with AIDS. It would also enable them to take part in drug trials and qualify for low-cost medicines.

At the same time, some AIDS activists warned that it would sharpen competition for scarce dollars.

"All of the services are already strained and on the edge," said John Kappers of the Atlanta chapter of the National Association of People With AIDS.

Under the CDC's current, 5-year-old definition, people infected with the AIDS virus are diagnosed as having AIDS when they develop certain blood infections, the skin cancer Kaposi's sarcoma or any of 21 other indicator diseases.

Activists charged that women and drug users weren't receiving the help they needed because many of the diseases they got weren't included on the list.

The new definition, approved earlier this year, adds pulmonary tuberculosis, recurrent pneumonia and invasive cervical cancer.

In addition—and more important, according to the CDC—the agency approved a new indicator: a dip in the level of the body's master immune cells, called CD4s, to 200 per cubic millimeter, or one-fifth the level of a healthy person.

Up to 190,000 of the 1 million Americans infected with the virus have CD4 counts below 200 and most don't know they are infected or have never had a CD4 count, said Dr. James Buehler, acting deputy director of the CDC's AIDS division.



John Kappers of Atlanta NAPWA and other activists have been urging the CDC to expand its definition of AIDS for several years. The new definition will particularly help women and minorities get faster treatment.

"We hope the definition will draw attention to the importance of testing," he said.

The Ryan White CARE Act distributes federal AIDS funds to cities according to the number of AIDS cases, so more cities may be eligible under the new definition. However, the act has never been fully funded, leaving AIDS clinics understaffed and many Americans who can't afford the \$200 CD4 tests.

"People are seeking these tests and being told they have to wait six months for the next clinic opening," Kappers said. "That's six months they could be taking medicine to prolong their life."

The Infectious Disease Clinic (IDC) at Grady Memorial Hospital, Atlanta's only clinic for indigent patients, is already so crowded it can care for only the sickest patients, said director Curtis Morris.

"This is contrary to everything we know about HIV disease because treatment is most effective in the early stages," Morris said.

The IDC expansion clinic on Ponce de Leon is slated to open July 1.

LAURAN NEERGAARD

FDA approves rifabutin to prevent blood infections in AIDS patients

Washington, DC—The Food and Drug Administration approved the first drug to prevent a blood infection in people who have advanced AIDS, the agency said last week.

The drug, rifabutin, has been on a fast track through the agency's approval process, in part because it is for AIDS and in part because its results have been so positive. Clinical tests have shown it to be effective in blocking or delaying Mycobacterium avium complex, or MAC.

"As the first product approved for the prevention of MAC disease, this drug will provide significant benefits for AIDS patients," FDA Commissioner David Kessler said. "It's a welcome addition to the growing number of products used to fight AIDS and diseases that can accompany it."

MAC can cause night sweats, fatigue, fever, weight loss, abdominal pain, severe anemia and liver dysfunction. The disease is caused by bacteria related to the tuberculo-

sis germ. Researchers have said it occurs in about a quarter of the people in the late stages of AIDS.

An advisory panel last February recommended that the FDA approve the drug, and the agency moved the following month to make it available to AIDS patients whose immune systems were severely impaired.

Early studies of the drug found that it nearly halved the rate at which AIDS patients developed MAC. Clinical trials eventually were conducted on 1,100 AIDS patients, the FDA said.

The drug is made by Adria Laboratories of Dublin, Ohio.

Among its side effects, rifabutin can cause rash and gastrointestinal symptoms, muscle and joint aches and discolored urine, the FDA said. It also can cause a decrease in certain white blood cells that fight infection.

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HEALTH

CDC urges more HIV education in school

Atlanta—Federal health authorities are urging more education about AIDS even though it's impossible to tell how many American teen-agers have stopped having risky sex because of school courses.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported last week that teen sex is slowly dropping and more schools are educating students about HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

It isn't clear that the increased education is causing the drop in sex, though it seems likely, said Dr. Lloyd Kolbe, director of adolescent and school health for the CDC.

"We're cautiously optimistic that young people may be beginning to reduce the risks for HIV infection," Kolbe said. "We can't [attribute] that decline to only school HIV education. It very well could be a function of the entire society's effort."

Nevertheless, he said, "We think that school programs are extremely important."

The CDC said that education should begin in kindergarten and intensify by the ninth grade.

"HIV education can be most effective when it's integrated as part of a comprehensive kindergarten-through-grade-12 health education program," Kolbe said. "It's just as important as science and math."

That doesn't mean discussing condoms with first-graders—it means general courses that gradually become more specific, Kolbe said.

"In the early grades it's important that young people start to understand that they can influence their own health," he said. "You don't come into the 12th grade and provide two days of HIV education and expect that to be sufficient."

In San Francisco, condoms will be distributed to all 20 public high schools beginning June 1 in spite of opposition from the San Francisco PTA president and religious



Mari, a teenage hotline volunteer at the SF AIDS Foundation, emphasizes condoms save lives.

fundamentalist groups. The condom distribution has the support of local AIDS groups.

Nationwide, school systems and parents are grappling with how much children need to learn about HIV infection and at what age. Hundreds of Georgia parents this month opposed a state proposal for AIDS education in elementary schools.

In New York City, the nation's largest school system, AIDS education begins with general discussion in kindergarten, teaches the ways HIV is transmitted in fourth grade and describes the risks of anal sex in sixth grade. The curriculum's effectiveness is still being evaluated.

"The debate will come down to where people draw the line to introducing lifestyles to young people who are unaware of them," said New York City school board member Michael Petrides, who succeeded in getting abstinence emphasized in the courses.

LAURAN NEERGAARD

FDA approves marijuana derivative to treat AIDS-related wasting syndrome

Chicago—The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved a synthetic marijuana derivative for use in the treatment of the wasting condition associated with AIDS.

Physicians say the drug, called dronabinol, helps overcome severe nausea and stimulate the appetite of AIDS patients who often suffer from anorexia and weight loss.

The FDA gave its approval Dec. 22 to dronabinol, which is co-marketed by Unimed Inc., of Buffalo Grove, Ill., and Roxane Laboratories Inc., of Columbus, Ohio, under the trade name Marinol.

"There is widespread agreement on the positive role that a nutritional regimen plays in the health of AIDS patients, and it is our belief that Marinol, as an appetite stimulant, can be of great value," said Scott Broder, Unimed senior vice president of sales and marketing.

Dronabinol is a synthetic form of THC, or tetrahydrocannabinol, the main active ingredient in marijuana and hashish.

Its use had been limited to combating the nausea experienced by some cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy.

The FDA tested dronabinol's effectiveness for appetite stimulation after people

with AIDS reported that using marijuana improved their appetites, said FDA spokeswoman Monica Revelle.

Dr. Harry Hollander, who treats AIDS patients at the University of California at San Francisco Hospital, warned that the drug, which can cause hallucinations in large doses, may have neurological effects in AIDS patients whose nervous systems are damaged and should not be given to all patients.

"This isn't the first drug that works on the wasting effect of AIDS, but it definitely can give some people relief," he said.

But Dr. Robert T. Schooley, chairman of the infectious disease program at the University of Colorado Health Services Center in Denver, was more enthusiastic.

"I'm really happy with it, wasting being one of the main problems associated with AIDS," he said.

Schooley said the approval marks a new openness on the part of the FDA in considering drugs for use in AIDS treatment. AIDS activist Martin Delaney, founding director of Project Inform in San Francisco, said the approval was "something that we're very supportive of."

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Proud Parent

An interview with Paulette Goodman, outgoing president of Parents & Friends of Lesbians And Gays.

Can Angels Fly?

"Angels In America," a seven-hour gay play, is playing to packed houses in Los Angeles since it opened Nov. 1. Will it make it to Broadway?

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March on Washington needs every person

We are less than six months away from the third national March on Washington organized by our community. Now, more than ever, it is imperative that nothing stop every member (and supporter) of the lesbian, gay and bisexual communities from being in Washington, DC on April 25, 1993. We are poised on the brink of irrevocable change in our lives, and we must rise to the challenge that will push us to the side of equal rights and liberation.

The Clinton-Gore victory, hard fought and won by many of us, cannot be treated as the ultimate prize. The battle for our lives is far greater than that. Indeed, our imminent freedom is still too tenuous to pin much hope on the resident-elect of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Clinton, for example, campaigned hard for our votes and even uttered the "G" word (but not the "L" word) in his acceptance speech at the Democratic Convention. However, in the campaign that ensued he repeatedly insisted that he was not condoning our "lifestyle" nor did he favor the right for legal recognition of our partnerships (a right he, assuredly, takes for granted).

Even as I write this, Clinton's biggest promise to our community may not occur with all good speed. There are open rumors that Clinton may not lift the ban on gays in the military in his first one hundred days, or even his first one hundred weeks. It may go, instead, to some murky presidential commission where, experience shows, we will surely sink.

If one believes, nonetheless, that Clinton will be supportive of our needs in his days as President, we have to be there at the beginning to support him in the tough battles ahead—the March on Washington is on the 95th day of his presidency.

While many of us rejoice at winning the White House, we cannot forget that we lost in Tampa, Florida and in Colorado. These defeats only give the bigoted, anti-human, homo-haters hope that they can take their referenda to forty-nine other states (Oregon homophobes are re-writing their ordinance to resemble Colorado's) and countless municipalities. One federal bill can act as an immediate dam to a watershed of fights that

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can only zap a generation's worth of our community's strength. We have a President who will sign such a bill, but we have to convince Congress to pass it.

Obviously the Clinton victory, and other victories this year, give us reason to hope that we will finally be heard. But we can't let this attitude lead to complacency. We must come to the March just as angry as ever. Witness how precarious our lives are:

— This past year the mainstream press finally asked politicians and polled straight America on their views of gay rights and "gay lifestyle," but they failed to ask us how we feel, what we need.

— More celebrities are out-of-the-closet than ever before, but their personal lives are treated like private shames rather than declarations of love and pride.

— We are popping up as characters on

prime-time television in unprecedented numbers, and yet we remain marginal, one-time-only characters.

— More and more straight celebrities are supporting AIDS causes and decrying AIDS phobia, but they are silent on the homophobia that is the root of the disease's stigma.

— We are beginning to enjoy a host of support from liberal and moderate politicians, while simultaneously the right wing is organizing against us.

The scale tips in our favor and then is counter balanced against us. Even so, we have never been so close to ensuring that our loves and our lives are accorded the inalienable rights supposedly granted to us.

April 25, 1993 is the chance for us to tip the scales to our side.

For a year we have debated the racial and gender composition of regional representatives, we have debated the platform, we have debated the March's name. The debates we have among ourselves are healthy and welcome; they are a testament to what a diverse, vibrant community we are. When we march, however, our voices and presence will focus on the real enemies: any law or any one who stands in the way of us achieving our rights.

I urge you, therefore, to take every step to attend the April 25, 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi-Equal Rights and Liberation. The stakes are too high, and our lives are too important for us not to be in our nation's capital for this most serious and vital occasion.

DEREK CHARLES LIVINGSTON

Derek Charles Livingston, an African American man who lives in Providence, RI, is one of the four national co-chairs for the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi-Equal Rights and Liberation.

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Editor

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Dear Editor:

It was with amazement that we read your article, "The Heat is On" in issue #619 of the Advocate, concerning the nationwide calls for a boycott of Colorado. In that piece it was mentioned that the City Council of Atlanta had voted unanimously to prohibit city employees from spending city funds on travel to or from Colorado. While this is true, your report made no mention of the fact that the City of Atlanta and the State of Georgia are not bastions of gay and lesbian rights by any stretch of the imagination.

For the City of Atlanta to condemn the citizens of Colorado, based on their treatment of gays and lesbians, is one of the greatest acts of hypocrisy in the city's history. Since convention business is one of the engines of growth in Atlanta, their solidarity with this boycott should be viewed with suspicion. If the City Council judged the State of Georgia by the same criteria, it would have to move to another state.

It should be noted that prior to the passage of Amendment 2, three cities in Colorado prohibited anti-gay discrimination. That was two more cities than could be found in Georgia. Additionally, the anti-gay discrimination ban in the City of Atlanta only covers city employees and does not deal with issues such as housing, health care, or domestic partnership.

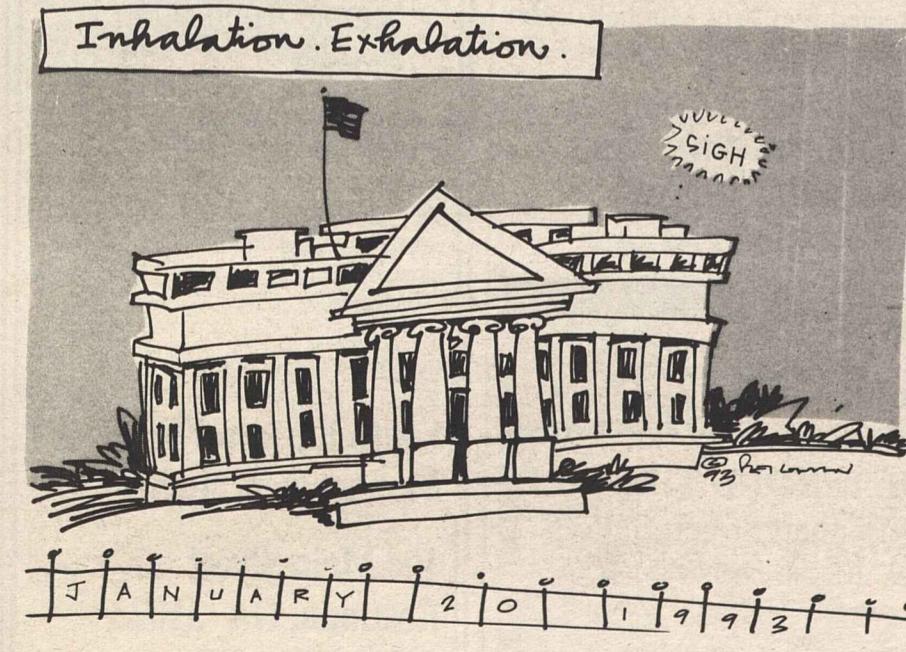
The State of Georgia fares even worse by comparison. Georgia still has a sodomy law on its books; Colorado does not. Let us not forget that it was the Attorney General of Georgia, Michael Bowers, who prosecuted the Bowers v. Hardwick case which was up-

held by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1986. That same Attorney General is currently involved in litigation for rescinding an offer of employment to a woman after he discovered she was openly lesbian.

We do not see Governor Zell Miller leading a crusade to defeat the de facto Amendment 2 in Georgia, as Governor Roy Romer did for the real Amendment 2 in Colorado. What gay man or lesbian in Georgia would not trade Senator Sam "keep homosexuals out of the military" Nunn for Representative Pat Schroeder?

It is important to repeal Amendment 2 and reject the Religious Right's hostile bigotry in the name of God. If this requires a boycott of Colorado's goods and services then so be it. But please do not throw out objective and thorough reporting to achieve your end result. The Advocate can and should do better than that!

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On December 7th, Kelly McGovern and Joyce Colmar celebrated their second year together. Before the anniversary the two traveled to Lesbos, Greece in September and were united in a commitment ceremony at the foot of Sappho's ruins. How romantic! Congratulations, and may your relationship never end up in ruins!



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BIRTHDAYS:

The Bishop of Mobile, Alabama, Rev. Helene Loper, will celebrate her 41st birthday on January 26th. She will celebrate with partner Sheryl with dinner or some other special event. Helene has just recently been made part-time minister at the Mobile MCC as their congregation continues to grow. Congrats on both counts, Helene.

A couple of single women are celebrating birthdays this month, and they want everyone to know. Janice Cochran will turn 37 on January 16th. She says there usually is no big celebration for her yearly event, because the year she tried to get some friends together, the war in Saudi Arabia broke out and everyone was glued to CNN. I'm sure it was just a coincidence, Janice. Happy Birthday!

Single woman Mary Bologna, fresh from her recent trip to Santo Domingo to help World Community Builders erect a new church, will turn 48 on January 26th. She too will do minimal celebrating as she moves into her new Little Five Points apartment. Happy birthday, Mary, and here's hoping you get your life unpacked someday!

compiled by CANDACE CHELLEW
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AIDS snapshots

I find it hard to write about AIDS to a gay readership, because even as a gay man who has been out for over eight years, I have been relatively untouched by this disease. I have not lost all my close friends, or a best friend or lover. I've never been someone's primary caregiver, or been at the bedside when someone died. If the tests have any meaning, I am HIV-negative.

I can guarantee there are people out there reading this who have endured and prevailed over much more than I. And it is my disconnection to all of this that makes me feel like I don't have anything unique or enlightening to say about AIDS to this audience.

Lately, however, some stories have fallen into my lap that I want to pass on. Some came from the person I've known the longest who succumbed to AIDS, Johnny Walsh, who died on December 8, three days after seeing him at the Eagle on a Saturday night. And from Lee Leathers, whom I helped get a scholarship to the Gay Spirit Visions Conference, and whose light shown that weekend as brightly as any I have seen in a while.

Others are unattributable for one reason or another: anonymity, protection for either myself or the person who told me the story. But they reflect the lives of people lived in the shadow of a plague.

Let me share a few of them with you.

The sigh of relief: A friend is sick. You hear it's pneumonia. You wait for them to tell that it's "that" pneumonia. And when they don't, you think about the horrible irony of dying of a non-AIDS disease in 1992. I thought the deal went something like this: we deal with AIDS, and y'all take the rest, OK? When a gay man dies of something else, like cancer, you feel like someone's cheating, and you want to call the referee over and have a talk with him, but he's already moved on to the next play.

Urn Sizing: I keep hearing anecdotal evidence that ceramicists aren't making cremation urns large enough. And just what do you do when you find out your lover won't fit? After the fact, you just leave everything in the plastic bag and cut your ritual short. That's what happened when David [abruptly] discovered this awful truth about Johnny—and a sobering prospect it is, fifteen minutes prior to a memorial service.

Lee, on the other hand, found out before his death, and asked the crematorium if he would fit if he was cooked a little longer? They "extra-crisped" him (his choice of words), and fit he did.

The shock of familiarity: At the bar the other night, I saw someone whose face I recognized from having been a bar regular two years ago. How amazing—he had disappeared voluntarily, and not because he was sick, and now he's back. I didn't know his name, but I wanted to go up and hug him.

Earning stripes: Just before he died, Lee had decided he wanted to buy his mother something to wear to his service. Too weak to shop (so you know he's sick), he called Parisian and described what he wanted, and they sent out a personal shopper loaded for bear with dresses. I would call that quite an auspicious entry into the Atlanta shopping market for an Alabama-

based retailer, and I will make a point to buy something there within the month.

Sucking Dick and Comparing Notes: Those of us who remain negative are a walking dictionary of anecdotal evidence of what one can do and not sero-convert. Answers to the following questions exist in our collective treasure trove of obsessive projection and paranoid speculations:

Do you suck dick? How enthusiastically? How long do you play with it to see if it's pre-cummy? Do you become concerned if he decides to go down on you too fast, giving evidence that he isn't as cautious as you? How deeply do you kiss? Have you ever canceled a date because of a sore in your mouth? Or do you still trick at all lately? Or are you always worrying because you don't know "where it's been?"

Safe Sex Metaphysics, A Multiple Choice Question: If you've done a particular act on the "possibly safe" list for ten years and are still negative, what does that mean: (a) the particular act is safe; (b) the particular act is safe one out of 100 times, and you just haven't hit the Bankrupt sign on the Wheel of Fortune yet; (c) the particular act is only safe the way you do it; (d) that the medical establishment, fearing a lawsuit, can't declare the particular act to be safe, but in the real world it is; (e) a negative test result doesn't mean anything.

Bonus questions: Whatever the answer is above, do you still worry when you engage in the particular act, after ten years?

Quilt exhaustion: Do we still need the Quilt? Like the epidemic it represents in microcosm, the Quilt itself has grown so

monstrously large that boundaries are gone, mission statements are washed out to sea, and we still don't know what to do with it. One could argue that if people haven't "gotten it" yet, they never will. Do its tiny glints of love and beauty still shine through the enormity of the grief it represents? After five times, I don't think I can bear the thought of seeing it again.

Men do the darndest things: I didn't believe him when a recently bereaved widower came up to me in the bar and told me that someone he had just told the news to was hitting on him. Then I watched him fend off four more hugs for the duration of the evening. Truly amazing.

Reason No. 416 to have voted for Bill Clinton (as though you need another one): The best explanation of how Bill Clinton's election could actually extend the lives of PWAs was in *The Advocate*, I forget from whom. He argued that if a PWA feels that an effort is being made to help him, that alone could give him enough hope to lengthen his life—perhaps by a week, perhaps a month, perhaps long enough to get through this month's disease and live quite a while longer. We can rest assured that George Bush, on the other hand, has saved all the lives he's going to save using this method.

And one last point: There's nothing special about these stories except they're the ones I've heard. Every person in our community has their own—the ones that best describe the way AIDS has transformed their existence. Please, tell them every chance you get, to anyone who'll listen. To be witness to the heroism, the humor, the grief and the gaiety that will distinguish this decade a hundred years from now, in both the enormous burden and the tremendous gift our generation has been given. Best as I can tell, telling those stories is the only reason I'm still here.

LETTERS

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To the Editor:

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Being out puts you on the inside

To the Editor:

Governmental administrations ascend to power on the whimsical tide of momentum and descend as quickly as that momentum wanes, laws wallow impotently due to lack of enforcement or are simply repealed, and judicial misinterpretation contorts policy changes and/or constitutional rights. Only through a cultural/social movement will the gay/lesbian community achieve civil and social rights.

The position of the gay/lesbian community has long been perceived as a subculture—in fact as an underground subculture with no roots in mainstream America. Outsiders. Ironically, the gay / lesbian population's representation in mainstream America rates higher (in sense of community percentage) than any other minority. We already are insiders in American culture. In every small town, in every corporation, in every sector of the media...we are everywhere. However, our clinging beliefs in our own invisibility allow us to be ignored.

Every time we deny our lifestyle (usually by rationalistic omissions or clandestine cover-ups), we not only destroy ourselves, we perpetuate the myth. We support the myth that we live on the fringes of soci-

ety. We deny our strength, ourselves and future lesbian/gay generations by not affirming our lifestyle to the homophobic mainstream.

Of course, there is always the fear that our invisibility has allowed us into the mainstream and by affirming ourselves we will lose our jobs, our status, and our safety. This fear which keeps us suppressed...this fear which invalidates our relationships...this fear that destroys our self-worth...this fear which a minority of our brothers and sisters have been fighting on the political front. Due to the current political and economic conditions, it is time for this fear to fall and for gay/lesbian unity to pull together on the cultural sector.

So...come out, come out, wherever, and whoever, you are. From business people to teachers to contractors to media figures, we need to embrace our own identity. We need to look into the mirror and see leaders who can feel their own destiny and see their own vision.

Gay pride is not a mere slogan, but a call to unity...a social vision.

Sincerely,
Katie Johnson

A simple matter of concentration

To the Editor:

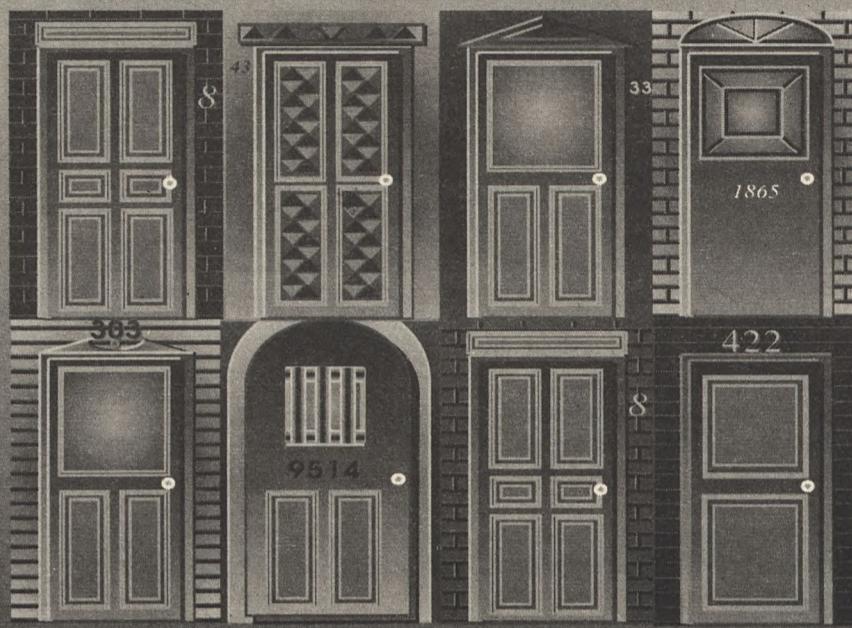
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AIDS study uses unusual treatment to fight Kaposi's sarcoma

South San Francisco, CA—Tim Oviatt has good reason to hope that an AIDS research study at San Francisco General Hospital will open new doors to treatment of the plague that has killed so many of his friends.

He, too, has AIDS.

"I am very hopeful," said Oviatt, a San Francisco clothing shop owner who has taken the drug AZT for three years.

Oviatt and 19 others will participate in the study, which begins this month and will test the effectiveness of combatting AIDS-related tumors known as Kaposi's sarcoma, which strikes cells lining blood vessels.

The study will be the third, most extensive trial of an unusual procedure known as

Clara that developed the procedure—Applied Immune Sciences Inc.—says it has shown good results in two earlier tests, and no negative side effects. It hopes the study will confirm cell therapy's effectiveness against Kaposi's, and also help develop a broad treatment for AIDS and other immune diseases.

"We think we have a process that is anti-HIV, anti-cancer, anti-viral and anti-fungal," said Dr. Thomas B. Okarma, president, chief executive and chief scientist for AIS.

Okarma, a doctor at Stanford University Medical School before founding the company, said he hopes the treatment will prove so effective it transforms AIDS into a disease like tuberculosis: serious, potentially deadly, but



Tim Oviatt stands with Dr. James Kahn and Judy Coss (behind glass) at the biotech lab of South San Francisco General Hospital. Oviatt and 19 others are taking part in a new AIDS research study using "cell therapy." Part of the study involves having blood treated in the bags Coss is holding.

"cell therapy." White blood cells, known as CD8 cells, are removed from the patient's blood, then isolated and treated with small doses of Interleukin II, a cancer-fighting drug, and phytohemagglutina, a soybean extract.

The cells are then incubated for two to three weeks, when they multiply about ten-fold, then are reinfused by the billions into the patient's bloodstream.

The idea is to use a patient's own cells to fight the tumors, and thus promote the healing of the body's immune system, damaged by the HIV virus.

The small biotechnology firm in Santa

in most cases treatable.

AIDS activists in San Francisco are watching the test closely.

"It's one of the first real efforts to begin rebuilding a damaged immune system. It's a new way to deal with AIDS and one we support aggressively," said Martin Delaney, director of Project Inform, a San Francisco-based AIDS advocacy and information group.

Dr. James Kahn, associate director of the AIDS program at San Francisco General and assistant professor of medicine at the University of California at San Francisco, is directing the study. Eight people have been enrolled; in

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all, 20 people will be tested, Kahn said.

"We need to find other and powerful ways to affect HIV, to affect the consequences of immune suppression and begin to explore ways to even restore immune functions," he said. "This is one novel way to evaluate that. That's its promise."

Kahn said he hopes to present some preliminary results from the study at the international conference on AIDS in Berlin in June.

Cell therapy so far has been used in treating cancer, especially kidney cancer, and in bone marrow transplantation. Recent tests at Stanford also indicate it may be effective against one strain of muscular dystrophy.

An earlier cell therapy study in Pittsburgh—using the "Collector" technology—showed that the procedure works without toxic effects. Because of the strong side effects of full-dosage Interleukin II, that had been a central concern.

A subsequent study in Miami suggested cell therapy may work against opportunistic infections and malignancies that often accompany AIDS.

"Now we need bigger patient studies to

see if it does any good," said Dr. Monto Ho, who along with Dr. Ronald Herberman conducted the Pittsburgh study.

But not everyone is enthusiastic about cell therapy's usefulness in treating AIDS.

"It's an idea that's been around for a long while," said Dr. Jeffrey Laurence, a researcher at Cornell University and senior scientist for the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

Laurence said the two previous studies were less conclusive than hoped for. "It is overstating the data to say this is a breakthrough," he said. "The first trials were disappointing."

But Laurence still thinks the San Francisco study should be conducted.

"AIDS is such a terrible problem that everything ought to be tried," he said. "Sure, it's worthwhile. I'd just be very skeptical."

Despite the distrust of so-called miracle cures, Oviatt said he's not only willing to take part, but hopeful.

"I saw a chance to see that light at the end of the tunnel a little closer to me—rather than the tunnel ending."

JOHN ENDERS

New study on oral drug for treatment of PCP

Washington, DC—A study supported by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease has determined that the oral drug trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole (TMP/SMX) is better than aerosolized pentamidine for preventing a second episode of PCP in people with AIDS who can tolerate both drugs. The study was reported in the Dec. 24 issue of The New England Journal of Medicine.

According to the trial results, patients on AZT who receive preventive aerosolized

pentamidine run a 3.25 greater risk of developing a second bout of PCP than patients taking AZT plus prophylactic TMP/SMX. Patients in the two study groups demonstrated no major differences in blood or liver toxicities or rates of survival.

Researchers involved in the study emphasize that the trial results apply primarily to those people with AIDS who have significantly compromised immune systems, and that caution should be used in generalizing to people who do not fit this profile. Although this study clearly indicates that TMP/SMX performs better, they note that both drugs are effective.

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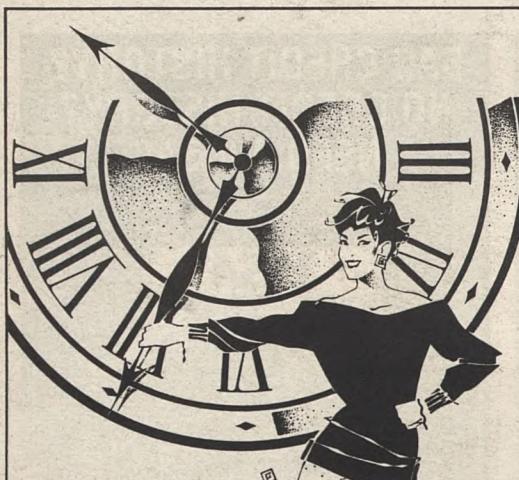
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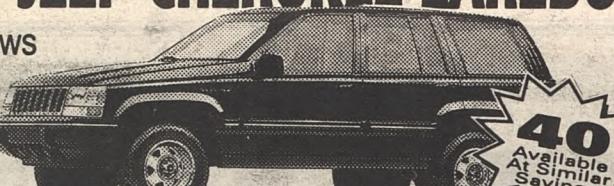


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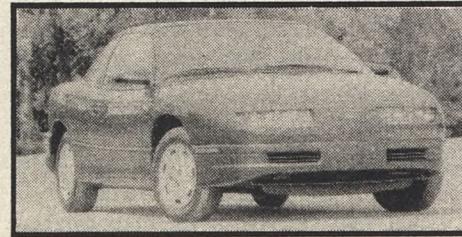
No doubt about it, these continue to be trying times for the auto industry. But there are signs that 1993 could begin an economic recovery as consumer confidence rebounds under the Clinton-Gore national leadership.

At least that's what insiders of the auto industry are yearning for as they offer a wide variety of incentives to potential buyers of the new 1993 car models. These incentives range from "no hassle/no haggle" selling techniques to reasonable car loan interest rates of only 6 to 7 per cent for the latest models.

On the other hand, consumers are undoubtedly looking for quality, comfort, affordability, technology and, above all, the best value for their specific needs and desires when choosing an automobile.

This year's flock of 1993 models features a considerable number of new offerings in the compact economy category as well as a few developments in auto design for the buyers of sports vehicles and luxury cars.

Chevrolet has introduced what it is calling its "second generation of Geos." It's the **Geo Prizm**. Their 1993 model Geo Prizm, priced at under \$10,000, is larger, roomier, more stylish



Saturn Coupe

and comes with a more powerful engine and standard driver's-side airbag; an LSi model, priced at \$10,630, has an additional 7 cubic feet to the interior reclassifying it from a subcompact to a compact size.

Automotive columnists and the like are proclaiming 1993 as the year for **Chrysler**. The past twelve month period has seen the introduction by Chrysler of the 1992 Dodge Viper, the 1993 Jeep Grand Cherokee, and coming this fall, the Dodge Intrepid, Chrysler Concorde and Eagle Vision (code-named LH) sedans.

It's obvious to everyone that Chrysler has gone to the forefront of the "cab-forward LH sedan" market with assertive and aggressive public relations and advertising campaigns.

"While vehicles got smaller in the last decade, the people who drove and rode in them didn't," Chrysler Vice President of Product Design Tom Gale points out. "Consequently, there will be renewed emphasis on providing more interior space."

Leading the large array of 1993 models by Ford is the Probe. Like Chrysler, it offers "cab forward" design attributes which contribute to

its handsome overall design in addition to providing smoother ride and handling. Its interior space with consideration to "the occupant-oriented" actually wraps around from the instrument panels into the doors. It can also deliver solid performance with its two new multi-valve engines—a four cylinder and a V-6. This sporty model includes the Probe GT with such additional features as twin-cam 24-valve V-6 engine, cast-aluminum block and cylinder heads, 164 horsepower and a five-speed manual transaxle. It ranges in price from \$13,200 to \$20,600.

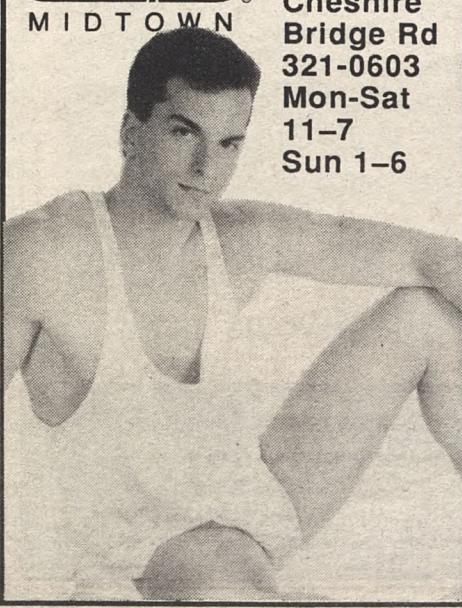
Automotive experts are monitoring the performance and marketability of the 1993 Ford Escort. Touting "key design refinements" for all four Escort LX bodystyles, new features include six new exterior colors, new grille, wheel covers, tail-lamp treatments, and color-keyed bodyside molding and bumpers for most models. For the budget-conscious buyer, they're offering an innovative "One-Price" marketing plan for all Escort LX models with a special option package. Ford is suggesting retail prices of \$10,899 with manual transaxle and \$11,631 for automatic transaxle, tax and title not included.

Not surprisingly, the 1993 **Corolla** is leading the new models for Toyota's all-new air bag restraint system and an anti-lock braking system. It has also increased in size from a subcompact to a compact and comes in a four-door sedan in Standard, DX and LE trim levels and a five-door DX station wagon. Among its highly-praised features are a refined 1.6 liter engine for its Standard models which is quieter, increased horsepower, a new 1.8 liter engine that increases performance with more horsepower and strong low-end torque, a significant reduction in noise, vibration and harshness of ride and drive. It ranges in price from \$11,200 to \$15,200.

Following the Corolla, Toyota's 1993 **Land Cruiser** offers the best in full-size sport utility vehicles. It has significant interior and exterior upgrades and mechanical refinements in its 1993 models. These include: all new 212-horsepower 4.5 liter DCHC 24-valve inline six-cylinder engine producing 275 lb.-ft. of torque at 3,200 rpm, industry-first optional locking front and rear differential system, all-new four-wheel ABS with four-wheel brakes, full-time four-wheel drive with optional viscous-coupling center differential, and four-speed electronically controlled automatic overdrive transmission. It ranges from \$31,200 to \$36,000.

In compact sport/utility vehicles the **Ford Explorer** will continue to be very popular. This year's improvements include 4-wheel antilock brakes. The Explorer continues to offer the longest wheelbase of all compact sport/utility vehicles. It's available as both a 2-door and as a 4-door in rear and 4-wheel drive versions. The only engine offered is a powerful 4.0 liter V6,

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Debuting the 1993 **Saturn** model as it enters into its third generation season, the latest models range from a new family of wagons to a high-value coupe. All Saturns this year are enhanced with standard driver's-side supplemental inflatable restraint (DSIR) systems.

Serving as the cornerstone of the Saturn's success are their ever-popular sedans. Built in a 102.4-inch wheelbase, the four-door, five passenger models come with MacPherson strut front and independent tri-link rear suspension designs which results in nimble handling of a small car with the touring feel of a larger car.

Outstanding among the key features contributing to the success rate of Saturns is the corrosion-free, dent-and-ding resistant characteristics of the car's polymer vertical bodyside panels. With the 1993 wagons, further corrosion resistance has been expanded with the use of sheet molded compound (SMC) material for the exterior roof and tailgate. Prices range from \$9,500 to \$18,100.

The 1993 full line of Suzuki vehicles purports to offer the "broadest selection of highly fuel-efficient, low-priced, feature-packed vehicles under \$15,000 on the road today." These include the two and four door Sidekick models, the Samurai sport utility vehicles, and the Swift passenger cars.

Joining their sport utility line for 1993 is the versatile four-door Suzuki Sidekick JS model. A two-wheel model, priced at \$11,899, stands alongside the ever-popular four-door, four-wheel drive Sidekick JX model at \$12,999 and JLX model at \$14,199, with manual transmission. All four-door Sidekicks are equipped with a 160 valve 1.6 liter, multi-point fuel-injected, four cylinder engine that generates 95 horsepower of 5,600 rpm.

Claiming for itself "the most ambitious new model launch in automotive history," **Mazda** introduced five totally new models within an eight month period. They included MX-3, 929, RX-7, MX-6 and 626. Planning to continue its focus upon "niche marketing," the recently-appointed president of Mazda Motors of America (MMA) Kazuo "Sonny" Sonoguchi predicts that "Mazda is in a good position for 1993...We have 11 distinctive models designed to appeal to buyers who see themselves as individuals with specific needs. These people are looking for some-

thing that will separate them from the crowd."

"Starting with the Miata, our new cars are designed to touch the emotions of their owners," says one Mazda high-ranking official. "Each Mazda creates a feeling that the car was made just for its owner and reflects his or her desire to be a little different—it's a quality we call 'Uniquely Me.'" Miatas range in price from \$15,700 to \$21,800.

Saab is showcasing its 9000 CS model for the 1993 season with a unique dealer option and ordering program that allows buyers of its 9000 and 900 series to specify equipment packages to satisfy personal and budget needs.

The Swedish automaker has controlled prices for its 1993 lines at the level of \$23,980 for the three-door hatchback and \$24,595 for the four-door sedan. The 9000 CD sedans actually are experiencing a price reduction (especially the fully-equipped Turbo version with automatic transmission option) to \$33,745 for 1993, down from \$37,615 for 1992.

Honda, the best selling car in metro Atlanta last year, completely redesigned its Civic family in 1992 and in 1993 introduces its first true coupe into the fold. The Civic Sedan and Hatchback remain basically unchanged. The new Coupe has the same Sedan platform but is new from the windshield pillar aft. Like other Civics, it offers ample room in the front seat and better than average rear seat space. The addition of the Coupe ups the Civic line to three body styles and four engines. Prices range from \$8,700 to \$16,200.

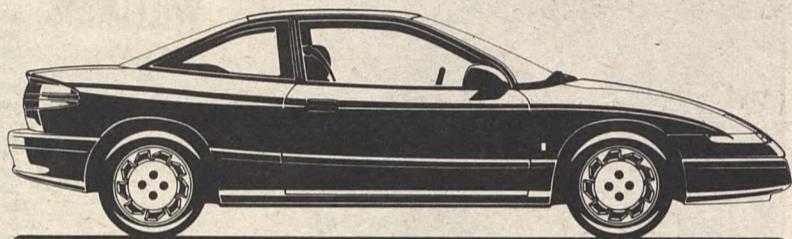
The CRX has been replaced this year by the **Civic Del Sol**, a sporty 2-seater with a lift-out aluminum roof panel for an instant convertible. Another unique feature is a power-operated rear window. The del sol is a little larger and heavier than the CRX, and the ride is improved as well. Prices range from \$13,500 to \$16,100.

Luxury sedans are spelled L-E-X-U-S this year. The **Lexus LS 400**, which has become the benchmark for luxury sedans in only three years, gets a minor facelift and a few new features in 1993. Among those are a passenger's side airbag. It also gets a new grille and wheel design. A great new option is a cellular telephone which can be removed and used as a portable away from the car. Standard features are many and include alloy wheels, antilock disc brakes and a security system. Popular Mechanics calls it "one of the quietest-riding automobiles available today. Prices range from \$47,000 to \$53,900.

And you can't talk about luxury without talking about **Cadillac**. The Allanté, flagship of the Cadillac line, continues to impress in 1993. A new rear suspension improves road isolation and steering response. Other new features include a more durable fabric for the convertible top and a new 8-speaker AM/FM/cassette/CD player. A detachable aluminum hardtop is available too. Price ranges from \$61,700 to \$62,800.

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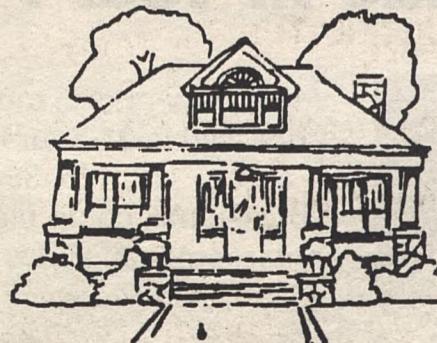
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Additionally, Liza Minnelli pulled out of a planned benefit in Aspen to raise money for the effort to repeal Amendment 2. According to her publicist, friends persuaded Minnelli to honor the boycott. Singers John Denver and John Oates and actors Anthony Zerbe and Harry Hamlin and others appeared at the benefit on Dec. 27, which expected to raise more than \$50,000.

Ironically, the Wheeler Opera House in Aspen had an opening that night because singer Melissa Etheridge cancelled her scheduled appearance to protest the amendment.

Aspen officials say the city has not suffered because of the boycott. Reservations in the city are running about 12 percent ahead of last year, said Tom Hines, director of the Aspen Resort Association. Hines noted that the last two weeks of December were nearly sold out—meaning the final tallies will add up to a significant increase over last December.

Celebrities spotted in Colorado so far this season include Sally Field, Kurt Russell, George Hamilton, Don Johnson, Melanie Griffith, Goldie Hawn, Robert Wagner, Jill St. John, and Jack Nicholson (who called the boycott "rubbish"). Additionally, Jimmy Buffett, Don Henley and Cher are expected.

But Kennedy family members have canceled plans for their traditional holiday ski vacation in Aspen, opting instead for Park City, Utah. Kennedy travel agent Blake

Fleetwood said that 40-50 friends and family members usually make the jaunt, but "they just felt this was the right thing to do at this time." Fleetwood's agency, Planetarium Travels of New York City, has adopted a policy of not doing business with Colorado.

A Vail, Colorado newspaper refused to run an ad from a local gay man urging the boycott. Craig Wutsch said he tried to run an ad in the Vail Daily during Christmas week, but the paper's publisher, Jim Pavelich, wouldn't print it. Wutsch said he was particularly angry when the paper ran another political ad during Christmas week promoting the Eagle County Chapter of the Colorado Right to Life Committee.

On the legal front, a motion to block Amendment 2 from taking effect until the lawsuit challenging its constitutionality is settled was filed last week in Denver District court. If granted, the preliminary injunction would prevent the anti-gay measure from taking effect as scheduled on January 15, 1993.

Officials in Colorado cities are scrambling to deal with the boycott and reports that anti-gay crimes are on the upswing. In Denver, officials denied reports by the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Colorado that such crimes have surged dramatically in the last year. Sue Anderson, director of the Center, said that the city's numbers are artificially low because so few people report such crimes to police, and state law does not track hate crimes based on sexual orientation.

And finally, Colorado Springs Mayor Robert Isaac has pledged to appeal to the U.S. Conference of Mayors to reconsider its cancellation of its convention, scheduled for Colorado Springs. Isaac's city was the birthplace of Amendment 2, and Isaac supports the hateful amendment. Isaac said he doesn't "want it left in people's minds...that we're bigots."



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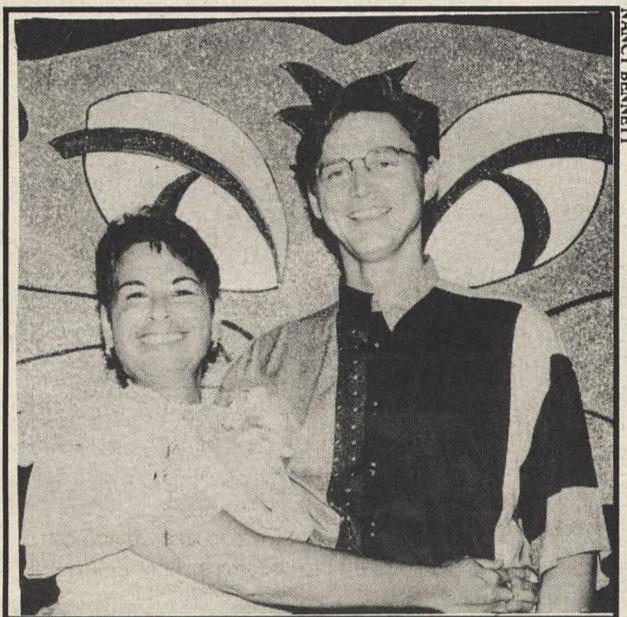
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"It would be hard for this organization to be run by personalities," Alexander remarked. "These new bylaws clearly define everybody's role. I'm sure they're not perfect, but the basic structure looks pretty good."

Alexander said that the new Atlanta rules are based on those in Los Angeles and San Francisco. They allow for a larger board (from the current eleven up to twenty-one), and create an "operations committee" responsible for putting on the Pride events. The board's main focus will be on long-term planning and fundraising.

The new bylaws also move board elections from soon after Pride to January, and create two-year terms for members. Those terms will be staggered so that half the board will be elected every other year.



1992 co-chairs Shelly Robbins and Lynn Cothren resigned their seats in part because of the controversy surrounding last year's Pride activities.

Parity problems

Board recruitment has also become a priority, and something of a sore point. When the eleven member board took its seats last fall, many complained that it was unrepresentative of the community. Only one member was African-American, and two were women. The other eight were all white men.

"You can't do anything about parity when everybody is a volunteer," said Board co-chair Paul Stone. "The new bylaws will alleviate this."

The new bylaws created a Nominations and Review Committee to recruit board members. That committee, headed by

Judy Siff, is dedicated to finding the most qualified members of the community to serve on the body that organizes the yearly Pride. Siff says that her committee's goal is to diversify the Board.

"I'm networking with everyone I can think of," she said. "We need not just interested individuals, but interested individuals who represent others, and who will stand up for what they believe. And most of all, board members need to be willing to live with differences."

Changes too little, too late for some

Siff, and the board members, say they are determined to find more women and minorities—African-Americans, Hispanics, Asian-Americans and others—to work on the committee and board. But for former Board co-chair Robbie Rogers, it was too little, too late. Rogers, saying she was frustrated with sexism and what she called insensitivity to "members of our community who do not frequent bars, drag shows or live in Midtown," abruptly resigned on December 29.

"[The board members] kept saying they're trying to get things squared away and to give them time," said Rogers. "Well, I've given them four months."

Rogers said her complaints stem from a "general attitude" against the lesbian community, the recovery community, and anything that does not fall into the "stereotypical" gay lifestyle. She said time and again she tried to work with the rest of the board, but that her efforts were unsatisfactory.

"My position as co-chair was pretty much token woman," she said. "I'm outraged at them thinking the community only exists in Midtown and bars when less than 40% of the community goes to bars."

Pride board members were surprised at the news of Rogers' resignation. They held an emergency meeting on December 30, electing Skip Marklein—the only other lesbian on the board—to serve as co-chair in Rogers' place. The board released a press release on New Year's Eve announcing the change, saying that Rogers' "voice and energy will be missed" and that her "work on increasing lesbian and minority visibility and participation is a goal of the newly created Nominations and Review Committee."

Board co-chair Paul Stone took issue with Rogers' charges that the board was not as forthcoming in its attempts to secure lesbian participation.

"I believe that Pride Board is and always has been actively involved in seeking not only the women's support, but also African-Americans, Hispanics and Asians," he said. "And with the new bylaws, it's more adaptable to being inclusive. That was the goal of the changes."

"Those issues have been Robbie's concern, and ours," said newly elected co-chair Skip Marklein. "Getting lesbians involved is twice as hard as getting gay men involved. Lesbians and gay men have different goals, different issues, and different ways of achieving things. We want to bring those together."

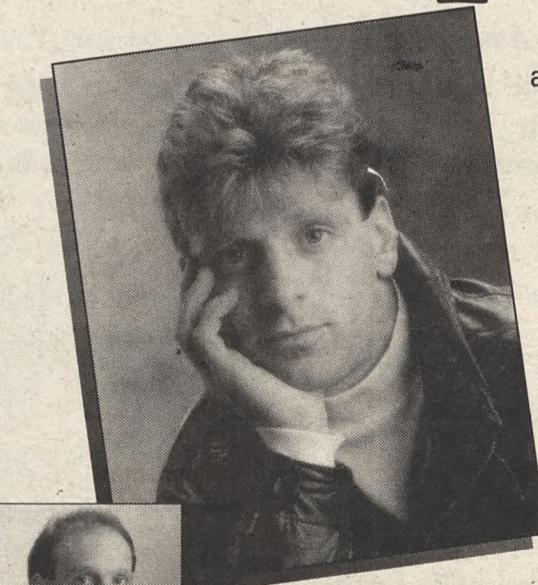
Onward

Regardless of any internal difficulties, Pride will happen this year, and in all likelihood the numbers will exceed last

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ELLEN GARDNER COOK

Paul Stone and Skip Marklein serve as co-chairs for 1993 Pride. Marklein replaced Robbie Rodgers, who recently resigned, she says, because her efforts to bring different communities into Pride were thwarted.

year's. Even though Pride celebrations in the Big Peach have been happening for over 20 years, the last two have signalled an enormous change in the way Pride is celebrated in Atlanta. Prior to 1991, the city had never hosted more than 5000 Pride celebrants, and that march—held in the late 70s—was held two weeks earlier than Pride to protest an appearance by Orange Juice Queen and homo-hater Anita Bryant. Since 1991, however, the numbers have doubled annually, exceeding projections, leaving a Pride committee accustomed to small celebrations scrambling to handle the event. These new organizational changes, say the board, will hopefully create a more efficient method of running Pride.

1993, they say, will be a transitional year for the committee. As the Nominations and Review Committee begins its search for more and qualified board members, other members of the board will begin working on fundraising and corporate sponsorship for 1994. And everyone will be diving into the 1993 organization.

"It's going to be real interesting," said Marklein. "A lot will depend on the new people."

Stone agreed. "It will be challenging," he said, "but we're all looking forward to it."

"It will be like no year we've ever had," said board member Hubert Alexander. When asked what he meant by that, he replied, "I don't know."

For now, "I don't know" may sum up 1993 Pride. But the remaining board members and committee members are optimistic that this year will exceed last year. How well it reaches its own goals, or even understands its own goals, however, remains to be seen.

"We're splitting at the seams," said Marklein, "with issues to deal with, and an event to organize. We've got a concept of what we want and what to plan for. Now we do it."

Pride '93 kicks off on Jan. 21, 1993, from 7-9 pm at the Terraces Restaurant in the Georgia World Congress Center. Final submissions of artwork reflecting on the Pride '93 theme—"It's Time To Tell America"—are due at that time.

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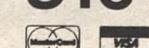
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MOVIES

STEVE WARREN'S BEST & WORST OF '92

The portrayal of positive lesbian and gay characters in mainstream movies, which peaked in the fall of 1991 with "The Butcher's Wife," "The Fisher King," "Frankie and Johnny" and "The Prince of Tides," ended abruptly early in 1992; but we showed Hollywood we didn't need them.

The turning point was the protest during the San Francisco filming of "Basic Instinct," which led the major studios to believe it was safer to ignore us altogether than try to include us and risk the wrath of the PC police. It was quite evident in 1992, but the stalemate may end if Gus Van Sant's "Even Cowgirls Get the Blues" (scheduled for August 1993 release) is a hit and Jonathan Demme's "Philadelphia" (a.k.a. "People Like Us") is just part of a wave of "AIDS films" (Francis Coppola and John Schlesinger have yet to put theirs into production and Barbra Streisand is still sitting on the rights to "The Normal Heart").

While Madonna and Roseanne kept us in the public eye in other media, the movies left us on the cutting room floor.

The boycott was less thorough in Britain, where "Peter's Friends" and "The Crying Game" had their gay elements, but the American cinema left us out after the homophobic elements of the early-in-the-year "Basic Instinct" and Stephen King's "Sleepwalkers."

The good news was the explosion of independent queer cinema. Although Derek Jarman's "Edward II," Gregg Araki's "The Living End," Christopher Munch's "The Hours and Times" and Tom Kalin's "Swoon" all failed to pass the million-dollar mark at the box office (Araki came closest), they received far wider distribution and (mostly favorable) mainstream media coverage than would have been dreamed of earlier.

Quality-wise, there were no great films released in 1992, but a lot of good ones. The best and worst were less clearcut than in recent years, leaving my rankings more arbitrary than usual; and not having seen either film about Columbus, I fear my list of "worsts" is incomplete.

TEN BEST

1. The Player
2. Enchanted April
3. One False Move
4. Reservoir Dogs
5. Glengarry Glen Ross
6. Toto le heros
7. Aladdin
8. A Few Good Men
9. American Me
10. Husbands and Wives

HONORABLE MENTION (listed alphabetically)

- The Crying Game
- Damage
- Death Becomes Her
- Flirting
- Howards End
- Indochine
- Of Mice and Men
- Proof
- Thank You and Goodnight!
- Thunderheart

BEST DIRECTOR: Robert Altman, "The Player"

BEST ACTOR: Jack Lemmon, "Glengarry Glen Ross"

BEST ACTRESS: Susan Sarandon, "Lorenzo's Oil"



Warren rates "Enchanted April," starring Polly Walker, one of the top ten films of 1992.



Michael Douglas, pictured here with Sharon Stone in "Basic Instinct," was the worst actor of 1992 says Warren.

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR: Jack Nicholson, "A Few Good Men"

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS: Marcia Gay Harden, "Used People"

BEST FILM BY AN OPENLY GAY/LESBIAN FILM-MAKER: Jan Oxenberg's "Thank You and Goodnight!"

MR. VERSATILITY: Harvey Keitel in "Reservoir Dogs," "Bad Lieutenant," "Sister Act"

MS. VERSATILITY: Miranda Richardson in "Enchanted April," "Damage," "The Crying Game"

MOST PROMISING NEWCOMER: Jaye Davidson, "The Crying Game"

TEN WORST

1. A Stranger Among Us
2. Consenting Adults
3. Cool World
4. Newsies
5. Raising Cain
6. Breaking the Rules
7. Encino Man
8. Cold Heaven
9. Under Suspicion
10. Rock-a-Doodle

DISHONORABLE MENTION (listed alphabetically)

- Afraid of the Dark
- Bram Stoker's Dracula
- CrissCross
- Crossing the Bridge
- Final Analysis
- A League of Their Own
- Scent of a Woman
- Until the End of the World
- White Sands
- Zentropa

WORST ACTOR: Michael Douglas, "Basic Instinct" and "Shining Through"

WORST ACTRESS: Melanie Griffith, "A Stranger Among Us" and "Shining Through"

MOST HOMOPHOBIC MOVIE: Stephen King's "Sleepwalkers"

STEVE WARREN

COUNTRY MUSIC

SUZY BOGGUSS lives at 7207 Dianne Drive, but the first seven is missing from her mailbox. Not to worry. The home is up for sale, and she's looking for bigger quarters.

And that's an apt description of her country music career. The 35-year-old singer-songwriter-guitarist has her plentiful talents aimed at the next level. She's just won the Country Music Association's Horizon Award for most promise. And she wants more.

"I'm a very driven person," she said as she sipped coffee in the dining room of her home 25 miles southwest of Nashville.

It was a rare day off the road for the hard-working Bogguss. The night before, she was presented a gold album for selling 500,000 copies of "Aces." Later this particular Tuesday, carpet cleaners were coming. If they look around, they will see congratulatory balloons sitting on a table not far from a mantle where her CMA award is on display.

Indeed, these are heady times for this warm, well-scrubbed performer who often sings with conviction about independent women in charge of their lives. Her single "Letting Go" has just been a top 10 country hit. It's about a young woman leaving for college and her mother's emotions about it. In January, she'll sing on the network TV special "Women of Country," which brings together some three dozen current and past country performers. In 1991, she was a finalist for a Grammy Award for "Hopelessly Yours," a duet with Lee Greenwood. Her "Aces," which has songs focusing on people and relationships, has enjoyed a yearlong run on the charts.

All this has been a deserving reward for Bogguss, who's been steadily building a career since arriving in Nashville seven years ago in a camper with her dog and cat.

"People recognize me now at airports," she said.

She's very much an all-American girl from the small town of Aledo, Ill., where she was a Girl Scout, high school cheerleader and homecoming queen. She has a degree in metalsmithing from Illinois State University and designs her own line of jewelry and leather apparel.

As a young woman, she traveled through Colorado, Wyoming and Montana singing music recorded by James Taylor, Linda Ronstadt and Emmylou Harris.

She performed at supper clubs and honky-tonks, negotiating contracts with local clubs and putting up her own posters in a one-woman promotional whirlwind of resourcefulness and ambition.

"I built up little pockets of fans," she said as her bright brown eyes danced at the recollection. "I dropped 'em postcards to tell 'em when I was coming back."

Now the lights are brighter and her zeal is flaming.

She's setting her sights on Garth Brooks and Clint Black. She wants to be at the top of the marquee, not the bottom.

"I can't accept females being the opening act for males the rest of their lives," Bogguss said. "It's not ego, just business. So few women have been able to accelerate to make it work."

In a bit of playfulness at her concerts, she puts on an apron when she sings "Eat at Joe's." It's a song about a waitress determined to enjoy life.

"People are screaming for it, so I throw it into the audience," Bogguss said. "I'm going to have to keep plenty of them on hand."

Her lyrics rarely show women as vulnerable targets. They rarely whine. "Drive South," her current single, is about a woman saving a relationship despite hardships. Her rousing "Outbound Plane," a top 10 hit last spring, was about a woman deciding that a love relationship has disintegrated.

"I look for songs I feel connected to as a woman. I want to promote an image I want to see women work toward. I try very hard to make genuine music that reflects my perspective."

JOE EDWARDS



Rising country music star Suzy Bogguss says she's tired of seeing female singers as opening acts for men.

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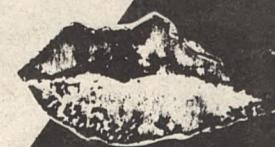
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THURSDAY

PERSEPHONE'S SONG. Author Mary Schmidt reads from her new novel which explores a deep friendship between a straight woman and a gay man with AIDS. The reading takes place at Charis Books and More at 7:30 p.m. Call 524-0304 for details.

A LADY AND A WOMAN. SAME presents Shirlene Holmes' play about two black women who fall in love in the 1890's. Carol Mitchell-Leon directs this touching story of lesbian romance in an age when such relationships had no precedent. Runs through Jan. 24, Thurs.-Sun. SAME Auditorium at TULA, 75 Bennett St. 8 pm. 609-9590.

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

LORNA SIMPSON. The High museum of Art at Georgia-Pacific Center exhibits the works of African-American photographer Lorna Simpson. She uses her conceptually-based images to question commonly held beliefs and social conventions. Runs through Mar. 5. 577-6940 for further info.

CELEBRATION OF VISION. The life and work of two memorable poets whose work shaped America's literary



landscape are explored in documentaries to be screened at the High Museum of Art. Langston Hughes, who wrote of the beauty of African-Americans, will be featured tonight.

Sunday's film examines the poetry of William Carlos Williams. 2:00pm. 892-HIGH.

ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. The ASO features Indianapolis Symphony Conductor Raymon Leppard and French pianist Pascal Roge tonight through Saturday. The concert features the works of Poulenc, David Ott and Dvorak. Performances begin at 8:00. Symphony Hall. 892-2414.

THE WOMEN. The classic American comedy by Clare Booth Luce

hilariously illustrates the differences, or lack thereof, between upper and working-class women in 1936 New York City. This all-woman cast is directed by Stephen Petty, director of the smash hit, "The Harvey Milk Show."

Runs through Feb. 21 at Actor's Express. 221-0831.

OPEN HOUSE AT ALFA. Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance welcomes women to an evening of games, conversation and food. The Open House runs from 8:00 until 11:00. Call 378-9769 for directions.

ST. AELRED'S FEAST. A solemn Eucharist will be celebrated at All Saint's Episcopal Church at 7:30 p.m. Integrity/Atlanta invites the gay and lesbian community to celebrate the feast day of its patron saint.

GORDON PARKS. Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art presents photographs highlighting the career of America's premiere black photographer. The exhibition can be seen through Feb. 13. Call 424-8142 for info.

9 SATURDAY

OPERATION SURVIVE. NAPWA presents a six-week seminar of specific topics related to surviving HIV. Sessions are offered on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:30 and Saturday mornings from 11:00 to 1:30. For more info call 874-7926.

TALES OF THE TRICKSTER. Works by Canadian artist Barbara-Ann Carver-Hunt can be seen at the Ariel Gallery at TULA. Her vibrant colored pencil drawings and figurative ceramic sculptures can be seen through Feb. 16. Call 352-5753 for info.

INCIDENT AT OGLALA. Michael Apted's documentary on the shootout that took place on a South Dakota reservation in 1975 and the unfair trial that resulted in the conviction of Sioux activist Leonard Peltier can be seen at the High Museum at 8:00 p.m. 892-2414.

SUDDENLY LAST SUMMER. Great Performances presents its adaption of Tennessee Williams' drama about the secrets of a tortured Southern family. Maggie Smith, Natasha Richardson and Rob Lowe star. GPTV Channel 8 at 10:30 p.m.

VOICES FROM THE SIXTH WORLD. Conversations with gay men about love, life, AIDS, spirituality and more. 9:00 p.m. Cable Channel 12, People TV. 11 p.m.

A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE. Through Feb. 13. Tennessee Williams'

PSYCHIC FRIENDS. TV personality Linda M. Georgian explores ESP, wholistic health and gaurdian angels in a workshop at the Marriott-Lenox. See if she can do for you what she has done for Dionne Warwick, Kenny Rogers and Linda Evans. 740-1110.

10 SUNDAY

LESBIAN AIDS PROJECT. A re-organizational meeting will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Sisterlove Conference Room. Discussion will include information about lesbians and HIV infection. Call 624-3563 for details.

ATLANTA'S BLACK HERITAGE. Through Feb. 27. The Atlanta History Center displays award-winning paintings, lithographs, drawings and sculptures in an exploration of the impact of Atlanta University's annual art exhibitions. Call 814-4150 for details.

11 MONDAY

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.

HIV UPDATE. The nationally syndicated cable television program can be seen each Wednesday on Cable Channel 12 at 6pm. This month's program features a discussion on Kaposi's sarcoma and non-Hodgkins lymphoma. The award-winning

tragic heroine Blanche DuBois collides with her vulgar brother-in-law Stanley in this New Orleans drama. Alliance Theatre. 8 pm. 892-2414 for ticket info.

12 TUESDAY

IN MY PLACE. Charlayne Hunter-Gault, one of the first two black students to integrate the all-white University of Georgia in 1961, will speak on her life and career as a national news correspondent. The lecture begins at 8:00 in the Atlanta History Center. Call 814-4000 for more info.

GUYS AND DOLLS. Lorna Luft stars in the first national tour of successful Broadway musical. Damon Runyon's New York stories can be seen at the Fox Theater tonight through Jan. 17. Call 252-8960 for ticket info.

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.

13 WEDNESDAY

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.

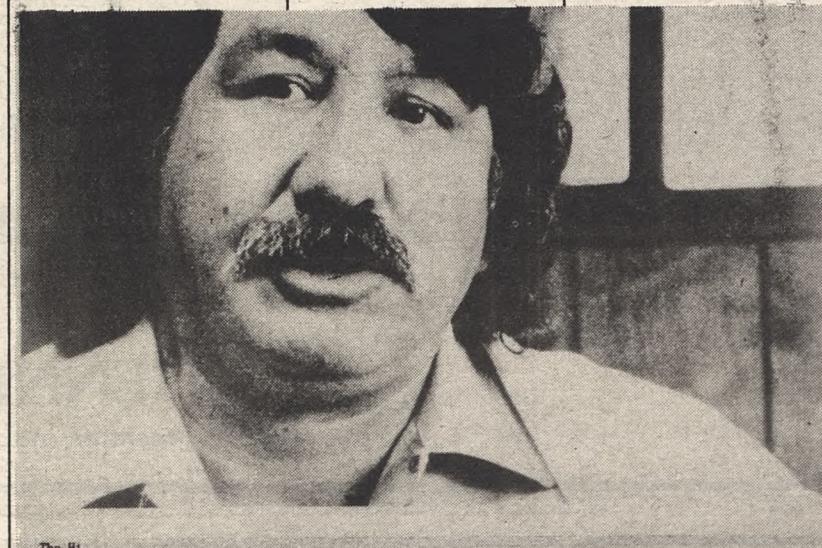


documentary chronicling Atlantan Tom Fox's struggle with AIDS will also be aired.

CHANGE. The German Cultural Center presents the black and white photography of four East Berlin women addressing the personal changes that took place for them once the wall had come down. The exhibit can be seen through Feb. 19. For info call 892-2388.

Pictured:
ABOVE RIGHT: Clark Taylor stars in "Billy Bishop Goes To War" opening January 7 at Theatre Gael. Photo by Barry-Tipping

ABOVE LEFT: Mary Layne is Blanche DuBois in "A Streetcar Named Desire" opening Jan. 12 at the Alliance Theatre. Photo by David Zeiger
BELOW: Leonard Peltier is the subject of "Incident at Oglala", a documentary of the 1975 Sioux uprising in South Dakota which resulted in the conviction of Peltier. Jan. 9 at the High Museum of Art.



ONGOING

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'Keeffe, 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.

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.

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

The opening third of "Deaths of Jocasta" (New Victoria, 1992, \$9.95) by J.M. Redman opens nicely enough. In the setting of a huge country estate in the New Orleans area, characters are introduced, relationships set up, and the body found. And we can forgive narrator/P.I. Micky Knight's self-esteem problems because the political subtext (seemingly unavoidable for some dyke detectives these days), abortion rights, is handled with a less heavy hand than usual. But then J.M. Redman gets carried away with the emotional self-flagellation of her P.I., and inserts an entirely unnecessary sixty pages of romantic misunderstandings two-thirds of the way through. The plot, not very robust to begin with, gets lost altogether. But the baddies are satisfactorily killed, the sweet old nun rescued, and the romance consummated, so it's not all bad.

"Holy Family" by John L. Myers (Alyson, Oct. 92, \$8.95) won the Lambda Rising first-novel contest. In the nation's capital, David Harriman seduces a handsome young thing who ends up dead the next morning. The gay cop assigned to the case is very sympathetic, but David is still the prime suspect. With the help of a young hustler named Snake, David sets out to find the real killer. What makes this book unusual—and proves to be the fatal flaw—is the supernatural element. A boarded-up seminary is haunted by an Evil Demon which, fifty years ago, was responsible for the deaths of two young gay seminarians, and which, in the present narrative, wants as its next victim the gay-but-celestial priest who has flown in from Los Angeles to exorcise it.

Unfortunately, the supernatural Evil Demon and all-too-real Bad Guys (brothers of the slaughtered heir, who dress up in leather and chains on the weekend) mix about as

BOOKS

NICOLA GRIFFITH

well as water and gasoline. Although the first two pages hint at a novel of possession and evil, of death by demon and unspeakable horrors, Myers doesn't deliver on this promise. Oh, there are unspeakable horrors aplenty in this book, but all are of human origin. Myers's faults, though, are ones of ambition. "Holy Family" is a humane novel that touches on many aspects of the gay experience: love, anonymous sex, hustling, family, guilt and community. If it wasn't for that demon...

According to the cover, "Introducing Amanda Valentine" (Naiad, 1992, \$9.95) is number one in a series of mysteries about New Zealand Detective Inspector Amanda Valentine. As the book opens, Valentine is on the trail of a serial killer who cuts his victims to little pieces and scatters them in garbage dumps. This is an unusual lesbian detective: she's strong, smart and well regarded by fellow cops. Bonuses include a hot sex-in-the-shower scene with a delicious media star, a minimum of maudlin self-examination, and absolutely no Political Discussion. The book's only major flaw is the last few pages which are annoying and unnecessary. After triumphing in career and love life, Valentine decides to quit the Wellington force and return to New York—something that would have been much better suited to the beginning of the second book in the series.

Sandra Scoppettone's new book, "Everything You Have is Mine" (Ballantine, Sept. 92, \$3.99) is the most interesting novel of the batch, a mainstream book that is distinguishable from its Naiad or New Victoria counterparts only by its quality. Lauren Laurano, ex-FBI Special Agent turned P.I., is Out. She's in a stable, eleven-year long relationship with her lover Kip. They wear wedding bands. She's witty, well-dressed and very smart. She's happy. When she's tracing down a rapist and a murderer, she doesn't have to spend three-quarters of the book wondering if she's really a lesbian, or re-ordering her political priorities, or fucking the suspect in the bathroom...she just does her job. Oh, she runs into annoyances here and there—a little homophobia, some sexism, everyday stuff—but she just rolls her eyes...and gets on with her job. As we all do, every day. There are no political Hot Topics, no earnest subtext. Just a very, very good detective story about a very clever detective who will not rest until she finds out who killed her client. And she makes sure she gets her fee, in full. (Does anyone else out there get pissed off when women detectives do all that work and don't get paid?) Lauren Laurano is the best P.I. since V.I. Warshawski—probably better, because she's a dyke.

Next time in this column: lesbian science fiction, gay westerns, Men on Men 4, Regency romance, and more ...

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We all have one, maybe more...we try to avoid them but sometimes it is impossible. What I am referring to is our eccentric friends—those unique individuals who refuse to live life by the rules. You know who I mean—that one who has more animals in his studio apartment than the Atlanta Zoo; the co-worker who can talk for hours about his collection of 8-track tapes of the Grateful Dead—you get the picture.

Of course, we all have a touch of the eccentric in us to one degree or another...after all, one man's trick is another man's treat or something like that. Anyway, if you enjoy examining the foibles of others (from a safe distance), make plans to attend the two part film series, "Odd Obsessions" at the High Museum of Art.

Kicking things off will be "Painting the Town." This movie follows Richard Osterweil, a downtown New York artist who makes ends meet as a cab driver by day and a party crasher by night. And, no, it is not just the Soho and Village party scene that Mr. Osterweil regularly invades—he prefers to slip past the doormen of posh Upper West Side buildings to enjoy cocktails and conversation among the Rich and Famous. How does he manage it? I have trouble getting into the non-smoking section of Morrison's.

Show dates for "Painting the Town" are Friday, January 15 at 9PM and Saturday, January 16 at 8PM in the Rich Auditorium.

One week later, the second half of the series offers "Wild Wheels" and the very short feature "Over the Hedge." "Wheels" takes us into the wacky world of people who are obsessed with applying their artistic talents to their autos. "Hedge" concerns shrubbery and the elaborate trimming thereof into fantastic shapes and sizes. These two films will be shown together on Saturday, January 23, at 8PM. Tickets are a very reasonable \$4 for the general public, \$3.50 for students and seniors, and \$3 for High Museum members.

If you want to see eccentricity carried to the extreme, you can catch "Streetcar Named Desire" at The Alliance Theatre. This classic play by Tennessee Williams tells the story of Blanche Dubois, a faded Southern belle, who lives in dreams



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Sondra Barrie (left) and Brenda Porter star in "A Lady and A Woman," a love story between two black women in the 1890s. The show opens January 7 at the SAME auditorium at TULA.

and memories of the past. She travels to New Orleans to visit her sister Stella and Stella's boorish but sexy husband Stanley. The atmosphere is as thick as the heat as these personalities clash and clang.

Kenny Leon brings his considerable talents to the director's chair, while Mary Layne and Burke Moses tackle the roles of Blanche and Stanley.

Opening night is Wednesday, January 13. The play runs through February 13. Previews begin on January 6. Tickets are available at the Woodruff Arts Center box office or charge by phone at (404) 892-2414.

In other theatre news, SAME is bringing Atlanta playwright Shirlene Holmes' "A Lady and A Woman" to their stage opening January 7 and running through the 24th. The play, directed by Carol Mitchell-Leon, tells the story of two

African-American women—one an innkeeper, the other her new tenant. The play is set in the 1890s, and portrays the romantic relationship between the women against a background where such things are unimaginable.

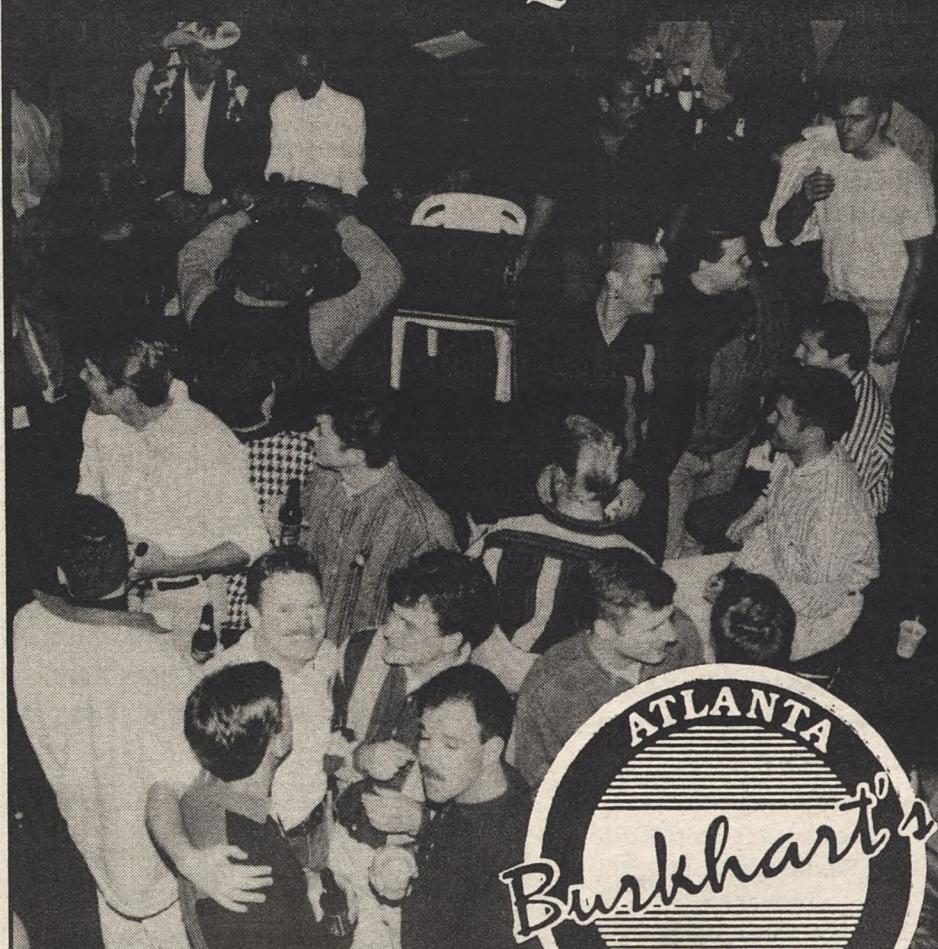
The two actresses handling the roles are Brenda Porter and Sondra Barrie. The playwright, Shirlene Holmes, is an associate professor of communications at Georgia State University, and the author of "Ain't I A Woman" and "Slavery Days."

SAME is located at the TULA Complex at 75 Bennett Street, Room M-1. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. The performance schedule is Thursday through Sunday at 8PM. Advance tickets may be purchased at Charis Books & More and at E.D.'s Gourmet Records.

Remember Sunday afternoons when you were a kid, watching Mutual of Omaha's "Wild Kingdom?" This award-winning show gave us our first glimpse into the life and death struggle of a host of African animals and alerted us to the dangers of extinction faced by many of these creatures. And of course, you remember the host of the show, Marlin Perkins, the silver haired gentleman who was our guide to "the bush." And who could forget the young attractive Jim Fowler who did the leg work on the show? Well, Jim has gone on to bigger things, introducing us to exotic animals as a guest on Johnny Carson's Tonight Show and the early morning Today Show. But it is Mrs. Fowler who was in Atlanta recently to help kick off an exhibit of her original art at Burnhoff Gallery in the Clear Creek Center at Piedmont and Monroe.

Betsey Burhans-Fowler is an accomplished painter who specializes in realistic depictions of wildlife in all its various forms. And although her depictions are realistic, Mrs. Burhans-Fowler likes to add elements from her own imagination to enhance the color and settings of her paintings. "Whimsy" is the name of the exhibit, which include acrylics, watercolors, prints, and posters. The best thing about the exhibit is that proceeds from the sale of the art are donated to Dr. Leike of the Kenya Wildlife Reserve for the protection of the African elephant and the black rhino. The show runs from January 15 through February 13.

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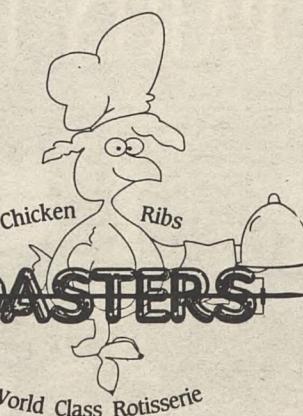
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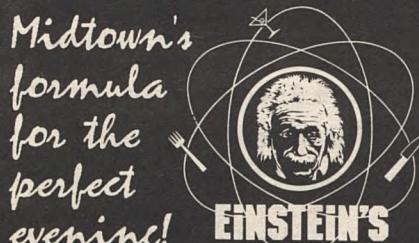
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What did the French go for at Christmas? Oysters, and more oysters. An oyster expert from Bordeaux, Pascal Caron, estimates the Christmas trade accounts for 80 percent of annual oyster sales.

The bivalve is a perennial French favorite, from the smallest, called No. 5 on the menu, up to the large triple-zero, which could be several years old. All are raised in pens and ponds from Brittany on down the coast.

"Don't ask the reasons for qualifications of 5-4-3 and so on," said Pascal Magne, an oysterman in Marennes, a famed oyster region north of Bordeaux. "It's been that way forever."

Another forever is eating oysters alive. It might make Americans squeamish, but in France, the practice is de rigueur.

"Of course you eat it live," said oysterman Jean-Claude Lazare at the Novotel near Marennes, where the oyster is downed in a peculiar southwestern French way—with hot sausages on the side.

Oysters are raised with as much care as children in a nursery, one learns in the Marennes area, where nearly 50 percent of all the oysters sent to French tables are cultivated.

They are "finished" in clairieres, or special beds dug in the marshy country around Marennes, where they acquire a greenish tint. The term "fines de claires" from the region is considered a guarantee of quality.

A mature, 3-year-old oyster can produce up to 2 million eggs seasonally, but only a few of the eggs flourish as larvae.

Men and women in boots and slickers fasten the larvae and plankton to supports of metal, plastic, tiles, slate or whatever else works on the saltwater banks.

After growing on their supports, called collectors, for a year, the larvae are separated, or "thinned."

As the oysters grow, they move through several "beds." In the first, for a year or two, they are protected from such predators as starfish, which gobble up oysters like humans at Christmas.

Then the oysters are transferred to mesh containers for further care.

In about their fourth year, the oysters are transferred to the shallow rectangular "claires" for their final phase, called "affinage." In a two-month period, they take on their particular greenish color from an algae called navicula bleue.

Now they are ready to be sorted, separated and sent all over France and the world. For their trouble, the oyster people of Marennes get a "red label" from the Agriculture Ministry, a kind of guarantee of authenticity.

Around here, there is little appreciation for the American practice of scraping oysters from their shells before serving and adding hot sauce.

"But we will serve lemon or vinegar and shallots to those who want the extras," Magne said. "In France, when we say 'nature,' it means the oyster is still attached to its shell. We eat it with butter and good brown bread."

SUZY PATTERSON

Here is an oyster recipe from a restaurant near Marennes.

Oysters with citrus fruit (for 6)

30 oysters
3 oranges
3 lemons
About 1 tbsp olive oil
Several grains of ground coriander
Algae, seaweed (if possible, about two handfuls)

Peel, seed and quarter the citrus fruit, saving extra juice. (If not much juice, add enough orange juice to produce about one-half cup).

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Half an hour before serving, open the oysters, saving their liquid, and arrange on oven-proof platters with seaweed.

Pre-heat oven to 400 F.

Mix oyster juice with fruit juice and simmer over medium heat. Add oil and coriander to taste, stirring briskly.

Place a quarter lemon and orange in each oyster, grind on some pepper and place oysters in oven long enough to warm them, about 2 minutes. Before serving, top oysters with citrus sauce.

When cold winds blow, serve Winter Vegetable Lasagna, filled with squash, carrots, onions and provolone cheese.

Winter Vegetable Lasagna

1 pound lasagna, uncooked
2 tablespoons margarine
1 large onion, diced
1 pound butternut squash, peeled and diced
2 medium carrots, peeled and diced
1/2 cup flour
3 cups low-fat milk
1/2 cup white raisins
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
2 cups grated provolone cheese
1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
1/4 cup pinenuts or walnuts

Cook lasagna according to package directions; drain. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Melt margarine in a large saucepan over low heat. Add onion, squash and carrots. Cook the vegetables over low heat until very soft. Stir in flour with a wooden spoon. Gradually stir in milk until the mixture is smooth. Bring the mixture to a boil; stir in raisins, salt and pepper. Remove from heat; set aside 1 cup.

In a 9- by 13- by 12-inch baking dish, spread a little of the vegetable sauce over the bottom and cover with lasagna. Sprinkle some of the provolone over lasagna and add more vegetable sauce. Continue to layer sauce, provolone and lasagna, ending with a layer of sauce. On top, sprinkle with Parmesan and nuts. Bake uncovered in a 350-degree F oven for 40 minutes or until nicely browned and heated through. Makes 8 servings.

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For a quick dressing or dip, stir bouillon granules into yogurt, sour cream, or mayonnaise, then chill.

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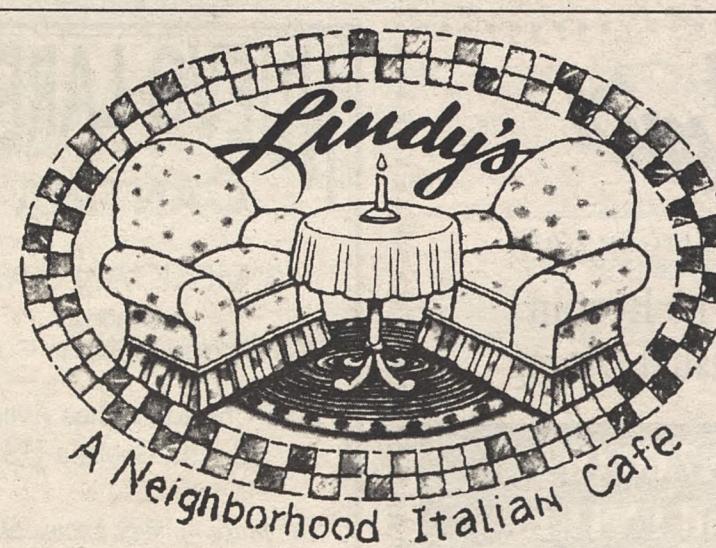
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Rumorville I: Dish does not out people—we haven't the time or resources that it takes to document a person's sexual orientation. But we have it from good sources that one of the nation's best known rightwing (deep southern) bigots turned to supposed mainstream politician is, in fact, queer. Says our source, "It's common knowledge down in [redacted]. He even lives with another man." This is scary stuff, as scary as Roy Cohen or J. Edgar Hoover. Luckily this guy does not now hold elective office; hopefully he never again will.

Rumorville II: Speaking of closets and politics, there's quite a buzz afoot among activist types about which of Bill Clinton's cabinet level appointees might be lesbian/gay, though not very forthcoming about that fact. According to the latest dish, one of these folks was asked by a journalist point blank, "are you gay/lesbian?" The reply was, "absolutely not" followed quickly by, "no, don't print that." Why not? The only reason we can think of is that this particular (wo)man does not want to be on record as having denied the truth. Look for more on this when rabid righters in the Senate are asked to confirm this appointment.

Sexy Skates: Residents of, and visitors to, NYC during the '80s will remember the omnipresent "Rollerina" an irrepressible drag queen (and rumored drug dispenser) on roller skates. And

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



Leatherfest V takes place in March in San Diego for all you leather or leather curious types.

of course, several of San Francisco's Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence have been known to take to rollerblades and -skates when the whimsy strikes. But to our knowledge a recent "underwear encouraged" skate at San Mateo's (CA) Rolladium is the first of its kind in the country. A friend tells us that the event was sponsored by the S.F. Parks and Recreation Department. Wanna bet that there were Markey Mark and Madonna lookalike prizes?

Happy Hamllsch: Composer Marvin Hamlisch says that his insecurities kept him from being happy until he was married in

1989 to Terre Blair, according to a recent article in Parade Magazine. What Dish wants to know is which insecurities? And just why does the talented Mr. H. feel the need to be talking about this, in public, three years after the fact?

GaGa for Gingham: Dish hates to be on old stick in the mud, but the news that someone (we'd guess it would have to be a gay man) recently paid \$48,400 at a Sotheby's auction for the blue gingham dress that Judy Garland wore in The Wizard of Oz causes us to question some folks' value systems. Other proof that we really do live in a material world are these items and prices paid for them by fans: Jimi Hendrix' orange velvet vest, \$19,800; a Beetles drumskin cover, \$17,600; and a lamp from "Casablanca," \$12,100. And to think that there are people in this country who are starving.

Life Goes On: TV's sometimes mawkish, but often groundbreaking "Life Goes On" is set to sail into heretofore uncharted territory when its regular teenage character Jesse (played by Chad Lowe) goes from being HIV positive to having full blown AIDS. Problem is that ABC has decided to take the series off the air at the end of Jan. just when the four episodes dealing with Jesse's travails are set to air. But series creator Michael Braverman says the network is committed to run the controversial shows, although it may be in a Saturday slot, when the TV audience is at its lowest. That's a shame, because Jesse eventually triumphs over his infections and attacks life with a "holistic, macrobiotic" zeal that turns him from victim to survivor.

Lust in the Dust: If you're into (or just curious about) leather and are looking for an excuse to take a trip to sunny San Diego in March, consider looking in on "Leatherfest V" the 12th-14th of that month at the Holiday Inn Mission Valley. Said motel is offering a special rate of \$69 a night for 2-4 persons in a room—the more the merrier says Dish. If you'd like an information/registration packet, call 1-800-598-1859.

January 7 through January 13, 1993

The Full Moon on the 8th could easily be a day for high tension and extreme mood swings or dramatic responses from people you might least expect. This can also be a very productive and satisfying week, if you are able to stay calm and centered.

ARIES, all areas of your life may demand attention now, especially home and close personal relationships as well as your career activity. So be sure to take very good care of yourself and give yourself plenty of time to make major decisions. **TAURUS,** with the Sun, Mercury, Uranus and Neptune in your 9th house of worldwide awareness, long distance travel and metaphysical studies, you could find yourself doing some really unusual and different activities. Have a good time! **GEMINI,** with all the transformation going on in your 2nd house of material and financial resources and your 8th house of joint or cooperative resources, you may be wondering where the next dollar is coming from. Not to worry, it is on the way!

CANCER, now that the Sun, Mercury, Uranus and Neptune are all lined up in your 7th house of partnerships and shared experience, your sense of harmony and balance may be completely thrown off as you struggle to find yourself amid constant change. **LEO,**

STAR SIGNS

with Mars, the fiery planet of assertion and personal action going back and forth in your 12th house of visions, dreams and the collective unconscious, you may not feel you are resting much at night. Keep a dream journal and take naps whenever possible. **VIRGO,** as Venus, the planet of beauty, harmony and affection and sensuality moves gracefully through your 7th house of close personal relationships, you may discover there are some really wonderful folks circulating in your social sphere. Enjoy!!!

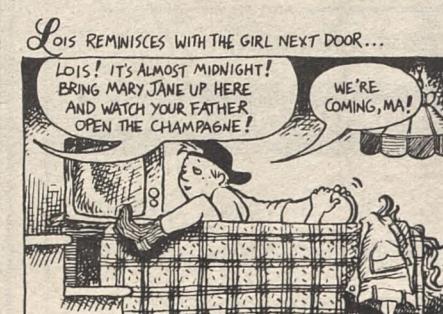
LIBRA, with so much going on at home, with family, career, authority figures and your own personal life, you may need quiet time more than ever, just to sort out all the different aspects of your personality and keep up with all the activity around you. **SCORPIO,** you can learn a lot about yourself through the expression of your creativity, your sensuality and your passion for life. This is the time for adventure and taking a few risks, but please,

not with sexual activity. **SAGITTARIUS,** with Venus gracing your 4th house of home, family and roots, you may get the urge to redecorate or move to someplace that feels more like home. Also an excellent time to heal some old and difficult wounds within the family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CAPRICORN! Hope you are having a wonderful month. This is the time to celebrate with friends and family and share how much they mean to you. Also an excellent time for long range career planning. Sudden romance could blossom into something very special. **AQUARIUS,** you may have the urge to go back to school, pick up some new skills, travel to distant places or even focus in on your spiritual development. Relationships provide important lessons about life and living, if you have time to observe. **PISCES,** with Venus, the planet of grace, beauty and harmony moving through your 1st house of personal appearance, identity and self-appreciation, you can go almost any place with ease. Just relax and shine, shine, shine.

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Dykes To Watch Out For



MARIA HELENA DOLAN



our friends thought you should get in touch with the green world, eh? Loaded you down with colored tin-foil wrapped pots bursting with living, upright, and demanding creatures, did they?

Well, receiving Mother Nature's Bounty, in the form of little plant people, can most assuredly be wonderful. It can also be dauntingly terrifying, if you're unsure of what precisely to do for each little life.

As in the realms of sci-fi or sex, the first rule of indoor plants is: DON'T PANIC. There are logical and fairly painless ways to proceed.

Before anything else, remove those colored wrappings. The foil just serves to trap moisture against the bottom of the pot, and may cause the plant to drown or contract root rot. Any plant needs decent drainage.

For max benefits, place the pot into a shallow saucer or pan which 1) has a wider diameter than the pot, 2) features pebbles/styrofoam peanuts/broken pottery, or anything which will allow the bottom of the pot to keep dry when the water you put into the pot drains out of the holes in the pot's bottom. And if, Goddess Forbid, the pot lacks drain holes, drill some in, or transfer to another pot. Otherwise, the plant will eventually be killed.

Following this most primal form of first aid, the next most important need is to identify the plant by name.

Do you know what it is; did your friend tell you what it's called; is there a small plastic tag which gives the name; can you take it back to the purchaser and ask for an ID; can you call your County Extension office and give a brief description—or better still, pay 'em a visit to see if they can provide a name...?

Knowing what you have on your hands allows you to uncover information about the plant. Since a number of plants share common names, the best and surest ID is to ascertain the

THISOLEHOE EARTH SHAKIN' OBSERVATIONS

Latin name, and remove all ambiguity as to the plant's familial origins and place in the plant world's Cosmic Dance.

However, Latin nomenclature is not a sine qua non for most common house plant gifts.

Let's say you're now the proud mother of a kalanchoe (kalan-KO-ee). Without looking it up in any reference book, you should be able to tell that, given the thickness of its leaves and deep green coloring, you surmise this is a succulent.

So, like all succulents, she's going to require lots of sun, and she will not enjoy being overwatered.

Now, you can go to a book, such as "Keep Your Gift Plants Thriving—A Complete Guide to Plant Survival" by Karen Solit with Jim Solit. Look up what it says about temperature ("Like most winter bloomers, kalanchoes grow best where it is cool. Night temperatures of 50-60° F and day temperatures of 65-70° F will help assure the longest possible blooming period and promote a stocky growth habit"); moisture (a long paragraph); light (recommends "abundant sunshine" and points out that "plants with lower than adequate light levels become leggy"); description, availability; selection (i.e., how to); plus the 'pedigree': origins, Latin name (Kalanchoe blossfeldiana), family comments.

You may not become an instantaneous Master Gardener, but you'll be able to keep her alive and enjoy her for years to come.

One plant which has become indelibly associated with the holidays is the poinsettia. People love to mass them, exchange them, put them in entryways, create geometric shapes with them, etc.

Two years ago, I answered phones for the DeKalb County Extension Office in December. Out of 16 calls one day, 11

concerned poinsettias.

Briefly, here's what you should bear in mind: 1) strip off any paper or foil covering the lower leaves; it will cause them to drop off in a matter of days, 2) as semi-tropicals, they like to be warm—but not hot. They appreciate high humidity, with a night temperature @ 60°, and day temps @ 70°, 3) it's true that the color comes from the leaves; the flowers themselves are inconsequential bumps in the middle of the showy leaves.

Poinsettias have an undeserved reputation as a poisonous plant. In fact, they are not. However, if ingested, the leaves et al can irritate the stomach lining. And that milky sap, which virtually all euphorbias exude when the stem is cut into (the Latin name here is Euphorbia pulcherrima), can cause a poison ivy-like reaction in some folks.

As with the rest of life, exercise common sense! Additionally, people always ask how they can get their plant to bloom next year. My advice is, buy another one next December if you don't have tons of time and patience.

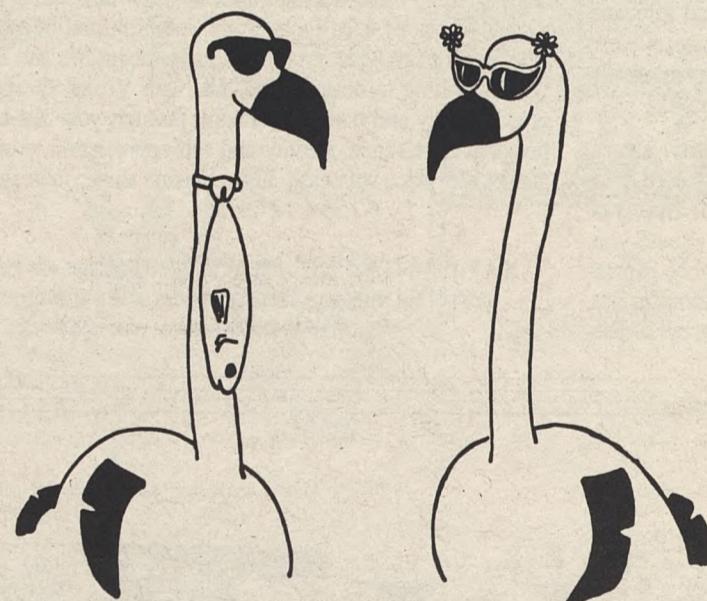
Poinsettias only bloom under very particular and exacting circumstances, including 10 hour light cycles (which means they cannot be exposed to any additional incidental light sources outside of this cycle); cutting back the plant by only one third and no more; no root disturbance of any sort; night temperature just right; fertilizer application just right; etc.

Frankly, I'm too damn busy for all that. And what closet could I put her into for incidental light blocking where the cats won't ferret her out? Please! However, since I can't bear the thought of condemning perfectly healthy plants to the compost heap without good reason, I decided last year to plant out the several I received.

Did they grow? Oh yes. Too well. They took over one entire patch, displaying annoyingly weedy, leggy, and relatively colorless properties. I pulled them out last month, with the last of the tomato plants.

But if you really like a challenge and have the time, go for it. Otherwise, plant out your chrysanthemums, spent bulbs, hardy ferns, etc., and keep the tenderer gloxinia, cineraria, antherium, bromeliads, etc., where you can keep an eye on them.

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SAM COPPOCK

Age: 38**How long in Atlanta:** 20 years**Last book read:** "The Mask of Apollo" by Mary Renault**Pet peeve:** Political correctness and other forms of social disease

Sam Coppock, C.P.A., tells the story of a man who sets down his balloon in an empty field during a sudden storm. Hopelessly lost he asks the first passer-by where he is. "You're in a balloon gondola in the middle of a field," the man replied. "You must be an accountant," says the balloonist. "How did you guess?" inquired the man. "Because your information is absolutely correct and of no use whatsoever."

The balloonist would have had a hard time figuring out Sam Coppock's profession, because his information is simply fascinating.

While serenely chewing his way through a salad during the lunchtime interview, the Mississippi born accountant talked about his life. He wanted to be a career Air Force pilot, but the Vietnam war ended while he was still a junior at Georgia Tech, and the military began massive force reductions. That left the ROTC scholarship engineering and physics major out in the cold. He liked studying engineering and physics but, he says, working in that field didn't really please him. By 1980, he was working with an accounting firm and his then lover suggested he take some accounting courses.

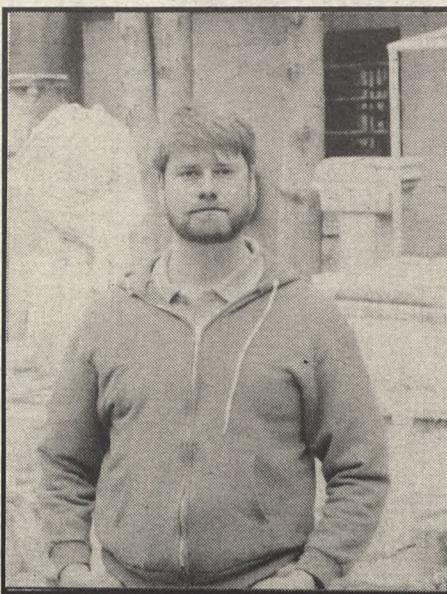
"To me it seemed as easy as working a crossword puzzle and I thought, 'Why didn't I find this before?'" he recalls.

Now, as he gears up for the busy tax season, he fondly turns to the memory of his recent trip to Greece. He calls the trip he took in March, a "spiritual pilgrimage."

"It was like a Jew going to Israel, or a Muslim going to Mecca," he beams. "I felt like I was touching the eternal. I felt the ghosts of my brothers from 2300 years ago and men that I have known in my life."

Coppock acknowledges coming out sexually in 1976 at the age of 21, but he dates his "birth as a gay spirit" to 1981 when he first became acquainted with the works of the Greek philosopher Aristotle.

"I believe there is something special about being a gay man," he philosophizes. "It was the Greek spirit that showed me that. In America, we don't have the heroic notion of



love between men."

He has taken the Greek philosophy to heart and has applied it to many areas of his daily life. He is especially fond of the Greek idea of fraternity and the special brotherhood of gay men.

"Brotherhood not in a vague sense, but in a very direct sense," he explains. "Your brother is who you call when your car breaks down, a brother visits you in the hospital or dances and celebrates with you during sacred times."

Upon the death of a close friend last year, Coppock acted on another Greek tradition.

"One of the customs of mourning is the shearing of one's hair. After Glen died, I seriously contemplated a buzzcut, but I thought that was too radical," he remembers. "But as I shaved one morning, I thought, 'That's it, that's the shearing,' and I haven't shaved since."

Coppock believes the Greek philosophy, besides working for him in his own life, should be embraced by the entire gay and lesbian community.

"It's one more thread we should weave into our tapestry. Just as we have looked to the Native American and other primitive cultures for insights," he notes. "Those more primitive cultures put us in touch with the earth, and the Greek culture can put us in touch with the sky god. It allows gay men especially an opportunity to tap into that spirit of brotherhood that straight society would deny us."

Greek culture and thought has so permeated Coppock's life that it's easy to outwardly think of him as a Greek statue in all its splendor, but he claims, "The body is all Anglo-Scot, but somewhere back in there is the ghost of a Greek in me."

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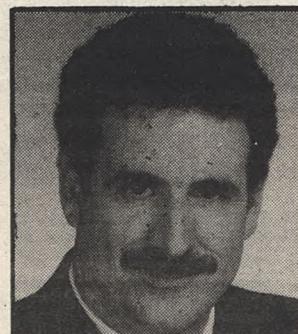
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GWM, 34, 5'8", 160lb., BR/BL. Goodlooking, athletic, muscular. Cultured, well-educated, stable, masculine, romantic, adventurous. Seeks same in mature GWM 30-45. **1100**

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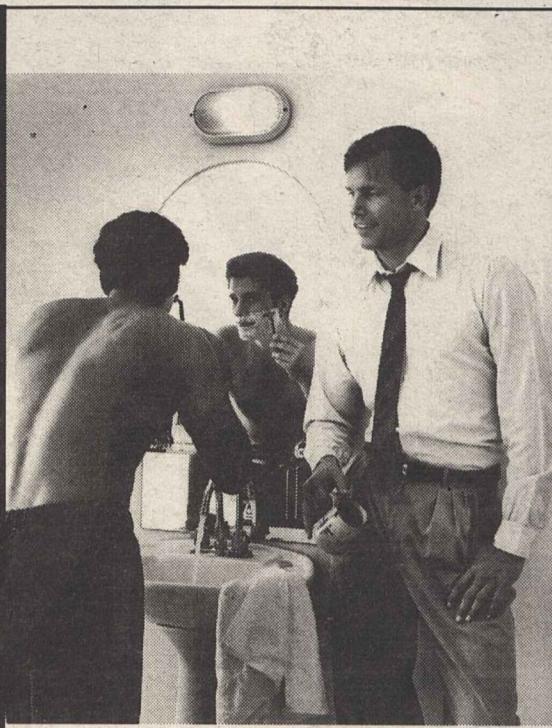
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