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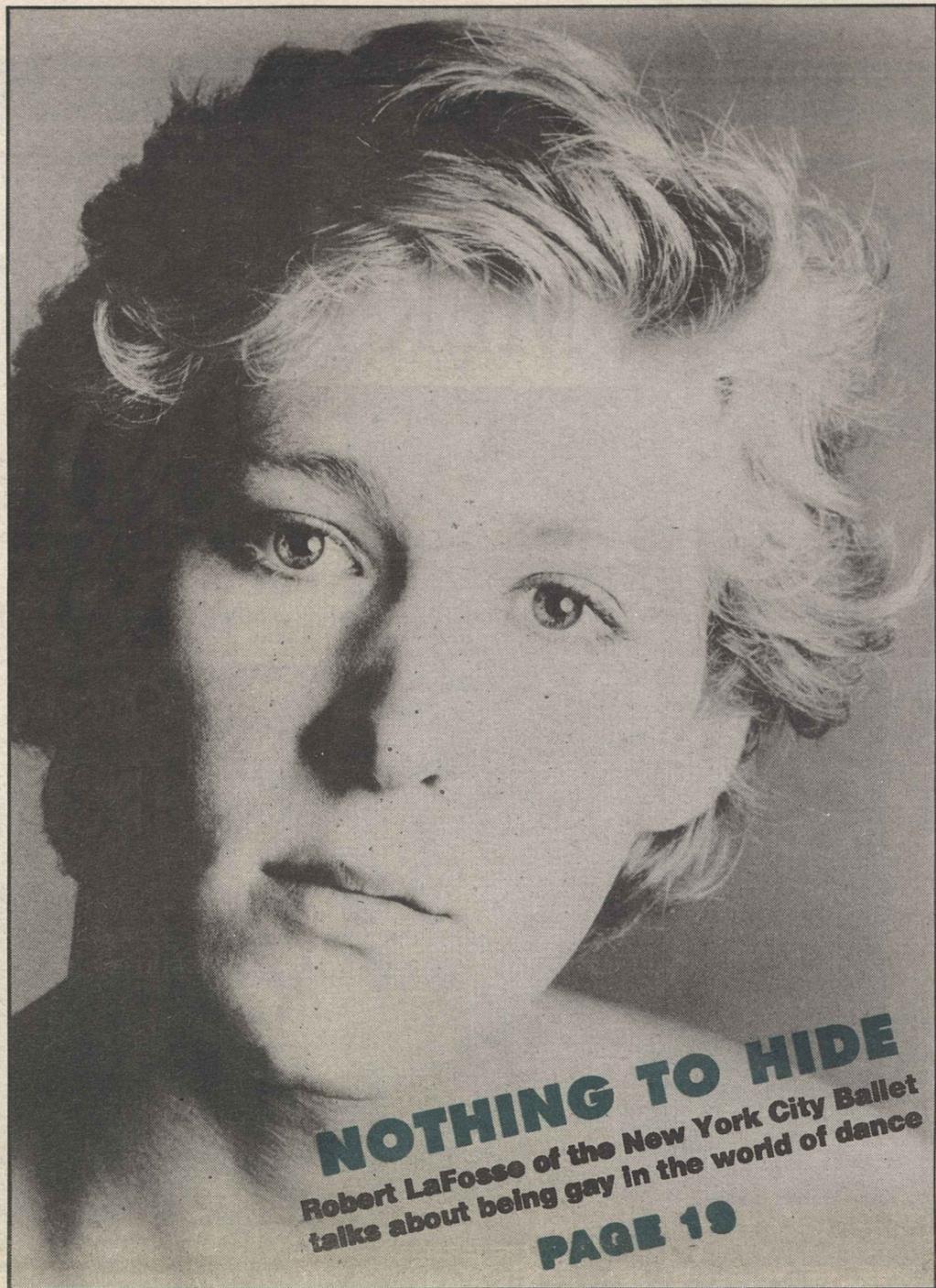
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Slotin introduces sodomy reform

Bill introduced in Georgia Senate, the first of its kind, would decriminalize consensual sex between adults

by CRAIG PATE

Atlanta —Legislation to reform Georgia's sodomy law was introduced February 26 by Senator Ronald Slotin (D-Atlanta). The bill decriminalizes private consensual sexual behavior among adults and is the first of its kind to be introduced in the Senate.

Sodomy is a felony in Georgia punishable by up to twenty years in prison. The definition includes any act involving the sexual organs of one person and the mouth or anus of another. In the 1986 Bowers v. Hardwick case, the Supreme Court ruled that homosexual acts of sodomy committed in the privacy of a person's home are not immune from prosecution by the state.

Larry Pellegrini, lobbyist for GAPAC, notes that the sex laws are often used as a legal basis for discrimination against gay people.

"That kind of archaic law is used by our opponents to justify their view of us as second class citizens," says Pellegrini. "They consistently promote us as unconvicted criminals and we can't let them get away with that."

In introducing the bill, Slotin called for the end of the apparent double-standard of Georgia's sex laws. "It is time we deal with Georgia's sex laws in a realistic manner," said Slotin. "It is unfair for legislators to make laws and then not live by those same laws. The private sex lives between consenting adults

is the concern of those individuals involved and the state should stay out of people's bedrooms."

Pellegrini believes support for sodomy reform is widespread. Churches, psychological associations, sociologists and a variety of political organizations have presented letters of endorsement for ending the current law. Within the gay and lesbian community, he expects to see an outpouring of support for Slotin's bill through letters and phone calls to the capitol.

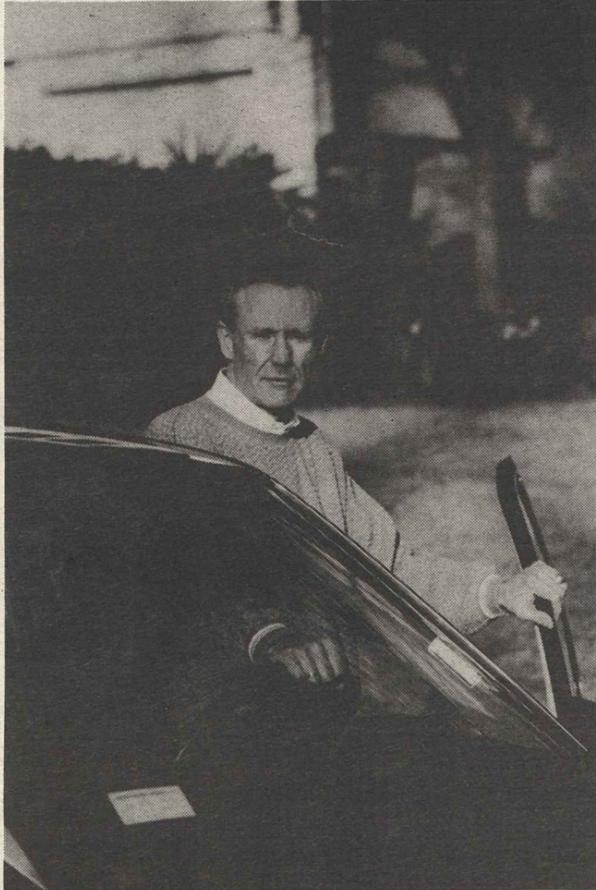
The bill will be assigned to a committee this week, but Pellegrini feels it may be next year before the proposition will be acted upon by the entire Senate. He adds that the lesbian and gay community will not rest until the sodomy law is reformed.

"No matter what happens on this piece of legislation this year," says Pellegrini, "we have told legislators we will keep coming back until we are fairly treated on this issue."

Eighteen states and the District of Columbia have laws prohibiting homosexual and heterosexual sodomy. Seven states have laws criminalizing only homosexual sodomy. Kentucky's Supreme Court struck down such a law in September 1992 on state constitutional grounds, and the Texas high court heard oral arguments in January in a case appealing the repeal of its state's homosexual sodomy law by two lower courts. The Kentucky court framed its decision under

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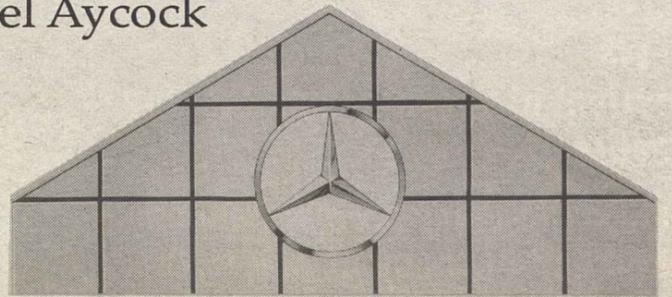
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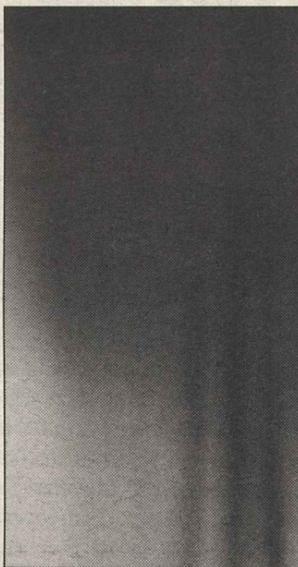
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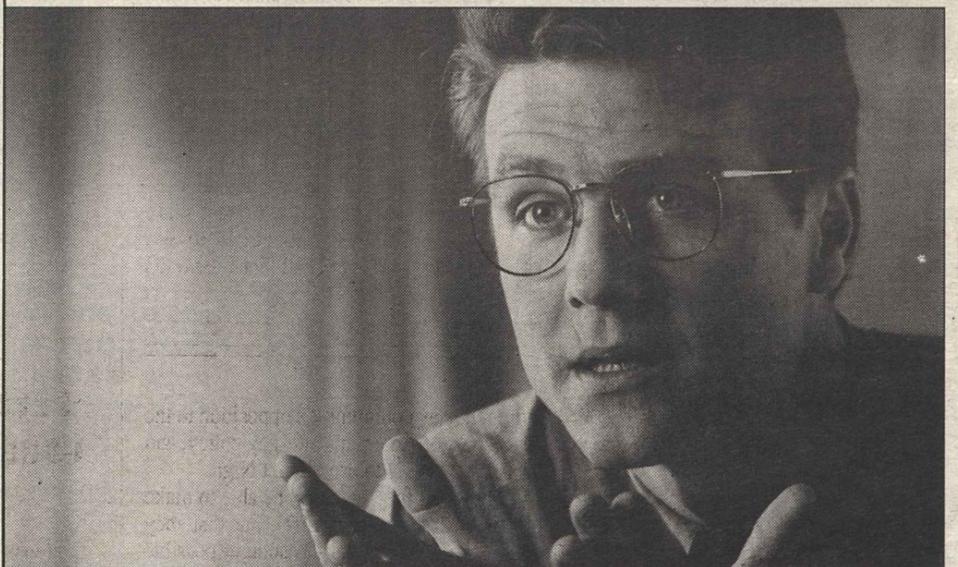
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Vigil held in DC for murdered lesbian

Washington, D.C.—Over 250 people protested the District of Columbia's failure to follow its own law of documenting hate crimes on February 5 at a bilingual candlelight vigil marking the brutal murder of a Latina lesbian. Ana Maria Rosales was murdered outside a gay bar on January 7. The man who killed Rosales had demanded sex from the 24-year-old just before he shot her with a handgun.

The capital city has had one of the nation's best hate crime laws for four years, yet has failed to implement it. Police officials blame delays in approval of proper forms.

"The Chief told me personally that the new forms including hate crimes have been implemented throughout the city," said Tracey Conaty of Gays and Lesbians Opposed to Violence (GLOV).

"Yet the form used to report the murder of Ana Maria Rosales is an old one!" she told this reporter. "It's a lie! We want the new forms out there. We want the law enforced!"

Protesters rallied outside the El Faro restaurant/nightclub in the popular neighborhood, where the ugly slaying occurred.

shows that hate violence was involved.

FBI guidelines would classify the murder as hate-related, charged Margaret Cantrell of Queer Nation.

"It meets several of the criteria. The man made threatening sexual remarks. She was holding hands with her lover outside a gay bar. It's just common sense that this does appear to be a hate crime."

Rosales was seen leaving the club with another woman at 2:15am and was kissing patrons goodnight before the homicide.

On her way to her car, an assailant asked, "What's wrong with you?" and then demanded sex.

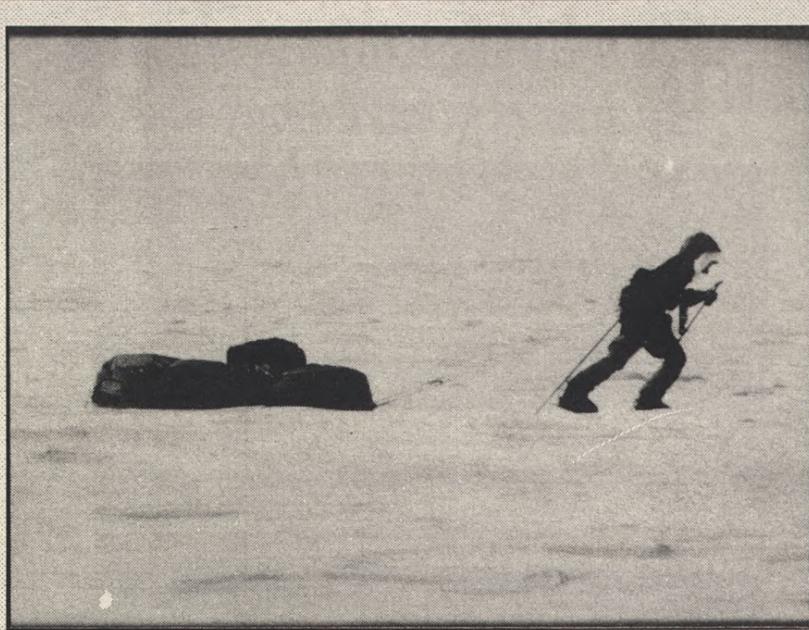
"I want to fuck you," the man said.

When she refused, he shot her in the face with a handgun.

He has not been apprehended.

"The assailant's language is typical of that used by men to harass lesbians," said GLOV's Conaty. "Any woman who has heard those same words screamed at her knows that Rosales was murdered because she was a lesbian."

"This vigil will hopefully draw attention to the threat that all gays and lesbians face, and to the fact that police routinely ignore hate crimes committed against queers," said



Lesbian led expedition makes history at South Pole

Minneapolis, MN—The American Women's Trans-Antarctic Expedition (AWE), led by Minnesota lesbian Ann Bancroft, made history Jan. 14 when they became the first all-women's team to reach the South Pole, without motorized vehicles or dog sleds. Instead, they skied the 660 miles from the Ronne Ice Shelf to the pole, pulling 200-pound sleds with supplies behind them.

Bancroft, 37, also became the first woman to reach both the North and South Poles. She traveled to the North Pole in 1986 with the Steger International Polar Expedition.

The day after AWE reached the South Pole, team members announced they were abandoning their original plan of continuing on to McMurdo Base, 900 miles past the pole.

According to Carol North, who heads the AWE office in St. Paul, the team was flown off the ice on Wednesday, Jan. 20. North said she was not completely surprised by the decision to halt the expedition. "I knew they had to make it [a decision about continuing]. I know it was weighing heavy on their minds."

The biggest consideration was time, which ultimately translated to money. Before the team ever reached the ice, the expedition was delayed nine days due to mechanical and weather problems. By the time the team reached the South Pole, they were two weeks behind schedule, and that time would have to have been made up in order to reach a cruise ship scheduled to pick them up at McMurdo on Feb. 17. If they didn't reach the ship, the last for the season, the team would have had to pay an additional \$310,000 to be flown off the ice.

North said she thinks the team has mixed emotions about the abbreviated mission, but said they felt very good about reaching the Pole as a team. She praised Bancroft's leadership, saying, "she can be a dreamer, but she can be very practical when she needs to be."

Pam Arnold, Bancroft's partner, agreed. "I think to go on would have looked very irresponsible," she said. "There wasn't the means for them to go on. It was a harder decision to come back. I don't think there's a question about it."

ROBYN DOCHTERMAN



"Forms aren't enough," said lawyer and Queer Nation activist Bart Church, who led chants. Activists want better training for new recruits and veteran officers on hate crime issues.

"We are a community under siege," Conaty said. "We live with this hate epidemic every day. And we can expect it to get worse with all this hype about gays in the military! We want our police force to be ready to deal with it."

Det. Mike Brooks, DC police hate crimes specialist, said the Rosales case is being handled as a standard homicide until evidence

Cantrell, a school teacher.

"The effect of this crime resonates throughout the entire Latino community," said Letitia Gomez, president of the ENLACE group of gay and lesbian latino/as.

"To have a member of our community gunned down with no provocation except for who she was is terrifying."

DC is a key U.S. free-zone for undocumented aliens from El Salvador and other South or Central American countries. Rosales was a Guatemalan who had lived here 13 years.

Festival of Trees Drops Boy Scout Night

Officials say anti-gay policy had nothing to do with decision

Atlanta—The Boy Scouts' policy of discrimination against gays has nothing to do with the dropping of Boy Scout Night, say officials at Atlanta's Festival of Trees, although the staff did meet with gay activists late last year to hear a plea to drop the night from the Christmas season celebration benefiting Eggleston Children's Hospital.

"It's a marketing decision from our point of view," said special events manager Kelly Boykin. "As a non-profit children's organization, we can't really make a political stand. The bottom line was that the Boy Scouts were not profitable for us."

The Festival dropped both its Tuesday (Country Christmas Night) and Wednesday (the Scouts) night themes, said Boykin, because of low attendance.

Last November, Joe DeRose, Pat Hussain and Judy Siff met with the Festival staff to

outline the gay community's opposition to the Boy Scouts of America's anti-gay policy, and to ask the Festival to drop Scout Night.

"They said they wouldn't be able to make a decision for that year [92], but that they would take it to the Board as soon as possible for '93," DeRose said.

Boykin acknowledged that meeting. "We were happy to meet with them and we were glad to hear their views, because we are a community organization," she said. But the decision, she insisted, was based on the money numbers. "We parted with the Boy Scouts amicably," she said, adding that the decision was "win-win," working in favor of the Scouts, the Festival and the gay community.

For the activists who met with Festival staff, the decision was bittersweet.

"I'm very disappointed that the Festival of Trees is unwilling to give a commitment to equality and fairness as a reason for dropping the Boy Scouts," said DeRose. "But I am encouraged that they met with us and heard our concerns."

KC WILDMOON

Huntsville lesbian says she was fired by Conoco because of her sexual orientation

Huntsville, AL—A Huntsville woman says she was fired from her job as a cashier at a Conoco store because she is a lesbian.

Kim Whitacre, 25, said she had been with the company for two and a half years with a good work record when she was abruptly cut down to part-time last month. She asked her supervisor, Joe Agee, about the schedule change, and was asked to quit.

"He told me 'I don't care for you or your lifestyle so why don't you just quit,'" Whitacre said. "And when I refused several times, I was terminated."

Whitacre's termination notice cites "in-subordination" as the reason for her firing, "but there's nothing to back that," she said.

"He also told me 'gays are taking over Conoco and it's got to stop,'" she said.

When contacted by Southern Voice, Agee,

Whitacre's supervisor, laughed at the allegation that he fired an employee because of her sexual orientation.

"There's no truth to that," he said, referring all further questions to Conoco's employee relations department in Texas.

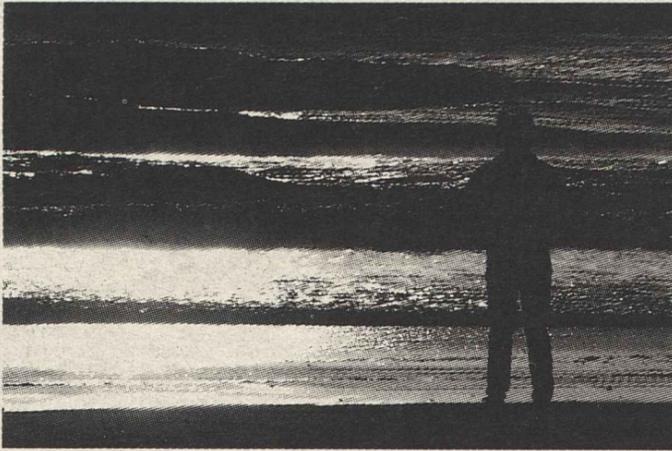
Whitacre said that she saw an attorney after her firing, but was told that lesbians and gays have no constitutional basis to sue for job discrimination.

"I'm feeling helpless," she said, "backed into a corner. There's nothing I can do, except join the fight against this kind of unfairness. It can't be publicized enough, not just for me, but all of us."

Conoco is a Ponca City, Oklahoma-based oil company, owned as a subsidiary by DuPont of Wilmington, Delaware. The company owns gas station/convenience stores around the southeast. A placement official at Conoco said that the company's non-discrimination policy does not include sexual orientation, and Southern Voice was unable to reach a DuPont employee relations official for a comment in time for this issue.

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Blount County Commissioners defend resolution

Maryville, TN—Gay rights activists and civil libertarians are outraged over an anti-gay resolution adopted by the Blount County Commission.

Hedy Weinberg, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Tennessee, called it a "hateful resolution" that promotes "discrimination against a person based on sexual orientation."

James Tallent, chairman of the Knoxville chapter of the Pride gay rights group, said the commission's action was "an invitation for gay-bashing."

"It's like, 'Beat a queer for the commissioners,'" Tallent said.

The commission unanimously approved the measure Feb. 16 as a recommendation to U.S. Rep. John Duncan Jr., R-Tenn., and U.S. Sens. Jim Sasser and Harlan Mathews, both Tennessee Democrats.

The commission wants the lawmakers to actively oppose attempts to include gay men, lesbians or bisexuals in the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Giving gays "legal status as minority citizens is morally offensive to the citizens presently protected by the Civil Rights Act of 1964," the resolution said.

Prohibiting discrimination against gays would give "implied approval to an immoral and unacceptable lifestyle," the resolution said.

Commissioner Tom Hatcher, who sponsored the resolution, said a gay-rights amendment was introduced in the Senate two years ago but never got out of committee. He said there is an effort to have the amendment reconsidered.

"There's nothing hateful, spiteful or anything like" that in the resolution, he said.

Although he considers homosexuality "an act against God," he said, "That is my personal opinion and had nothing to do with the resolution. The main thing is, I don't want them to have special rights."

Tallent said there are no grounds to sue the commission because the resolution does not legislate action. But he said his group and others plan a grassroots protest, possibly in Blount County.

The issue is equal rights, Tallent said.

"We [gays] can be fired and have been fired from our jobs, have been thrown out of our houses and apartments based on our sexual orientation," he said. "Is that special rights? We're not asking for anything special." (AP)

Gay paper still under fire in Virginia

Fairfax, VA—The Washington Blade, the gay and lesbian newsweekly out of the nation's capitol, may no longer be available in Fairfax libraries because of strong objection from some library patrons.

The county's Library Board of Trustees voted Feb. 17 to assign space to free publications like the Blade based on community interest. The weekly paper has been offered free in library lobbies since December, alongside about 10 other free publications.

Supporters and opponents of the Blade are expected to make their case at a public hearing scheduled for March 17. The library board will make a final vote on the matter the following day.

Since the Blade appeared in the county's 22 libraries, the library board has received more than 60 letters about it, most of them asking that the paper be removed. Several letters objected to a Blade article that used technical terms for male genitalia.

Speakers at Wednesday's board meeting also objected to the Blade's personals section,

where ads seeking dates or sex are placed.

"I don't believe material that has graphic descriptions such as that should be in a position to be readily acquired by kids," Board of Supervisors member Robert B. Dix said.

If libraries continue to offer the Blade, it should be placed behind the counter, Dix said.

But Franconia resident Scott Derrick said the decision to allow community sentiment to dictate the board's policy amounts to censorship. "The Washingtonian" magazine contains explicit personal advertisements each month and is readily available to all library patrons, he said. The magazine's ads reflect all sexual orientations.

"It amounts to a double standard," Derrick said. (AP)

Vanderbilt professor in trouble for showing Mapplethorpe photos

Nashville, TN—A Vanderbilt University professor charged with sexual harassment said he wouldn't hesitate to allow the display of sexually explicit photographs that threatens his job.

"I can't teach in any other way. I'm incapable of it," fine arts professor Donald Evans said Feb. 22.

Evans faces a reprimand, suspension or firing for allowing a student to present a project that included Robert Mapplethorpe's homoerotic photographs.

"I'm embarrassed because this is pretty cliched and hackneyed stuff," Evans said, noting that national controversies over the photographs occurred years ago.

A student complained about the Mapplethorpe presentation last November, launching an investigation that found the student's sexual harassment charges have merit. John Venable, acting dean of the College of Arts and Science, is responsible for deciding what happens to Evans.

About 300 students and faculty members staged a rally Feb. 19 to protest the investigation and signed a petition asking that the charge against Evans be dropped. (AP)

COMING EVENTS

Birmingham, AL Cris Williamson and Tret Fure will perform at the Alabama Theatre in Birmingham on Thursday, March 18, at 7 pm. Ticket prices: Circle of Friends advance tickets: \$20 (includes private reception with the artists) and \$25 day of performance. General admission prices: \$15 advance/\$18 day of performance.

For info, call (205) 956-4954 or send check or money order to BunnyBe Productions, P.O. Box 100821, Birmingham, AL 35210. Include \$2 shipping and handling per mail order.

Charlottesville, VA The Atlantic States Gay Rodeo Association is holding a Rodeo School for chute dogging and steer riding on April 2-4 in Charlottesville. Cost for the school is \$175 for one event, \$250 for both, or \$50 to audit.

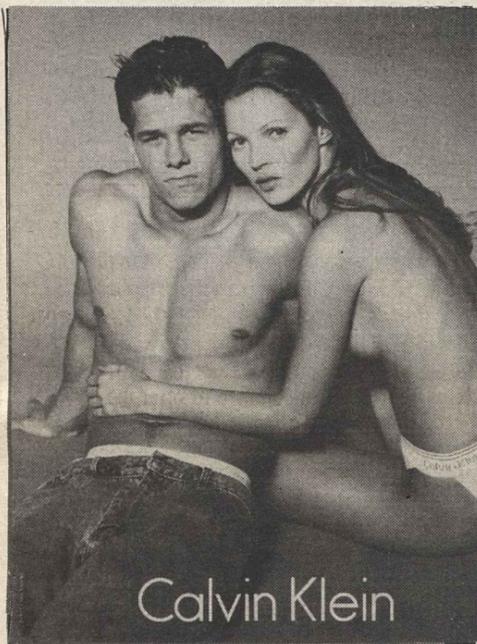
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Anchorage Mayor Suspends Gay Rights Ordinance:

A gay rights ordinance adopted after bitter public debate has been suspended by Anchorage, Alaska Mayor Tom Fink while a petition drive moves ahead to put the question on the April ballot. Fink, an outspoken opponent of gay rights, vetoed the ordinance passed by the city's assembly in January, but the assembly overrode the veto. Ordinances challenged by petition must be suspended until a petition is certified. The city clerk has 10 days to decide if the petition may go ahead. If so, the ordinance remains in suspension. Alaskans for Civil Rights has pledged an advertising campaign to educate Anchorage citizens about lesbians and gays.

Anti-Gay Activist Charged With Disorderly Conduct: Fred W. Phelps Sr. has been charged with one count of disorderly conduct for allegedly using offensive language toward a Topeka, Kansas attorney a year ago. Phelps is alleged to have called Jerry R. Palmer a "fat, ugly sodomite" as Palmer walked into a fund-raising luncheon during last year's presidential campaign. Phelps, a disbarred attorney and a Primitive Baptist minister, said he welcomes the charge, because "then I get subpoena powers and I get to cross-examine witnesses. This is finger-licking good stuff." Phelps and members of his family have picketed in Topeka for nearly two years, focusing on an anti-homosexual agenda.

Man in Drag GUILTY In Robbery: A man who police say helped hold up a McDonald's restaurant in Brattleboro, Vermont while dressed as "Felicia" has been found guilty as an accessory in the assault, robbery and attempted kidnapping of the restaurant manager. Frederick Ashworth had testified he was on his way to a local gay bar to perform, when the friend he was riding with stopped at McDonald's. He said he thought he was stopping for a coke, and was shocked and scared when his companion, Robin Goodrich, pulled a gun and robbed the restaurant. Ashworth helped fill the money bags and carry away the cash. Goodrich, who pleaded no contest to the same charges last month, testified that Ashworth had planned the robbery because he was in debt. Goodrich and Ashworth were arrested without leaving the McDonald's parking lot.



Marky Mark

Marky Mark Apologizes, Will Appear In Anti-Bias Ads: Rap performer Marky Mark, brother of New Kids on the Block founder Donny Wahlberg, is to appear in anti-bias ads after Mark's appearance on a British music program with reggae singer Shabba Ranks. Ranks made anti-gay statements that Mark did not protest. The rap singer issued an apology shortly before a scheduled protest rally to be held in Times Square beneath a Calvin Klein underwear ad bearing his picture. "I want to make it clear that I condemn anti-gay hatred and violence," he said. The Gay and lesbian Alliance Against Defamation and the Committee Against Anti-Asian Violence are working on an agreement to produce the ads.

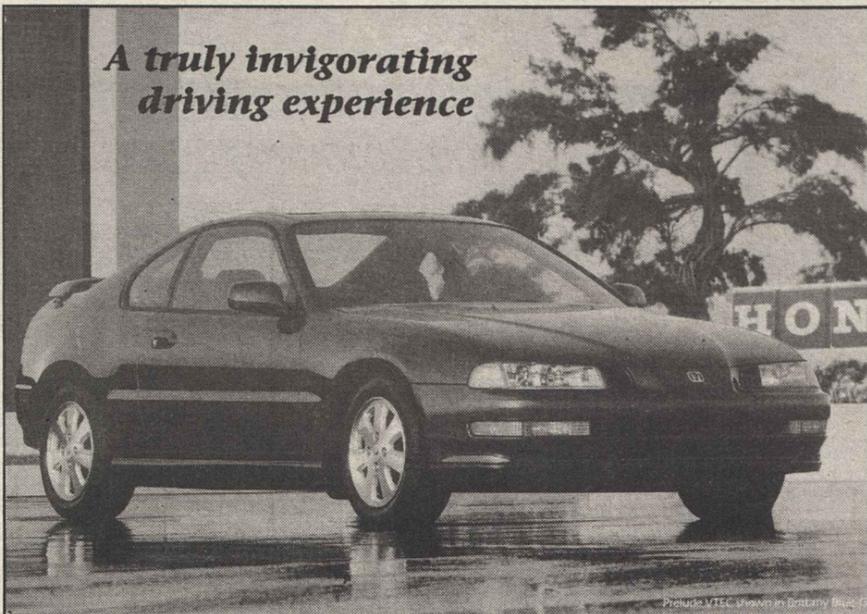
Brothers Charged With Raping Gay Man: Two brothers charged with sexually attacking another man have been charged with violating Connecticut's hate crimes law. The new charges were filed against John

L. Pittman and Johny Pittman, both of Hartford. Prosecutors must now convince a jury that the attack was motivated in part by bigotry against gays. The victim, who remains anonymous, said he was accosted by two men and taken to a remote area near Trinity College, where the men took turns raping him.

First Complaint Under Conn.'s Gay Rights Law Settled: A law firm in Hartford, Connecticut, has settled a lawsuit by a former employee who claimed he was laid off because he is gay. James K. Davis contended that the executive director of Hoberman & Pollack made crude remarks relating to his homosexuality and laid him off even though Davis had more seniority than other secretaries and performed well on the job. The terms of the settlement were not released. The case is the first settled under Connecticut's gay rights law, which took effect on Oct. 1, 1991. Thirty one complaints have been filed since that time, a Human Rights Commission official said.

N. Mex. Senator Claims Gay Rights Bill Unfair To Lesbian Senator: Supporters of legislation to protect gays from discrimination are being unfair to Sen. Liz Stefanics by using her homosexuality in their campaign to win passage of the bill, said New Mexico Senate Majority Leader Billy McKibben. "I would hate to think that bill is going to be focused on one individual," he said. McKibben made his comments after Senate Pro Tem Manny Aragon noted Stefanics' sexual orientation and said the Senate should disband if it won't protect one of its members from discrimination. Stefanics, a sponsor of the bill, said last week that she didn't know how she felt about Aragon's remarks. McKibben also said that he was concerned that such a law would open the door for others, like "albino midget transvestites," to seek special protection from discrimination.

Attorney, Two Military Lesbians Receive Lesbian Rights Award: Southern California Women for Understanding have selected three lesbians who are helping to lead the fight against the Dept. of Defense's ban on gays and lesbians to receive that group's 1993 Lesbian Rights Award. Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, former Army Capt. Dusty Pruitt, and former Lambda Legal Defense Fund attorney Mary Newcombe, who represents both women, will receive the award on April 17. "To overcome the injustice that has been going on for too long in the military is something that I feel honor-bound to do," Cammermeyer said of the award. "Being in the company of Dusty and Mary makes it truly a significant honor."



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TB epidemic sparks reintroduction of needed drugs

Trenton, NJ—With an epidemic of drug-resistant tuberculosis striking ever more AIDS patients, federal health officials were alarmed when three drug makers each stopped selling a key TB drug.

Doctors were finding they needed even more drugs to defeat tuberculosis, an infectious and sometimes deadly respiratory disease making a dangerous comeback. So the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration teamed up to get the drugs back on the market.

The first of the anti-microbial drugs, the only injectable form of isoniazid, should hit pharmacy shelves before month's end, manufacturer Bristol-Myers Squibb said last Tuesday. The second could be approved in a month and the third later this year, according to the Atlanta-based CDC.

The injectable drug, called Nydrizid, is essential for patients who can't take pills—those recovering from surgery or on respirators—or those whose bodies don't absorb the TB pills well.

Tuberculosis was the country's leading cause of death in the early 1900s, but cases declined from the peak of 84,304 in 1953, when the first tuberculosis drugs were introduced. After hitting a low of 22,201 new cases in 1985, 26,283 new TB cases were reported nationwide in 1991 and 1,970 deaths in 1989, the latest figures available.

New Jersey ranks seventh nationwide in the rate of new tuberculosis cases with nearly 1,000 last year. Its largest city, Newark, is second only to Atlanta among the nation's cities in the tuberculosis rate.

"It's going to be a serious problem until the health system infrastructure...can properly handle the problem of long-term treatment," because patients must take at least three medicines daily for at least six months,

said Dr. Mark Goldberger, supervisory medical officer at the FDA's Antiviral Drug Products division in Rockville, Md.

That public health threat induced the FDA and CDC to ask U.S. drug companies to resume making three tuberculosis medications pulled from the market in 1990. Besides isoniazid, they are streptomycin and para-amino-salicylic acid (PAS), according to the CDC.

The pharmaceutical companies that had made them stopped production because they weren't big moneymakers, and some overseas suppliers had stopped selling the chemical compounds needed to make the drugs.

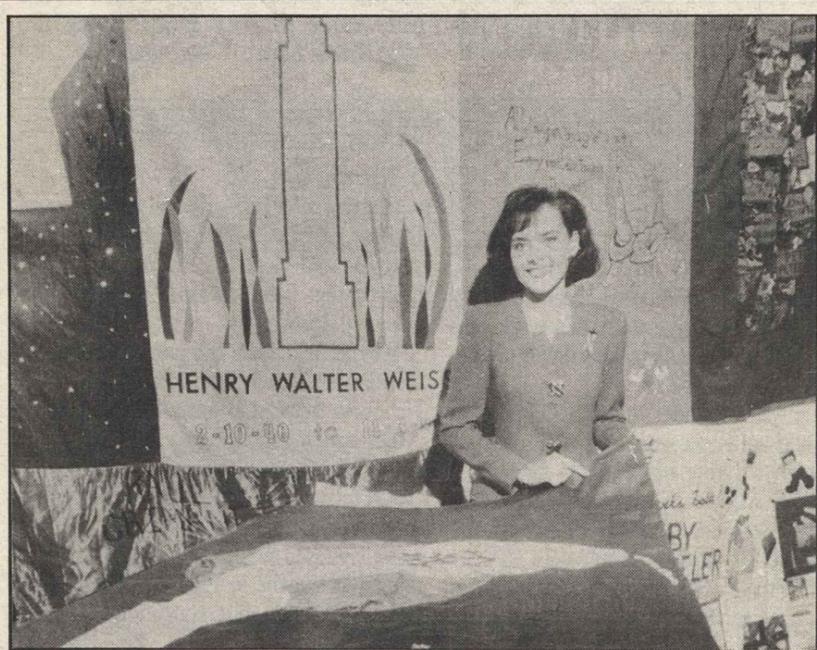
"It's a combination of the fact that the problem of tuberculosis was considered to be disappearing, which is not the case, and they're not very profitable drugs," said Dr. Elsa Villarino, deputy chief of the Clinical Research Branch of the CDC's Division of Tuberculosis Elimination. "Even though the number of tuberculosis cases is increasing, you're still talking about [only] 26,000 new cases a year."

The FDA contacted the U.S. drug makers that had produced the drugs before, then tracked down new suppliers of the bulk material overseas. Now it is expediting approval to sell the new U.S.-made drugs by prescription.

Villarino said the CDC in the meantime has been importing all three medicines and distributing them to TB patients in U.S. health clinics. Her agency also plans within a month to change its recommended treatment to add a fourth medicine to the six-month treatment regimen.

"I think it is part of the overall solution to the problem, having all the drugs that you need available," Villarino said.

LINDA A. JOHNSON



Miss America presents panel to NAMES Quilt

Miss America 1993, Leanza Cornett of Jacksonville, Florida, presented panel commemorating women of Central Florida who have died of AIDS to the NAMES Project Foundation for inclusion in the 22,000-panel AIDS Memorial Quilt. The panel was made by members of a support group for heterosexual couples in which one or both members is HIV-positive. The support group is coordinated by Hope and Help Center of Central Florida, Inc., an education, research

and support organization for which Ms. Cornett has done volunteer work.

Ms. Cornett marched in President Bill Clinton's Inaugural Parade as a member of the NAMES Project contingent. The NAMES Project was the only AIDS organization included as a contingent in the parade. Ms. Cornett describes herself as a Republican and a Christian—and an AIDS activist. "I consider myself an AIDS activist first, and Miss America second," she says.

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OBITUARIES

E.J.D. Johnson

E.J.D. Johnson, 12 year employee of Northside Hospital, died February 22. E.J. held the positions of Patient Care Assistant and Unit Control Specialist in the Intensive Care Unit, and most recently Clinical Associate in the Inpatient Mental Health Unit and as an Emergency Room Mental Health Clinician. He also served on the Employee Leadership Committee.

While at Northside Hospital, E.J. obtained his B.A. degree at Morehouse College in Sociology in 1984, and his M.S. degree at GA State University in Counseling and Psychological Services in 1988.

E.J.'s wisdom, ever growing knowledge, empathy and the special bond he shared with those he met will forever impact those who knew him and loved him. He will be missed by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Johnson, his brothers St. Julian and Tonas Johnson, his sister Jacqueline Johnson, his aunts and uncles Willie and Lucille Harris, Jonas and Geneva Asworth, Reverend Robert McCraney and Lois Johnson, his cousins Michael and Vicky Arnold, and his ma-



ternal grandmother Virginia Dewberry. He will also be missed by his friend Debbie Isenberg, and his Northside Hospital family.

In lieu of flowers, contribution may be made to Haven House and/or AID Atlanta in E.J.'s name.

Paul Wade Binkley

July 25, 1959 - February 11, 1993

Friends and family mourn the passing of Paul Wade Binkley, an Atlanta attorney and formerly a leading junior men's figure skater. Paul died peacefully at home on February 11, 1993, in the presence of his parents and his life partner, Jim Griffin. He was 33.

Paul was born in Passaic, New Jersey, and grew up in Indiana. He graduated from Columbus East High School in Columbus, Indiana, at which time he was ranked in the top 10 of American junior men's figure skaters. He then left competitive figure skating to pursue his education. He earned a bachelor's degree in 1984 from Emory University.

Paul was a founding member of Schwartz & Binkley, P.C., an Atlanta law firm. He was an excellent and enthusiastic gardener, and loved brightening his home with the beautiful items he always seemed to find at auctions and antique shops. Paul was especially proud of his and Jim's home having been on the 1989 Ormewood Park Tour of Homes.

In addition to his life partner, Jim Griffin, Paul is survived by parents John and Noriko Binkley; brother John Binkley; sisters Susan Hillard and Linda Binkley; and Herman, Aggie, and Rita, he and Jim's three dogs.

A memorial service to celebrate Paul's life will be held on Saturday, March 13, at 2 p.m., at H.M. Patterson & Son, Spring Hill, 1020 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta.

Two AIDS activists succumb to disease

Alaska AIDS activist James B. Carrithers, who recently was recognized by the federal government for his work, has died of the disease. Carrithers died Tuesday in Juneau. He was 37.

He was a founder of the AIDS prevention and volunteer support group Alaskan-Americans Living with HIV. In January he received an award from the U.S. Public Health Service, which recognized the group's efforts to help people with HIV.

Carrithers will be cremated and his ashes scattered over Devil's Thumb, a mountain on the Alaska-British Columbia border. A Juneau memorial service is also planned for next week.

Carrithers is survived by his parents and two brothers, all of California, and a sister

in Petersburg.

Oregon AIDS activist Richard Carper, who contracted the disease through drug use and worked to overcome the stereotype that it affects only gay men, has also died. He was 40.

Carper had spent the past three months working with Democratic Party officials in Nebraska, helping to formulate policies on AIDS issues, according to a friend, Joella Ewing of Eugene, Oregon.

A former intravenous drug abuser who served 10 years in California prisons, Carper was diagnosed with HIV in late 1986. He moved to Eugene in 1987 and quickly became active in public education efforts to prevent AIDS.

A memorial service was planned in Grants Pass, Oregon last Tuesday with another service scheduled last Wednesday in Eugene.

To place an obituary

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Gay Christian church flourishes in conservative Dallas

Dallas, TX—Dallas hasn't been known for being kind to gays and lesbians.

After all, community leaders and religious groups in this conservative Bible Belt city fought to keep lesbians and gay men off the police force. As justification, they pointed to the state's 114-year-old sodomy statute.

Dallas also is the place where a judge told reporters he gave a killer a lighter sentence because the victims were—in the judge's words—"queers" out "trying to spread AIDS around."

In the midst of such backlash, a congregation claiming to be the world's largest gay and lesbian church quietly thrives.

Problem is, the 1000-member Cathedral of Hope Metropolitan Community Church isn't content with being quiet.

As it prepares to formally dedicate its new \$3 million cathedral this month, the church already is looking years ahead when it hopes to develop a nursing home for elderly gays and lesbians.

It wants to launch a television ministry to help counter fundamentalist Christian views on homosexuality and religion. It hopes to develop a wellness center and retreat for gay and lesbian teenagers kicked out of their homes, and a soup kitchen to feed the homeless.

It also hopes to get the Dallas community at large to recognize that all gays are not drag queens or leather-clad participants in gay pride celebrations—images often perpetuated in the media.

"I'm not putting those people down because they are a part of what the gay community is...But that's not all of it," said senior pastor Michael Piazza.

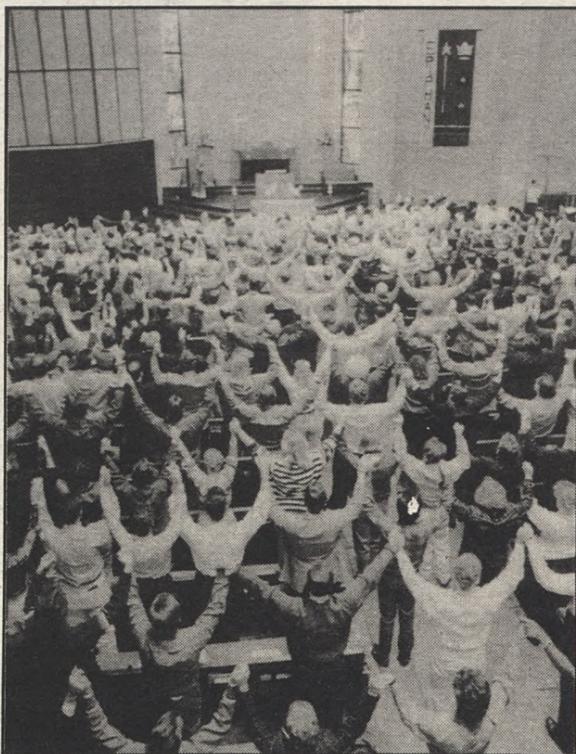
"What we hope to do is to force people to recognize that lesbian and gay people are people just like them.

"You walk into the congregation and you may not even know you're in a lesbian and gay church. We're people just like anyone else.

"The people who gather here on Sunday are, first and foremost, Christians."

Almost every major city has a Metropolitan Community Church. Since the international governing body, the United Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, was founded in 1968, membership has grown from 12 members in Los Angeles to more than 27,000 worldwide.

UFMCC has 264 churches in 16 countries and 47 U.S. states. Atlanta has three UFMCC churches—All Saints, First MCC and



Members of the Cathedral of Hope Metropolitan Community Church raise clasped hands during a service in January. The 1000-member MCC church is the largest lesbian and gay congregation in the world.

Christ Covenant. First MCC recently celebrated its 20th anniversary.

"Church is a more important part of the overall culture of people living in Dallas and in Texas than for some of the larger places where gays are visible like San Francisco," said UFMCC's Kit Cherry.

In December, Cathedral of Hope left behind the folding chairs and low ceilings of its temporary office building sanctuary and moved into its new facility near Dallas Love Field airport

and in the heart of the gay community. That's a major accomplishment considering the resistance the church building committee faced as it searched for a site and financing.

Instead of having to build a new structure, church officials had hoped to find an existing church in which to relocate. However, many congregations refused to deal with a ministry with an outreach to gays, said spokesman Ralph Masek.

"One church even said they would rather burn their church down before they sold it to us," Masek said.

The church eventually found six acres and sold \$2 million in bonds, 90 percent to the gay and lesbian community, to finance construction.

Sunday services are ecumenical, incorporating traditions from several different denominations.

"It doesn't matter what your religious background, you'll find something that you recognize in our services," Piazza said.

The church will celebrate its 23rd anniversary in July, the same time UFMCC celebrates its 25th anniversary.

Not everyone is celebrating, however.

Cathie Adams, president of the conservative Dallas Eagle Forum, said "it's a sad commentary" that a gay and lesbian church exists in a city she calls "the buckle on the Bible Belt."

"We want to help them recognize their lifestyle as a habitual problem to them," Ms. Adams said. "They have not accepted that message."

Those kind of messages, Piazza said, lead most gays and lesbians to Cathedral of Hope.

"Ninety percent of the people who come here have felt excluded from the mainline community and churches," he said. "We've taken back what was taken from us."

MCC clergy is trained by Samaritan College, UFMCC's education institution in Los Angeles, as well as by about 20 seminaries of Christian denominations that will accept UFMCC students.

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The Hotlanta Softball League has experienced phenomenal growth during the past few years. Jim Marks, Commissioner of the HSL, says that when he became an HSL officer a few years ago, there were only nine teams. There has been some talk of three teams from Macon that may be participating in Hotlanta Softball this year.

The Hotlanta Softball League has proven that it has the talent to compete at the national level. At the 1992 NAGAAA World Series, held in Los Angeles, four teams represented the HSL, including a women's team and three open teams. The Atlanta Aces completed the post-season play with a 2nd place finish for the women. Blake's had a respectable 9th place finish in the extremely competitive "A" division. The Armory Angels came away with a 4th place finish in the "B" division. The Pear Garden Sluggers not only won the "C" division championship, they made history by doing so. The Sluggers were the first all black team to win a World Series Championship in the history of NAGAAA. This year, the World Series will be played in Philadelphia.

The HSL season will open on March 28th at Piedmont Park with all games played on Sundays. If you would like to play, the HSL



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GUEST EDITORIAL

I'm in another war

by LUCIEN K. TRUSCOTT III

In the Korean War in 1951, I commanded a rifle company. We had a gay soldier with us in combat. Last November, I wrote an article for The Washington Post and described the death of that young man.

As a result of the article I received a call from the Human Rights Campaign Fund. The caller asked if I would be willing to come to Washington to lobby Congress on behalf of gays in the military. I was impressed by the "Human Rights" portion of this organization, but it turned out that it is the nation's largest gay rights political organization.

WELL! That was the shock! Here I am: a retired Army Infantry Colonel; West Point graduate; father of 5 kids, 8 grandchildren and a great-grandchild on the way; son of a World War II four-star general; numerous friends both among my West Point classmates, other friends from my Army service, and my friends from my post-retirement civil life. What would all of them think?

The fact that I have that question in my mind is the crux of both the military and national problem concerning gays. We think there's something "wrong" not only with being gay but also associating with them.

After much soul searching, or perhaps just searching for my soul, I decided that I had to stand up and be counted. I couldn't deny my very strong faith in the words my 5th great-grandfather penned some 217 years ago: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal..."

So for two days in the Senate and House recently I became a 71 year-old retired soldier activist, not specifically for racial rights or gay rights or women's rights but for equal rights. And several times during the two days people asked me if I agreed with General Powell's assertion that "Skin color is a benign, non-behavioral characteristic. Sexual orientation is perhaps the most profound of human behavioral characteristics." I certainly do not agree with him. Skin color was certainly not "benign" back in the 1948 to mid-

'50s period when we were integrating blacks into the military. General Powell could not now or then understand or feel the emotions of some of the whites during those days. Some of them were every bit as emotional about that integration as some people are about this one, even more so. And I dare say a few still are! And I remind the general that we had a hell of a lot more trouble integrating the Officers' Clubs than we did the battlefield.

I strongly suspect that, like so many others, the general considers homosexuality to be a moral issue: homosexuality is immoral. But is it any more immoral than slavery was? Is it any more immoral than segregation of and discrimination against blacks and women and gays has been and continues to be? And not letting women vote for the first 144 years of the 217 years we've been a nation?

After my two day Washington adventure, I received a letter from my daughter-in-law, Debbie, who lives in Northern Virginia. She told me of being in the checkout line at the local grocery store and having a nice looking man she guessed to be about 50 ask her about a pin on her coat lapel. She had forgotten she had put one there and looked down to see that it was an Inaugural pin with President Clinton's picture on it. Aloud she read the words "Let the Celebration Begin!," and the man started calling her names, "Queer" and "Lesbian" chief among them. Then he started including the President: "Gay! Homo!" She was shocked and embarrassed and hurried out of the store. But before she left, she paused to take a good look at this man whom she described in her letter as looking "so normal, like he was a teacher or an accountant or even a retired military officer. And suddenly I felt incredibly sad."

These were her closing words in the letter:

"Halfway back to the office it occurred to me that this gays-in-the-military thing isn't about gays at all. It's about hate, and its target could be anything. When you came to

Washington this week, you didn't just do it for gays (or even the military). You also did it for Blacks and Jews and Asians and Women. Thanks."

Her "thanks" brought tears to my eyes, and I hope she's wrong about the hate. I sure hope she's wrong.

Col. Lucien Truscott III is a U.S. Army-Retired West Point graduate who served in Korea and Vietnam

CARBON COPY

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An IFW&TWA conference in Colorado? The association should reconsider. Last year, Colorado's citizens passed a referendum restricting the civil rights of gay men and lesbians. Many people believe that visits to any part of the state are not conducive to changing the political situation there. Also many professional associations and governmental agencies (including the cities of Atlanta, New York and San Francisco) have sharply restricted travel to Colorado.

In my view, that goes double for professional media associations. You won't find me in Vail. I move that the conference be postponed.

Sincerely,
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Linda Jones hit her own milestone on Feb. 23rd. She turned the big 3-0. Her partner, Jill Adams, surprised her with reservations and plane tickets to the March on Washington. Mark a milestone with a milestone, I always say. Congrats, Linda!

Frank Miller, author of the table-top commemorative book about the movie Casablanca will celebrate his birthday on March 12th. In addition to writing books, Frank is a wonderful singer. Keep an eye out for his performances! It's worth a trip wherever he sings. Happy birthday, Frank!

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Otherside owners Beverly McMahon and Dana Ford are expecting their first baby! They say they expect their new bundle of joy to arrive around the same time as their 10th anniversary in October. Congratulations! Please let us know when the little one arrives, so we can all celebrate!

MULTIPLE OCCASIONS

March is "party month" for Sam Sands and Brad Baker. On March 27th they will

celebrate their 16th anniversary. Brad says the two met when he and a friend went to an old Atlanta bookstore called Down Under. "I just went for the Bloody Mary's," says Brad, "and I wound up meeting Sam." Sixteen years later, they are still going strong. Sam celebrates his birthday on March 5th, and Brad's is on March 11th. Happy Birthday and congratulations to you both.

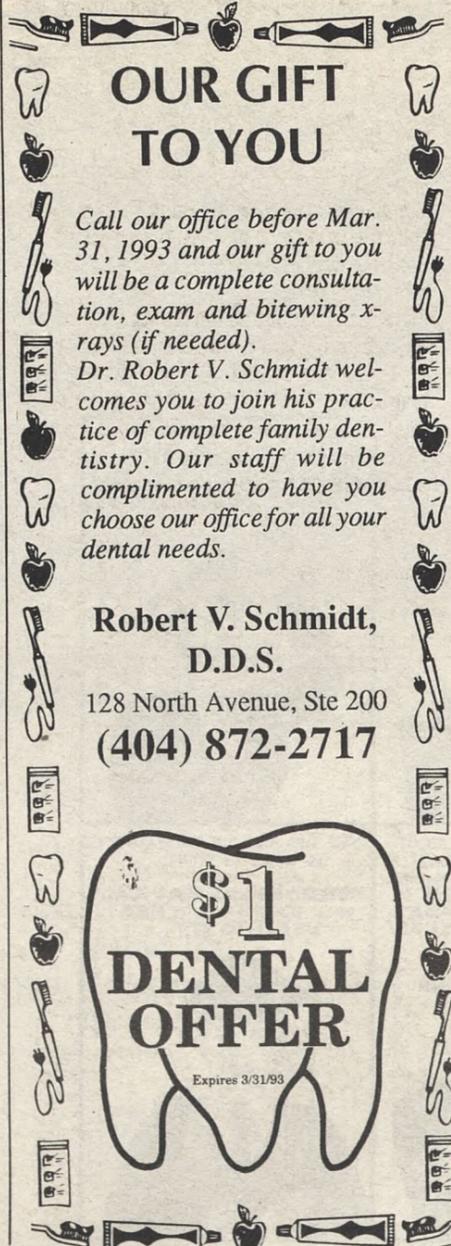
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February 24th marked the 1 year anniversary of the AIDS Hotline For Women, a project of the Feminist Women's Health Center. A fundraiser on Sunday, Feb. 21st raised over \$1,700 toward program services and other Hotline expenses. Remember that Hotline number, 888-9991. And congratulations to Paige Bill, who has signed on as the Hotline's new coordinator.

PASSING THE BATON

This is the last Occasions column I will compile. I am passing the job on to the very able and ready-to-go Mark du Pont. I know Mark will have just as much fun as I have hearing about all the wonderful things happening in the lives of those in our community. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this column, especially Larry Pellegrini and all of my generous friends, and my partner Amanda. Keep sending in those cards and letters, and help Mark fill this space every week. Write on!

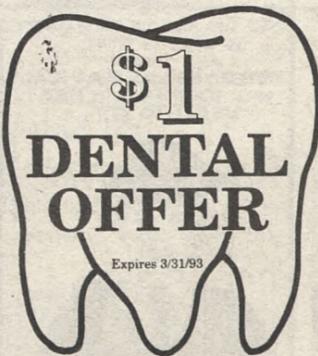
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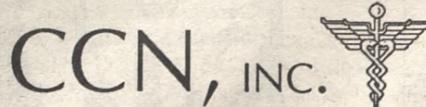
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Your jaw would have dropped into your corsage too, if you'd been there.

We thought maybe she'd had a sex-change operation.

A.D. wore a dress to the dance!

I don't know A.D. all that well. We nod at each other at parties and board meetings. You know who she is. You have the same conversation with her each and every time you meet. You could push the tape recorder on the old conversation and the voice print would give you a word-for-word match.

"Hey."

"Hey."

"How's work?"

"Great."

"How's writing?"

"Great."

(Meeting Version:) "Fund Raising on the agenda tonight?"

"What else?"

(Party Version:) "I'd skip the herring and peanut butter hors d'oeuvres if I were you."

"Good thought."

A.D. isn't her real name. It's not even close. Not Anna Diane. Or Alice Denise. Not even a contraction of Angel Darling left behind in some romantic aftermath. Rumor has it it's a moniker A.D. picked up in the Lesbian Wars from some drinkin' sidekicks, and that it really stands for "Absolute Dyke." It's all I've ever called her.

We're not like chest-to-chest chums or anything. But we know each other. We're so consistently at the same functions that you can feel a difference in the room temperature if one of us is missing. But the thing of it is, even if she weren't in the room you always knew *who* she would have been if she had showed up. *A lesbian in pants*. An absolute six-to-eight on the B side of the Butch/Femme scale.

Not a stereotype or anything. No jeans belted under beer belly. No leather jacket and Harley hog listing to port in the local ladies' bar parking lot. Just *Yuppie dressed to the nines*. Dyke fashion. We could have called her D.F., instead. A corporate type who always made drag seem like fashion. Or the other way around. Expensive. Tailored. Pleated wool pants. Silk Shirts. Blazers. Expensive, acceptable, aggressive Yuppie. Could fit in just fine at a client meeting or a committee meeting.

At the Holiday Dinner she wore a 3 piece man's suit. A real one. Shirt and tie. It was New York fashion that particular forty seconds. So you could tell it wasn't about doing anybody's impersonation. Just A.D. unleashing her American Express card in the local Lord & Taylor in her wicked idea of irony. Some faggot's idea of an underground Madonna joke. So A.D. figured she could do it too. And she could. She was one of the few of us who could walk the edge of Fashion Plaza without either climbing into cliche or engendering dyke derision, and get away with it. But, of course, she *always* did it in pants.

Then she wore a dress to the dance.

What else can I tell you? Oh, of course. About the divorce. A.D. was suddenly single. So that must have had something to do with the make-over. Still, it didn't fully explain

the dress. It wasn't something she just happened to find in the back of the closet saved for Congressional confirmation hearings or anything. Definitely not like anything you'd expect to see on Janet Reno.

It was red. And it made the pheromones fly. Cut up to the knees, and down way below caution. It actually *swirled*. Everybody could see that A.D. had *legs*. And make-up Way Bandy could have happily claimed if he hadn't been dead. Something different about the hair. Perfume without the faintest evanescence of eau to Brut. And an electric smile in the *on* position, studied somewhere in the back pages of *Penthouse*. It made whole parts of normally immune people, suddenly pointy and hard.

I've only seen it once before. A long, long time ago at an LA party in the so far back seventies when I'd only been out for mere minutes. Ellie was the butchiest lady I'd ever met in my six months of active observation while I waited for my initiator to give up living in Europe and come home. I had lots of time to watch and learn what it was that I was expected to be if I were planning to be a lesbian when I grew up. I watched Ellie. And the steady stream of ultra-eyelashed beauties she preferred to escort. She ranked right up there on the scale in the eight-nine's. She was lighting cigarettes left and right, opening doors, and dancing forwards till hell wouldn't have it.

Then Françoise strode in the door from Paris. "Butch" defined by Cary Grant to Natalie Barnie. A lady I'd read about in books I had to go into bad parts of town to buy. When she passed, your shoelaces sort of melted. So did Ellie's body language. Her hips widened. Breasts pushed a little outer. A little upper. Shoulders tilted and eyes did a perfect Lauren Bacall. She extracted a Marlboro from her pack, and offered it up for sacrifice to Françoise's silver Dunhill. It was a ritual dance between two old never-been lovers. A tease. An unfulfilled flirt. It's transformation took seconds. The shock of watching it lasted my lifetime. Then Françoise surged into the next room, and Ellie's body settled squarely back onto her solid hips, swagger restored. And I removed by jaw from my scotch glass.

It was the kind of transformation I thought of when I saw A.D. flow onto the dance floor in that dress. The red one. Cut above the knee and plunging open to all the possibilities.

Married ladies more than subtly escorted mates in the other direction on instinct. Out of harm's way just in case. Women you knew who never acted that way, blushed deep into their cowboy shirts and drifted closer.

She had had an amazing clothes-change operation.

And I began to wonder where I could get a dress like that. And if I wore it to a dance, whether my friends would be so surprised.

Shelly Roberts lives in Pompano Beach, Fla. and is the author of *The Dyke Detector: How To Tell The Real Lesbians From Ordinary People*. Shelly Roberts and Al Cotton alternate columns in this space.

L E T T E R S

I wanna hold your hand

Dear Southern Voice readers,

Ever since I came out I've always wanted to date someone who felt comfortable holding my hand in public. I know it doesn't sound like a lot to ask for, but sadly it's very rare to find a boyfriend who isn't too self-conscious to do it. And I don't want to do it to make a statement or to shock the straight world. I just like holding hands: showing that special someone that I care for them.

Well, I found him. We've only been dating a little over a month but we hold hands everywhere. In the park, at restaurants, shopping, and of course at home. And he always kisses me hello and goodbye no matter where we are. So I'm writing you guys and gals to let you know what it's like.

At first, it makes you a little nervous. Are "they" staring at us? Do "they" care? But then you realize, so what. So what! You're holding hands. Big deal. Who cares what anyone thinks. If you've gone your whole life worrying what other people think instead of just trying to be happy with who and what you are, you've really missed something. A simple act like holding hands is so incredibly life affirming. And gay affirming. After a while you don't even realize you're doing it. It becomes natural. Which of course it is. It really is. So try it. Trust me. "They" don't stare and "they" don't talk.

And the next time you see me walking hand in hand with my boyfriend, don't clap and don't yell, "go girl," which so many people do. Look to your special someone, grab a hold of their hand and walk side by side with us. You won't believe how a little thing like holding hands can change you. And maybe even the world.

Very sincerely,
Robert Rosen

A bigot is a bigot

To the Editor:

After being moved by Miriam Ben-Shalom's stirring speech at the lift the military ban rally, three women, including myself, and two men went to Underground to eat. One of these men is a multi-lingual AIDS activist who works with indigenous peoples, the other works with the homeless. While trying to cruise a guy both simultaneously said, "if the fish would get out of the way," referring to a woman who was blocking their view. Excuse me? I'm not into being politically correct, but there are limits. Fish isn't interchangeable with female any more than nigger is an acceptable substitute for black person! So you don't want to jump her bones, does that mean she's unworthy of your respect!

Lots of the things that unenlightened gay men say about women and straights sounds curiously like what unenlightened straight men say about homosexuals. BIGOTRY IS BIGOTRY! I've heard within the community such gems as, you can't be gay if you've ever had sex with the opposite sex, bisexuals are irresponsible whores who are afraid to admit that they are gay, gays shouldn't have children. Dis the drag queen, dis those who are into S&M, dis those who are too vocal, dis those who aren't out yet, like there's only one way to be gay!

Who decides what the appropriate roles are for the genders? Shouldn't it be up to the individual? The rainbow flag stands for diversity in all its shades and hues! All members of the community and those who support them have a place and are needed in the struggle for human rights, justice and common decency. We all need to purse ourselves to our prejudices! Want respect? Give it! Food for thought folks think about it.

Sincerely,
Genia Richards

C A R B O N C O P Y

The Sentinel, Editor
Kennesaw College
PO Box 444
Marietta, GA 30061
Re: Commentary by Richard C. Korson on Sexual Orientation

Dear Editor,

Mr. Korson has every right to express his opinions. However, he displays an appalling level of ignorance on many aspects of homosexuality.

Korson states that homosexuality is a mental illness. If he bothered to check, he would find that neither the American Psychiatric nor the American Psychological Association regard it as such. Perhaps he would do better to admit that he was simply airing a personal bias rather than stating a fact.

Korson is most off-the-wall when he tries to draw parallels between homosexuals and murderers/rapists. He somehow misses a distinction in this comparison—the one between a morally neutral human capacity such as sexual orientation or skin color—and behavior. Murder, rape, and other forms of anti-social activity are no more a direct function of being gay or straight than they are a direct function of being left handed or right handed.

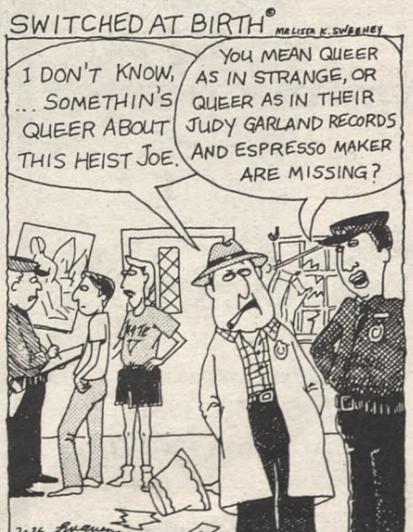
As to the Biblical prohibitions Korson sites against homosexuality: There was no context in early Christian culture to recognize homosexual orientation per se. Thus, many of these passages cannot be construed as condemnation of gay and lesbian persons. Rather, they were meant to condemn prohibited acts, such as rape, prostitution, or pagan practices.

There are many other prohibitions in the Bible we no longer take seriously, e.g., shaving, growing flowers indoors, wearing cloth-

ing of mixed fibers, and dietary laws. The New Testament clearly prohibits attachment to worldly goods and material gain but these characteristics are tacitly endorsed by most churches. One can find religious "justification" for virtually anything one cares to prohibit or endorse.

Korson should be encouraged to examine interesting and controversial topics such as sexual orientation. But he should also realize that there is a difference between supporting carefully-researched and examined opinions and sloppily displaying half-digested biases in print.

Sincerely,
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Colorado for Family Values, which sponsored the anti-gay ballot measure, continues to show just how homophobic it really is, and has developed a newsletter intended to help battle "hard ball homosexual tactics" and "homosexual indoctrination" in public schools. The newsletter attacks Denver Public Schools and other schools systems it says are promoting homosexuality, and announces a series of community action seminars around the state to teach grassroots groups how to fight "the homosexual agenda."

Earlier this week, CFV chairman Will Perkins said the reaction to Amendment 2's passage has forced CFV to stay together to fight a lawsuit challenging the law, and to speak out on other issues of homosexuality. In November, Perkins had said his group would disband after the amendment's passage.

"Under normal thinking, we win the election and that'd be the end of it," he said. "But from the day [Gov. Roy Romer] started talking about doing everything he could to overturn the amendment, there's no way we could get out of it."

Perkins statements about Romer are another example of CFV's misinformation campaign. While Romer opposed the amendment, immediately following the election, he said he would enforce the law, and it is his attorney general's office that is fighting the lawsuit against it.

A Colorado legislator has announced a plan to repeal Amendment 2, and replace it with a "middle-of-the-road" anti-discrimination law. Sam Williams' proposal is the second such plan announced, following last week's ballot measure introduced by a Colorado Springs attorney which would repeal the amendment, and replace it with an anti-discrimination law that also prohibits preferential treatment.

Williams' amendment bans employment discrimination (exempting religious organizations), housing and public accommodations discrimination, and restores home rule, allowing cities to draft their own gay-rights plans.

Several Colorado Springs business leaders are joining attorney Greg Walta's attempts to place an alternative measure on November's ballot. CFV opposes both Walta's and Williams' attempts, as does Colorado Springs mayor Robert Isaac.

"What am I going to say? Do I say to the public, 'You really made a mistake on your vote. You made a mistake on all your votes. We ought to just get rid of the vote.' The people voted for this. I think they knew what they were talking about," said Isaac.

Such statements fly in the face of CFV's

assertions that it did not intend to discriminate with its amendment.

The latest city to join the Boycott Colorado movement is Berkeley, California, joining San Francisco and San Jose in banning official travel to the Hate State.

"We hope that Colorado will get the message that it's time for equal rights for lesbians and gays," said Berkeley councilwoman Dona Spring.

Montana House members deleted "sexual orientation" language on its Hate Crimes bill after also rejecting a proposal against gay bashing and killing a measure legalizing gay sex in Montana.

A New Mexico Senate Committee passed along a gay rights bill without recommendation. The Senate killed similar legislation two years ago on the floor. To protest the bill, a group gathered on the University of New Mexico campus to voice opposition. At that protest, attended by about 20 people, biker John Oakes said he opposes the bill because he doesn't understand why gays should get "special privileges" that other groups such as bikers don't get.

In Michigan, a candidate for a vacant state Senate seat is launching a petition drive for a Colorado-style ban on gay rights laws. George Matousek, a 62-year-old fish farm owner from Bentley, will ask the Board of State Canvassers to review language on petitions for the Michigan Family Values Amendment.

Meanwhile, lawmakers in Michigan are quietly testing the waters for a bill that would bring gays and lesbians under Michigan's civil rights umbrella. Rep. David Hollister is drafting legislation that would add sexual orientation to the state's civil rights law. Six Michigan cities—Ann Arbor, Birmingham, Detroit, East Lansing, Flint and Saginaw—have adopted local ordinances banning discrimination based on sexual orientation.

And in Idaho, human rights advocates have warned that the Idaho Citizens Alliance's Colorado-style ballot initiative may spawn an increase in attacks on gays.

"Any state with that kind of measure on the ballot will experience an increase in violence and the number of hate crimes," said Capt. Dan Noelle of the Portland Police Department.

Idaho should brace for increasing crimes, said Brian Bergquist, head of Idaho for Human Dignity, combating the ICA initiative drive.

"I think there's going to be an increase in violence, or at least harassment," Bergquist said. "[The ICA] create[s] the environment that allows this to happen."

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NATIONAL UPDATE

Buchanan renews attacks on gays

Washington, DC—Two of the Republican Party's leading conservative voices are painting sharp contrasts with President Clinton on abortion and gay rights, rebuking GOP moderates who want to put aside social-policy feuds and unite around shared economic views.

"When leaders tell you they won't stand up and fight on cultural and moral issues, the answer is not to abandon those issues. The answer is to find new leaders," commentator Patrick Buchanan said Feb. 18 at a conservative conference.

"Any party that would abandon its principles and its platform and its most loyal people after a single defeat doesn't deserve the support of the American people."

The defiant rhetoric of televangelist Pat Robertson, Buchanan and other leading conservatives was vivid evidence that the party's soul searching on social issues has hampered its ability to speak with one voice in its new

They have called on conservatives to mute their opposition to abortion and instead focus on economic and national security positions that unite all Republicans.

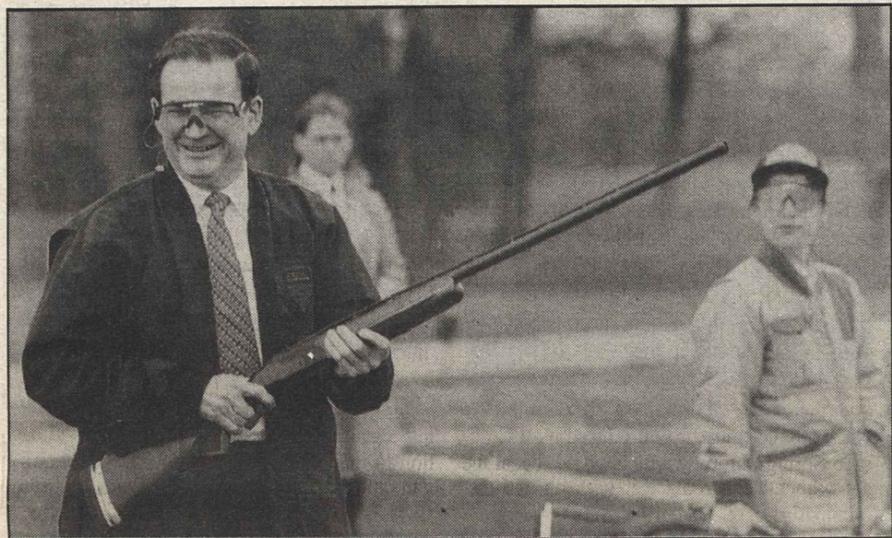
"We have to become a party of inclusion," GOP strategist Ed Rollins, a longtime Ronald Reagan aide, said before Robertson and Buchanan spoke.

But the two conservative leaders, both potential 1996 presidential contenders, scoffed at the notion that relaxing its anti-abortion view would help the party.

"We have entered a time of moral conflict in our society that has been unknown hitherto," Robertson said.

"There are many in the Republican Party who want to mute this issue," he said of abortion. "I for one do not want to be part of a party that only stresses lust and greed as its pillars."

Buchanan said he wanted the party to keep its anti-abortion stance.



Pat Buchanan, who denounced gays at the Republican National Convention, says he doesn't feel the need "to apologize for a single word." Buchanan is pictured here on the campaign trail during his unsuccessful bid to be the Republican presidential nominee.

role as opposition party.

In their speeches to the Conservative Political Action Conference, Robertson and Buchanan echoed themes they sounded at last year's Republican convention, which moderates said gave the party an intolerant image and turned women and moderate voters away from President Bush.

"We don't apologize for a single word," Buchanan said of the convention's conservative tone.

Since the election, moderates and some conservatives have made a concerted effort to project a more inclusive image for the party.

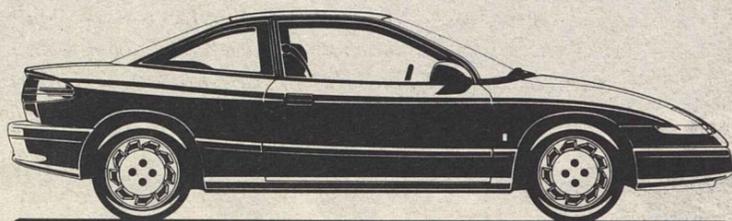
"When it comes to conservative beliefs, give me that old time religion," he said. "It was good enough for our fathers and it is good enough for me."

Robertson angrily denounced Clinton's support for allowing gays in the military and increasing AIDS research. Instead, he said, "Let the President take a stand against this shameful lifestyle that destroys all it touches."

Buchanan said Clinton was trying to "introduce the cultural war into West Point and the Marine barracks...It won't happen if we stand up and keep fighting on these issues."

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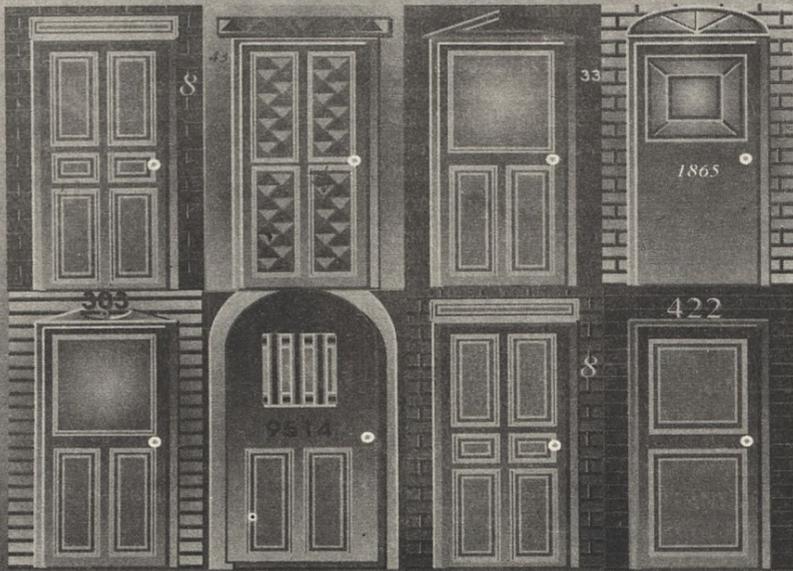
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EYE ON THE MILITARY

An ad hoc group of gays and lesbians have announced plans to "lay siege" on the Pentagon on Monday, April 26, the day after the National March on Washington. According to a press release put out by Georgia, DC and New York activists, the plan is to march on the Pentagon to demand rescission of the Department of Defense's ban on gay men and lesbians. More information will be available as plans develop.

North Carolina activists held a march this weekend to protest the beating of Crae Pridgen, by three Marines, outside a Wilmington gay bar just hours after President Clinton's announcement of his plans to lift the ban. The organizers of the march called themselves "People for the Ethical Treatment of Others." The Marines charged in the assault are set to begin trial on March 8.

"If I can stand up for the freedom of black people and all other people whose civil rights and human rights are violated," she continued, "then I would be inconsistent if I didn't support the gay and lesbian community's effort to be accepted and to have equal rights."

The murder trial of Airman Apprentice Terry Helvey, accused of brutally murdering shipmate Allen Schindler last October because Schindler was gay, is set to begin on April 27. Hundreds of supporters, family and friends gathered at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Chicago, Schindler's hometown, for a memorial service on Feb. 12. Attending the service were Alderwoman Mary Ann Smith, state Rep. John Osterburg, and U.S. Rep. Mel Reynolds, as well as Schindler's mother, brother and sister.

Schindler's sister, Kathy Eickhoff, gave the most moving tribute, telling those gathered that she had been unable to accept Allen's homosexuality when he came out to her two years ago.

"He wasn't in any way what I pictured a gay person to be," Eickhoff said. "He always told me, 'Kath, [being gay] is not like you think.' It's sad because now I understand, and he's not here."

In San Francisco, Japanese Consul Shigeo Natsui met with three members of Queer Nation and Queer Planet last week, assuring them he would convey their concerns about the investigation of Schindler's death to his government in Tokyo. QN's Michael Petrelis has complained that Japanese police mishandled the case.

A gay psychiatrist has told New York Newsday that he protected gay soldiers when he was ordered to evaluate them.

"I would not say in my record that a man was gay," Dr. Billy Jones told the paper, because to do so would subject the soldier to discipline.

Jones told the paper that he gave up sex while on duty there because, "I was not in Vietnam to have a good time."

In Florida, a sailor charged with homosexual behavior says that Navy brass has exerted undue pressure to get him court-martialed after the admiral he worked for was fired for allegedly going easy on him.

Edmond Bonnot, a chief petty officer, contends the Navy sent out word to "hammer him" last year when Vice Adm. Jack Fetterman was fired as chief of naval education and training.

Bonnot based his allegation in part on a letter from a Pentagon admiral to Fetterman's temporary successor, Rear Adm. Louise C. Wilmot, to re-examine his case. A Navy spokesperson denied that the letter was undue influence. It was a routine message to let Wilmot know the results of an inspector general's investigation, Lt. Cate Mueller said.



Coretta Scott King reiterated her support of lifting the ban against gays in the military in a speech last week at FBI headquarters.

One hundred civilians marched last weekend along a road beside Fort Campbell (Tennessee) to protest Clinton's plan. The marchers, including several ministers, walked an estimated three miles during the march. In Mississippi, state Rep. Mike Gunn has filed a resolution urging Clinton and Congress to keep the discriminatory policy.

But all Southerners are not opposing Clinton's efforts. At a speech last week in celebration of Black History Month at the headquarters of the FBI Coretta Scott King reiterated her position—one that she announced two weeks ago during a speech in Detroit—that the ban should go.

"Gay and lesbian people have served in the armed forces with honor from the early days of the republic on down to today, and many have given their lives for the freedom that we enjoy today," she said. "Any law that denies them their full citizenship rights has no place in a great democracy."

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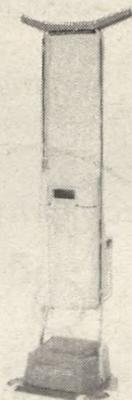
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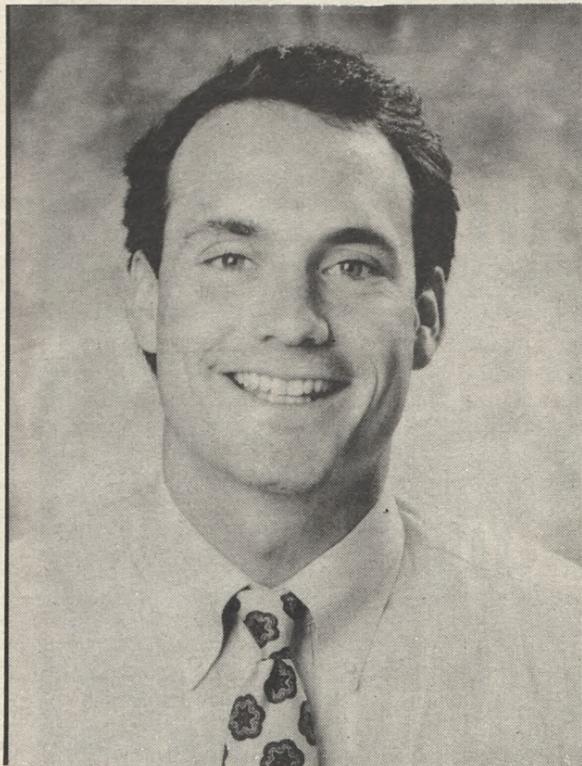
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COVER STORY

Slotin introduces sodomy reform

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Senator Ron Slotin (D-Atlanta) introduced the sodomy reform bill on February 26.

used in Colorado and Oregon to put anti-gay measures on the ballot. The House resolution has been stuck in the Rules Committee since February 2 and the Senate resolution has yet to have a second reading on the floor. Followers of these resolutions believe the momentum to approve the amendments is declining.

H.B. 854. Introduced by Representative Tommy Smith (D-Alma), this bill removes control of the sex education curriculum from the domain of the state board of education and provides that local school boards develop their own course of study.

S.B. 277. Introduced by Senator Edward Boshears (R-Brunswick), the bill amends the section of the Georgia Code dealing with the revision of alimony when the recipient cohabitates with a third party. The amendment

right to privacy and equal protection, specifically citing social-science and psychological research.

Other bills currently before the Georgia General Assembly:

H.R. 104 and S.R. 151. These resolutions would amend Georgia's constitution to allow voter initiative petitions similar to the ones

redefines "cohabitation" to include persons of the same sex.

S.R. 195. Introduced by Senator Edwin Gochenour (R-Macon) and twelve other Republicans, this resolution is a duplicate of the one in the House urging the U.S. Congress to preserve the military ban prohibiting the service of lesbians and gay men.

COMMUNITY NEWS

HRCF Dinner Committee Chairing the 6th annual Atlanta H.R.C.F. Dinner are Pamela Evans (who also co-chaired the 1992 dinner) and Robert Glendell who co-chaired the Silent Auction Committee for the 1992 Dinner, helping to raise a record level of contributions from that activity. The Dinner is scheduled for May 22, 1993 at the Georgia World Congress Center.

The theme for the 1993 Dinner is "There's A Place Called Hope," which acknowledges the theme of the winning Clinton campaign, implying that now more than ever before, there is hope for our future. It also underscores the responsibility of the community to continue to expand its support of the Clinton Administration and those in the Congress who are supportive of the agenda advanced by HRCF.

HRCF needs volunteers to assist with ticket sales, ad sales, logistics and hosting house parties.

To volunteer or to become a Table Captain contact the Atlanta Dinner Committee at P.O. Box 8152, Atlanta GA 30306 or call 662-4280.

Atlanta Lesbian & Gay Pride Volunteers are needed to work on the events planned around the Lesbian and Gay Pride festival in Atlanta on June 26 & 27. Serve on a committee—you can make a difference. Call the Pride line at (404) 662-4533 or write to Atlanta Lesbian Gay Pride Committee, P.O. Box 54024, Atlanta, GA 30308-0024.

Entertainers and production personnel for the 1993 Lesbian/Gay Pride Festival are also needed. Send resume or audition tapes to

ALGPC-Entertainment Committee, P.O. Box 54024, Atlanta, GA 30308-0024.

NAPWA Atlanta NAPWA will present an educational forum on the latest developments in AIDS treatments on Thursday, March 18. Martin Delaney, Director of Project Inform, will return to Atlanta with updated information on standard treatments and drugs, results of national clinical trials, as well as complementary treatments. Delaney will speak at Colony Square Hotel, 14th & Peachtree, at 7pm.

Delaney is a gifted and knowledgeable speaker, with the ability to be concise and understandable to the person recently diagnosed with HIV as well as those who have a more extensive knowledge of standard and alternative treatments.

P-FLAG "48 Hours" called P-FLAG/Atlanta recently. They are in the initial stages of planning a show about gays in the military. They want to do some, if not all of it in Atlanta, home of Sam Nunn.

P-FLAG plans to get them parents of current or past service people to talk to. They also want to talk with, and possibly interview, gay men and lesbians who have been in the service.

If anyone is interested please call ERIK VAN PELT at 622-2600. If you think your parents might be interested, call Judy Colbs at 875-9440. It doesn't matter if you live in Atlanta or not. It is possible to talk with the "48 Hours" people *without* making the commitment to be on the show.

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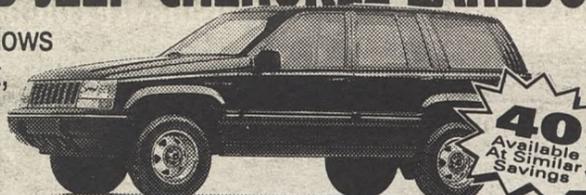


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OUT & ABOUT

AMERICAN BALLET

ROBERT LAFOSSE

An ensemble of top ballet dancers from the New York City Ballet (NYCB) and the American Ballet Theatre will be making its first-ever Atlanta appearance at the Atlanta Civic Center March 4 through 7.

One of those dancers is NYCB principal dancer Robert LaFosse.

LaFosse began dancing about the time most of us were learning to rollerskate. It has become his life, and still delights him. He spoke to me about it in between a round of rehearsals and travel.

"I love dancing, I've loved it since I was five. My brother, Edmund, was also a dancer and you might say I followed in his footsteps. He is also gay and that made it much easier for me when I went to live with him in New York."

"Sexual preference is not such a big deal in ballet. In our company, about half of the men are gay and half aren't. The brilliant thing about it is that the ballet scene is a family, and heterosexual men in the company are very at ease dealing with gay people. Ours is a world that is isolated from the realities of the population at large, and when we read about the controversy of gays in the military, we are amazed at the problems that they're dealing with, i.e., heterosexual men feeling threatened in the showers...because straight men in the ballet are very secure about their sexuality and they can easily say no and feel comfortable with that. I'm actually working on a piece based on gays in the military using a Stravinsky composition called 'L'Histoire du Soldat' [A Soldier's Tale]."

Real life was an inspiration for another LaFosse-choreographed piece which was performed in Atlanta in 1991. Several close friends of his had died, some of them from AIDS, and he found himself dealing with love and the loss of friends. The piece, "Woodland Sketches" was the first LaFosse choreographed and gained him recognition as one of the moving forces in ballet today. Set in Victorian times, it brings together four groups as they grieve for a mutual friend.

LaFosse says he is pleased to be working with the Atlanta Ballet again after "Woodlawn Sketches."

"My brother danced with the Atlanta Ballet for five years, and I'm excited to be building my own relationship with them. I would love to dance with the Atlanta Ballet in the future. Bobby Barnett, the director, has done a wonderful job. The Atlanta Ballet is one of the oldest and most respected ballet institutes in America."

LaFosse has continued his work with AIDS both on and off the stage. He has participated in the Gay Men's Health Walk for several years and is currently working on a benefit for DIFFA (Design Industry Fashion Fights AIDS). Fifteen of the brightest and best new choreographers will be premiering pieces created especially for the evening. Leading fashion designers will be costuming the dancers. Already Gregory Hines and Tommy Tune have agreed to participate and it looks as though it will be a spectacular line-up of talent for an incredible evening of dance.

The benefit is scheduled in New York for the upcoming fall. Right now we can enjoy the genius of LaFosse in Atlanta in a special engagement. The ensemble will present a unique mix of original ballets and favorites from the NYCB's repertoire.

The ballets that are being presented in Atlanta will sample the dance styles of different time periods. The old piece, "Raymonda" was choreographed by Marius Petipa in the 1800s and shows off the great Russian classical style. Petipa was a mentor of George Balanchine who was one of the NYCB's founders. Balanchine's "Apollo" will also be on the program. "Apollo" is a ballet of rare sculptural beauty and lets us see Balanchine's contribution in moving ballet from its classical form to the styles that we enjoy today.

The other two ballets on the program are pure LaFosse. One of his newest works, "Gretry Pas de Deux" is a lively dance which shows off the skills of the two virtuoso dancers. I asked Robert if a pas de deux was usually a "mating dance." He explained, "When you have one dancer, it usually evokes something personal. Two dancers suggests a relationship. When you add a third, you have a plot, a story or a conflict."

The fourth piece on the program is a light-hearted salute to the silver screen's first couple, "Fred and Ginger." Robert LaFosse explains this unique blending of ballet and idolized Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.



Robert LaFosse and partner in "Afternoon of a Faun."

"I have made this piece using the ballet vocabulary that evokes the style and period of that era, and in no way are we imitating Fred and Ginger. It's more of a tribute to them. The music is Jerome Kern, Irving Berlin and others. Some of the compositions are ones that Fred and Ginger actually danced to on the screen. Usually we dance to solo piano accompaniment. In Atlanta, the piece will be presented for the first time featuring full orchestration under the direction of Thomas Ludwig, so in a way, it's a special premiere of the piece as it's never been seen before."

In 1987 Robert LaFosse published his autobiography entitled "Nothing to Hide." He has embraced his life and lifestyle with the same enthusiasm he embraces his dance partners. From Broadway to ballet, LaFosse has created an approach to dance that is uniquely his own.

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THEATRE REVIEW

LETTICE AND LOVAGE

The British people are proud of many things. Probably the first is their language, with its rich enormous vocabulary. Another is British eccentricity. "Lettice and Lovage," a comedy by Peter Schaffer ("Equus," "Amadeus") now playing at Theatre in the Square in Marietta, serves up ample helpings of both. If you like British history, pageantry, language, and silliness, you'll like this show.

Lettice Douffet (Jessica Phelps), an eccentric, flamboyant tour guide who cannot stand anything "mere" or boring, romantically embellishes on history for visitors to Fustian House, "the dullest house in England," a place where nothing ever happened. She runs afoul of the rigid, anti-romantic Lottie Schoen (Marianne Fraulo), her boss at the National Trust. Lottie fires Lettice, then suffers pangs of conscience. The two embark on a highly unusual friendship that consists of meeting to drink

"quaff"—a medieval brew containing the herb lovage (parsley)—and acting out famous historical death scenes, complete with headman's axe and block.

Lettice and Lovage is a lightweight offbeat comedy that nonetheless brings up some worthwhile themes: friendship between women, older women's marginal and insecure place in the job market and in society in general. Schaffer wrote the play for actress Maggie Smith as a response to her lament about the dearth of good theatre roles for older women. At the time a male actor, at the height of his powers, prepares to tackle the great classical roles, a female actor finds herself trapped in a mask of age, dwindling into caricature.

This light play does not single-handedly correct the situation but does provide an entertaining evening of remarkable awareness. These older women are actually being taken seriously. Their unmarried states are not even commented upon. Lottie does refer with regret to her ex-boyfriend, but not a shred of a hint that either of the two are "warped" or "repressed" or "unfulfilled" for lack of a man. Neither laments her childless state, or even seems to think there is anything unusual about it. Lettice and Lottie, although they are comic characters, have an integrity and poignancy that comes from being in a human, not merely a "feminine," situation.

The two leads are delightful. Jessica Phelps does her bravura turn as the theatrical Lettice, blaze-red-haired, brilliantly festooned in bright capes and scarves, phrase after glittering phrase of rolling "fustian" (fancy, archaic, colorful English) falling from her tongue. Marianne Fraulo, long an actress of note in Atlanta, brings the prosaic Lottie to life.

I was lucky enough to see the original London production, with Maggie Smith as Lettice and Margaret Tyson as Lottie. The two famous British actresses, of course, brought more self-assurance to the play's language and sense of history. But this American production has more warmth and gentleness, more understanding of the childlike quality of these two characters. They are childlike not because they are female, but because the games they embark on release their imaginations, their creative spirits, and their enjoyment of each other.

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DORIS DAVENPORT. This performance poet will read from her latest collections, "Voodoo Chile..." and "Soque Street" at Charis Books. The reading and signing begin at 7:30. Call 524-0304 for more info.

TRUUS BRONKHORST. The acclaimed Dutch dancer makes her Atlanta debut performing "Black Blossom" with three Dutch-African dancers. The explosive performance takes place at 7 Stages Performing Arts Center in LSP tonight through Sat. Show begins at 8:00 p.m. Call 523-7647 for reservations.

NEW YORK CITY BALLET. Atlanta Ballet hosts a star studded troupe from the Big Apple tonight through Sunday at the Atlanta Civic Center. See related story on page 19. The program is headlined with "A Salute to Fred and Ginger." Evening performances begin at 8:00 p.m. and afternoon performances start at 2:00 p.m. Call 892-3303 for ticket info.

THE GOOD DOCTOR. Centerstage North Theatre in Marietta presents Neil Simon's comedy Thur.-Sun. through Mar. 13. Call 509-2700 for more info.

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ASSASSINS. Through Mar. 6. Georgia Tech presents a musical about Lee Harvey Oswald, John Wilkes Booth and other notorious figures of history. Thurs.-Sun. through March 6. For ticket info call 894-2745.

THE SECRET GARDEN. Through Mar. 7. Theater of the Stars presents this Broadway favorite at the Fox Theater. The story is based on Francis Hodgson Burnett's turn-of-the-century children's story. For ticket info call 252-8960.

THE ROVER. Through Mar. 13. The Atlanta Shakespeare Tavern begins 1993 with a tale about the soldiers to the banished Prince Charles. The play was authored by Aphra Behn, the first female playwright to have her work presented on the profes-



TELEVISION. The New York new-wave band led by Tom Verlaine tours the U.S. after a 14 year absence. The group performs tonight at Variety Playhouse in LSP beginning at 8:30. Call 249-6400 for ticket info.

ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Director Yoel Levi leads the ASO in Gustav Mahler's "Das Lied von der Erde" tonight through Sat. The performance also features tenor Ben Heppner and mezzo-soprano Jard van Nes. The concert begins at 8:00. Call 898-1182 for ticket info.

5 FRIDAY

BONESHAKERS. The new bar and disco in Athens hosts PROM NIGHT, a benefit for AIDS Athens. The evening features Jetta Fahrvergnugen as Mistress of Ceremonies. 433 East Hancock Ave. Tickets \$5 in advance. Call 353-1558 for info.

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LETTICE & LOVAGE. Through Mar. 13. Theatre in the Square's hit production of an eccentric tour guide, and a rigid personnel director, Lovage, who tries to repress Lettice's behavior, has been extended. Tues.-Sat. Theatre in the Square, Marietta. 422-8369.

TONY WINSTON. Through Mar. 13. Popular jazz pianist/singer Tony Winston, first cousin of new age pianist George Winston, performs at The Coach and Six Restaurant. Three performances nightly Thurs.-Sat. Call 872-6666 for further info.

PORTRAITS AT TWILIGHT. Through March 14. A trip into the twilight zone of the American experience,

celebrates the opening of its new Buckhead gallery with exhibitions by surrealist painter Fantazos and sculptor Funk. The premier show begins at 6:00. Call 266-2363 for details.

DANCING ON THE JAGGED EDGE. The Dance Theater of Georgia presents a program of contemporary dance pieces set to music from a variety of musical styles, from Brahms to The Supremes to Kate Bush. The begins at 8:00 tonight and Sat. Call 473-4227 for tickets.

VANESSA. Capitol City Opera Company presents Samuel Barber's Pulitzer-Prize winner at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center through March 14. The story of a love triangle is set in 1905 Russia. Fri. and Sat. at 7:30, Sun. at 3:00. Call 872-5338 for further info.

THAT'S ALL FOLKS. Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art presents The Art and History of Warner Brothers Cartoons through May 2. Visitors to the exhibit will learn how some of the most famous animated characters were born and created. Call 428-BUGS for details.

Different Voices Theatre Company presents a trio of pieces with a twist which requires audience participation. Features the gender-bending gothic spoof "This Brooding Sky." Thurs.-Sun. at 8:00 p.m. at the 14th Street Playhouse. Call 370-1350 for more info.

ONCE ON THIS ISALND. Through Apr. 4. This exotic musical fantasy with the passion, exuberance and fire of the Caribbean, captured 8 Tony Awards last year. Set on an island in the French Antilles, the action takes place on one night as a group of peasants wait out a violent storm. Alliance Theatre. Wed.-Sat. 892-2414.

TOWN HALL MEETING. Thurs., March 11. A meeting to discuss the lifting of the ban on gays in

6 SATURDAY

COME-A-LOT. Funny...That Way presents a benefit performance of their version of Camelot for the March on Washington. The show begins at 8:00 at the Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Dr. Tickets are \$8 in advance. Call 875-2275 for more info.

WINK'S T-SHIRT PARTY. Women in Kahoots asks guests to wear their favorite t-shirts to their monthly party tonight at 7:00. 1003 Hicksmill Ct. in Marietta. Call 438-1421 for more info.

PWARTY. NAPWA hosts a social gathering for "HIV-friendly" people bi-monthly. 44 12th Street. Call 874-7926 for details.

SPRING BREAK OUT DANCE. The Lesbian/Bisexual Alliance of Agnes Scott College will hold their second annual dance beginning at 9:00 p.m. Formal or casual attire is welcome. For more info or directions call 373-1632 or 371-6575.

DECATUR DRUMBEAT RACE. A 5K race and 1 mile walk to benefit the band and athletic programs of Decatur High will be begin in front of the school. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. For details call 373-1028.

AFFAIR ON THE SQUARE. The Thunder Thieves Band will be playing hits from the 50s, 60s and 70s at a dance sponsored by the Decatur community tonight from 8:00 to midnight. The festivities will be held at th

the military, and to specifically collect comments to be sent to Washington. 7:30 pm. First MCC Church. 800 N. Highland Ave. 231-5751 for more info.

1st ANNUAL SOUTHERN VOICE COMMUNITY AWARDS. April 17. This benefit for Atlanta Lesbian & Gay Pride and the Atlanta Lambda Community Center will recognize and honor members of the community. Watch for details.

6TH ANNUAL HRCF DINNER. Sat., May 22. A black-tie evening of political inspiration, entertainment, silent auction, cocktails and dinner with 1,500 members of the gay and lesbian community. Tickets are on sale now. \$150. For more info call 662-4280.

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7 SUNDAY

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE. Get the "scoop" about the happenings in the GA General Assembly every other Sun. at 2:00 p.m. 1051 Hudson, behind the Highland Ave YWCA.

LOS FOLKLORISTAS. The Atlanta Virtuosi present a program examining the diversity of musical styles of African Latin Americans. The performance takes place at Presser Hall on the Agnes Scott campus beginning at 4:00. Call 938-8611 for ticket info.

8 MONDAY

WOMEN POLITICAL PRISONERS. Judy Siff, Judy Gerber and others present an annual evening of poetry at Charis Books to celebrate International Women's Day and to show solidarity with women imprisoned for political reasons. The evening begins at 7:30. Call 524-0304 for info.

OUT IN ATLANTA. Atlanta's local lesbian and gay cable program can be seen tonight at 10:30 and again Wed. at 5:30 p.m. on Cable Channel 12. This week's show features a replay of the Lesbian/Gay Inaugural Events in Washington, D.C.

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10 WEDNESDAY

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POSITIVE LIVING. This locally produced show about people living with AIDS can be seen on People TV Channel 12 at 2:30 p.m. and again on Sat. at 10:00 p.m. Also airs on City Channel 6 5:00 p.m. Thurs.

WALLINGER STRING QUARTET. Musica de

Camera presents this Slovak Republic group at the Cannon Chapel at Emory University in their first appearance in the U.S. The program begins at 8:15. For tickets call 266-2266.

OUT OF THE DARK. This ten-part German crime and detective film festival is jointly presented by the Goethe-Institut and the High museum. Tonight's feature, beginning at 7:00, is "Das Testament des Dr. Mabuse" (1933), directed by Fritz Lang. For details call 898-9286.

Pictured: BELOW: Jessica Phelps stars in "Lettice & Lovage" held over until March 13 at Theatre in the Square in Marietta. Photo by Kathryn Kolb ABOVE: "Dating Fascists" by Henryk Fantazos is one of the painter's works on exhibit at Dorothy McRae Gallery. The exhibit, "Sentinels of Unreality," the premier show of the gallery, opens March 5. ABOVE LEFT: "Black Blossom," with Truus Bronkhorst and three Dutch-African dancers, will be performed at 7 Stages Theatre Mar. 4-6.



35TH ANNUAL GRAMMY AWARDS

Harvey Milk once said that the most radical thing you can do is to simply come out, to let people who have known you and admired you for your accomplishments know that you are gay. That being the case, the Grammys were well represented this year by a bunch of true queer radicals. **Melissa Etheridge**, who came out publicly in January at the Triangle Ball during President Clinton's inauguration festivities, won the award for Best Rock Vocal Performance, Female, for "Ain't It Heavy."

The incomparable **k.d. lang**, who acknowledged her sexual orientation in an interview last year in the Advocate, performed "Constant Craving" with true class and took home the statuette for that song in the Best Pop Vocal Performance, Female, category. Pop? Rock? What's the difference?! She finally got the recognition from her peers that she deserves.

Even Atlanta's own **Elton John** was nominated in the Best Pop Vocal Performance, Male category, for last year's "The One." "A bridesmaid, not a bride," John lost to Eric Clapton, who swept the Grammys this year with six awards, most of them won for "Tears In Heaven," a stirring elegy to his son Colin, who fell to his death from the window of a New York high rise in 1991. Out of tragedy, out of pain, sometimes come the most beautiful works of art, and "Tears In Heaven," as hauntingly beautiful as a song gets, is a most bittersweet reminder of that fact.

In the categories of Best Song Written for a Motion Picture and Best Album for Children, "Beauty and the Beast's" **Alan Menken** and the late **Howard Ashman** were honored winners; they won five awards in all. You may remember the speech Ashman's lover gave at last year's Academy Awards ceremony, when he picked up an award for Ashman that night for "Beauty and the Beast"... "Howard Ashman and I shared a home, we shared a life, and I miss him very much." If that ain't comin' out while the whole world is watching, tell me what is!?

Too bad the wonderful B-52's lost out for "Good Stuff" in the Alternative Music Album category, but no tears shed over Randy Travis losing out for Country Vocal Performance, Male for his boring "Better Class of Losrs."

There were other gays and lesbians up for awards and some even won, but we can't tell you about them without



Out lesbian k.d. lang picked up the Grammy for Best Pop Vocal Female this year

outing those folks at the same time. Let's just say, for one thing, that a certain very talented and diverse group from Georgia who won two awards is not *all* straight.

As well represented as we were, as pleasant as it was to see two open lesbians and a couple of openly gay men being honored with nominations and awards, I still sat there wishing there could be more. Perhaps k.d. lang, in her thank yous, could have added, "and I'd like to thank myself for not listening to everyone who warned me that coming out of the closet would ruin my career...take a hint, Whitney!"

Yes, there should be more. There should also be honors bestowed upon artists who perform openly lesbian and gay material, and who have been doing it since the first time they walked onto a stage. There should be artists like Romanovsky

and Phillips up there, sharing a songwriting award for "Living With AIDS" alongside Eric Clapton and "Tears In Heaven" co-writer Will Jennings. There should be openly lesbian comic **Kate Clinton** winning an award for Best Comedy Record. There should be...there should be...and I suppose there will be someday, and when that someday comes, there will be k.d. lang, Melissa Etheridge, Elton John, and Howard Ashman to thank, I suppose...for spoon feeding the music industry on gayness and leading the way for some truly queer songs and songwriters to be recognized.

All that aside, however, this was the single most boring Grammy presentation I can remember watching, due to the absence of last year's hip, wisecracking host, **Whoopi Goldberg**. You know Whoopi would have been up there hootin' and hollerin' "go on, girlfriend," to k.d. lang as she accepted her award, and you know it would have been out of respect for a number of reasons, her coming out certainly being one. Instead, we were "graced" this year with the pseudo-hip, don't-move-a-muscle-you-might-ruin-your-best-camera-angle Garry Shandling, who managed to bring the audience to a polite chuckle with his bit that Clinton and Al Gore look like a bunch of frat boys and, "I'll bet they don't get their cleaning deposit back on the White House when they move out." And that was his funniest line of the evening! Sorry, Garry, you may be funny in other settings but you just didn't cut the mustard on this show.

Like most awards shows, the Grammys have a tendency to be ultra-boring and an ad-libber like Whoopi Goldberg is just what is needed to liven things up, as she did last year. In addition, **Little Richard**, who was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award but was not asked to accept onscreen, could really have livened things up, as he did a few years back when he was a co-presenter with Buster Poindexter, jumping around onstage and self-proclaiming "this little brown Jew from Georgia is the King of Rock and Roll!" Perhaps they'll ask Richard and Goldberg to co-host next year's show...and perhaps someday they'll present an award on worldwide television to the likes of Romanovski and Phillips and Kate Clinton; with well know artists like k.d. lang, Melissa Etheridge and Elton John leading the way, our queer presence in the music industry can only improve.

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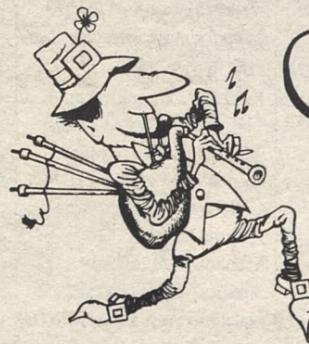
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s the interior of your home looking as drab as the winter weather? Perhaps you need some new art to add color and sophistication to your walls. If so, make plans now to attend the upcoming fine art auction to be held for the benefit of the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee.

The event will take place on Sunday, March 14 at 2:00 pm with a cash bar preview, followed by the auction at 3:00 pm. The location will be the Sheraton Colony Square's Grand Ballroom. Admission at the door is only \$10.00 per person or couple.

And no, dear readers, this is not one of those Holiday Inn Starving Artists sales where sappy landscapes are churned out by the thousands, destined for trailer walls. This auction is being held by the prestigious Park West Gallery of Southfield, Michigan. Park West is one of the country's leading fine art auction companies. They will auction off a group of original engravings, etchings, lithographs and woodcuts by artists such as Cezanne, Chagall, Erté, Dali, Goya, Miro, and Picasso. In addition to these European masters, there will also be a selection of woodcuts by Japanese artists.

Living artists represented in the auction include Yaacov Agam, Alvar, Harold Altman, Boulanger, and Victor Vasarely, among others.

All proceeds from the auction will be used to support the activities planned around Gay Pride Week in late June. This is your chance to be one of the early supporters of Pride '93.

Speaking of benefits, I seem to be always telling my readers about the next one, so here is my opportunity to pat you all on the back for helping to make the recent **Masquerade** such a success. My friends at Project Open Hand tell me that funds raised from the mega-event not only met their goal of \$100,000, but exceeded that goal by as much as \$10,000! That is what I call success. Thanks to all who worked so hard to pull it off.

Also on subject of Project Open Hand, they are in line for some of the proceeds from the sale of **Elton John's** "The Last Song." The Atlanta resident philanthropist can be seen in concert on Wednesday, March 10, at 9:30 pm on GPTV, Channel 8. The concert was held in Barcelona last summer and is a must see for fans of John. Project Open Hand is one of several AIDS organizations which will benefit from "The Last Song."

If you've been hibernating these past few months, then you likely have not seen any of the appearances of homegirl-gone-big time, **RuPaul** on television lately. What has the black and

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Ben Heppner, tenor, will perform with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra this weekend in Mahler's "The Song of the Earth."

blonde one been on? Better to ask what *hasn't* he been on. There was the WWOR News segment on the rise of female impersonators in popular culture which featured Ru teaching the reporter how to properly sashay and chanté. Then there was the MTV Weekend Report where RuPaul and an MTV correspondent

visited a New Jersey shopping mall where RuPaul towered over teenagers who laughed and danced with him, displaying their ability to chanté with the best of them. Add to the list the Joan Rivers Show where Ru spent several minutes dishing with Rivers as well as performing his current single "Supermodel." And most recently, I caught him getting lots of attention in an HBO "Real Sex" segment on party hostess Suzanne Bartsch.

Also appearing on the Rivers Show was another Atlanta favorite, the Lady Bunny, of Wigstock fame. Bunny is a very popular feature on the nightclub scene in New York. Her current show, "Poop," is a once a week fun-filled evening at a downtown eatery called the Supper Club on West 47th. Recently the multi-talented Cher caught Poop and traded gentle barbs with Bunny.

In drag of a different kind, former Atlantan (and former Miss USA) **Sable Chanel** appeared along with Ziggy Stardust and Motion on a recent Monday night at the ever-popular Blake's. Though struggling with a cold which rendered her voice raspy, Sable was in her standard goddess mode—piles of blonde ringlet curls, cascading down over her barely there costumes revealing much tanned skin. Seeing Sable was great, but it only reminded me of how much this town needs a new, grand showbar in the tradition of Illusions and Lavita's. Rumor has it that the former **Lavita's** space may be available again soon and that a former bar owner and a new European restaurant of Atlanta will be putting their talents together to open such a show bar.

Calling all Mahler fans! **Atlanta Symphony Orchestra** Director Yoel Levi will lead the ASO in Gustav Mahler's song cycle, "Das Lied von der Erde" (The Song of the Earth) Thursday through Saturday, March 4-6 at 8:00 pm in Symphony Hall. Debuting with the ASO will be tenor **Ben Heppner** and mezzo-soprano **Jard Van Nes**.

"Das Lied von der Erde" captures the essence of fin-de-siecle Venice when art, music, literature and even the fledgling science of psychoanalysis flourished. The music is enormous in scope, being based on an anthology of 8th century Chinese poems. The two singers alternate solos with the orchestra, conveying a series of dramatic images. Says Levi of the symphony, "The intensity and passion of 'Das Lied von der Erde' is incredibly moving—the ending is particularly shattering, with a vision of immortality and eternity that speaks directly to one's soul."

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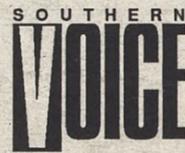
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When it opened almost four years ago **Chefs' Grill** (1280 Peachtree in the Woodruff Arts Center, 881-0652) had an ambitious menu that differed significantly from its older brother on Piedmont. But the attempt at Southwestern grazing fare fared poorly with both critics and the public, so the menu has gradually transmogrified to a simpler version of the sophisticated card at Chefs' Cafe.

Regular readers know that Chefs' Cafe has, since its inception, rated consistently high on my list.

A friend who recently lunched at the Grill had nothing but praise for the place, and urged me to check it out again.

The dining space at Chefs' Grill is as pleasant and laid back as any in the city. Lots of columns and rectilinear architectural detail give an intimate feel to most of the tables in what is virtually one large room. Most everything is done up in easy-on-the-eye shades of pink and beige with a few teal and terra cotta accents saving the whole from feeling monochromatic. Well chosen art and a few big green plants round out the pleasing decor.

The simple menu offers half a dozen appetizers, four salads and about a dozen entrees from a burger to tenderloin medallions. The Cafe's infamous and luscious crab cakes are available in appetizer or entree size portions. Ditto the pasta of the day.

When I had dinner there last week the pasta special consisted of fat scallops in a sauce of leeks, sour cream, and parmesan cheese, garnished with fresh tarragon and a tiny dice of red and yellow peppers. All in all a challenging, if not very traditional, combination with everything perfectly cooked and presented.

Better by half, is a pair of meltingly tender beef medallions sauced with wild mushrooms and roasted shallots. Tender, rich with several layers of meaty flavor, and cooked exactly as ordered, it's a winner. Accompanying veggies include sugar snaps along with the more predictable squashes and carrots, all cooked 'til just crisp. Oven roasted potato chunks round out a near perfect plate.

A salad of mixed greens anointed with balsamic vinaigrette and rich parmesan works better than an only OK Caesar (with stellar anchovies on request). Fat slices of white bread are dense, crusty, and flavorful; the accompanying butter sweet and properly soft.

Desserts are made in house and look great.

Plan on spending about \$25 a head for two and a half courses, without wine. There is a pleasant (full) bar where appetizers are also available if you are inclined to graze on less than a full meal.

When there is something going on in Symphony Hall, or at the Alliance, the Grill tends to be packed before curtain time, but unhurried afterwards. On nights when both the symphony and theatre are dark, the restaurant is almost deserted, the perfect place to enjoy a quiet, leisurely meal with impeccable service.

Would that I could be so enthusiastic about the offerings at **Cafe Diem** (642 N. Highland Ave, 607-7008). I have friends who love C.D., but after a quick lunch a few weeks ago, I suspect that they like it for reasons other than the food.

The big, airy dining room at Cafe Diem is pleasant enough. Peach walls, teal and purple accents, and a wide and various collection of

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art give the place the desired hip/hot feel. The table tops and chairs are a mixed bag, suitably eclectic. Music that I can only describe as angst-rock fills the air, but at a decibel level that interferes with neither thought nor conversation. The clientele is mostly young, quite a few tables occupied by single folks, smoking, reading (or writing), and drinking coffee. That's cool too. This is primarily a coffee house that serves food, not a restaurant that serves coffee.

The menu offers a simple selection of appetizers, salads, sandwiches and a few entrees. Problem is, almost everything sounds a little better than it tastes. Caesar salad is serviceable—lots of vinegar and black pepper. Shrimp and veggie soup (the choice d'jour) is a little strange because of the tiny crustaceans, but chock full of veggies, honest and filling. With some crusty French bread it would make a more than decent light meal.

Not so the linguini primavera, with veggies far too crisp and a sauce that tastes like powdered milk. Yuk.

A grilled chicken breast on a baguette is tender enough, but otherwise lacking in distinction. The tangy honey-mustard dressing that accompanies it brightens things up considerably. Decent dilled potato salad (long on dried dill) accompanies the sandwich.

There are 10 or so desserts in the pastry case—good quality commercial products that you can find at most any coffee/dessert shop in town.

There's a long list of coffee drinks that are, I suspect, what one should be consuming here. A two cup size serving of the coffee or decaf of the day runs 99 cents. Very reasonable considering the quality, but I'm a tad testy about paying \$1.25 for one tea bag and a pot of hot water.

Cafe Diem is a great place to smoke, drink coffee, and write sonnets, but there are better places to spend \$5 on lunch.

For some time now, conventional wisdom has had it that plastic carving boards are preferable to wood when it comes to carving up meat, fowl and fish. Stands to reason, plastic is easier to wash thus less likely to hold and breed the bacteria that cause food poisoning.

Right?
Wrong!

Microbiologists at the University of Wisconsin's Food Research Institute have discovered that 99.9% of potentially harmful bacteria were dead within three minutes on wooden boards, but that none had died on the plastic boards in the same time period. Left overnight, unwashed, the bacteria on the plastic continued to multiply. The wood remained virtually contamination free.

Of course, it stands to reason that plastic boards that have been run through the dishwasher will be safe. But wooden boards shouldn't be exposed to that kind of heat and moisture—unless you are willing to risk significant warpage.

The message here is simple, wash your cutting boards (plastic or wood) thoroughly after each and every use. Me, I'm mighty glad that I haven't trashed my trusty 20 year old teak boards. They still look mighty fine.

Burr's and Berries: Perry Mason a homo? For God's sake don't tell Della! In a double-truck story, The "Globe" has outed actor Raymond Burr, 75, who it says lives on a 40 acre ranch in Sonoma County with Robert Benevides. According to the "Globe's" sources, referred to as "pals," Burr and Benevides have been together for 31 years, first hiding out on a private island in the South Pacific, later at their ranch. The article makes the couple sound positively domestic—"Raymond loves to cook, sew, and knit Robert lovely sweaters." While Robert works in the garden and shears the sheep. Butch, no? Burr is recuperating from surgery to remove a kidney. Dish hopes that unlike Richard Chamberlin and John Travolta, Burr will do the right thing and not deny the truth.

A Crying Shame: Dish is surprised that we have not heard of any protesting drag queens in the matter of Jaye Davidson's Oscar nomination for best supporting actor. If you haven't seen "The Crying Game" Davidson's nomination gives away one of the film's (several) major shock points. There is still, of course, the way in which M. Davidson's gender is made known. Suffice to say that it is presented in an as in-your-face way as you'll likely see in any (non-porn) film ever released in this country. Buried in the long list of Oscar nominations, "Changing Our Minds: The Story of Dr. Evelyn Hooker" (which opened the Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Film Fest in November) got a nomination for best documentary feature. It's a not-very-slick, yet very moving film.

Progress, Albeit Small: Homos who have met with our very own Sen. Sam Nunn say they are amazed at how much the Nunnster doesn't know about gay men and lesbians. But some progress was reported. Sen. Sam will (hopefully) stop referring to us as homosexuals and will now use the G & L words. He also said that he would stop using the word "preference" and refer to sexual "orientation." At this rate, maybe by the time he retires, he'll think it's a good idea that we serve in the military. You can

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speed that process up a bit by writing to the Senator (preferably longhand and about personal experiences) at the US Senate, 303 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510. Or fax him your thoughts at 202/224-0072.

Finding the Right Guy: A first glance, the pink flyer that Dish found plastered on our windshield last week looked like a promo for a dating service. "There is a Man for You" it proclaims. The first paragraph contains the usual platitudes and ends with the sentence "The gay life can be lonely as an individual,

but finding the right guy can be done." (OK, so the syntax stinks, but the sentiment is nice.) But then comes the kicker, "Whether you believe it or not, JESUS loves homosexuals! ... but he doesn't want you to be in bondage to homosexual behavior and acts." (Dish has never has any doubt that Jesus loves us, but we wonder how the authors of this tract know so much about bondage.) The piece goes on to inform us that "Recent research proves that you are NOT responsible for your orientation, however you did make a choice to act on it." (Yea, just like hets do!) On and on it goes, chock-a-block with dogma and illustrated with biblical verse and the astounding imperative to "Give Him Your Homosexuality!" (Do they mean that the way Dish takes it? Not likely.) But cheer up. Unlike many of these handouts of this genre, this one has a phone number with a voice mail box that will allow you to leave a message. We know that you will want to dial 404/717-4977 and tell these folks exactly what you think about their willingness to assist you in finding the right guy. (Ever wonder why these creeps are so panicked about boy queers and not willing to lend a helping hand to lesbians?)

Sad News: Is Dish being overly grumpy about this? Author/journalist Randy Shilts ("And the Band Played On," and "The Mayor of Castro Street") has acknowledged that he has AIDS. Shilts says he learned he was HIV+ in '85 but has kept mum about his condition because he "didn't want to end up being an activist" and "wanted to keep on being a reporter." Excuse us, but more than a few other journalists and authors have been open and above board about their positive HIV status and continued to work in their chosen profession without feeling the need to chain themselves to drug company doors. We're sorry to hear that Shilts is infected, but Dish thinks that he has done a big disservice to the thousands of brave PWAs who have come forward with honesty and integrity and acknowledged that they have the disease. We are both sad and disappointed that one of American's most visible and respected gay men has felt the need to hide the truth.

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Mercury is in retrograde motion now through the 22nd, so be as clear as possible with all forms of communication, written, spoken, telephone, fax, etc. And double check to make sure mail and messages actually arrive. If possible, wait until after the 22nd to sign any contracts. FULL MOON on the 8th, International Women's Day!

ARIES, with the Sun and Mercury working their way through your 12th house of dreams, visions and the collective unconscious, you may sometimes feel you are walking around in an altered state of consciousness. Don't worry, you haven't lost your mind yet. **TAURUS**, Venus in your 12th house of dreams, visions and secrets could make life v-e-r-y interesting for a few weeks. You could uncover family skeletons or some very insightful memories of your own. A good time to trust your intuition and common sense. **GEMINI**, if you find the news of latest disasters on the telly is getting to you, then you may have an over-dose of information. That may be hard for you to believe, but it is possible, so turn the information boxes off for a few days.

CANCER, the power of water is very strong right now with strong planets in each of the water signs. Stay calm, stay centered and

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be sure you are getting enough rest and relaxation. This may be a good time for taking a romantic look at a new friend. **LEO**, what goes up, must come down, right? Seems to be true for baseballs and elevators, but not always for the intensity of unbalanced people. They may just spin off the planet entirely, so don't worry about them too much or let them get to you. **VIRGO**, are you getting ready for spring? Are you getting enough fresh air and exercise? If not, then take your favorite person (or pet friend) by the hand or leash and head outside. Very important for you to get out and get active right now.

LIBRA, if you are contemplating marriage or a commitment ceremony before Spring, you might want to wait til the last week in March or even later in April. Too many important planets are in retrograde motion, indicating that all is not as it seems. **SCORPIO**, if you are feeling a little down or a little sorry for yourself

because of past errors in judgment, then you definitely need to learn what you can from the experience, drop any blame, shake it off and forge ahead with your life. **SAGITTARIUS**, as Uranus/Neptune move through your 2nd house of personal resources, security and finances you may feel like all of your best laid plans are so much kindling. Trust your intuition and basic instinct with money and stay conservative.

CAPRICORN, plan, do and review are three basic steps for getting yourself from A to B or even Z. Just be sure you follow through on each step and that way you won't trip over the obvious. You don't want to fall and crack your head. **AQUARIUS**, if you are verging on burnout or you are feeling constantly irritable and tired, then you need a break, a complete getaway from it all for at least three days and more if you can do it. You see things with much greater clarity after a getaway! Happy Birthday, **PISCES**! Faith, hope and charity tend to be the foundation of your personal philosophy, so be alert to any cynicism that might have crept in through the cracks and replace it with a good measure of observation and discrimination.

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THE MOSTLY UNFABULOUS SOCIAL LIFE OF ETHAN GREEN... By Eric Orner © '93.

MARIA HELENA DOLAN



I can die happy now. For I've seen the best Atlanta Flower Show yet. Try to imagine the sheer volume of five acres of displays inside the Apparel Mart, with a base of 8,000 cubic feet of mulch, and 45,000 people tramping by within the five day show period.

The \$8 ticket (the money goes to support the Atlanta Botanical Garden) purchases incredible wonders to gawk at. Indeed, I heard echoes of Lord Carnovan upon beholding the contents of the Tomb of Tutankhamen for the first time. When asked what he could see, he gasped out "Wonderful things!"

This year's theme, "At the Movies," provided unparalleled opportunities to wildly indulge the feyest sensibilities. We were not disappointed!

We entered a hallway designed to emulate the entryway of an old Movie Palace, replete with pseudo-Moorish flourish. The floor was painted to resemble an intricately woven oriental carpet. We were flanked on both sides by huge boxes containing real Magnolia trees. The scene of hyacinths reached our nostrils. And then, through the balcony opening, we saw it stretching before us...wonderful things.

Landscapers and garden centers tried their damndest to outdo each other, by assembling complete, stand-alone gardens. And I mean complete, down to the minutest details of rock placement and forced flower scent. These displays range from 400-1,500 square feet and they are giddily impressive.

One of the largest gardens, and one of this year's biggest hits was "Driving Miss Daisy." What a spectacle: you walk down a winding path amidst wonderful, mostly native woodland and specimen plants—and come upon a big old back Packard slap in the middle, its rear end hanging down a brick wall. You could even see the marks where she'd dug the tires into the ground, trying to get out!

"The Sound of Music" (yes, Julie Andrews sang on continuous loop) consisted of a flawless Alpine garden, with a tiny wooden bridge over a stream (equipped with a troll peeking out), and a great picnic area holding some of Maria Van Trapp's

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"favorite things." People have killed to possess far less than this pristine grandeur.

And we should think well of the behind-the-scenes lifting of the camera's magic veil in "The Feast of Robin Hood." The rustic overkill of tree branch candelabrum atop a stone ellipse atop a tree trunk pedestal table contrasted wittily with the kleig lights and director's chair and megaphone.

I particularly enjoyed "Honey, I Shrunk the Garden," featuring an undulating terrain filled with dwarf plants and giant (as in 6' tall) insects. Where else can you see Corsican mint paired with dwarf forsythia (*Forsythia Viridissima 'Bromensis'*), *Hosta Kabitan*, all of 2.5 inches high, and *Aquilegia Flabella 'Nana Alba'*?

Not content with succulent stand-alone gardens, nor specimen submissions in 21 categories for judging (e.g., camellias, forced bulbs, topiaries, gesneriads, etc.), design groups assembled entire rooms or housefronts. These life-sized interpretations of movies are like sets awaiting actors, with flower arrangements, paintings, furniture, fireplaces, etc. all contained within an eight foot frame.

I was enormously gratified that the febrily lush "Women in Love" won first place. No small accomplishment, given that some of the competition included "Teahouse of the August Moon," "Camelot," and "Casa Blanca."

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" featured more place settings than on the Queen Mary, as studios and designers tried to outdo each other.

Somewhat smaller installations covered more ground, so to speak. "The Color Purple" was especially choice, with that Iris touch (naturally favored by my Aquarian self, as it's our flower).

However, the one sour note to the entire proceedings came with "Out of Africa." A cheetah skin and an elephant's foot as props? I simply can't see virtue in using disembodied remnants

of endangered species. Please let the Garden know if you feel the same way...

Still, there was much to absorb. Every year, I enjoy the panels which house small windows opening upon carefully crafted floral vistas. Can you imagine spears of horsetail grass becoming oasis trees for "Death on the Nile"? How about a life-sized inverted ceramic top hat, filled with faux ice cubes, surmounted by a HUGE carnation set with aspidistra? Does that sound like "Topper Returns"?

However, I'm afraid the floral interpretations of actors didn't do as much for me. My mother adored the Clark Gable of course—but Keir Dullea? Perhaps it was the profusion of "2001" scenes...

There was education and activism, which to me are inseparable from gardening. I, of course, signed the petition (on recycled computer paper) to the State Legislature calling for a halt to the dumping of yard wastes into Georgia's landfills—if only the Ginral'sembly could display a spark of sense here.

The agricultural gifts of the New World had a small but informative display. It's good that we recognize that genocide is not the only Columbian legacy. But I bypassed Georgia Power's perpetual attempts to show their overweening environmental consciousness.

Unfortunately, time constraints forbade attending any of the 39 seminars. Some looked pretty interesting, including "Bats, Boxes, and Insects," "5 Seasons of Gardening," "How to Build a Greenhouse for Under \$10," and "Creating Butterfly Habitats in Your Garden"—the latter by my gardening buddy Arty Shronce, who I hope to feature on these pages next time.

And there was 'shop till you drop, and then come to life again.' We wandered for seeming miles amidst everything from pruners to dried fruit to hot tubs to silver tarnish remover to copper-clad bird houses. I couldn't resist a few plant purchases, nor the chance to register for a week in London and a garden show there.

After half a day, my mother and I spritely vibrated out of the maw of the mart, like pilgrims who have seen ecstatic visions. "What did you think?" I asked. "I'm going home now, and I'm going to tear out everything, and start over." "You say that every year, Madre." "Yes; but this time I mean it." Well, we'll see.

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MICHAEL WOODEN

Age: 21

Relationship status: 8 months

How long in Georgia: 3 years

Last book read: "Extremes" by Miguel De Cervantes

Pot peeve: Pretentious People

Then, his best friend from freshman year died of AIDS, and a relationship went sour. The cure wore off.

"I had it up to here with being in the closet," he explains. "I began working for AID Atlanta doing some HIV education work for them. Then I called my mom and told her, and at that point she was pretty cool about it. Since then, I've been pretty much out."

Now, he is the President of the Gay and Lesbian Student Union. A challenging job to say the least.

"Basically, with me being out, even the gay people here fear me, because they are afraid of guilt by association," says Michael. "It's hard to find people who will come out to the meetings."

But slowly things are changing. Originally, only two people would come to the meetings, now about 40 people show up. Michael says the group has a meeting once a week, along with a weekly social. The best part is, you don't have to be a student to go. Michael wants it known that the group is open to any Carrollton family member.

And, surprisingly, Michael says there has been little backlash from the community at large. "We have the Bible thrown in our face a lot by the Baptist Student Union," Michael observes, "but nothing from straight-up hate mongers. We have our meetings and people seem not to care."

For now his goal is to find a way to keep the progress going even after he graduates in a year and a half.

"I'm going to try to find someone and empower them to take over the group and continue the fight until they leave," he says.

But Michael Wooden will not fade into oblivion. He has plans to be a big part of the community all his life. So remember that name and remember "It's like 'Wooden' as in table."

CANDACE CHELLEW

At one time Michael Wooden was a "cured" homosexual. At least that's what he told the doctors in his hometown of Chattanooga.

"I was in the closet until I was 18. Then I had a relationship with my best friend and my mom found out," he remembers. "She put me in the hospital for a week to cure me, so I played their little games and acted like I was cured. I told my mom it was just a phase."

That experience has put him on his life course. He now attends West Georgia College in Carrollton. He is majoring in Spanish, but that's only a first step. He eventually wants to get his doctorate in psychology.

"I want to specialize with gay and lesbian adolescents. I remember when I was in high school how important it was to have someone to talk to," he says. "I know a lot of the psychologists my mom sent me to were homophobic, and there was no one in Chattanooga who specialized in this area."

But until he can set himself up in practice, he fights a lonely battle for gay and lesbian pride in Carrollton.

"I came to West Georgia College thinking that they had a really good gay community here," Michael recalls. What he found were padlocked closet doors.

"I was in the closet myself for the first 2 years I was here," he says.

ORGANIZATIONS

AIDS Organizations

- AID Atlanta—872-0600
- AIDS Education/Services for Minorities—POB 87277, Atlanta, 30337, 762-6002
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- AIDS Info Line—876-9944 (Atlanta); 1-800-551-2728
- AIDS Legal Project—688-5433
- AIDS Outreach Sewing Guild—872-2246
- AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta (ARCA)—876-2317
- AIDSCHAIM—Edie, 642-3467
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- Childkind—936-9655
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- The Names Project/Atlanta—605-7386
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- People's United Pet Support—370-0178
- Pets Are Loving Support (P.A.L.S.)—876-PALS
- Positive Outlook On Health—872-9954
- Project Open Hand Atlanta—525-4620

Arts/Entertainment

- Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus—872-4432
- Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus—POB 771144, Atlanta 30357
- "Funny...That Way"—875-2275
- Southeastern Arts, Media & Education Project, Inc.—609-9590
- Southern Country Atlanta—938-0609

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- ACT UP—874-6782 (O)
- Catalyst—(404) 776-1478
- Gay/Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation—605-7477
- Gay Republicans—Republicans for Individual Freedoms, 2980 Cobb Pkwy, Suite 192-172, Atlanta 30339
- Georgia Advocates for Battered Women and Children/Lesbian Task Force—524-3847; 250 Georgia Ave. SE, Rm. 365, Atlanta 30312
- Georgia Committee for the 1993 March on Washington—(404) 662-4199 or POB 5282, Atlanta 30307
- GAPAC—Georgia Political Action Committee—872-8095, FAX 874-8628
- Human Rights Campaign Fund—Field Committee, 231-5751
- LEGAL—605-7476
- National Association of People with AIDS Hotline—874-7926
- National Organization for Women—875-0176
- Neighbors Network—257-5550
- Queer Nation—605-7396
- Republicans for Individual Freedoms—PO 13162, Atlanta, GA 30324, 239-1679
- Straight But Not Narrow—242-2256 (voice mail)
- STOP Bias Crimes Hot Line—605-STOP

Professional

- Bar Owner's Assn—POB 15114, Atlanta 30333-0114
- Fourth Tuesday—662-4353
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- Front Runners/Atlanta—621-5007
- Greater Atlanta Naturalist Group—SASE to: GANG, POB 7546, Atlanta 30357
- Holanta Soccer—876-7372
- Holanta Softball League—POB 14582, Atl. 30324, 873-4061
- Holanta Volleyball—621-5062
- Lambda Car Club—POB 11705, Atlanta 30355
- Mountain Catalyst—POB 199, Demorest, GA 30535
- S.E. Gay Rodeo Assn—POB 7881, Atl., 30357. 760-8126
- Women's Outdoor Network—624-3418
- Women's Rugby—659-6916 or 761-8939
- TRICKS Bridge Club—2980 Cobb Pkwy, Suite 192-172, Atlanta 30339
- Underwater Escapes—289-0696

Service/Support/Social

- About Crossdressing—Janet, 624-3770
- African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance—239-8184 (voice mail)
- Amazon Salon Young Feminist Network—223-3718
- American Educational Gender Info Service—POB 33724, Decatur 30033. (404) 939-0244 (eve)
- Asians & Friends—Atlanta—876-0090
- Athens Lesbian Information Line—(404) 613-7661
- Atlanta Area Bisexual Support Group—872-6720
- Atlanta Corporal Punishment Club—Box 11863, Atlanta 30355
- Atlanta Couples Together—365-2455
- Atlanta Gay Center—876-5372
- Atlanta Lambda Community Center—POB 15180, Atlanta 30333. 662-9010
- Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Comm—662-4533
- Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance—POB 5502, Atlanta 30307, phone 378-9769
- Atlanta Lesbian Singles Organization (ALSO)—843-4492
- Atlanta Pro-Choice Action Committee—239-8016
- Black and White Men Together—892-BWMT
- Caregivers to PWAs Support Group—874-1109 or 875-6109
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- Friends Atlanta—662-4501
- Gay Fathers of Atlanta—296-8369
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- Georgia Girth & Mirth—POx 9678, Atlanta 30319. (404) 621-5710
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- Overeaters Anonymous (gay/lesbian group)—892-5868
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- Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays/Athens—(706) 208-1704
- Queer Youth—P.O. Box 54032, Atlanta 30308; 605-7396
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- Single Lesbians Group—466-3287
- Support Group for Battered Gay Partners—(404) 873-9832 (staff counselor)
- Uniformed Svcs Activity—Box 6057, Arlington, VA 22206
- Women In Kahoots—(WINK) 438-1421
- Women of Wisdom—289-8819, POB 8871, Atlanta 30306.
- Wordsmith Society—Chris at 498-0137
- Young Adult Support Group—876-5372
- Zami—908-3356

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- Agnes Scott Lesbian & Bisexual Alliance—Box 501, Decatur 30030; 373-1632
- Bi, Lesbian & Gay Student Union of West Ga. College—706-834-3569
- Emory Lesbian & Gay Organization—727-6692
- Gays & Lesbians United for Equality—Kennesaw Comm. College 426-8160
- Georgia Tech Gay Alumni Group—POB 50291, GA Tech Sta., Atlanta 30332; 873-2263
- Georgia Tech Gay & Lesbian Alliance—497-0684
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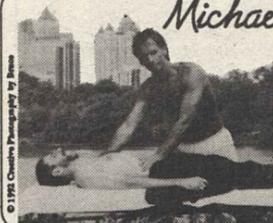
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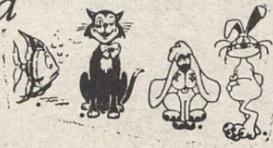
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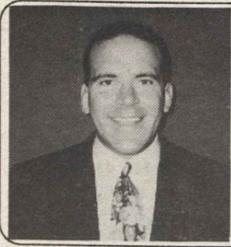
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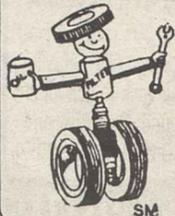
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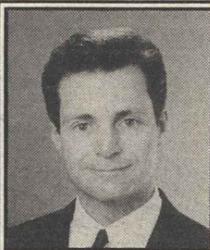
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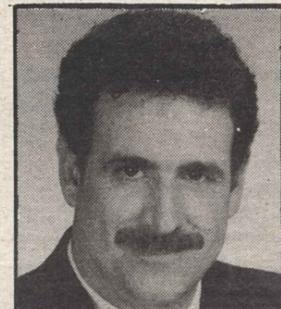
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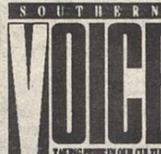
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WOMEN

GWF, feminine, 31, seeking a feminine, emotionally stable, humorous, affectionate, thoughtful, drug-free, intelligent woman. Is this a hopeless search? % 1322

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GWF, attractive, slim, 40, feminine, non-smoker, self-supporting, seeks: butchish GWF to lead in country dancing, friendship, hopefully more. % 1308

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GBF—25 tender years is an assertive, progressive and extremely conscious college student who prefers a self-assured understanding feminine woman. % 1259

Zesty tall XLarge 35WF artistic w/ hangups likes gabbing cinema tunes games emotions lonely for WF admirer 30-50 size who cares % 1256

Attractive GBF (a little tomboyish at times), seeks aggressive yet beautiful, articulate and intelligent counterpart. 22-32 for friendship or more. % 1253

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GWF, 31, 5'2", 113 lbs, professional, attractive seeks similar GWF for movies, dining, working out, travel & possibly more. % 1247

GBF, 27, new to Atlanta, discreet. Enjoys a night in rather than a night out. Wants a fem for friendship. % 1239

GBF, 5'8", 139 lbs seeks GF who is intelligent and serious about a friendship and possible relationship. % 1231

GWF seeks same age 30-38, intelligent, attractive, good values, emotionally healthy, playful. No drugs or smokers. % 1232

Progressive GWF looking for other progressive women for friendship or possible relationship. % 1235

Attractive, attentive, gregarious, honest, intelligent, intense, off-the-wall, romantic, sensual, late 30's, travelling professional needs affectionate, eclectic, striking, sexually adventurous sophisticated for weekend romantic pursuits. No flakes, druggies or gamers (I don't know the rules!). % 1127

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GWF, romantic, feminine, 32, attrac-

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GWF, 28, professional, well-educated, cultured, refined, feminine, attractive, seeks sophisticated, feminine GWF who possesses good values for friendship / monogamous relationship. We'll share sports, travel, theater, dining. % 1106

Pretty GBF seeks loving counterpart. Should enjoy books, classic jazz, cards, outdoor activities. Should detest drugs, alcohol, Madonna, cigarettes. % 1099

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

GWF, 22, responsible, educated, crazy, wide-open, kind-hearted. New to GA. Looking for similar new buddies. P.S. - Having dance withdrawals. % 1102

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GW Feminine, Latin Lover. Sexy, 5'7", 125lbs - 30 something. Independent, strong. Funny. You—tall blonde feminine - 30 something - opposites attract! % 1029

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

Looking for a fun-loving friend-lover near Asheville, NC. I am feminine, healthy, a little shy, goofy (not look-

ing), 30, and very much alive BIWF. Call me, talk to me, how else will we ever meet? % 1025

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

GBF, 22 looking for GF's between 21 & 30. For friendship and possible relationship. % 1014

MEN

GWM, 38, 6'2", 200, seeks tall prof. for friendship or more (30-45). Pluses for you might be hairy, uncut, sincere, Fr. A/P, and not into the normal scene! % 1321

GWM, 30, French active seeks good looking slender WM's, 20s. Size unimportant. Cut with no beards please. Fems welcomed. Discreet. % 1320

GWM, handsome, romantic, sincere, sense of humor, caring, gentle and strong. If you appreciate and possess these qualities, let's talk. % 1319

Attractive GWM, 30, 5'5", 132, Bm/brn, hairy, seeking tall, handsome, sincere, non-smoker, GWM for romantic permanent relationship - no barriers. % 1318

Tall, single, slim, dark sexy black male 6ft. 3in., 185 lbs seeks same Bi/GM Top Males 30-45, single, muscular for friendship and more. No fems. % 1323

MUSCULAR, CLEAN CUT GWM, grad student, short, lean, dark, hairy, non-smoker, HIV-. Safe, imaginative. Seeking MUSCULAR jocks into showing off, j/o, being worshipped. % 1315

Skyler, give me a call. Chris from Juniper St. % 1314

France • Loire Valley - French boy likes friendship in USA. I love USA and I will love my friends from your lovely country. % 1311

WM, 32, 6'3", 235. My interests: country/rock music, pop culture/Simpsons/Batman, Braves movies, art... Your interests? % 1313

GWM, 40, wishes to meet guys under 25 for fun, friendship, or whatever! % 1316

Sincere GWM, 22, seeks GWM, 23-28 for long-term, monogamous relationship. Serious only need respond. % 1312

GWM, attractive, 40's, oral expert for heavy equipment. Gay/Bi/Str tune-ups given. Best in town. Call soon! % 1317

GWM seeking friends, possibly more. Age, race unimportant, sincerity and honesty are. No drugs or alcohol. Photo/phone. All answered. Box 1314, 1189 Virginia Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. (6.3)

Clean-cut, 36yo GWM, blonde, green, thick, hunky body, honest, well-grounded, successful, energetic, oral and sexually-charged. Wicket kisser. Seeks guys who are honest, well-balanced, have aspirations and energy. Turn-ons, thick, hunky men with a little meat on them, Italians, dark hair. % 1309

GWM, 5'8", 160#, retired senior, healthy, financially responsible, seeks

male 25-40 for daytime relationship. % 1307

Couples—Masculine, clean-cut GWM 33 physically fit, healthy, seeks similar 20s & 30s who occasionally enjoy the company of another. % 1260

BM 35, 5'8", 155 lbs, healthy, trim, versatile, well endowed, masculine seeks GM with same qualities. No fems. % 1257

Horny, hairy, hung GWM, 23, 165 lbs. NEEDS a daddy to spank him. "Chris" 2490 1/2 Barnett Shoals Rd. Athens, GA 30605. % 1261

Masc GWM 32 Frech Active seeks horny young MEN, looks unimportant (18-25) Pref smooth, young-looking. Let me worship you. % 1255

Tall, dark, sexy, hairy black male, 28. Seeks honest, sincere, muscled, affectionate Bi/GM Top Man for mutual friendship / more. % 1251

Intelligent GWM seeks same for lunch-time companion or friend. Perimeter mall area, early / mid-afternoon, Monday thru Friday. % 1248.

GWM, 35, TEDDYBEAR, 5'10", 275 lb.+ seeks hunk w/mind, for conversation and adventurous safe sex. Call voice box—let's talk! % 1250

GWM, tall, smooth, slim - would like to meet aggressive, hairy, stocky, masculine man - 40 to 50. Bald a plus. I'm HIV+, healthy, friendly, good looking. % 1246

Horny GWM, 30, 5'4", wants to do helicopter spins on your face! Love hot letters / photos / videos. Call—leave address % 1243

Single woman seeks GM for marriage of mutual convenience. % 1244

Gdkg GWM, 32, rdsh br/gr., clean-shaven, 5'10 1/2", 189#, healthy, good stocky build, collegiate/professional type, sks collegiate/professional type, 22-42, with ticklish feet for hot tickle sessions. "Bottoms" only. Sane, sensual, safe fun. Live in Birmingham but can travel. % 1241

GWM, 54, 5'10", 165, healthy, mature, romantic, secure professional seeks quality, slender GBM, age unimportant, for friendship, perhaps relationship. % 1242

Adolescent Florida Executive, 6 ft., 170 lbs. Blond. ISO spontaneous, artsy, skinny, young companion for dinner, romance here, sailing, diving, vacations there. % 1240

GBM, 25, sexy, versatile, endowed, seeks brother w/similar qualities and w/ sincere interest in developing friendship into more. No fems. % 1238

WM, 32, 5'10", 155#, F/A, loner type seeks fellow non-fam WM Southerner 30-50 wanting possible one-on-one relationship. % 1237

BM seeks masculine BM to become ? buddies. % 1236

Good looking GWM, 6'1", 190, successful, secure, romantic top seeks relationship oriented cute bottom, 28-38. % 1234

GBM, tall, athletic, professional, discreet, youthful 33, masculine, seeks sexy

similar for friendship, fun, mutual enrichment. % 1120

GWM, 32, 5'9", 142 lbs. Professional, handsome, seeks same. % 1125

Responsible, stable, mature, romantic WM - masculine, 40s, professional. Great mentor. Seeks quality friendship with novice / curious WM 18-25. Discretion Assured. % 1115

BM, 30's masculine, endowed, versatile, trim, seeks same in Hispanic or BM. % 1116

Very goodlooking WM, 26, clean cut, muscular, All-American looks, seeks wealthy, generous, supportive WM for mutually beneficial fun. Any age, weight. % 1117

HOT TOP: Clean-cut, boyish, 38, blue eyes, plays safe. Seeks cute bottom for hot fun. % 1118

French passive seeks buddy. Dominant white professional wants aggressive French active companion. Affectionate man for hungry partner. Let's start something! % 1119

MB 25, 6', 170 lbs, new to town seeks other males 21-35 for friendship. Interested? Leave msg. % 1112

Good looking, fun, passive HIV+ man, new to Atlanta wants safe kink (bondage, spanking, etc.). Also into local music scene. % 1114

Latino GWM, 24, 6', sincere, good personality, seeks secure male for friendship—possible relationship, race unimportant. Healthy, no fems please. % 1108

GWM, 35, 6', 165, versatile, seeks single masculine hairy GWM over 6' for friendship & poss. relationship. No head games. % 1110

Are you out there? GWM, 29, seeks honest, caring GBM (21-40) Prince Charming. I want my happily ever after. % 1111

GWM, 50; seeks younger, mature, masculine, non-smoking GWM/GAM who appreciates the companionship of an older gentleman for possible relationship. % 1103

Submissive, GWM 48, eager, willing, ready to serve. Seeks aggressive, strict, well built, top, dominant with small fist. Call soon!! % 1104

WM, 34, attractive, well built, masculine, with strong intellectual curiosity seeks that same combination in someone else, 27-38. % 1107

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

Novice GWM Slave Boy, short, cute, lean, muscular, hairy, 35. Seeks light training from Muscular Daddy, GWM, HIV-, smoke/drug free. % 1105

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

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

GWM, 37, BL/Blue, attractive, intelligent, healthy, passionate, masculine, trim, muscular, hairy, long "married" and horny. Seeks attractive, daytime top buddy. % 1096

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

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

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

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

GWM, 50; apiarist, aviculturist, herbal-

PERSONALS

ist, horticulturist; humble, meek, healthy seeks masculine, aggressive partner to share simple country life (handicapped welcome). % 1089

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GWM, 32, 5'11", 165, HIV neg, short black hair, dark eyed top man needs

light hair blued eyed bottom boy. % 1059

WM, 29, 6ft, 175, Bruce Willis type, DISCREET, closeted, seeks long, monogamous relationship with same. Henry, Rockdale areas. % 1058

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

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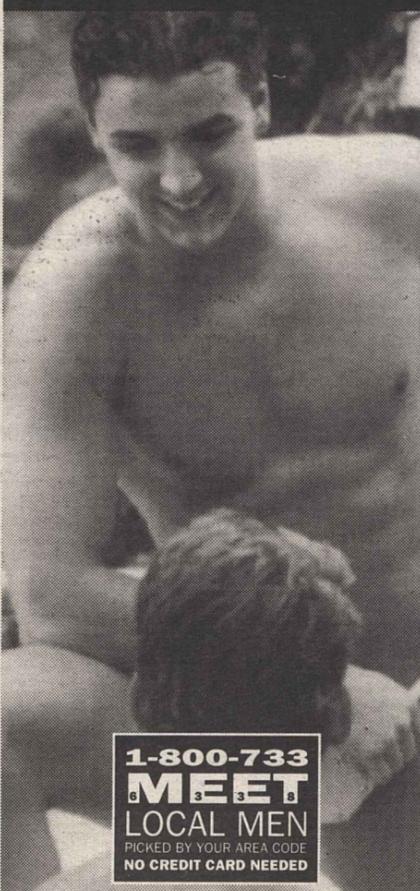
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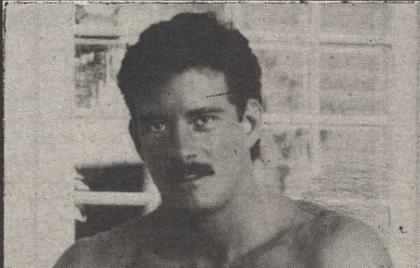
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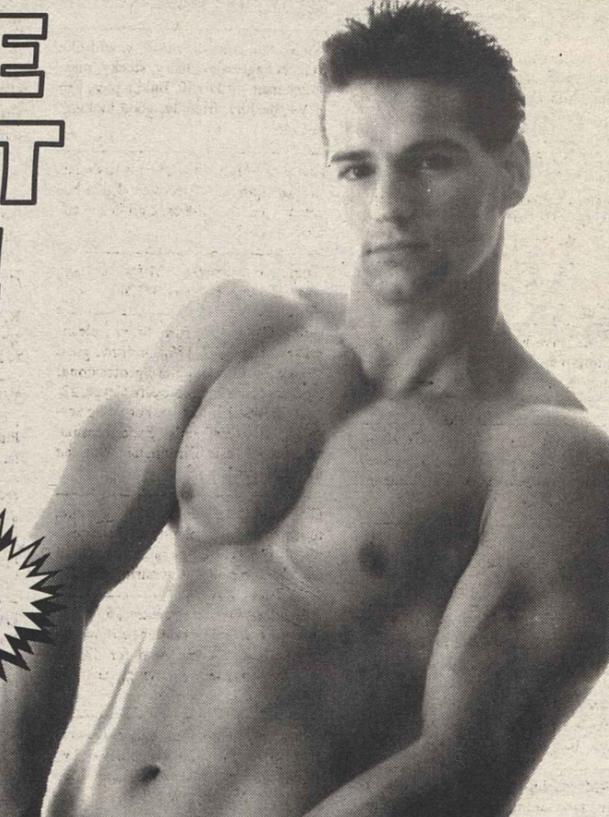
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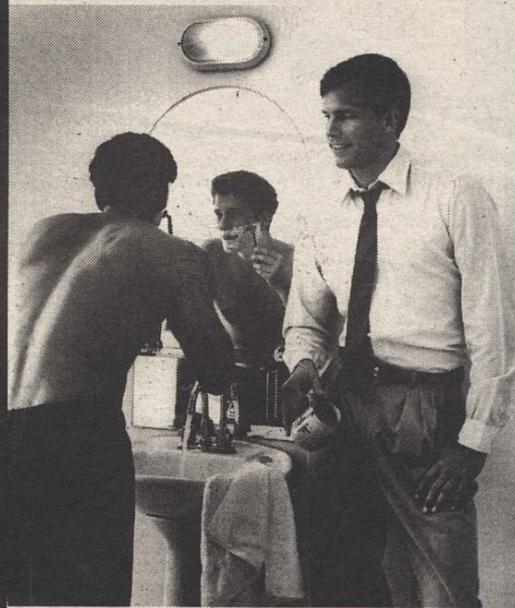
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