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Anti-gay violence hits all time high

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force report shows 172% increase in crimes against gays in the past five years; backlash to growing visibility of gays blamed for violence

Washington, DC—The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has released its report on anti-gay violence in 1992, and it's not a pretty picture. Violence and harassment of gay men, lesbians and bisexuals rose 4 percent in five surveyed U.S. cities last year, and that figure has jumped 172 percent in the same cities over the past five years.

Incidents of physical or verbal abuse reported to gay rights groups in San Francisco, Chicago, Boston, New York and Minneapolis-St. Paul rose to 1,898 in 1992 from 1,822 a year earlier.

Murders were up from eight to 12, a 50% jump,

and threats of violence and physical menacing rose from 146 to 350, the task force said, and gay bashings—physical assaults—were up 5 percent.

"The key message we have is that gay and lesbian visibility and power are increasing in society. However, we are experiencing a violent backlash

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Photo: Martin Kazu Hiraga, anti-violence project director of The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force holds up a copy of the report during a March 11 news conference.

Turtle's returns gay publications to stores

Atlanta—The controversy surrounding the removal of lesbian and gay publications from area Turtle's stores is over, ending with a compromise that puts both Southern Voice and Etcetera magazine back into three stores each. Previously, both publications had been in five stores.

Southern Voice general manager Leigh VanderEls spoke with both Daryl Baldwin, president of Turtle's parent company Super Club Music, and Joe Martin, Super Club's vice president of advertising, on March 11, and said she "felt good" about the interactions.

"I think it is a good compromise," she said. "I felt their decision was fair."

The gay and lesbian publications were removed last week in an attempt to clean up the front of the stores, according to management. Martin confirmed that a complaint about the content of a gay publication did "generate all the activity," and that complaint, he told VanderEls, brought to his attention the number of free publications being offered in area stores. Super Club bases their decision on what free papers to carry on which ones best benefit their customers in any particular area, and attempt to have no duplication of publications. Therefore there will be

only one gay and lesbian publication per store. Also, Creative Loafing will stay but the Hudspeth Report will not.

A recorded message on Super Club's customer relations line now informs customers that the stores will be carrying only four publications—Creative Loafing and Tafrija, and Southern Voice and Etcetera as "alternative lifestyles publications."

The original complaint came from a customer at the Turtle's at Town Center Mall in Marietta, which will not carry gay publications in the future. VanderEls said that while she would like to see Southern Voice at Town Center Mall, she understands the decision to keep the publications out.

"We have not found another store in Town Center that would distribute a gay paper," she said. "We can't hold [Turtle's] to a higher standard than any other store."

Southern Voice can be found at Turtle's stores in Buckhead (Piedmont and Sidney Marcus), at Clear Creek Center (across from Ansley Mall), and Ponce de Leon Avenue at the Plaza.

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"Straight Pride Day" celebrated at Ga. State University

Atlanta—A group of Georgia State University students held Straight Pride Day to celebrate heterosexuality last month. The Southern Review, a campus publication that guarantees its readers "political incorrectness," organized the gathering of about twenty students. The paper has also established a Heterosexual Hotline to allow non-gay students to declare their "normalcy."

During a break between classes Friday, February 19, the group set up a table and posted several signs in the library plaza, a gathering place for students. One sign announced "God made Adam and Eve not Adam and Steve" and another boldly stated "Proclaimed Heterosexuals" followed by about thirty names.

"I applaud the right to say I'm proud of who I am," said Craig Winkler, a gay freshman. "I just don't like them condemning me."

Jo Taylor, a graduate student, tore the "Proclaimed Heterosexual" banner down saying the sign was hate and not free speech. Kern stated the action was proof that diverse viewpoints are tolerated at Georgia State, as long as they are not conservative or from the religious right.

The Southern Review established its Heterosexual Hotline in January. The publication's answering machine message contains "testimonials" from student callers. The scripted responses bemoan the plight of heterosexuals and ask for help from the paper.

"I'm a hetero, but I'm afraid to admit it. Can you help me?" asks one caller.

The same caller is heard again later, "Hi, I called before from GSU. Thanks to the Southern Review I can openly admit that I am a heterosexual. I realize that I *am* normal and I *can* function in society. I don't know how I will be able to repay you."



CARLOS WILLIAMS II

Two heterosexuals proclaim their "normalcy" at Straight Pride Day at Georgia State University.

"We're allowed to be just as proud to be heterosexual as they're proud to be homosexuals," said Chris Kern, publisher of the Southern Review.

Many students walked past the demonstration without acknowledging the event, while a few chose to add their names to the "Proclaimed Heterosexual" banner. A group of about three gay and lesbian students engaged the staff of the Review in debate through shouts. They did not believe that the event's purpose was to celebrate the joys of heterosexuality, but was intended to be anti-gay and lesbian.

The message ends by asking callers to help the paper celebrate normalcy by observing Straight Pride Day.

"Before, homosexuals always pretended that they were in the closet. Now it's like heterosexuals are being placed in the closet, afraid to admit that they are heterosexual," said Kern at the rally.

As one student set fire to the "Celebrate Normalcy" sign in protest to its anti-gay message, another observed, "Too bad you can't just burn up stupidity, too."

CRAIG PATE
and YVONNE UPTON

ACT UP hands out condoms at Chelsea Clinton's school

Washington, D.C.—The national capital's chapter of ACT UP sent a message to the White House March 5 by distributing condoms outside First Daughter Chelsea Clinton's school.

The idea was "to get the point across to Bill Clinton that unless he does something about AIDS right now, Chelsea's generation, and maybe [Chelsea] herself, will suffer from AIDS," said ACT UP member Margaret Cantrell.

"It may not change the world, but it may save one life."

The demo also was designed to help "re-affirm the message that you need to be practicing safer sex," she said.

About 10 ACT UP members asked students to pass on some of the 300 condoms to Chelsea.

"Hopefully [she'll] get back to her dad and will talk about it," said Cantrell. "We need Bill Clinton to know that we're watching him, and that we expect him to keep his promises that he made during the campaign."

She feels confident that the President's daughter heard about the action. "I'm sure

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Queer Nation sign vandalized

Atlanta—For the second time since their installation last May, vandals have struck Queer Nation/Atlanta's Adopt-A-Highway signs along Peachtree Street. One of the two signs between Spring Street and Palisades is missing and the other has been spray painted.

According to QN/A co-chair David MacDonald, the group has asked the Department of Transportation to replace the signs. Last fall, after one of the signs was spray-painted, the DOT replaced it.

To join the state of Georgia's Adopt-a-Highway program, QN/A agreed to clean the stretch of highway they adopted four times a year.

she knows that we were there. We did it in the morning to make sure students would talk about it during the day."

Police were on hand but no arrests occurred. U.S. Secret Service apparently sneaked the 13-year-old inside through a back door.

ACT UP, under Cantrell's leadership, has distributed condoms to at least 15 public and private schools. It says it will return to Sidwell

Friends and other private schools that do not distribute condoms to students.

Cantrell concedes that upscale sons and daughters can afford condoms of their own. But "they might not have one in their pocket when they need it, or be too embarrassed to ask for one at the drugstore," she said to justify the free distribution.

JOHN ZEH

Southern Women's Festival won't be held in 1993

If you're waiting on word on the upcoming Southern Women's Music and Comedy Festival, stop waiting. Robin Tyler, producer of the Memorial Day event, has postponed the 10th annual festival until 1994, citing the response to the March on Washington set for a month prior to festival time.

Tyler is also co-producing the main stage rally at the April 25 march, and those duties have occupied much of her time for the last six months, according to a press release from Robin Tyler Productions.

"Robin would like to encourage as many people as possible to attend the March," said RTP's Pat Harrison. "With the escalating

rightwing attacks, the passage of Amendment 2 in Colorado, the set back in Tampa, the resistance to gays in the military and the upcoming Lesbian/Gay Civil Rights Bill, it is essential that those of us who can get to Washington do so, as a show of power as well as pride."

The 10th Southern Festival, which moved last year from Cleveland, Georgia to Hendersonville, North Carolina, will be held May 26-30, 1994.

RhythmFest is also moving to North Carolina this year, and will go on as scheduled Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 2-6, 1993. The Fourth RF has found a site near Black Mountain in western North Carolina. Registration information, as well as tentative performers, will be forthcoming.

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FL judge strikes down law banning gays from adopting

Tallahassee, FL—A federal judge has struck down a Florida law banning lesbians and gay men from adopting children, indicating the statute is ripe for repeal, an American Civil Liberties Union official said.

"There's no reason for the state to maintain a patently unconstitutional and homophobic law," said Robyn Blumner, ACLU state director.

Circuit Judge Scott M. Brownell of Sarasota County, ruling March 5 in a case of two gay men who challenged the law, said it is unconstitutional because it requires gays to disclose their private affairs and because it never defines what a homosexual is.

The law, Brownell wrote, encourages gay men and lesbians who want to adopt to lie about it.

"Under this legislative scheme, those who admit don't adopt, and those who don't admit do adopt, thereby placing a premium on lying," the judge said.

Brownell has become the second circuit judge in Florida to invalidate the law. Last year, a Monroe County judge ruled in favor of a gay man who sought to adopt.

Florida and New Hampshire are the only two states that have laws prohibiting gays from adopting. The Florida ban was enacted in 1977 at the height of former beauty queen Anita

Bryant's campaign against gays.

The law is vague, Brownell added, because it never clarifies homosexuality and exactly how that sexual orientation makes a person unfit to adopt.

"What is a homosexual experience? Does one such experience disqualify one from adopting? One as a young person? Two? Five?" he wrote. "What about bisexuals? What about homosexuals who are in traditional [heterosexual] marriages?"

The two men who filed the lawsuit, James Cox and Rodney Jackman, showed through evidence that children raised by gays are no more likely to have sexual identity problems or suffer sexual abuse than those raised by heterosexuals, Brownell said in his ruling.

Cox, a professional pianist, and Jackman, a state Department of Revenue employee, were rejected by the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services in 1991 when they sought to adopt a child. HRS has defended the law by saying gays are not "appropriate parental role models."

HRS officials were debating last week whether to appeal the ruling. Blumner said the ACLU actually hopes the decision is appealed so a statewide decision on the issue can be rendered by an appeals court.

CURT ANDERSON

Alabama gays form state-wide group

Montgomery, AL—The Gay And Lesbian Alliance of Alabama (GALAA), a statewide coalition of lesbian, gay and gay-friendly Alabamians, formed January 30 to address state and national political issues.

"As taxpayers and voters, we are outraged by the apparent indifference and homophobia of Alabama's lawmakers to our concerns," said Stefan (full, legal name), GALAA's coordinator chair. Some 40 gays and lesbians, representative of 14 groups from cities statewide, met in Montgomery for a two-day conference to form the new group.

Four regional coordinators will set the agenda for the group based on regional input. For the coordinator nearest you, contact Stefan in Mobile at (205) 433-3245.

NC group hosts event to discuss military ban

Jacksonville, NC—Members of the gay community met face-to-face with "straight America" last week during a Jacksonville media event.

Crae Pridden, the gay Wilmington man beaten by three Camp Lejeune Marines in January, came to Jacksonville at the invitation of Onslow Area Society In Service (OASIS), a public service and social group.

Before a private reception in his honor, Pridden said that his alleged attackers—not gays—are the ones who should be barred from the military. "We accomplish nothing when responding in violence," he said.

During the event, a Pittsburgh attorney who is working to ban gays in the military, challenged members of the gay community to a debate on the issue.

"I'm convinced we can win the case on evidence in fact," said Jim Coster, a Marine reservist who recently founded Straight Americans Military. "All I'm hearing from the gay community is emotional and egalitarian arguments."

Pridden said he would consider the debate.

One aspect of gays in the military that Coster and others clashed on was AIDS.

"AIDS is not an issue," said Sgt. Justin Elzie, an active-duty Marine at Camp Lejeune who has publicly announced that he is gay. AIDS is not strictly a "gay disease," Elzie said.

But Coster said that the greater frequency of AIDS in gay men would threaten the military. (AP)

East TN gay support group forms

New Market, TN—Appalachian Reader reports that a new support group for lesbians and gay men has formed in this East Tennessee town. The group, Smokey Mountains Gay and Lesbian Support, meets monthly at the Highlander Center in New Market, about five miles west of Jefferson City. For information, write Jeff Manning, 1959 Highlander Way, New Market, TN 37820, or call (615) 932-4138.

COMING EVENTS

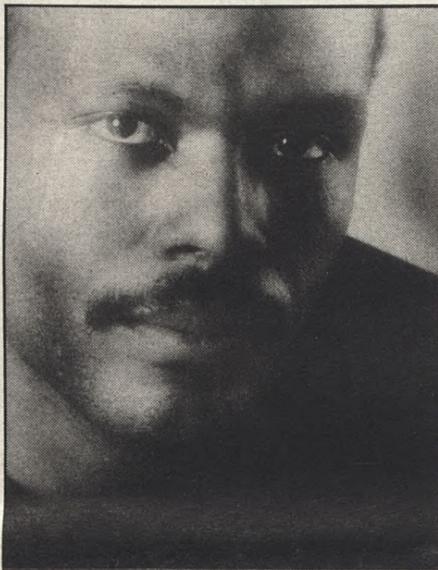
St. Petersburg, FL Orlando's Hat Box Revue will join singer-songwriter Leslie Kille at St. Petersburg's Rainbow Lounge on April 2 & 3 at 9 pm. Tickets are \$5-\$10 and can be purchased at the Rainbow Lounge or by calling (813) 578-2233. The Hat Box Revue is a newly formed gay and lesbian cabaret and Leslie Kille is a recording artist from the Tampa Bay area currently celebrating the release of her new album "Moving Closer."

Raleigh and Greensboro, NC Jim Holobaugh, an ROTC cadet forced out when he told the Army that he is gay, will be speaking at two events this month. On March 20, at 7:30 pm Holobaugh will speak at the United Church of Christ in Raleigh. The following day, Holobaugh will be at the Broach Theatre in Greensboro at 3 pm. Tickets are available at all three White Rabbits Books locations (Charlotte, Greensboro and Raleigh). A reception benefiting Alternative Resources of the Triad will precede the Greensboro talk, and a reception benefiting the Gay and Lesbian Helpline of Wake County follows the Raleigh talk.

Gay Activist Assassinated In Mexico: Neftalí Ruiz, Vice President of Mexico's Grupo Gay Travesti, was shot to death on Feb. 6 by an assailant in a moving vehicle, according to the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission. Ruiz had been investigating a series of murders of gay men and male prostitutes in the Mexican state of Chiapas, and others in the Mexican gay community believe his murder was connected to the investigation.

HIV+ Man Sues McDonald's, Alleging Food Poisoning: A man who tested positive for HIV has sued McDonald's, alleging that a sandwich he ate made him sick and hastened the onset of AIDS. In his suit filed March 3, Arvin Peterson claims he was HIV+ for seven years but free of symptoms until after an attack of dysentery that followed his meal at a Huntington Park, CA McDonald's on March 9, 1992. When Peterson became ill following a meal at the restaurant, county health inspectors discovered that the restaurant's sandwiches were being kept at a temperature lower than required. McDonald's threw away about two pounds of the sandwiches. Following the food poisoning attack, Peterson's T-cell count dropped dramatically and he was diagnosed with AIDS.

NGLTF Meets With Attorney General Designate: Staff members of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute met last week with Janet Reno (before her confirmation as Attorney General) to brief her on the issue of anti-gay/lesbian violence. The March 11 meeting was held at the request of Reno, who invited NGLTF and other hate crime and victim advocacy groups. "Ms. Reno was interested and responsive to the violence targeting the gay and lesbian community," said Martin Hiraga, NGLTF Anti-Violence Project Director, "and she made it clear that the door is open for future discussions on this and other issues facing our community."



SHARON FARMER

New York Library Acquires Beam Papers: The New York Library's Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture has acquired the papers of noted gay writer, editor and activist Joseph Beam, who died of AIDS complications in 1988. Beam is best known for collecting and editing "In the Life," the first collection of works by African-American gay men, in 1986. "This is the first manuscript collection of a gay activist or a known gay person [at the Schomburg]," said Diana Lachatanere, curator of the Center's manuscript, archives and rare books division. "It's opened up a new area of collecting for us." Beam's works join those of other gay writers—Langston Hughes, James Baldwin and Richard Wright—at the Center.

The papers of gay author and activist Joseph Beam have been acquired by the New York Library, the first acquisition of the works of an openly gay person.

Two years ago, Janice Wilson became Oregon's first openly lesbian judge. Wilson was elected to the position in her own right in May 1992. Gernant will fill a mid-term vacancy, and must stand for election to a full six-year term in May 1994.

Wash. High Court Upholds Firing Of Transsexual By Boeing: The Washington Supreme Court ruled March 3 that The Boeing Co. did not discriminate when it fired a transsexual employee for wearing excessively feminine attire in violation of company directives. Jane Doe filed a handicap discrimination action against Boeing after her firing in 1985, contending the company had not accommodated her gender dysphoria, or discomfort with her anatomical sex. Doe was hired as an engineer in 1978, and concluded she was a transsexual in 1984. She was fired when the company received a dozen "anonymous complaints" about her dress and use of the women's restroom in preparation for an upcoming sex change operation.

Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts Barred From Yale Service Group: A student run community service organization at Yale University is planning to stop helping local Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts because of the groups' national policy of discrimination against gays. Dwight Hall voted 26-21 last week to give the Scout Pack 111 a month to publicly oppose the national policy, and review the vote next month. Before the Dwight Hall cabinet meets for a second vote on the troops' status March 29, those involved in both sides of the debate plan to work on a compromise.

CA City Adopts New Definition Of Family: Long Beach, Calif., has adopted a wide-ranging policy statement recognizing virtually any group of people living together, including gay couples, as family. The City Council's largely symbolic vote came despite opposition from hundreds of people, some waving Bibles and placards, others hissing and shouting. The council approval of the "City Statement on Family" will have little practical effect. The statement will not increase city benefits or expand the definition of dependents. A family, under the new definition, can include unmarried couples of any sex, people sharing living quarters, blood relatives under a single household as well as married couples and their children.

Politicians Join Activist Promoting Anchorage Gay Rights Measure: A group supporting Anchorage, Alaska's embattled gay rights measure has won backing of prominent Alaskan politicians. Joining the newly organized Alaskans for Civil Rights were Arliss Sturgulewski, former Republican state senator from Anchorage, and former Mayor Tony Knowles, a Democrat. "If you do not protect everyone's rights, eventually they may try to take away your rights," said organizer Victor Carlson at a press conference last week. Carlson is a former Anchorage Superior Court judge. The group said it had raised \$10,000 for advertising to counter a petition drive aimed at putting the city's newly enacted gay rights ordinance on the municipal ballot on April 20.



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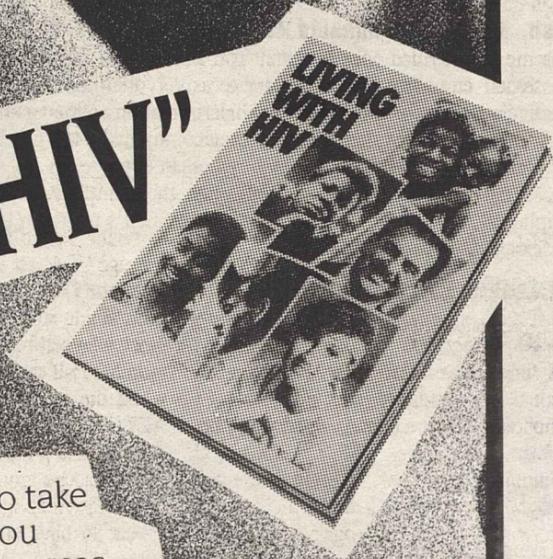
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Georgia AZT program fully funded

Atlanta—The Georgia General Assembly approved over \$500,000 in state supplemental funds to purchase AZT for AIDS patients who can't afford the drug. The Department of Human Resources program had been closed to new patients last August when money ran out, but rebates from Burroughs Wellcome and \$158,000 from the governor's emergency funds allowed the program to reopen. At the end of February, 828 patients were enrolled, an addition of about 150 new patients.

During the next federal project year, which starts in April, Georgia expects to receive another \$1 million from Ryan White Title II and \$500,000 from Ryan White Title I, in addition to \$225,000 from Burroughs Wellcome rebates. Governor Miller has pro-

posed an AZT budget improvement of \$300,000 in state funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1993. These funds would be sufficient to provide AZT to 1015 medically indigent people per month until March 1994.

DHR also last week released the latest number of AIDS cases reported in Georgia since 1981, and the new numbers reflect the increase in cases since the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention revised its definition of the disease. There are now 8,238 cases of AIDS reported in Georgia, with 4,774 deaths.

In other news at DHR, long-time director of the communicable disease branch of the division of public health Dr. Joe Wilber resigned on March 1, replaced by Dr. Kathleen E. Toomey.

Clinton asks CDC head William Roper to step down

Atlanta—The Clinton administration has requested the resignation of Centers for Disease Control director Dr. William L. Roper. Roper, who was appointed by President Bush in 1990, notified the CDC's staff last week that he would leave the agency at the end of June.

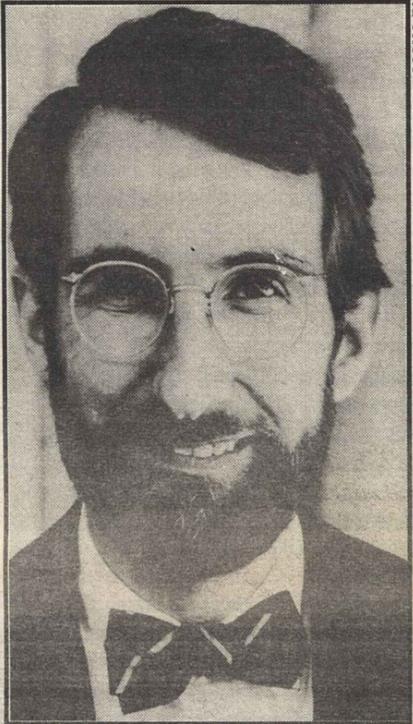
Inside the CDC, some officials charged that Clinton was playing politics with the agency.

"I'm sure that [politics] came into play," an official who asked that his name not be used told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. "It's the only thing it could be. He's provided superb leadership for CDC."

AIDS activists in Atlanta, however, disagreed with that assessment.

"I can't speak for what he's done in other areas," said NAPWA/Atlanta director Kathleen Brockel, "but all we've seen on the HIV front is a substantial lack of progress, particularly in education, but also in testing and counseling. He's leaving? Fine. Where has his leadership been in HIV? Hopefully the next person will be a leader in HIV prevention education."

In a statement, Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala said that a search committee will be established to find a replacement. That committee, Shalala said, will be headed by Dr. William Foege,



William Roper, appointed by Bush in 1990 as Director of the Centers for Disease Control, provided no leadership in fight against AIDS activists say.

director of the Carter Center's Task Force for Child Survival and Development and chair of the board at AID Atlanta. Foege is also a former CDC director.

Hormone found to be effective in slowing HIV progression

A forum was held in San Francisco on March 3 to evaluate the potential of Thymopentin (TP5), a thymus gland hormone, as an effective HIV antiviral immunomodulator. The meeting presented data highlighting TP5 as a drug which reportedly slows HIV disease progression in individuals also taking AZT, the most commonly prescribed HIV antiviral drug.

TP5 was developed by Immunobiology Research Institute (IRI), a division of Johnson & Johnson Inc.

Thymoperin is the active hormonal ingredient extracted from the thymus gland and reportedly strengthens weakened immune systems by stimulating CD4 (T-helper) cells.

Initial preliminary studies demonstrated promising results from the drug in the treatment of HIV disease with no significant side effects. "We had pilot results indicating that there may be some indirect antiviral effect from TP5," said Robert Hirsch, Ph.D., Director of IRI Clinical Investigations.

The TP5 Phase III clinical trial involved 354 patients at six study centers. The study participants were asymptomatic HIV persons

receiving 300 to 600 mg of AZT and had an average CD4 cell count between 200 and 500. The group was divided among those who had been taking AZT for less than six months and those who had been taking it for more than six months. Half the participants were given TP5 while the others received a placebo, in the AZT/TP5 group. Three patients experienced HIV disease progression, compared with nine in the placebo group.

"Those individuals given TP5 in the study appear to have stabilized CD4 cell counts," stated Marcus Conant M.D., U.C.S.F., a principal investigator. The researcher reported that patients in the trial taking a combination of TP5/AZT were 4 to 5 times less likely to experience clinical progression. Additionally, there was no reported toxicity attributable to the combination treatment.

The Food and Drug Administration had denied approval of TP5 as an adjunctive HIV treatment stating CD4 cell stabilization is not sufficient reason to market a drug. Researchers are restructuring a three year study expected to enroll 1,000 patients, scheduled to begin later this year. HIV disease progression endpoints, such as AIDS or death, will be included in the study protocol. The FDA says it needs this information before it can approve TP5 as a treatment for HIV disease.

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AIDS AT THE CROSSROADS

March for Our Lives

Can any of us really do anything meaningful to help end the AIDS epidemic? For those of us who aren't doctors or scientists, it is sometimes hard to see what that might be. After all, the scientific complexities are pretty daunting even to those with many years of training. It's easy to assume the answer is "no."

But that assumption would be wrong.

The fact is that there is something that you, I and everyone we know can do that will contribute directly to bringing this hideous plague to an end. It is something any of us can take part in, whether or not we have any scientific background. It's not complicated, though it will require a small investment of time:

Get our asses to Washington on April 25.

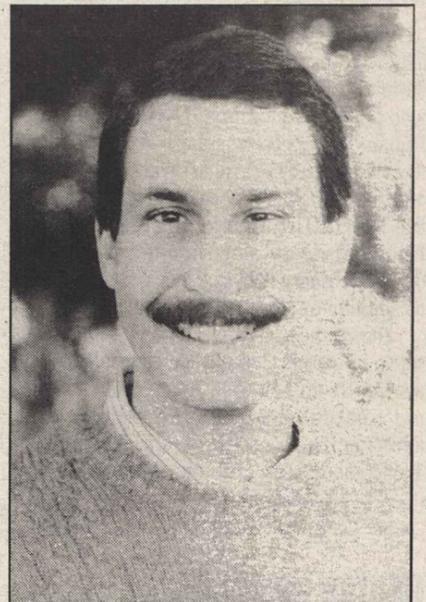
That date, of course, is the date of the March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation. And even though it is not officially an AIDS protest, marching may be the most important thing any of us does about this epidemic in 1993. To understand why, all you have to do is look back to the way things were in 1987. Medically, there was AZT. Period. Prophylactic treatment to prevent opportunistic infections was nearly nonexistent. Access to promising experimental drugs was equally nonexistent, and the process of drug approval was painfully slow. Research priorities were set and clinical trials designed with virtually no input from the people whose lives depended on them. In New York there was a fledgling group called ACT UP that was determined to raise some hell and try to make some changes, but it was just one small group in the midst of a very large epidemic.

But on October 11, 1987 something miraculous happened. 650,000 of us converged on our nation's capitol in the most amazing, exhilarating mass action our community had ever seen, and the breathtaking energy of that march set off a surge of activism all across the country. ACT UP chapters sprang up everywhere from L.A. to Boston to Kansas City, and the New York chapter saw its membership suddenly triple. More mainstream AIDS advocacy groups like Project Inform grew and multiplied.

And slowly, painfully, the glacier began to crack. Despite the unrelenting hostility of the Reagan and Bush administrations, people with AIDS and their advocates gained a seat at the table at the AIDS Clinical Trials Group, the government's main network of AIDS research centers. The drug approval process was dramatically speeded up, and a totally new procedure, known as "parallel track" or "expanded access" meant that promising new drugs that had been shown to be safe and possibly effective could get into the hands of many of those who desperately need them.

Make no mistake about it: every single positive change in the last six years came about because an energized, active community protested, lobbied, wrote and called to demand that these things be done. And the 1987 March on Washington set most of that activism in motion.

Now the atmosphere in Washington is different indeed. How different? Paul Kawata, executive director of the National Minority AIDS Council, recently described a meeting he'd participated in between representatives of several AIDS groups and members of the Clinton transition team. At one point, Kawata recalled, one of the Clinton people turned to him and said, "You don't understand. You don't have to beg anymore. We won."



Bruce Mirken

But if Bill Clinton's heart is in the right place, it is equally clear that his political instincts have a distinctly cautious streak. When he runs into strong resistance—such as he did on admitting gays and lesbians into the military—his natural tendency is to slow down and try to cut a deal.

Meanwhile, the Senate has proven, with its overwhelming vote to continue barring immigration by HIV-positive people, that ignorance and fear can still dominate the AIDS debate on Capitol Hill. Much of what ought to be done about AIDS will require Congressional approval, and the homophobic right—still smarting from last year's electoral defeat—will be spoiling for a fight.

That's where we come in. Our job is to make sure that both Clinton and Congress see that the political consequences of failing to adopt AIDS policies marked by compassion and a sense of real urgency will be far worse than whatever risks are involved in moving forward. A million of us marching down Pennsylvania Avenue won't accomplish that task alone, but it would be a hell of a start.

Get your ass to Washington.
I'll see you there.

BRUCE MIRKEN

Bruce Mirken is an AIDS and health writer for various publications including The Advocate, the Los Angeles Reader and PAAC Notes. He lives in West Hollywood, California. His column appears in Southern Voice once a month.

OBITUARY

Roy Harris

Roy Harris, an assistant client manager at Project Open Hand, died peacefully at his home on February 2 of complications from AIDS. He began work at Project Open Hand two years ago delivering meals wherever he was needed. His sense of humor and outrageous stories were as important to everyday life at Open Hand as his tireless efforts in working with Project Open Hand clients.

Roy was tough and he never gave up.

Memorial Services were held Saturday, March 13, at the All Saints Metropolitan Community Church.

Doctors want study of health insurance for gay partners

Los Angeles—The California Medical Association wants a study conducted to determine if health insurance should cover policyholders' live-in lovers—gay or heterosexual—and extended families who live together.

"As the family unit changes, so do patients," CMA spokesman Paul Moreno said. "One working parent supporting a spouse and children is not as common as it once was. We have broken homes. We have people living together but not married."

The nation's largest state medical association sidestepped a proposal March 3 to immediately support such an extension of health insurance coverage, deciding to first analyze its impact.

Health insurance provided by employers or purchased directly from private carriers usually covers only policyholders, their spouses and children.

The group's policy-making House of Delegates also agreed to develop clear definitions of "extended family units and exclusive domestic partnerships."

The proposal to study the impact of extending coverage was approved as the doctors concluded their annual meeting at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim.

The vote to study expanded health insurance coverage came

after the association avoided action on a resolution sponsored by Dr. Robert Harmon and Dr. Laurens White, the CMA's former president. That resolution called for the group to propose legislation to extend health benefits to "clearly defined exclusive domestic partnerships and to specific extended family units."

Moreno said the resolution was amended to call for a study because the majority felt a need to first define domestic partnerships and extended live-in families, then examine the impact of extending insurance to those not now covered.

Harmon and White argued that "domestic partnerships on the part of same-sex couples who are monogamous are increasingly common."

They also said extended, live-in families that include grandparents, aunts, uncles and in-laws are common among California's minorities and immigrants and provide the families with "stability and caring."

The doctors noted that employers are increasingly considering awarding health insurance and other employment benefits to live-in partners and extended families.

In other actions, the CMA:

-Reaffirmed its policy of trying to get other medical groups

to boycott states with anti-abortion laws when picking locations for medical meetings.

-Voted to develop guidelines defining sexual harassment in medical schools and work places. Moreno said the resolution was prompted by medical students' complaints about sexual harassment.

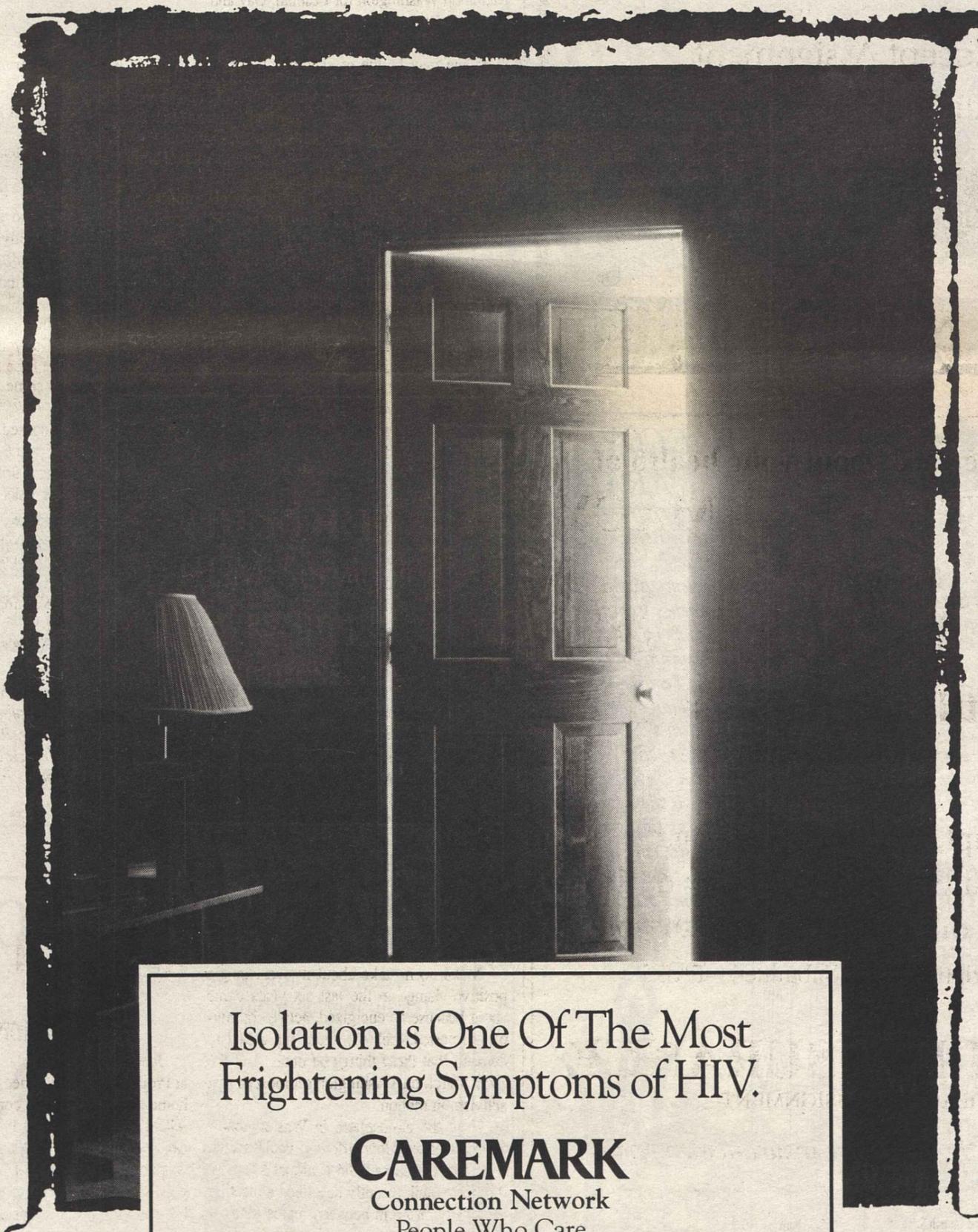
-Decided that their campaign against domestic violence should publicize the long-term harm done by child abuse and encourage doctors to routinely ask patients if they were abused.

On the abortion issue, Fresno neurosurgeon Dr. John T. Bonner introduced a resolution to repeal a CMA policy that aims to punish states "where a woman's right to reproductive choice is restricted."

Bonner said many doctors oppose abortion or the idea of boycotting states with anti-abortion laws, so the existing policy "serves to cause conflict and disagreement." But Bonner's proposal was defeated by a lopsided voice vote, Moreno said.

Other CMA policies support abortion as a medical procedure, and say attempts to restrict abortion infringe on patient-physician privilege.

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OCCASIONS

BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday to my buddy Nick Gatty all the way over in merry ol' England. Nick will be celebrating on March 18 with his sister and new husband. Many Happy Returns Nick!

Happy Birthday to Randy Milton of Stan Milton Images Salon in Buckhead on March 14th. He celebrated 40 (+1) years. Sorry we're late with the announcement and hope you enjoyed yourself!

HB also goes out to my chiropractor and spiritual mentor Dr. Jack Brink on March 22. There's no telling how or where Jack will be celebrating so I won't even bother to speculate. Happy Birthday Sweetie!

Happy Birthday to Atlanta Venture Sports member Dan Dunable on March 23. Dan is one of my home boys (we're both from Alabama), so he gets an extra good wish from me this year.

CELESTIAL OCCASIONS:

Get your minds, crystals, and whatever else in gear. The Vernal Equinox is upon us and will be here March 20 at 9:42 a.m!

EMPLOYMENT OCCASIONS:

Gareth Fenley has a new job as Video Journalist at CNN Headline News. She is currently overwhelmed with the brave new world of live international TV, but hopes to be reoriented to daily life soon. Gareth came out as a lesbian in her job interview. Due to ethics rules, she'll have to quit political campaigning and publishing her opinion on "controversial issues" (two of her favorite activities). Fortunately, her boss says freelance reporting for SoVo is still okay! Congratulations, Gareth!



Dr. Jack Brink (seen here as his inner child) will celebrate his birthday on March 22.

NUPTIAL OCCASIONS:

I would like to wish a Happy Anniversary on March 21 to my husband Mark Sisk. He and I have been through some rather rough spots in the last couple of years, but hopefully we've made it through the worst and have only happiness ahead. I Love You, Honey...and Happy Anniversary!

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GUEST EDITORIAL

It could have been me

DEBORAH BEDSOLE

The news of Venus Landin's death grieved me though I did not know her nor had I ever heard her name before. As my friend told me the details of her murder and her lover's suicide, a coldness crept over me that remained throughout the day. What had begun as an eventful day at work turned into an emotional and frightening one. The weight of the news stayed with me despite my efforts to return to the project I was working on. I simply couldn't shake the unavoidable thought of "That could've been me."

I left an abusive relationship a little less than two years ago. The woman had a similar history of being emotionally abused and neglected as a child of an alcoholic mother. Though she had been quite successful in her education and career, her life with me at home centered around her constant anger that I could not appease. Her anger permeated our entire relationship from the first week we met until the morning I hired the moving van to come and take me away.

No one knew the extent of the abuse, least of all me. It was only a few months before I left her when I looked into the mirror and saw a bruised face that I realized that I was being battered both emotionally and physically. This, despite numerous episodes in the previous year and a half of her slapping, shoving, punching and spitting at me during fights which would sometimes go on into the early morning hours. I had spent the entire relationship thinking that I must be doing something wrong to warrant her anger, that it was my responsibility to try and "fix" the relationship by being a better "partner" to her or by cleaning the house in a more satisfactory manner.

Once I did realize what was going on I became very frightened. I found the book "Naming the Violence" at Charis Books and read story after story echoing my own. These women told of the sporadic violence and the

intermittent calm in between. They told the story of the life I had come to know, a life my friends had been shut out of because I did not have the words for explaining, and because I was too embarrassed to admit that as a lesbian feminist I would "consent" to such a life.

As I began my journey back to the world, I searched the classifieds and found the support group "Name the Violence" and started attending the weekly sessions. I named what was going on to my therapist who had never really known the extent of the abuse I suffered. She helped me to plan my departure. I entered a pact with her that may have saved my life and probably could have saved Ms. Landin's. I promised my therapist that once I left, I would not have any contact with my abuser without first talking with my therapist.

I left without providing my abuser with my new address and phone number. She managed to get the phone number somehow but she never figured out the address. She showed up at my work to plead with me to come back and she sent countless letters that I labeled good and bad. The first telling me how sorry she was and the next telling me what a horrible "partner" I had been. My pact with my therapist and the support I received from my group kept me from calling or making any contact with her. I kept my new found boundaries only because I knew that the violence I had endured before would only get worse. The black eye was only a sign of the escalation to come.

I was lucky. I had friends who immediately stepped in to support me in my decision not to have any more contact with my abuser. There was no "understanding" of her behavior nor any mutual friends to talk with her and find out "her side of the story." I came back into my own and I held onto myself with a fierceness I had previously reserved for maintaining the secret life I had lived with for so long.

The tears I shed for Ms. Landin were not only those of great sorrow for what she had endured, but also tears of relief for my narrow escape from what easily could have been. Although I have never held my tongue in conversation with others about what happened to me, I feel a great deal of sadness for not writing this letter sooner. It seems that we as a lesbian community think that we are somehow exempt from this "problem." We think that women would never do the violent acts of men. And, if we hear of a woman hitting or verbally harassing another woman, we deem the entire episode as an indication of a need for better communication, i.e. fixing. We jump in to mediate and hear all sides without ever realizing that what we fail to do is hear the cry of the woman abused. We leave her behind to work out her "differences" with a woman who has no intention of listening or respecting her boundaries.

The woman who abuses is in need of help but we must see her for what she is. The woman who abuses is no different from the man who abuses. Think to yourself, would you offer to hear his side of the story if a straight friend of yours was being abused by a man?

The only help we can truly be is to realize that the woman being abused is in real and palpable danger. Do nothing short of what you would do for your straight sister in helping her to leave and to remain safe from her abuser. Make no "feminist exceptions"—abuse is abuse no matter the gender or socio-political belief of the abuser. This means re-evaluating everything we have learned as lesbian feminists. PLEASE read "Naming the Violence." It could save the next woman's life. Blessed be.

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The Honorable Sam Nunn
U.S. Senate
303 Dirksen Senate Building
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Dear Sir:

For twenty-four years I served our country in the U.S. Army, was in command of a 2100 person (men and women) battalion, fought during two tours in Vietnam, got married, and fathered two children. Numerous gay men and women served with and for me. One of my company commanders was gay.

We were not on a witch hunt so none of the gays were disciplined for being gay. The homosexuals and heterosexuals were equal in that the majority of these soldiers were good in every respect. The not-so-good homosexuals and heterosexuals did not set a trend toward any one criminal activity. The only sexual misconduct case was between heterosexuals. There were no hate crimes.

The current arguments against gays in the military baffle me, as I never encountered any of these negative actions in Vietnam, Europe or in the United States. If gays are forced to stay in the closet there is a potential security problem.

As a Christian I hope and pray you will base your decisions on factual situations that have occurred, rather than on predicted situations imagined by some.

Sincerely yours,
D.A. Roberts

Bartow County Registered Voter

STONEWALL RIOTS

BY ANDREA NATALIE



Orlando gays face off against neo-Nazis in name-calling protest

Orlando, FL—Chants of "Sieg Heil!" were answered with shouts of "Seek Help!" when white supremacists protesting gays in the military faced counter protesters outside Orlando's largest gay nightclub.

About 20 police officers—a dozen on horseback—patrolled the Feb. 27 demonstration by about 30 skinheads at Parliament House, a motel and multi-bar resort on South Orange Blossom Trail, and 42 more in riot gear were on standby a few blocks away.

The young white supremacists, with shaven heads, black clothes and combat boots, were easily outnumbered and outshouted by about 120 gay activists and their supporters across the way.

The size of the counter-protest was unusual in Orlando, where many gays and lesbians are closeted, and direct action groups such as ACT UP and Queer Nation have not established a foot-hold.

At one point, two men ran into the highway

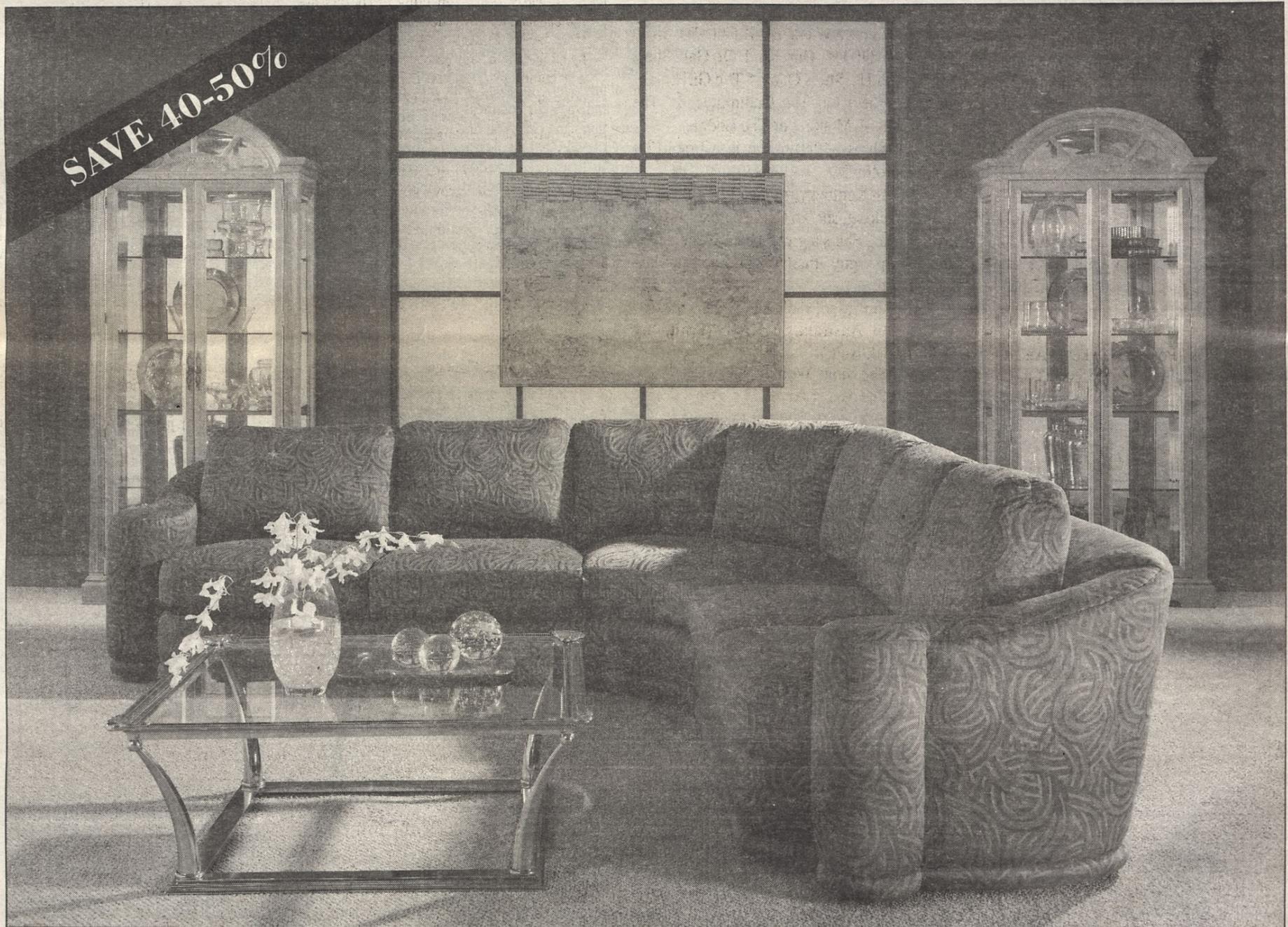
median, embraced and kissed. "Faggots!" the skinheads yelled. Then they began making the stiff-armed Nazi salute and chanting "Sieg Heil!"

"Seek help!" echoed the response from across the street.

Archie Johnston, an 18-year-old Apopka skinhead, said he organized the event to protest President Clinton's decision to allow gays in the military. A flyer for the rally was issued in January by the Independent Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and the Melbourne Hammer Skins. The flyer said the rally was to "stop queers" in the armed forces and "show the public how dirty and diseased these AIDS carrying bastards are."

Several anti-Nazi skinheads joined the counter-protestors, showing support for the lesbian/gay community. Among them was 16-year-old Kevin Enbert of Winter Park. He called the neo-Nazis "a bunch of rednecks running around calling themselves skinheads. They are more social rejects than anything else."

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Cleaning Out My Closet

by SHELLY ROBERTS



Lesbian Code

Now that Time Magazine has made "Lesbian" a proper noun. Now that your mother and your President can both say the word out loud along with a whole list of words so long unspoken in polite company, and on TV, like "Condom" and "Vagina." Before it's all lost and we forget. In the interest of Lesbian Visibility. And with an enormous amount of assistance from Alix Dobkin's* personal research, I herewith offer for our herstorical preservation, for the nostalgic indulgence of my FOFs (that's Friends Over Fifty), and the enlightened edification of my FUTs (that's Friends Under Thirty), the most recently compiled list of euphonious euphemisms ever uttered in public over the years to distinguish ourselves from the "ordinary people."

Initially, we are BDs (Baby Dykes). PDs (Possible Dykes). And then DDs (Definite Dykes). She is POU (Positively One of Us). She's an MOT (Member Of the Tribe). She has a high LP (Lesbian Potential). She suffers from PLT (Pre-Lesbian Tension). There is no cure.

She could be a DOT—Dyke of Today. Or Tomorrow. Or she could be a DIT, a Dyke-In-Training. Or an FDA—A Future Dyke Of America. In any case, she's always a VT (a Visual Treat) to see, especially when it's DL and DR (Dykes to the Left and Dykes to the Right).

She Speaks in Tongues. Has Dutch Boy Fingers. Dines at the Y.

She's as Campy As A Row Of Tents. She's A Lesbyterian. Is Of The Faith.

Is a Member Of The Church. A Holy Sister of The Inclination. Or at least she Sings in The Choir.

She's Got Her ID Card. She looks A Little Bit Sus(pect).

She's Lithuanian. Lebanese. Labesian. And Lesbionic. A Lesbo. A Lassie. A Lemon. A Lasso. A Lash. She's Like That. And she crosses the Lesbicon every chance she gets.

She Wears White Pants. She Wears Comfortable Shoes. She Shops At The Mall.

She's Gifted, Elite. She's Capable. She Gets A Hundred Points. Has Earned Her Degree. Has Got Herself A Gold Star.

She Enjoys Life. She Has A Tan. She Drives A Bus. She Rides The Bus.

She's Bookish. A Librarian. She's A First Class First Grade Teacher. She Teaches Kindergarten.

She's Quite A Prof. She Goes To Dyke University.

She's a Gardener. A Carpenter. A Camp Counselor.

She's a Bowler. She Plays Softball. She Plays Hardball. She's Definitely On the Team.

She's a WannaBe. A GottaBe. She's One Of Us. Our Kind Of Gal. She's With Us. She's One Of The Girls.

She's On The Committee. In The Club. A Member of The Lodge.

She's a Betty. She is a Friend Of Dorothy's.

In Kentucky, she's a Lima Bean. In the closet, she's a Canned Bean. A Baby Dyke? She's a green-bean. If she's now with a guy, that's right, she's a Has-Bean.

In Fresno, she's a Fresbian. In Australia, a Kiwi. (Fruit, my friend, fruit.)

She Sings Womyn's Music. She is a Lizard. She is a Giraffe. (They have the longest tongues of all.)

If She Ain't, She Oughta Be. She Colors Outside The Lines.

She's Family.

Someday somebody's grandchildren will want to know what we meant by that. Now you can tell them. Now that you know the code.

* Most of this list came from Alix Dobkin's wonderfully funny song, "Lesbian Code" ©Alix Dobkin 1990, from her latest album "Love and Politics. A 30 Year Saga" ©Alix Dobkin 1992, Women's Wax Works, Distributed by Lady Slipper Music, Inc., or from her additional personal collection shared with a hundred Gifted Women at LB's Eatery in Coral Gables, Florida, February, 1993. If you don't know her music, you should. Alix Dobkin is Our Kind. She's Definitely One Of Us. She has been Singing Womyn's Music since before Meg. Or Chris. Way before kd or Melissa. Her music is thoroughly Lesbionic.

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L E T T E R S

Jerusalem House thanks gay/lesbian community

To the Editor:

1993 is a special year for Jerusalem House. This marks our organization's fifth year of service to the Atlanta community. In this short period of time, Jerusalem House has achieved and sustained dynamic volunteer leadership, excellent planning to find a solution for a vital community need, exemplary resource development, and efficient management.

The success of our organization would not have been possible without the commitment of Atlanta's gay and lesbian community. On behalf of the residents and Board of Directors of Jerusalem House, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your caring and compassion.

In early 1988, a meeting to address the critical need for AIDS housing was convened. In response, Jerusalem House was founded by an interfaith coalition of diverse religious and community leaders, including medical professionals, business leaders and concerned citizens from all walks of life. Their mission was to establish and maintain a residence for people with AIDS who have no place to live. In December 1989, housing was identified by Atlanta service providers as the number one priority in an AIDS needs assessment conducted by the Metropolitan Atlanta Community Foundation.

Within twelve months of its inception, Jerusalem House had incorporated as a tax-exempt, non-profit corporation, and launched a capital campaign to raise funds for the purchase, renovation and addition of an 18-unit wing onto an old 1920s home in the Druid Hills community. In the fall of 1989, the house opened for its first six residents. The grand opening of the newly-renovated and expanded facility was celebrated in June 1992.

We have come a long way in a short period of time. Having grown from a small program to a home for at least 50 people each year, Jerusalem House has been and will continue to be a model for PWA housing programs across the country.

Through the tireless enthusiasm of volunteers, donors and staff, what started as a dream has become a reality.

While the renovation and construction of Jerusalem House are now complete, our work is far from over. It is our challenge to sustain Jerusalem House—to build on the foundation and caring and generosity that have kept the home fires burning for people with AIDS who need shelter and compassion.

Homelessness and AIDS show no signs of waning. We must renew our commitment to provide a warm, caring place for homeless people with AIDS to live productively and to die with dignity.

Thank you for caring.

Sincerely,
Angela J. Slaughter
Executive Director, Jerusalem House

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Dear Editor,

I am a recent graduate of Georgia State University, but I periodically read the newspapers from a variety of schools. I wish to respond to Richard Korson's editorial on gay rights.

Korson is dead wrong. He does not understand homosexuality or people who are homosexuals, such as myself. There are several big differences between homosexuals, necrophiles, pedophiles, and murderers, the first and foremost being that homosexuality has no victim. Neither children nor corpses can consent to sex, and Ted Bundy's victims scarcely consented to being murdered. These are obvious facts that only a religious lunatic could ignore. A free society has no legitimate authority to police private behavior. Such is fine for Iran and China, but not for the United States.

Secondly, homosexuality has no detrimental effect on society. AIDS and similar illnesses are spread by sexual acts, and not by homosexual behavior in and of itself. You cannot catch AIDS from someone who doesn't have it, and the practices of blood testing and lifelong, monogamous relationships (which are not uncommon in the gay community) work as well for gay couples as for those who are straight. The majority of new AIDS cases are now turning up in heterosexuals like "Magic" Johnson, who put themselves at tremendous risk by seeing how much casual sex they can "score."

Thirdly, for gay people the homosexual "lifestyle" is scarcely "alternative." The fact of the matter is, I am not now and never have been attracted to women. I can neither understand nor begin to sympathize with the feelings that heterosexual men have for them, but I do feel attracted to (adult) males, and I have been this way as long as I can remember.

I was never given a questionnaire asking what sexual orientation I wanted to have, never seduced, never beaten or neglected by my parents, it just sort of happened on its own, and I feel very strongly that this is how I was meant to be. Does this mean I am insane? The American Psychiatric Association doesn't think so, and neither does most anyone in the social science fields.

I wish that people like Korson could spend just one day in my body; then they would know what it's like. Having graduated cum laude with a degree in Political Science and History, I can safely say that my orientation only effects my life when I have to fight with the likes of them. I did not choose to be gay, and I am damned if I am going to allow society to punish me for being so, whether by economic means or otherwise.

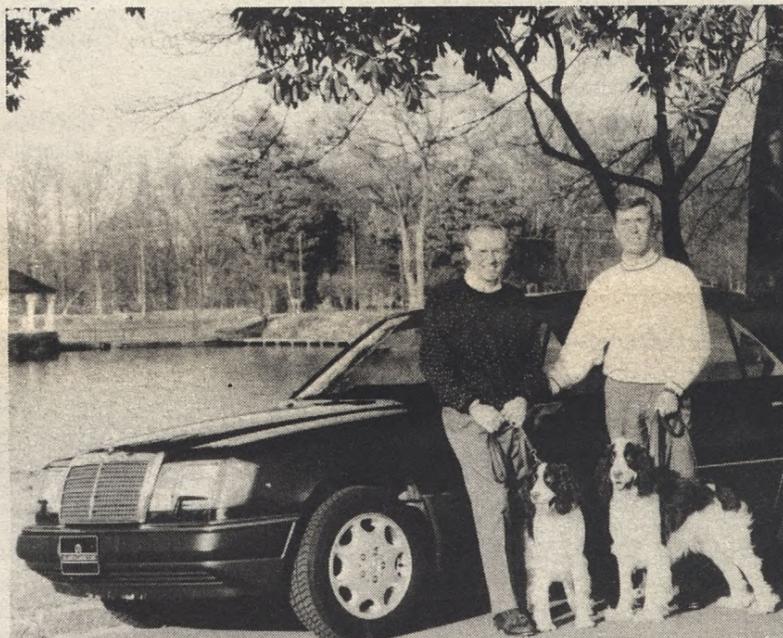
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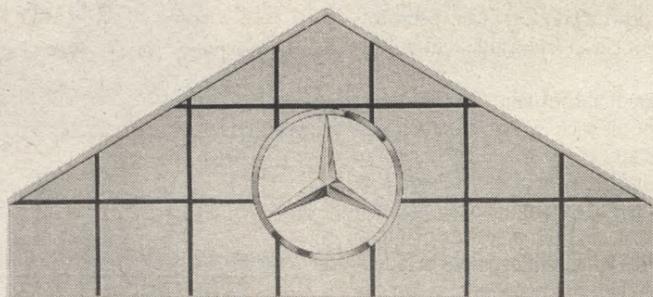
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The battle to ban gay rights, while building momentum in states such as Michigan and Florida, is raging in Idaho, where an anti-gay ballot initiative is only the first step in a campaign to make that state a bastion of conservative Christian politics.

"We want to make Idaho a national pillar of conservative policy," said Kelly Walton, chair of the Idaho Citizens Alliance. Walton is a former member of the Oregon Citizens' Alliance, which barely lost an attempt last year to legally proclaim homosexuality "abnormal and perverse" with Oregon's infamous Measure 9.

Last week when the group filed its Colorado-style anti-gay initiative at the attorney general's office, Walton also released a "statement of principles." That statement outlines goals including prohibition of abortion, transmission of "traditional American, Judeo-Christian moral and ethical values" through the public schools, elimination of welfare programs, tax incentives to promote private charity, and a curtailment of the power of federal government.

The Idaho group is focusing on the anti-gay issue because it is hot nationally, Walton said. National gay groups are more likely to pour money into efforts to defeat anti-gay measures in states like Washington, Oregon or California than Idaho, he said.

"I would rather fight against in-state money than all of that money from around the country," he said.

The fight against a proposed anti-discrimination bill in New Mexico has reached that state's radio airwaves. An ad paid for by the Coalition Promoting Responsible Government claims the bill, which passed the state Senate last month, would give gays special protection they don't deserve, and would "make New Mexico less attractive as a place to do business." The ads also say the measure would "legitimize this abnormal lifestyle" and pose "high risk health concerns" to the educational system.

In Minnesota, backers of legal protection for gays and lesbians won a second big victory in less than a week when a House committee approved an anti-discrimination bill. A similar bill was approved earlier last week by the Senate Judiciary Committee. Both bills now await action on their respective legislative floors.

On the Colorado boycott front, Holly-

wood has apparently lost interest in the boycott and instead is focusing on the issue of gays in the military. No new backers with star power have joined the boycott since January, when Lily Tomlin said she would neither travel to nor perform in Colorado because of Amendment 2.

Boycott Colorado, the group coordinating the boycott, announced that the state has lost over \$42 million due to the boycott. Colorado Springs, hometown of Coloradans for Family Values, the sponsors of Amendment 2, has lost \$2.2 million in convention business, and one of its largest hotels, the Broadmoor, last week laid off 60 employees.

Denver Mayor Wellington Webb has responded to the U.S. Conference of Mayors boycott Colorado by refusing to attend the June conference in New York City. The Mayors voted in January to pull their annual convention from Colorado Springs in response to Amendment 2's passage. "They're boycotting us, I'm boycotting them," Webb said. His absence will make a \$4000 dent in the Big Apple's economy. Colorado Springs Mayor Robert Isaac, who supports Amendment 2, will also skip the convention. "That's a good time to go fishing," he said.

Meanwhile gay leaders pushing the boycott are at odds over a decision to hold a convention in Denver to devise ways of fighting the spread of anti-gay rights initiatives elsewhere. Robert Bray, spokesperson for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, said his group endorses a boycott of tourism, business and conventions in Colorado but supports travel to the state if it's for the purpose of organizing against the Amendment. Boycott Colorado disagrees. "It's necessary to take the hard line and not bring money into this state," said BC vice president Jan Williams. "Exemptions give way to further loopholes."

Colorado Gov. Roy Romer, under threat of a recall because of his public opposition to the Amendment, said last week that the issue has been especially painful for him because he has a gay relative.

"It's not an easy thing to talk about," Romer told a group of Grand Junction-area business and community leaders. "...discrimination is very painful to me... There is a person in my extended family who is a homosexual, and that's no embarrassment to me."

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Experts meet at Harvard to discuss genetic basis of homosexuality

Cambridge, MA—There is evidence that homosexuality may be genetic—but only enough to merit further study, researchers told a Harvard Medical School conference March 6.

The cause of homosexuality is “an open and unanswered question,” said Dean Hamer, chief of the gene structure and regulation section at the National Cancer Institute.

Hamer said his research indicates that sexual orientation may be hereditary on the mother’s side.

“Maternal transmission was more than expected by chance” in studies, Hamer said.

However, Dr. Richard Pillard, professor of psychiatry and director of the family studies laboratory at the Boston University School of Medicine, said studies also have found that gay men are five times more likely to have brothers who are gay as heterosexual men.

“Sexuality must have some biological basis,” said Pillard, who called himself the first openly gay psychiatrist in United States.

About 90 people attended the Harvard Medical School symposium on the biological nature of homosexuality and the psychological development of gay men and lesbians.

“The biological explanation of homosexuality, or genetic, or choice is the question of today,” said Dr. Marshall Forstein, a member of the medical school faculty and a psychiatrist.

But at least one participant, Camille Paglia, said she feared the study of homosexuality’s basis would become political, not scientific.

“I’m disappointed in the overly gay representation here,” said Paglia, author of “Sexual Personae” and “Sex, Art and



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Camille Paglia complained of too much “political correctness” at a recent conference on the biological basis of homosexuality.

American Culture.” “I don’t like the feeling of a clubhouse. That is not science. There’s too much political correctness here.”

And April Martin, clinical supervisor of the Yeshiva University doctoral program in psychology, warned that debating the scientific origins of homosexuality would distract attention from human rights issues.

“The question of whether homosexuals should have full legal and civil rights and social acceptance have nothing to do with whether we can or can’t help or change our inclinations,” said Martin, author of “The Lesbian and Gay Parenting Handbook.”

“Nature did not create the dichotomy of homosexual and heterosexual,” she said. “People did. In the process of slapping people into one or the other category, we distort our own data. Our clumsy categories of gay, bisexual and straight are political divisions much more than descriptive categories.”

Still, Simon LeVay, chairman of the steering committee of the Institute of Gay and Lesbian Studies, said finding a scientific basis for homosexuality would help “persuade the world that gays and lesbians are normal human beings.”

LeVay, who is on leave from the Salk Institute, said there were also drawbacks to the research.

“The negative is that the idea that identifying a biological base of homosexuality is that it makes it like a disease, and this could lead people to try to change homosexuals medically.

“The positive is that knowledge can be used for good and to overcome prejudices against gay people, which are based on moral and religious beliefs.”

Pillard cautioned there is much that is unknown.

“No one has a clear answer to why some people are gay and others are straight,” he said. (AP)



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Dorothy Hajdys, mother of murdered sailor Allen Schindler, has made an emotional plea to meet with President Clinton to discuss the investigation of her son's murder.

"I want Clinton to understand what has happened," she said at a San Francisco press conference on March 11. "What would he do if his little girl was in the Navy and two people killed his little girl and he knew she was never coming home again... Would he stay quiet and sweep it under the rug?"

"My son was beaten to death, not by cause of war, not by the enemy, but by two men from his own ship," Hajdys continued. "I'm not a gay activist. I just don't want any homosexual in the military to end up like my son did."

The White House has not responded to Hajdys' request for a meeting. The trial of seaman Terry Helvey, charged with Schindler's Oct. 27 murder, is set to begin April 17.

HRCF's Operation Lift the Ban will hit Atlanta on March 27 with a rally at Piedmont Park sponsored by Atlanta's Coalition to Lift the Ban. Among the scheduled speakers at the Atlanta rally are Crae Pridgen, the gay man beaten by Marines outside a Wilmington,

The Campaign for Military Service, a coalition of civil and human rights groups opposed to the ban, will hit the road on March 14 in Minneapolis with a 6-week "Tour of Duty" bus trip. The Tour of Duty is scheduled to stop in 32 cities in 24 states, including Atlanta on March 31 and April 1. The tour will include rallies, news conferences, local media appearances and visits to district offices of members of Congress. On board the bus will be activists such as NGLTF director of military freedom Tanya Domi, former Army Captain Alan Stephens, Desert Storm veteran Scott Boykins, K-ration inventor and WWII vet Herb King, and Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America founder Miriam Ben-Shalom.

Hearings on the issue were originally scheduled to begin in the House Armed Services Committee on March 16, but committee chair Rep. Ron Dellums (D-CA) has indefinitely postponed those hearings. There is no word yet from Senate Armed Services Committee chair Sen. Sam Nunn (D-GA) about hearings scheduled on the Senate side of the Capitol.

DC-watchers warn that upcoming Congressional battles over the Defense budget may bring a new round of amendments attempting to codify the ban. Keep the addresses and phone numbers of your senators and representatives handy.

On the state level, the South Dakota and Oklahoma Houses both passed resolutions supporting the ban.

The U.S. Department of Defense and the Navy have appealed the district court ruling that allowed the reinstatement of Petty Officer Keith Meinhold in California. The motion filed March 4 in the 9th Circuit Court of appeals argues that the federal court decision conflicts with President Bill Clinton's interim policy on the military's gay ban. Under the interim policy, military personnel found to be gay cannot be discharged but may be placed on standby reserve without pay.

The emergency motion was filed by Justice Department lawyers, and asks the appeal court for a stay that limits the ruling to Meinhold himself, or authorizes the military to carry out the presidential policy except in meinhold's case.

Harry Malkonian, one of Meinhold's attorneys, said that District Court Judge Terry Hatter rejected an appeal using some of the same arguments last month. Malkonian also said he was puzzled by the appeal.

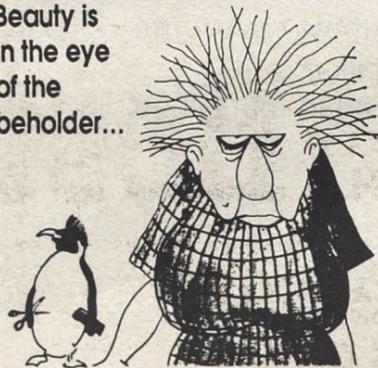
"If the President were saying something that would be one thing. But he's not," he said. "This is coming from the Department of Defense—they haven't been very cooperative with the President or the courts."



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North Carolina gay bar just hours after President Clinton announced his plan to lift the ban, and Ginny Montes, national secretary of the National Organization for Women. The rally is set for 1 pm near the 14th Street/ Piedmont Road entrance to the park. Similar rallies are scheduled in over 20 other cities around the country.

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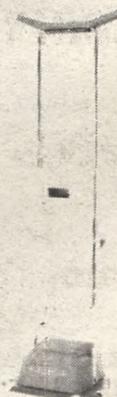
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Robert Rafsky, AIDS activist and writer, dies

New York—Robert Rafsky, 47, a writer and publicist who challenged presidential candidate Bill Clinton on television last year to do something about the AIDS crisis, died Feb. 20 at New York University Hospital from complications with AIDS.

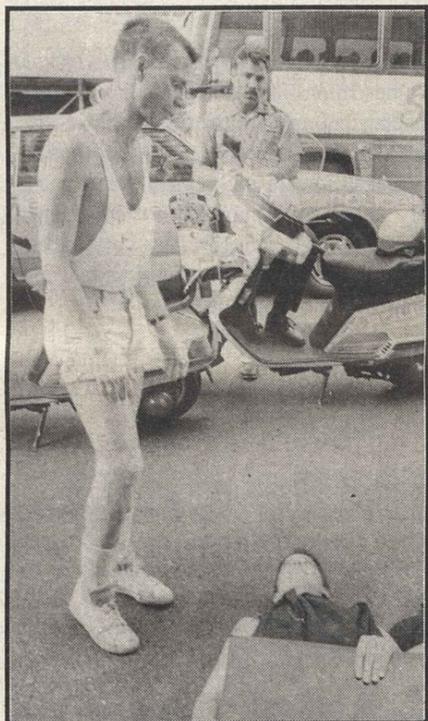
Rafsky had served as media coordinator for ACT UP/New York since 1989 after leaving his job at Howard J. Rubenstein & Associates, a public relations firm where he was a senior vice president. An ACT UP member since 1987 when he was diagnosed as HIV+, he was arrested several times in dozens of demonstrations and was profiled on the CBS program "60 Minutes" for his work against pharmaceutical companies

their daughter, Sara. He began telling friends he was gay.

Rafsky wrote very personal essays on AIDS that were published in the New York Times, the Village Voice, the New York Daily News, OutWeek and QW. He was working on a book, written in the form of letters to his daughter, at the time of his death.

Rafsky occasionally joked about his "bad timing" in becoming an activist. When "60 Minutes" correspondent Ed Bradley asked if he took responsibility for his infection, he said, "Yes, I do. The question is what does a decent society do with people who hurt themselves because they're human; who smoke too much, who eat too much, who drive carelessly, who don't have safe sex?...I think the answer's that a decent society does not put people out to pasture and let them die because they've done a human thing."

In addition to his daughter, his survivors include his parents, William and Selma of Philadelphia.



Rafsky checks on a fellow protester during the Democratic National Convention.

overcharging for and slowing the release of AIDS drugs.

His most publicized moment came March 26 during the New York primary when he slipped into a Clinton fund-raiser and shouted at the future president, "This is the center of the epidemic. What are you doing about it?"

The videotape of the rest of the confrontation was shown world-wide. When Clinton said he was concerned about AIDS and advised Mr. Rafsky to calm down, Mr. Rafsky replied, "I can't calm down. I'm dying of AIDS while you're dying of ambition."

That brought a rare display of Clinton's temper: "Let me tell you something," he said. "If I was dying of ambition, I wouldn't stand up here and put up with all this crap I've put up with over the last six months. I'm fighting to change this country."

Michelangelo Signorile, an Advocate columnist, said Mr. Rafsky "was responsible for Clinton making a whole lot of promises on AIDS to the gay community."

In 1987, he and his wife, Babette, separated and began an amicable joint custody of

Reggae singer dumped from "Tonight Show" for anti-gay remarks

New York—Grammy Award-winning reggae singer Shabba Ranks was dropped from a scheduled appearance on the "Tonight Show" March 2 because of anti-gay remarks he made in Britain last year.

In a statement, NBC officials said that, after reviewing a tape of Ranks' comments on a British television program, "The Word," last December, "it was determined that his appearance would be inappropriate for the "Tonight Show."

The Jamaican singer was dumped from the show even though he apologized for his remarks, which he said were "premised upon my support of Jamaican artists and their music, plus my childhood religious training."

Ranks, who won a Grammy Award last month for his song "X-Tra Naked," said that the Jamaican singer Buju Banton was "most definitely right" when he advocated shooting gay men in the reggae tune "Boom Bye Bye."

In a statement, Ranks said that he realized that "the comments were a mistake, because they advocated violence towards homosexuals."

He added that he did not "approve of any act of violence against homosexuals..."

Additionally, Ranks had agreed to produce and distribute a public service announcement condemning violence against gays, according to the singer's publicist.

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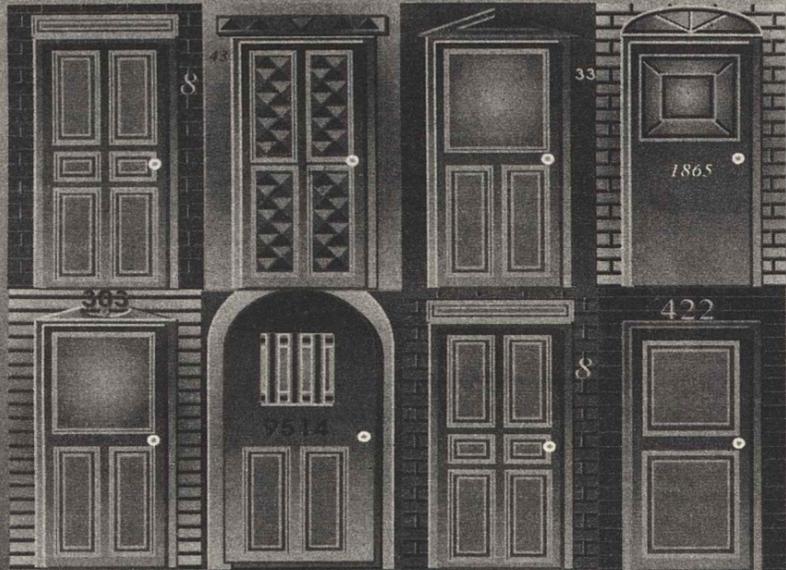
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Violence report

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against that growing visibility," said Robert Bray, a task force spokesman.

The figures are higher than those reflected in police reports because many victims are afraid to go public with their homosexuality, Bray said.

"They don't want their names on a police blotter or on the evening news because they feel they'll lose their jobs," Bray said.

Anti-gay attacks exploded in the wake of highly publicized anti-gay ballot measures in Oregon and Colorado last year. In Oregon, where the virulently homophobic Measure 9 failed in elections, a Portland victim assistance agency recorded 968 incidents, more than any other agency in the country, Bray said.

In Colorado, which passed the weaker but similar Amendment 2, 204 incidents were reported, 40 percent of them after the November election. In 1991, only 89 reports of anti-gay violence were received in Colorado.

"This report reveals the shocking pervasiveness of anti-gay and lesbian victimization and exposes the fatal fury of violence targeted toward gay Americans," said Martin Kazu Hiraga, NGLTF Anti-Violence Project Director. Hiraga, who authored the report, laid the blame for the increasing incidents of violence at the feet of fundamentalists and ultra-conservatives.

"Anti-gay violence continues to be a widespread and alarming problem," he said, "fu-

eled by Far Right campaigns of intolerance. Each attack seeks to create a climate of fear, push gays violently back into the invisibility of the closet, and prevent our full participation in the democratic process."

Hiraga also noted that the military's staunch defense of its anti-gay policy serves to reinforce negative attitudes towards gay men and lesbians.

"[The ban] creates an environment that fosters contempt for both civilian and military gays and lesbians," he said. "Military leadership intent on keeping the ban has used tactics of distortion and mistruths similar to those used by the far right."

The agencies that compiled the data for the NGLTF report used data collection systems supported by the FBI, making differences in FBI documentation and that collected by NGLTF striking. In December of last year, the federal agency released early data from its first report on hate crimes mandated by the Hate Crime Statistics Act of 1990. The FBI report listed only 422 of its 4588 hate crime episodes collected nationwide in 1991 as anti-gay. Using the same FBI definitions, NGLTF logged 1001 crimes in just five cities during that time period.

The NGLTF report also listed several recommendations for action, including increased funding for implementation of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, immediate passage of state and local laws to curb anti-gay violence, mandatory training programs for law enforcement personnel, and required education programs in the schools, churches and wider community to counter anti-gay prejudice.

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History book looks at lesbians of 40s and 50s who fought back

During March, which is Women's History Month, Atlantans will have a chance to hear Elizabeth Kennedy and Madeline Davis talk about their newly released book "Boots of Leather, Slippers of Gold: The History of a Lesbian Community."

The collection of oral histories looks at the lesbian resistance movement in Buffalo, New York in the 1940s and 1950s. The movement began in the bars, as lesbians ventured out to meet others like themselves.

"In the 40s, it was a big step to feel you could go out and socialize with people like you," says Kennedy. "It was too frightening for some, but these women, these working class women, felt the risk of being identified was worth it. It was important to be able to talk about your life with someone like you."

Lacking the obvious physical markings of some other minorities, lesbians used their dress and hair to signal their identity to each other. So the butches came out to the bars with slicked back hair and white shirts. They came with their femmes on their arms. But as they moved down the streets and into the only available gathering spots, the butches were harassed by straight men because of their appearance.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

"In the 40s, very few of them got in fights with men, but in the 50s, they fought back—physically," says Kennedy. "It was an aggressive resistance, not like a political organization with a political strategy, but it was a pre-political existence—a way of announcing who you are and not giving an inch."

These stone butches and their femme lovers laid the groundwork for the 60s gay liberation movement, Davis and Kennedy believe.

"Gay liberation didn't spring out of nowhere. We thought these women from the 40s were an important link that would allow lesbian consciousness and liberation to take off," Kennedy explains.

As they interviewed the 45 women whose stories form the book, the authors found this to be true "beyond our wildest dreams," says Kennedy. A pattern of resistance in the streets emerged. Referring to her own experience, Davis states, "I owe these women my life. I've done public, lesbian things that I never would have been able to do if these women had not fought on the streets. They set the tone for me to run for political office as a lesbian."

Talking about part of the motivation for the work, Davis says, "It seemed important to record these women and to make their lives in some way a monument, a commemoration."

She adds, "These women helped me come out. When I was straight, I would go to the bars. These older women took care of me. They were my immediate foremothers."

While doing their research, Davis and Kennedy found the same patterns in both the Euro-American and African-American com-

munities. Interestingly, the two racial groups integrated in the bars in the 1950s, but prior to the desegregation movement, Kennedy says.

While butches became more physically aggressive as their community developed strength, their dress also changed. Initially, women wore their butch clothing only on weekends at the bars. But by the 50s this changed. Lesbians ventured out in butch attire during the work week.

The authors also discovered that professional women didn't risk going to the bars. In addition, women came in and out of the lesbian community over the years. Given strong societal pressure to marry and a desire to have children, lesbians did both. Some maintained their homosexual relationships on the side until their children grew up. They then rejoined the public lesbian community.

Davis and Kennedy hypothesized that their findings about Buffalo could be generalized to cities across the United States. After seeing a film about Canadian lesbians, from the same time period, they came to believe this butch-femme community of resistance was a North American phenomenon, Kennedy says.

This quasi-political movement also had its erotic side, Kennedy notes.

"An important part of being butch was to win a femme," she says. "There were two aspects of the life—building a lesbian space and finding the love of your life."

Elizabeth Kennedy and Madeline Davis will lecture at Emory University March 25th. Their lecture, entitled, "Codes of Resistance in Lesbian Bar Communities of the 1950s," will be in White Hall, Room 206, at 8:00 p.m. It is free and open to the public, with a reception to follow.

Kennedy is an associate professor of American and Women's Studies at the State University of New York at Buffalo and Davis is Chief Conservator at the Buffalo and Erie County Public Libraries.

C. MITCHELL

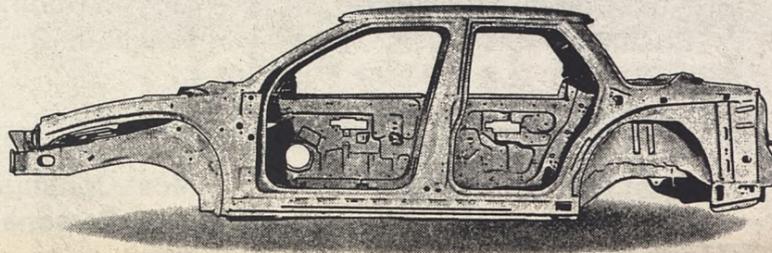
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In the nation's bookstores this month: *Odd Girl Out* and four other lesbian "pulp" novels from the 1950s, long out of print, but now reissued by Naiad Press. Once considered titillating trash by straight readers (but indispensable reading to the nation's lesbians), the novels were written by Ann Bannon, who was married at the time of their publication and only separated from her husband and came out many years later. "My God," said one of Bannon's grown daughters, discovering that her mother had been secretly writing underground novels all those years, "this is fantastic." Her other daughter—a born again Christian—was, according to Bannon, not nearly as pleased over the revelation.

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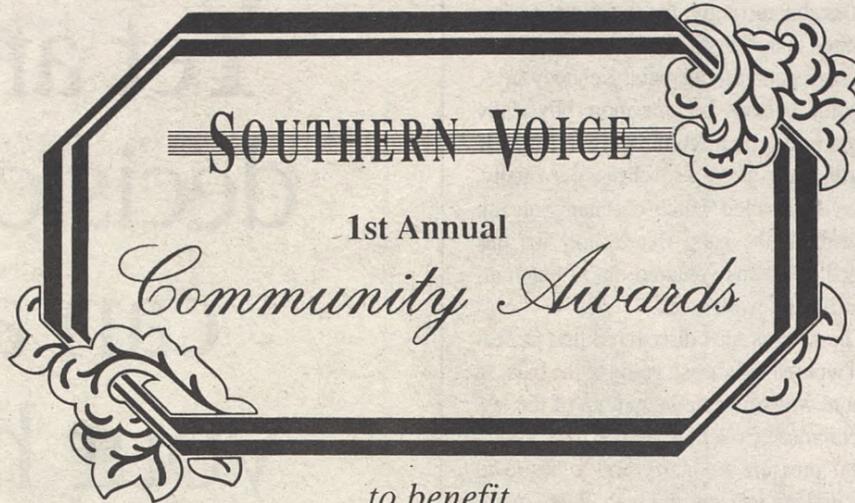
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MAIL THIS BALLOT TO: PO BOX 18215, Atlanta, Georgia 30316. The top four vote-getters in each category will be published in the April 15 issue of Southern Voice. The "Sovie" Awards will be presented April 17 at Zoo Atlanta. Doors will open at 6:30 for drinks, hors d'oeuvres and strolling through the zoo, which will be open exclusively for award ceremony attendees. Ceremonies will begin at 8:00, and the winners will be announced. SoVo will also present several special awards of their own. **TICKETS:** \$20.00, available at MalePak, Brushstrokes, Charis, Maddix Deluxe, and the Southern Voice Office. Proceeds benefit Atlanta's Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee and the Atlanta Lambda Community Center.



OUT & ABOUT

FILM

ACADEMY AWARDS

Who says the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences doesn't have a sense of humor? In the tradition of Richard Nixon's "Big Lie," they are celebrating 1992, a particularly weak year for women in film, as "The Year of the Woman," and they've nominated a drag queen as Best Supporting Actor!

Historically, 230 women have won Oscars in the 64 years they've been awarded. That's just over ten percent of the total, and about half of them have been gender-specific acting awards. Scanning this year's nominations, you'll find women well represented in design and documentary categories, but only one of ten writing nominations and none for producing or directing.

The only major films directed by women in 1992 were Beban Kidron's *Used People* and Penny Marshall's *A League of Their Own*, both surprise shutouts in the acting categories. Alison Anders got some attention for her debut feature, *Gas Food Lodging*, and lesbian Jan Oxenberg got a commission from Geena Davis as a result of her film *Thank You and Goodnight*.

How are the lesbian and gay nominees likely to do this year? Of course we don't know who most of them are, but if Jaye Davidson wins for Best Supporting Actor it will be considered an upset, if not a miracle. I think he'll have to settle for the honor of being nominated against three legends for his first movie, but if he can give another performance as good he'll have the inside track next time.

The late Howard Ashman is unlikely to continue his streak in the Best Song category. He wrote the lyrics for "Friend Like Me," Robin Williams' tour de force in *Aladdin*, but Tim Rice did the words for the hit "A Whole New World," which was number one during part of the voting period. Whitney Houston's not in the running, as she didn't write either of the nominated songs she sang in *The Bodyguard*, of which "I Have Nothing" has the better chance because it's on the radio during the balloting.

Our friend Elizabeth Taylor has been named a winner of the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award for her work in the fight against AIDS; the suspense factor is what will she wear? She and the late Audrey Hepburn will be the third and fourth women out of 27 recipients of this award.

Is James Ivory out yet? He's not likely to win for his direction of *Howards End*; and *Changing Our Minds: The Story of Dr. Evelyn Hooker*, which made an interesting subject almost bland, won't follow "The Times of Harvey Milk," "Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt" and "Deadly Deception" into the queer documentary winners' circle.

So who will win? Clint Eastwood, nominated for the first, second and third times in his career for producing, directing and starring in *Unforgiven*, will not go home empty handed; he could become the first person to win all three at once. John Wayne won Best Actor for poking fun at his image in "True Grit." In "Unforgiven" Eastwood went the other way, taking himself more seriously and questioning the violence on which he's built his career. The industry's overlooked him for too long and they may make up for it all at once. I'm going out on a limb and predicting an Eastwood sweep; Oscar's first Triple Crown.

Best Actress is an interesting race between Hollywood favorite Susan Sarandon and Emma Thompson, who won all the critics' awards. The industry won't pass up this chance to thumb their nose at the critics and honor one of their overdue, deserving own.

A case could be made for any of the nominees in the supporting categories. Sigourney Weaver broke the pattern of actors nominated in lead and supporting categories the same year winning for supporting, but Al Pacino will revive the tradition. Miranda Richardson and Joan Plowright will split the Anglophile vote, letting Aussie Judy Davis win the Oscar she merits. Watch for the Academy Awards show on March 29.

Here's the rundown on the others:

Best Foreign Language Film: DAENS (Belgium)
 Best Screenplay (original): THE CRYING GAME
 Best Screenplay (adapted): HOWARDS END
 Best Cinematography: A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT
 Best Editing: UNFORGIVEN
 Best Art Direction: BRAM STOKER'S DRACULA
 Best Costume Design: HOWARDS END
 Best Original Score: ALADDIN
 Best Song: A WHOLE NEW WORLD
 Best Makeup: BRAM STOKER'S DRACULA
 Best Sound: UNFORGIVEN



Jaye Davidson (left) is up for Best Supporting Actor for his role as the surprising lover of Stephen Rhea (right) in *The Crying Game*.

Best Sound Effects Editing: ALADDIN
 Best Visual Effects: DEATH BECOMES HER
 Best Documentary Feature: FIRES OF KUWAIT
 Best Documentary Short Subject: WHEN ABORTION WAS ILLEGAL: UNTOLD STORIES
 Best Animated Short Film: MONA LISA DESCENDING A STAIRCASE
 Best Live Action Short Film: SWAN SONG

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BOOKS

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FIRST NOVELS

Running Fiercely Toward a High Thin Sound (Firebrand, 1992, \$9.95) is Judith Katz's first novel. It took ten years to write and bits of it, along the way, earned Katz an NEA Fellowship and a Bush Foundation Creative Writing Award. And now it's up for a Lambda Literary Award for best Lesbian Fiction of 1992.

The novel is part Jewish magic realism, part feminist fabulation, and part coming out story. It is about Nadine Pagan (nee Morningstar) and her sister, Jane, and follows their attempt to be part of a middle class family on the one hand, and a lesbian subculture on the other. The conflict drives Nadine to set her own head on fire and run away to the lesbian town of New Chelm.

Portions of the novel are stunning, terrible in their truth and clarity, but it is a curiously old-fashioned truth. New Chelm (a thinly disguised Northampton?), is filled with women who are proscriptive rather than inclusive, and who tend towards flannel shirts and crew cuts—very late seventies, early eighties. This early Lesbian Nation atmosphere parallels the book's examination of the conflict between family upbringing and newly-discovered subculture; a conflict with which those of us who came out in the late seventies are only too familiar. Yet this novel is not labelled as "historical" (or heristorical), so the reader constantly runs the book through her nineties sensibilities. The effect is jarring. *Look how awful and narrow-minded the lesbian subculture is*, Katz seems to be saying, *no better than the straight world*. But both the straight world and the lesbian subculture have changed. We have all moved on.

This would not matter too much, except Katz is deliberately setting up another jarring effect, a Russian doll-within-a-doll-within-a-doll of realities: Nadine and Jane Pagan's middle class Jewish family, the lesbian subculture of New Chelm, and the dreamlike Otherworld where Nadine and her lover Rose step

outside our reality and meet women and men who have suffered and lived in the past and present and future.

These disparate effects work against each other, crashing together like opposing wavefronts, destroying the coherence and power of the whole. Some of the individual chapters are marvelous—well-observed and beautifully written—but the book never quite comes together in that synergy of character, plot and emotion that is more than the sum of its parts. "Running Fiercely Toward a High Thin Sound" is a fine and intriguing book, but it is not—quite—a novel.

The Color of Trees by Canaan Parker (Alyson, November 1992, \$8.95), another first novel, is narrated by Pete Givens, one of the first African Americans to attend Briarwood, an exclusive prep school in New England. He—and we—soon find that the rules of the very rich white upper class are not the same as for poor boys from Harlem. Especially poor gay boys from Harlem.

In many ways, this is a novel about loyalty and assimilation. We watch as Pete, struggling to fit in at Briarwood, changes: the way he talks, the way he dresses, the way he thinks. And the changes are not superficial. When he goes back to Harlem and his family, during vacation, he has to figure out how much of his change is good. The added complication, of course, is that while at Briarwood he has discovered sex. To a certain extent, then, his home now seems alien; he is gay in a straight environment, and he understands things like his older brother's drug habit and trouble with the police less than he understands the strange inverted money snobberies of the school—which is not very much.

On his return to Briarwood he has more decisions to make; whether to ally himself with the gay, white T.J. or the black, straight Keith Hansen. But hormones are powerful things and Pete ignores Keith and falls in love with half the school. This is one of several instances where the reader might find Pete rather unsympathetic and unfeeling. This, we suspect, is Parker's way of trying to depict youthful self-centeredness and inexperience, but it comes across more as callousness.

But Parker has not made the classic beginner's mistake of dividing his characters into Good People and Bad, and there is some evocative writing here, unusual images and finely observed eroticism. He is not as accomplished as Katz, but the second novels should prove interesting.

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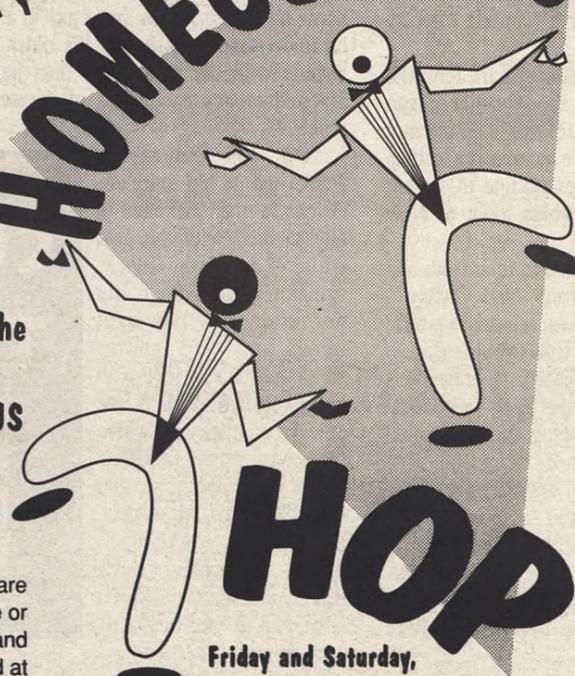
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18 THURSDAY

HIV TREATMENT STRATEGIES IN 1993. NAPWA presents Martin Delaney of Project Inform speaking on the latest information on treatment and drugs for HIV disease. 7:00 pm. Colony Square Sheridan, Sheridan Room. 874-7926 for more info.

STORIES FOR SPRING. Sweep out the winter blahs and freshen your life with woman-affirming stories. Nancy Kavanaugh, a local expert on Feminist folk tales shares her unique stories at Charis Books beginning at 7:30 p.m. Call 524-0304 for more info.

VOLUNTEERS FOR PRIDE. The Atlanta Pride Committee is seeking volunteers for the celebration in June. The committee meets tonight at the Sheraton Colony Square in Midtown at 7:00 p.m. Call 662-4533 for further info.

INVESTING WITH PRIDE. James Dean of Paine Webber presents a seminar examining a portfolio of high-quality stocks of companies that openly make beneficial contributions to the lesbian and gay community. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. on the 15th floor of the Lenox Bldg. across from Houston's. Call 262-5818 to reserve your space.

PASSION. Actor's Express presents the story of a couple who have been married for 25 years but are experiencing an upheaval in their relationship. The feelings of the main characters are simulta-

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CAMELOT. Through Mar. 21. Robert Goulet stars as King Arthur in the epic musical about the Knights of the Roundtable at the Fox Theatre. To charge tickets call 249-6400.

THE WAKEING. Through Mar. 28. OutProud Theater presents this one act play by Bill Bagwell along with its companion **THE MADNESS OF S. GREGORY BANE.** The plays feature three men who have very different responses to the devastation of AIDS. Features actor Theo Harness, directed by Stephen Petty. TULA Auditorium. Call 609-9590 for reservations.

HEAVEN. Through Mar. 28. Kelly Hill from Theatre Rhinoceros in San Francisco performs work from award-winning poet Rob Goldstein at the SAME Auditorium at TULA Galleries. The performance begins at 8:00 p.m. Call 609-9590 for details.

ONCE ON THIS ISLAND. 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



neously expressed by two other actors. Thurs-Sat at 8:00 p.m., Sun at 7:00 p.m. through Apr. 25. Phone 221-0831 for reservations.

THE VILLAGE CHILD. This show presented by the Center for the Puppetry Arts tells the tale of a puppeteer and his attempts to create the ultimate puppet, one that can fly. Wed-Sat at 8:00 p.m. through Apr. 3. Call 873-3391 for tickets.

19 FRIDAY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS. Integrity/Atlanta will hold "The Stations of the Cross in the Time of HIV/AIDS" at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 1790 LaVista

Antilles, the action takes place as a group of peasants wait out a violent storm. Alliance Theatre. Wed.-Sat. 892-2414.

THE GOOD DOCTOR. Through Apr. 4. Stage Door Players present this Neil Simon comedy based on the eccentric characters of Russian author Anton Chekov. North Dekalb Cultural Center, 5339 Chamblee Dunwoody Road. Performances are Thurs-Sat at 8:00 and Sun at 2:30. Call 396-1726 for ticket info.

VERDICT. Through Apr. 10. Tri-Cities Theatre in East Point presents the Agatha Christie melodrama Thurs-Sat at 8:00 p.m. and Sun at 3:00 p.m. Call 681-6091 for reservations.

THE FILM SOCIETY. Through Apr. 18. Horizon Theatre Company presents the story of an innovative teacher who tries to shake things up at a South African boarding school. The play is by Jon Robin Baitz. Call 584-7450 for tickets.

THE LADDER. Through Apr. 18. Theatrical Outfit presents the musical examining the climb up the ladder in corporate America. Performances are at 8:00 p.m. Wed-Sat and

Road, beginning at 7:30 p.m. For details call 642-3183.

ANGEL WORKS. Seven Stages presents three short plays directed by Joseph Chaikin. The shorts include "The War in Heaven" by Chaikin and Sam Shepard and "The Sandbox" by Edward Albee. Wed-Sat at 8:00 p.m. and Sun at 5:00 p.m. through Apr. 18. Call 523-7647 for reservations.

ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Peter Shickele (P.D.Q. Bach), the "wild man" of classical music, joins the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra along with the duo pianists Ralph Markham and Kenneth Broadway. 892-2414 for reservations.

THE NIGHT OF TWELVE. The Goethe-Institut and the High Museum continue their

3:00 p.m. on Sun. Call 872-0665 for ticket info.

BETRAYAL. Through May 16. The Alliance Theatre presents Harold Pinter's romantic drama directed by Michael Olich. The show can be seen Tues-Sun. Call 898-1127 for ticket info.

RALLY TO END PREJUDICE IN THE MILITARY. Mar. 27. This rally in Piedmont Park coincides with HRCF's "Operation Lift the Ban" weekend, a 4-day nationwide event Mar. 25-28 in which 20 cities will hold rallies and town meetings to support lifting the military ban against gay men and lesbians. In Atlanta, Crae Pridgen, a gay man beaten by Marines shortly after President Clinton announced his intention to lift the ban, will be principal speaker. 1 pm. 231-5479 for more info.

13TH ANNUAL AZALEA DANCE. Mar. 27. The Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance presents its annual spring dance. 8 pm. 1st Existentialist Cong. 470 Candler Park Dr. 378-9769 for more info.

ATLANTA FEMINIST WOMEN'S CHORUS.

German crime film series with this 1945 classic by Hans Schweikert. The screening takes place in Rich Auditorium at the High. Call 892-3600 for further info.

ARTS DE PARIS. A new art showroom and gallery opens today in Virginia-Highlands. The new gallery features prints and posters by known and emerging European, Argentinian and American artists. 826 N Highland Ave. Call 892-2519 for more info.

20 SATURDAY

HIV UPDATE. The syndicated cable television show airs every Sat. at 6:00 p.m. on People Television Channel 12. This month's show looks at the standard practice for managing Mycobacterium Avium Complex and also examines human rights issues and the changing role of AIDS activism.

AIDS 101. AID Atlanta presents a seminar on AIDS Awareness and Action at the MLK Center, 449 Auburn Ave. from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The \$15 fee includes lunch. Call 872-0600 for details.

A LIFE WITHOUT FEAR. Author Laura Martin will conduct a free discussion of self-defense and assertiveness techniques for women at Borders Book Shop, 3655 Roswell Rd., beginning at 2:00 p.m. Call 237-0707 for further info.

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Apr. 10. One show only from this phenomenal chorus. Special guests from The Voices of Hospitality. 8 pm. Ga. Tech Theatre.

1ST ANNUAL SOUTHERN VOICE COMMUNITY AWARDS. Apr. 17. This benefit for Atlanta Lesbian & Gay Pride and the Atlanta Lambda Center will recognize and honor members of the community. Entertainment, food and stroll Zoo Atlanta at your leisure. Doors to the Zoo open at 6:30 pm. Awards ceremony begins at 8 pm. 876-1819 for more info.

NATIONAL MARCH ON WASHINGTON. Over 1 million are expected in Washington for a 10-day schedule of over 200 related events, including the March itself on Apr. 25. Call 1-800-832-2889 for info on travel, accommodations, events, etc. Call now!

6TH ANNUAL HRCF DINNER. 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.

Playhouse in Decatur presents the musical of a hardworking family in Tsarist Russia. Performances take place Thurs-Sun through Apr. 24. Call 373-5311 for tickets.

ATLANTA BACH CHOIR. The choir performs Bach's Mass In B Minor tonight at Clayton State College beginning at 8:15 and tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. in the North Druid Hills Presbyterian Church. For further info call 872-BACH.

INTOXICATING DELIGHTS. The Georgia Daffodil Society presents the Southeast Regional Daffodil Show today and tomorrow at the Atlanta Botanical Garden from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Call 876-5859 for details.

21 SUNDAY

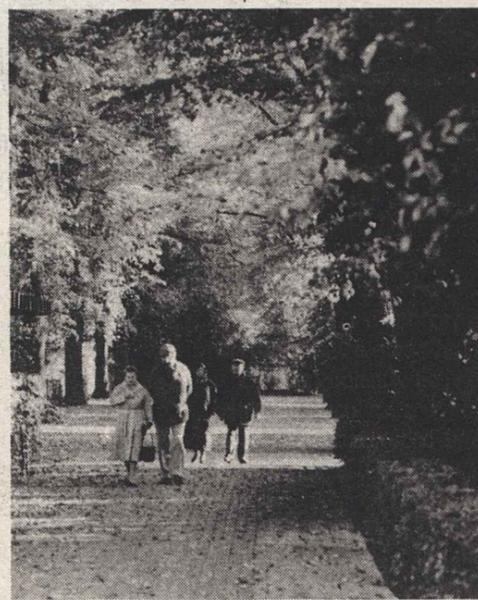
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY. Emory University hosts a celebration featuring songs, poetry and speakers on international women's issues. The program will be followed by an info market featuring booths by Atlanta women's groups. The program is from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Dobbs University Center. Call 727-2136 or 727-7654 for info.

FLASH AND ROMANCE. The Atlanta Chamber Players presents an afternoon program featuring the works of Paganini, Schubert and Dvorak. The performance begins at 4:00 in GSU's Recital Hall, corner of Gilmer and Peachtree Center. For reservations call 651-1228.

THE MUSIC OF SPAIN. The Atlanta Virtuosi pays tribute to two great guitarists, Andre Segovia and Celedonia Romero. The program begins at 4:00 on the Agnes Scott Campus. Call 938-8611 for details.

22 MONDAY

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.

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

DOROTHY. Stage Door Players presents a staged reading of Joyce Leigh's new play about aging, imagination and societal values. The reading takes place tonight and tomorrow at 8:00 p.m. at the North Dekalb Cultural Center. Call 396-1726 for info.

23 TUESDAY

CHOOSING DEATH. THE HEALTH QUARTERLY AND FRONTLINE present a documentary exploring the complexities and dilemmas of euthanasia followed by a studio discussion moderated by Roger Mudd. GPTV Channel 8, 9:00 p.m.

BLACK VISIONS/SILVER SCREEN. The African/American Film Society will screen ten short works at the Georgia Pacific Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

The filmmakers will be present to introduce their films. Call 438-9497 for more info.

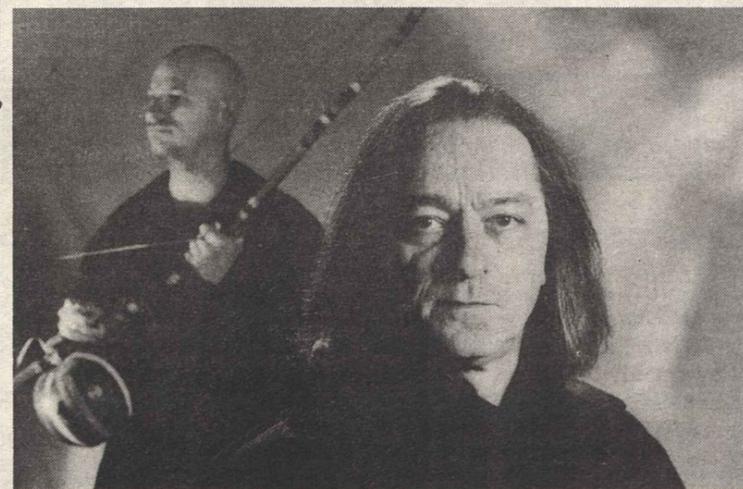
24 WEDNESDAY

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. It also airs on City Channel 6 at 5:00 p.m. on Thurs.

SPRING FLOWER ARRANGING. The Atlanta Botanical Garden will feed your spring fever with an evening of flower arranging with Dan Martin from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Flowers are provided. For more info call 876-5859.

Pictured: BELOW: Klimchak and Del Hamilton in "The War in Heaven" by Joseph Chaikin opens March 17 at 7 Stages Theatre. Photo by Jonathan Burnette

ABOVE: "Introspection," photographs by Steven Woodruff, on exhibit beginning March 19 at Arts de Paris in Virginia-Highland ABOVE LEFT: Kenneth Broadway and Ralph Markham, pianists, perform with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Thursday thru Sunday



DOCUMENTARY

CHOOSING DEATH

Today in the United States, we are learning a new way of death. Medical technology has vastly increased our ability to pull people back from death's door, and, therefore, to decide when and how death should occur. According to the American Hospital Association, 70 percent of the 6,000 deaths that occur each day in hospitals are in some way planned or timed to come as the result of a decision: a decision to withdraw or withhold treatment. Is our new technology taking control of death away from us? Or will it give each of us the ability to choose the end of our life?

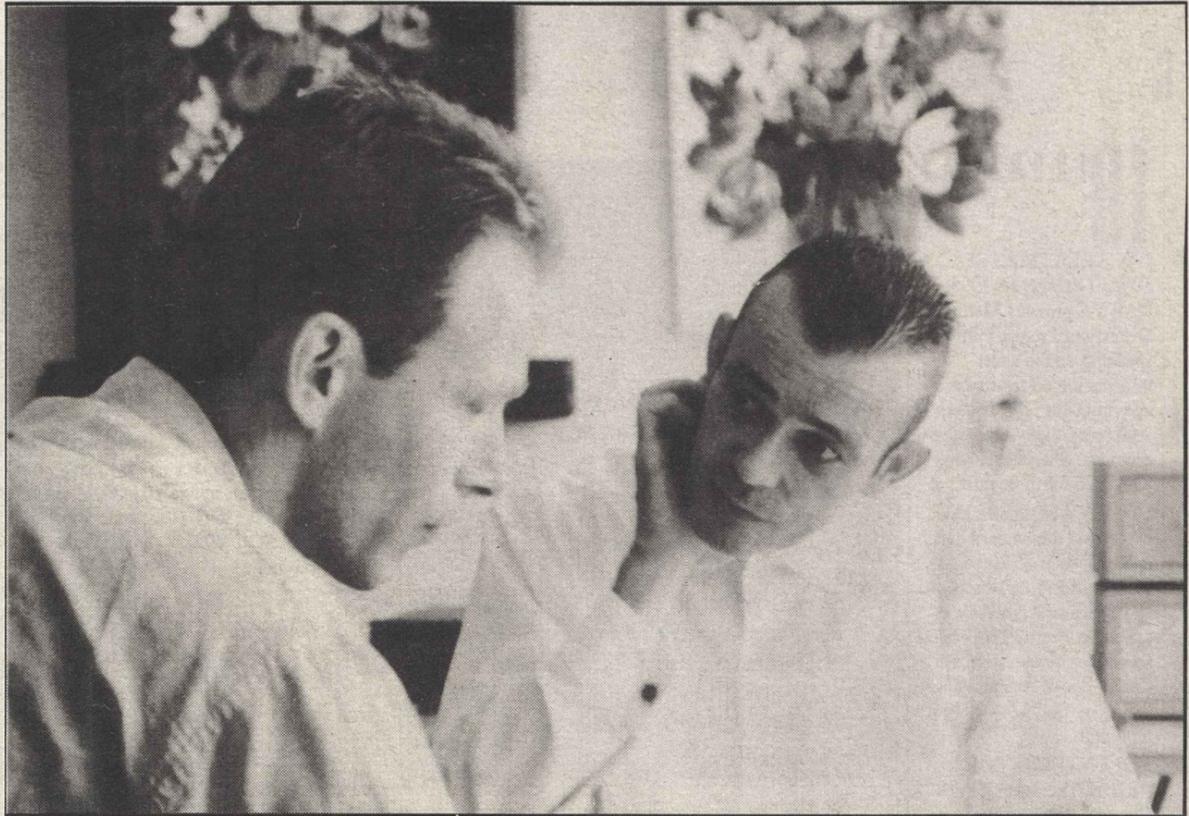
"Choosing Death: A Health Quarterly/Frontline Special," airs Tuesday, March 23, at 9pm. This two-hour presentation, anchored by newsmen Roger Mudd, includes a 70-minute documentary co-produced by The Health Quarterly and Frontline that explores the complexities and dilemmas of euthanasia through the personal accounts of doctors, patients, and families in Holland—the only country where euthanasia has been openly practiced for 20 years.

The documentary is interspersed with a studio discussion relating the Dutch experience to the euthanasia debate in the United States. Has Holland set a good example for the rest of the world? What lessons or warnings does the Dutch experience offer Americans?

Legally, euthanasia is still considered murder in Holland, but doctors usually will not be prosecuted if they follow guidelines set by the courts and medical associations. Doctors can avoid prosecution in most cases if euthanasia is requested by a dying patient who wants a peaceful end to unbearable suffering. But what constitutes "unbearable" suffering? Who decides?

"In North America, we tend to think of euthanasia as dealing with the elderly and terminally ill," says the film's producer, Virginia Storing. "Once we got to Holland, we realized this wasn't the case. Although most Dutch cases of euthanasia are of that kind, inevitably, a whole range of illnesses in different patients becomes affected by the practice of assisted suicide."

Battling AIDS for three-and-a-half years, Hans Post is blind in one eye and barely able to walk. He has been promised euthanasia by his doctor but wants to postpone it as long as he can: "I'm trying to live with the problems, but I think a lot about my limits. I don't know exactly when to reach it," says Hans. "I want to go on as much as possible."



In "Choosing Death" on Frontline we meet Henk Dijkema (right) who lives in the Netherlands, where euthanasia has been openly practiced for 20 years. Dijkema has AIDS and is still relatively healthy, but he has asked his doctor for 18 months to perform euthanasia.

In contrast, 41-year-old Henk Dijkema is in an earlier phase of AIDS and is still relatively healthy. He may be able to live another two years. But wanting to avoid pain and disabilities, Henk has asked his doctor to prepare the "cocktail" of drugs now. "If I'm getting blind or something like that, or dementia...that's already for me enough."

Henk's doctor has been considering Henk's request for the past 18 months: "It's always difficult to be sure where the limit is," says Dr. Adri Heijner. "Sometimes there are limits sooner than I would prefer to have. That makes it a little less easy to deal with."

The broadcast features a discussion moderated by Roger Mudd. Participants in the forum include a small panel of experts and a live studio audience of invited guests—physicians, medical ethicists, theologians, and others who have had personal experience making decisions about ending life. The questions are not easy: Can the Netherlands provide a model for the United States? What should we do—as a country and as individuals? Are there some cases in which assisted suicide is acceptable in order to relieve suffering? If so, under what conditions? What are the outer limits of what we will accept? And above all, which uniquely American traits will affect this debate?

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Wig is the Word, baby! And that can only mean **Wigwood**—the annual celebration of Peace, Love, and Wigs! The '93 version will take place on Sunday, May 23rd in the parking lot which serves The Metro at 48 Sixth Street. The event is a benefit for ACT UP/Atlanta and is not only a performance—it is a recreation of what was known in the '60s as a "happening."

At last year's Wigwood, a stage was set up outdoors on the patio at Weekends and a crowd of people came to the event resplendent in a variety of wigs (short, spiky Liza wigs, tall Marie Antoinette wigs, teased '60s bubble wigs, and everything in between). Highlights included a Best Wig contest, entertainment by DeAundra Peek, Eleganza, Gladys Myrtle Wynthrope, and Opal Fox. Making their world debut at Wigwood '92 were the bubbly Barbie Q and the scintillating Scyntilla Vortex.

Plans are afoot now to make this year's Wigwood bigger and better in every way. Talented artist ARGE has offered to help with the artwork for the event and ACT UP activist Mona Love is busy rounding up talent to wow the crowd. Watch this space for further information as it becomes available.

While I'm on the subject of wigs, tune in to Cinemax on Friday, March 26 for **Paris Is Burning**, the wonderful documentary film by Jenny Livingston which gives us an inside look into the world of Harlem's drag balls, where voguing originated and the concept of drag is taken to unusual extremes.

It seems the public can't get enough of award shows, and our city is no exception. The second annual **Coca-Cola Atlanta Music Awards** are scheduled for March 31, at The Fox Theater. I attended last year's awards and enjoyed the night very much. The focus of the event is, of course, on local acts. Last year's big winners included R.E.M., Keith Sweat, Pebbles, Bobby Brown, Travis Tritt, Elton John, and Indigo Girls.

Nominees for the awards are selected by a panel of more than 300 industry professionals (deejays, producers, music critics and record store owners). The winners will be chosen from an equally weighted balance of industry professionals and the public. You can cast your ballot at any Turtle's location across the state. (Yes, it's OK to go to Turtle's again now that they are once again carrying SoVo).

It doesn't take a psychic to predict that Arrested Develop-

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Octavia Saint Laurent, Freddie Pendavis, Kim Pendavis, Pepper Labelija, Dorian Corey and Willi Ninja of "Paris Is Burning." The film will be aired on Mar. 26 on Cinemax.

ment will be the big winner of the night—they lead the list of nominees with 16, followed by the girls of TLC with 13, Bobby Brown with 10, Elton John with 9, and Kriss Kross with 8. Elton John's "The One" is nominated for Outstanding Pop Album but I predict that Arrested Development will win for their "3 Years 5 Months & 2 Days in the LIFE of..." album.

John is also nominated for Outstanding Pop Single for "The One" but again, I predict he will lose to adolescents Kriss Kross for "Jump."

Yet another loss for John will occur in the Outstanding Classic Rock Act category where he will lose to Lynyrd Skynyrd.

Other acts my readers will know and love will fare better—look for Indigo Girls to win for Outstanding Folk/Acoustic Album for "Rites of Passage" though they will have stiff competition from the wonderful Kristen Hall for her "Facts and Fiction." The same two acts are both nominated for Outstanding Folk Acoustic Act—again, the nod goes to Indigo Girls, because of their greater exposure.

If you would like to attend the Music Awards (several top acts will perform), tickets are \$20, \$35, and \$55 through Ticketmaster at (404) 249-6400 or directly from The Fox Theater Box Office.

The **Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus** will perform a concert called "Homecoming Hop" at the Henry Grady High School Auditorium on Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27. The theme of the concert is Rock Around the Clock—The Homecoming Hop, and is described as a Sadie Hawkins Day without Sadie. There will even be a homecoming queen and attendees will be able to vote for her. Tickets are \$10 in advance and can be purchased at Brushstrokes, The Boy Next Door, or Charis Books and More. They will cost \$12 at the door.

A great time was had by the full house at JoHanna's Upstairs as several local performers took to the stage in a variety show held on a recent Monday night. The lineup included singers Trace and Case Diamond, Yo, Lamont and Tony Toomer, Spain, Hampton, rappers Lower Level, and comic Cissy Rimwell. The Diamonds, a sister act who describe themselves as "Dirt Road Divas" are about to film their first video and will appear on the stage at Crazy Ray's soon. Cissy Rimwell will open. Seen enjoying the show were Popcorn Magazine publisher Chuck Morgan, artist ARGE, Funtone Records' Dick Richards, dancer/choreographer Jim Chappelleaux, Rosser Shymanski, (who filmed segments of the show for "The American Music Show") artists Terry Hardy and Quinn, and Georgi Groux and Tim L. Also filming the entire show were the cast and crew of "In the Mix" seen on Cable 12 on Tuesdays at 11:30PM and Thursdays at 12:30PM. Interviews with the entertainers were also taped after the show, so look for those, too. The American Music Show can be seen Thursdays at 11:30PM and Fridays at 11:00PM.

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Do you know how much I hate Houston's? Almost as much as I dislike Nancy Schaefer. And for many of the same reasons. The dining rooms (and frequently the food) at this incredibly popular southern chain have a regimented, neo-fascist feel that gives me the hives. Besides, waiting in line for an hour or more to be served production line food by a staff of smiling Stepford waitrons is simply not my idea of a gay old time.

Thus it comes as a bolt out of the blue to me that I really like Houston's new concept **The Pine Room** (next door to Houston's at 3539 Northside Parkway, 365-3394).

The place looks the pine paneled basement of a big '50s vanilla ranch buried somewhere in the woods of northwest Atlanta. Well, that's not exactly accurate. It also sports some terrific Craftsman period light fixtures, green shutters from a '30s South Carolina beach house, red Naugahyde booths from a '40s Michigan roadhouse, and couple of very '90s Corian bars. The folks who did the interior of the Kudzu Cafe should come here and take notes.

The only thing that keeps The Pine Room from looking and feeling just about perfect are two big (mercifully silent) TVs tuned to different channels. And mostly '90s commercial rock for tunes. More about *that* later.

What's really startling here is the fact that much of the food has an audacious freshness and joy about it that you're not likely to associate with the middle-of-the-road conformity that has made Houston's such a success with the Polo and Weejuns set. Imagine, if you will, a (respectful) corporate takeover of the late, lamented Two Chefs.

The menu is simple and eclectic—three appetizers, three salads, seven pizzas, and a lone Dove Bar for dessert. A new, expanded menu was set to be instituted the day after I wrote this, so if something described below particularly whets your palate, you may want to call to see that it's still around.

Whoever designed the Tuscan white bean dip obviously has a horrendous fear of vampires or stock in a garlic farm. The fat, al dente cannellini beans are simmered in garlic, then mixed with more of the stuff, gobs of fresh basil, olive oil, lemon juice and God knows what else. Served warm with crisp, parmesan-dusted toasts, this is major comfort food with teeth, claws and a deep growl. Don't miss it, but don't plan on kissing anyone for at least 24 hours who hasn't also imbibed.

Evil jungle chicken wings are as searingly hot as the bean goo is garlicky, nicely tinged with vinegar, too. But they feel horrendously overpriced at \$8.25 for a plate of less than 20...and not a single stalk of celery.

Five ounces or so of in-house smoked salmon fillet is as cool, smooth and easy on the tongue as the other two appetizers are assaulting. The atmosphere in the Pine Room would be near perfect if a big fireplace filled the room with the same smoky flavor.

An eggless Caesar salad is, I think, a carry-over from Houston's, and not bad—long on vinegar and good, rich parmesan, short on anchovies. No ground pepper is offered. An entree-size chopped salad sounds like one more variation on the craze that's

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hot right now. Me? I prefer to chew my own food.

All the rectangular pizzas share a light, matzoh-like crust, that makes me swoon. It's biggest advantage being that you can eat till your taste buds drop and not feel like you've consumed half the annual wheat output of Kansas.

The pizza plan here is very California—tiny bites of intense flavor spread across the plate. When it works it's knock-out; when it doesn't, the results are still head and shoulders above the California Pizza Kitchen.

Best of the batch that I sampled (a special erroneously labeled "caponata") was a combo of marinated eggplant, mozzarella, Monterey Jack, goat cheese, raddichio, and tiny dots of intensely sweet red sauce. The combination of sharp, mild, sweet, tart, and smoky flavors is ethereal. The rich, moist eggplant is especially noteworthy; a plate of the stuff by itself would make a deliriously good appetizer.

(A note about the aforementioned red sauce. Separated from the amalgam of flavors of the pizza, this stuff is cloyingly sweet. I'd be wary of ordering any pie on which it was used as a base rather than a relish.)

The same eggplant appears in combo with first-rate Italian sausage, dots of tomato sauce, and fat leaves of fresh basil on a number called "rustica." It's good, but if you get too much sausage in your mouth it overwhelms that wondrous eggplant. But masticate with care and this one's a winner too.

Careful chewing is definitely required if you order the margherita—mozzarella and Monterey Jack, little dollops of pesto and lots of arugula. Light and soft as the combination is, it's easy to swallow pieces of this with little work in the dental department. Trouble is the arugula needs to be chewed with vigor in order to release its heady, bitter flavor. Again, conscious chomping is recommended.

A Thai chicken pie with peanut sauce and a mix of enchilada sauce, Monterey Jack, goat cheese, salsa, and cilantro sound too much like the dread California Pizza Kitchen to me. You try them and let me know, OK? Other options include: a sausage and tomato combo and one with shrimp, mozzarella and bits of tasso ham. Yawn.

A Dove bar for dessert? Wrong, wrong, wrong! Ben and Jerry's frozen yogurt or simple chocolate sundae are way more consistent with the feel of the place and the rest of the menu.

There are lots of nice details in the service here—new water glasses when old ones empty, wine service from the bottle of origin, and a much less automated feel than next door at Houston's. And the hostess says you can bring your own CDs. I'll be happy to send a Lavender Badge of Courage to the first person who gets them to play a full Flirtations disc.

Given the reasonable prices (\$10-12 a head without wine will leave you happy as a clam), I'd expect this small room to be packed. It's not. We had less than a 10 minute wait at 8pm one Saturday, and no wait at all at 9:30 the previous Saturday. Check it out soon, before the masses find it and before the edgy flavors dissolve into corporate pablum.

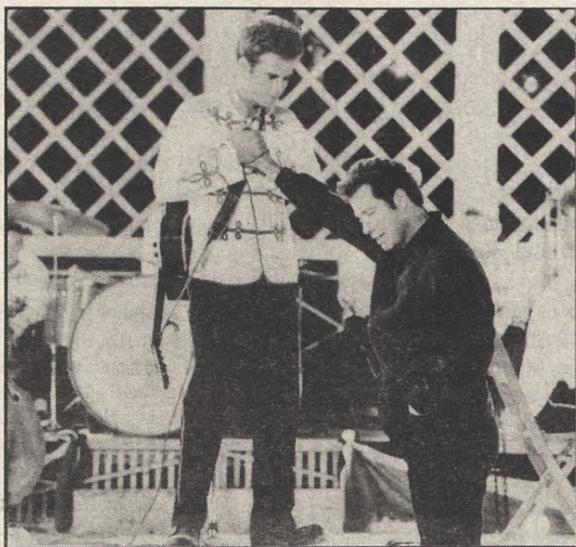
Mainstream Miracles I: If you read last week's SoVo you know that the Atlanta J/C has broken down and agreed to print announcements of same-sex marriages. Then, to top that sundae with a big red cherry, the folks on Marietta street started printing Matt Groening's fab and funny cartoon strip "Life in Hell." What's so special about that? Well, how about the fact that "Hell" features the only gay characters in a mainstream newspaper comic strip. OK, it's not "Dykes to Watch Out For" or "Ethan Green," but Akbar's and Jeff's interactions are almost always right on and frequently very touching. Especially amazing when you consider that they come from the pen of a straight man.

Mainstream Miracles II: OK, maybe it's not a miracle, but we are mighty pleased to note that the Quality Paperback folks have initiated a "Triangle Classics" imprint that initially features seven gay/lesbian novels that no home library should be without—Giovanni's Room (James Baldwin); Rubyfruit Jungle (Rita Mae Brown); The Picture of Dorian Gray (Oscar Wilde); The Well of Loneliness (Radclyffe Hall); Brideshead Revisited (Evelyn Waugh); A Boy's Own Story and The Beautiful Room is Empty (Edmund White). Dish doesn't quite agree with the selection (we would have dropped the Waugh or the Wilde and added a Schulman or an Allison), but the price is right—\$7.95 each or \$29.95 for all seven). For info write QPB, Camp Hill, PA 17012-0001.

Uniform Justice: Our regular correspondent out in Arizona suggests (tongue planted firmly in cheek) that, when gays and lesbians are allowed to serve openly in the military, the service corps will need to assign a Ms. Manners to arbitrate disputes about the "Uniform Code of Military Justice." The UCMJ, you see, is the set of rules under which the ninnys at the Pentagon have been evicting homos from the service. Silly Dish thought our desert friend was talking about *uniform* uniforms, you know, those things that make some folks so moist! But then we talked to a vet and he explained our semantic faux pas. Oh, the wages of being a sissy!

Dish

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



Disco King John Travolta, pictured here holding hands with some guy from a movie that never made it to the screen, has angered neighbors with his oversized jet.

No No Homo: Hot news last week was the release of the "Janus Report on Sexual Behavior." Dish thinks there should be an "in America" on the end of that title, and that Mr. and Ms. J are bad guilty of cultural imperialism. And heterosexism as well. While the report contains reams of fascinating facts (the most heartening to Dish—men and women age 50-80 have sex lives just as active as those 18-26!) it fails to mention queers (except that

straight folks think AIDS is a gay disease) at all. As Dish's mom used to say, "Sex without homo is like a day without sunshine." Or something like that.

Flying Solo: Kudos, on the other hand, to Newsweek for at least including queers in its recent article "The Art of Flying Solo," a long look at folks who live alone. More than twice as many Americans live alone now as in 1970. Half of the men who live alone have never been married, while 23 percent of solo women have never tied the knot. We wonder how homos figure in those numbers. Chris Mack, the lesbian featured in the article, lives alone but has a girlfriend. Dish knows increasing numbers of folks with such arrangements (including ourselves) and thinks it's just peachy, thank you.

Travolta's Is The Biggest: Speaking of flying solo, word has it that Disco King John Travolta has angered his neighbors in Port Orange, FL because his private jet is just too darn big. Seems that the folks at Spruce Creek Fly-in have filed a suit against Travolta because the plane poses a safety hazard, being twice the size of all the other jets, including the four Lear's that regularly fly to Fly-in. Big indeed! Travolta lives with his wife, model Kelly Preston, in the coastal community, just south of Daytona Beach. But *that's* another story.

Lesbians to the Rescue: A breath of fresh activist air has blown into the city in the form of Atlanta's newly formed Lesbian Avengers. Seems as though the group has formed an affiliate, "Lesbian Nuns With Guns For Nunn." The group showed up at the recent Governor's Prayer Breakfast to applaud Nunn for "his bold and forward looking quest for an All-Lesbian Military." The Nuns say that this all dyke service corp is the answer to our recent rash of military woes such as Tailhook and gay-bashing. Sen. Nunn, by the way, has made it perfectly clear to the lesbians and gay men who have met with him that groups like the Lesbian Avengers make him very nervous. We can't think of a better way for Sam to be. For info on the Atlanta Avengers, call 621-5016.

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Spring Is Here! Spring officially arrives on Saturday, March 20 with Mercury retrograde until Monday, March 22 which is also the New Moon, and Venus is retrograde until April 22. So, it is still a good idea to take Life slow and easy, feeling your way through difficult situations.

ARIES, HAPPY BIRTHDAY! With the Sun and Venus moving through your 1st house of personal instincts and physical appearance, you could probably enhance your personal gifts by relying more on your gut feelings and getting regular exercise. **TAURUS**, even though dear ol' Pluto is moving backward in your 7th house of personal relationships, possibly stirring up deep waters and creating a little chaos, you can still have fun with good friends. When was the last time you went out dancing? Hello, **GEMINI!** What's going on? Are you still picking on yourself? Well, if you are, it's high time to move on to a much healthier habit, such as noticing what you do well and giving yourself a pat on the back several times a day. You won't break your arm.

CANCER, if you are not pleased with the politics at work keep your ear to the wire, take all gossip with a grain of salt and wait until the dust settles before making any major decisions. Energy expended at home is a good investment. **LEO**, if you are lonely

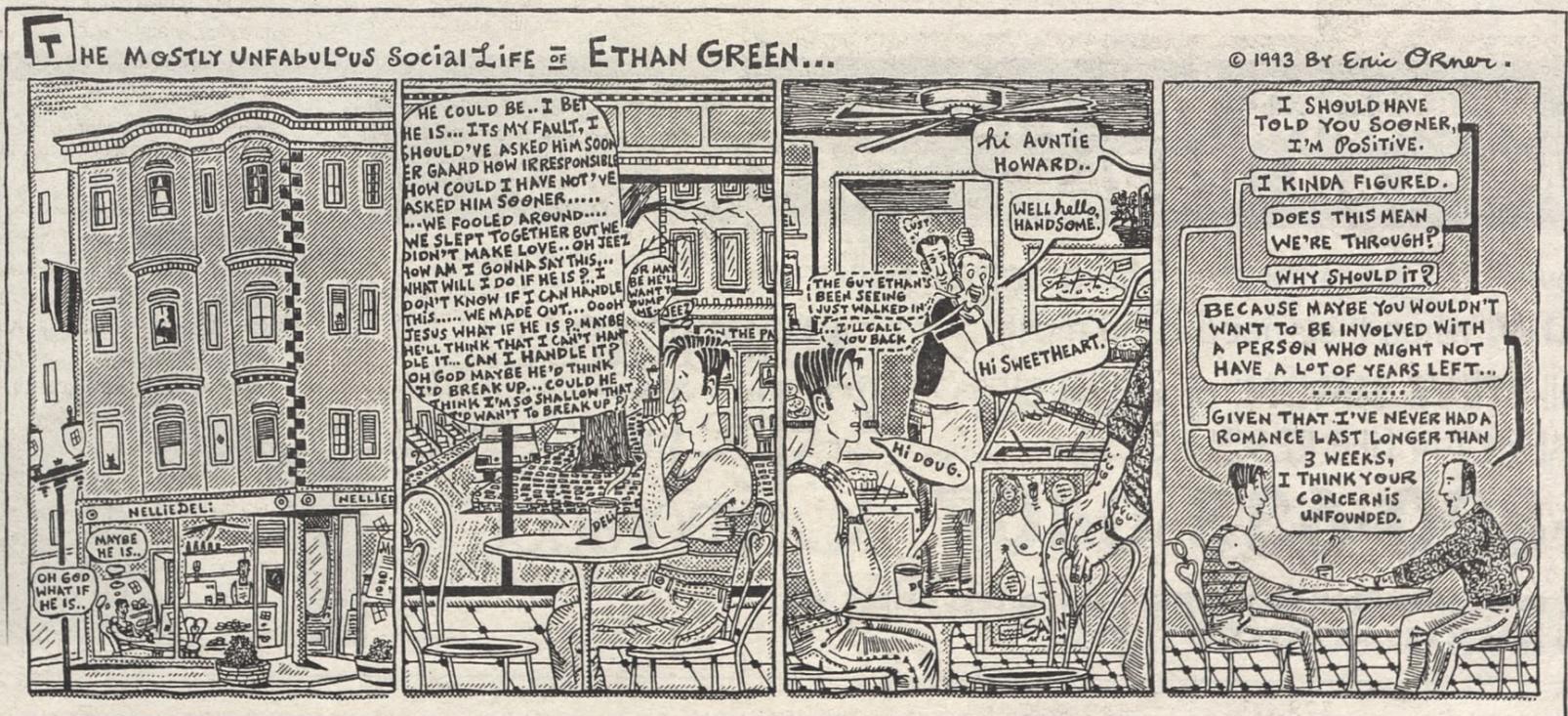
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and getting a little desperate for that special person to come into your life, then you may have to slow down and look closely at the people close by who may have escaped your notice. Do your best to be patient and observant. **VIRGO**, now that both the Sun and Venus are in your 8th house of transformation, regeneration, sexuality and spiritual experiences, you may have a marvelous opportunity to release some old hurts and memories as you move into a new dimension of yourself.

LIBRA, with Jupiter moving through your 1st house you certainly have your dreams come true. However, Jupiter doesn't discriminate, it just expands whatever is available. So, be sure your designs for the future are simple, clear and really yours. **SCORPIO**, how is your health? Have you been eating well, getting enough rest and enjoying Safe Sex? Yes? Good for you! However, if you are a little run down then you need to change your

priorities and maybe get a check-up. At least think about it. **SAGITTARIUS**, please don't lose your sense of humor when it comes to personal issues. And, while you're at it, try easing up your expectations of yourself which are probably way off the chart anyway. Some wonderful energy is coming your way now. **CAPRICORN**, if you are having more and more difficulty fitting into a highly structured bureaucratic or corporate situation, then it may be time for you to consider going out on your own and living those dreams you've kept in the closet! **AQUARIUS**, are people fussing at you to change some of your personal or work habits? If so, listen with detachment so you can hear whatever is important for you to know and then make up your mind about what needs to change. Always feel your feelings. Happy Birthday, **PISCES!** Just two more days left for celebrating your magnificent sign, so have a wonderful time and then you can start enjoying the incredible beauty of Spring. If you haven't been to the beach for awhile, this is a great time!

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MARIA HELENA DOLAN



One of the fun things about doing this column is getting to know other Queer gardeners and the passions peculiar to them. In that vein, let me present a brief synopsis of the life and times of Arty Schronce, Corporate Horticulturist for H.G. Hastings and Lepidopterophile (butterfly lover).

Arty originated in Iron Station, North Carolina, in 1960 (oh please).

"I always enjoyed working with nature and plants. I think it's part of what I naturally like. As a child, I had asthma, which was sort of a confining thing. Since I couldn't go out and run and play, I became more of an observer, a walker instead of a runner. It made me stop and look at nature more than more active boys would have.

As an outgrowth of my interest in plants, I went to school at North Carolina State University, and majored in Horticulture.

I came to visit a friend down here. I picked up the Sunday edition of the paper, saw an ad for Corporate Horticulturist, applied, and got it. This is possibly the only time anyone I ever know got a job out of the paper! It was the end of 1989.

The job itself means I work with the Hastings catalog. We specialize in plants, garden seeds, and things primarily for the South. I also work with the Hastings Nature and Garden Center on Cheshire Bridge Road. The name is a way to emphasize attracting birds and wildlife, to see more of the overall picture: that a garden is not just plants. It's you, the birds that live there or migrate through, butterflies, etc. It's a process; you grow things that bring you joy and beauty.

I answer questions for customers: what certain type of apple tree is best for their area; when should I plant such and such; I write copy for the catalog; take photos; help select products; teach other employees; put together the newsletter—my favorite part. It allows me to be creative and to teach. I like to think of myself as a teacher.

Also, I give seminars at our Garden Center, two series a year, Spring and Fall. It involves a lot of time and work, but it has a lot of rewards. People come, they're interested, they're appreciative, they ask questions. It's an instant feedback."

Do you find any difficulties, being a gay man in this professional capacity?

"To me, gardening is a very egalitarian profession. The people who taught me, who influenced me, were role models of both sexes. A garden person can be very macho or feminine. It's a field where gender is more open-minded.

In horticulture, I think there are probably more gay men than in the average profession, especially in the florist end. I don't know why...[but] it doesn't come up when someone from Yazoo City is asking me about tomato varieties!"

Tell us about your particular passion.

"Butterflies. I think there is a great interest in wanting to learn more about butterflies, because they are beautiful. They're also very interesting. They were used in the early Christian era as a symbol of the Resurrection, and by pagans as a symbol of the soul.

Because they're common and easily identified even by

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children, I see them as ambassadors, so people can begin to see their balcony or patio as part of the total environment, being more connected with the universe and the total cycle of life.

We're most familiar with their adult form. But we need to look beyond, to the caterpillar stage, egg stage, cocoon stage, and see those as leading up to the stage where they are beautiful.

We can begin to see other insects and life forms, caterpillars or beetles, see the value there, and even the beauty. Most of the insects—99.5%—in our garden do no harm whatsoever. Many of them are beneficial. Most don't nod towards us either way; they don't hinder or help us.

Some are pollinators, others are just there, to live out their lives—which is what they're supposed to do. They're part of the ecosystem.

We need to see caterpillars not as worms or things out to do evil in their garden, but to learn more, and tolerate a few chewed leaves. Or maybe even sacrificing a parsley plant to a Black Swallowtail. (They use parsley, dill, and fennel as host plants.)

If there are too many, you can always pick them off. We should feel OK about sacrificing a parsley plant or two—after all, how many parsley plants can I eat? The old expression contains a lot of truth: 'One for the cutworm, one for the crow, one for the blackbird, and one to grow.'

Just plant enough. We need to rid ourselves of the unrealistic expectation that everything is going to be PERFECT. There's nothing wrong with a few lumps or a chewed-up leaf or two. The garden isn't a manufacturing plant, where everything has to be perfect. But then again, everything is perfect, because it's right...when you're on an even keel, and you're not trying to sustain through the overuse of pesticides or fertilizers."

How can ordinary home gardeners attract butterflies?

"In attracting any kind of wildlife, you need to provide at least three things: food, water, and shelter. Water is less important for butterflies than for birds. You can put rocks in a birdbath for them to rest on, or have a shallow place.

Shelter is wherever they can form chrysalis, and be safe from pesticides. This is another reason not to use them! The Mourning Cloak hibernates as an adult, seeking out a pile of sticks; this is providing shelter. We sell a Butterfly Hibernation Box...

Butterflies are cold-blooded, so they need a certain amount of sunlight to get their body temperature up. That's why you see them basking, wings out flat, in the morning. The wings act like a solar panel.

It's funny, we think of them as dropping from Heaven, the pure Essence of Beauty. But they're really attracted to rotting fruit, fermenting stuff. You see the Red-spotted Purple more often at rotten apples than anything else. They also like the salt in urine, so sometimes you'll see them together in a 'spot.'

They hold 'puddle parties' at the edge of a mud puddle,

males mostly, extracting minerals if an animal has urinated, or if something has died there."

What are some examples of plants they like?

"With adult butterflies, the most popular flower colors are purple and orange. Deep pink is the next best. Plants that form clusters of flowers are more attractive, because they are a landing pad, so the insect can go from flower to flower. Whereas with a tubular, they can go get blown off course, and then have to spend energy to get to the next flower."

Specific Plants

Butterfly Bush (*Buddleia davidii*) comes in many colors, is easy to grow, and you cut it back every year so they don't become trees. Purple is the most attractive.

Lantana's good (*Lantana camara*) Blooms all summer, and orange is very popular.

Abelia (*Abelia x grandiflora*) blooms all summer, and smells like honey (honeysuckle family). Can grow in half or 3/4 shade; it just produces more flowers in full sun.

Phlox (*Phlox paniculata*), both the regular summer stuff and "Thrift" (the early bloomer) are good.

With Zinnias, the single forms versus the double forms are preferred, because often there's a sacrifice of nectar, so there's less food there for the adult butterfly or hummingbird. All the Composites (sunflowers, zinnias, joe-pye weed, etc.) are 'composed' of many little flowers, so they're good.

For caterpillars, the passion flower family is good. They're native. The Gulf Fritillary and Zebra Longwing especially like the Mollypop (based on the Indian name) also called Maypop (*Passiflora incarnata*). For Tiger Swallowtails, it's different, they like the Tulip Poplar (*Liriodendron tulipifera*).

Parsley, dill, and fennel are good for the Black swallowtail. Also, the less commonly found Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*). Nurseries just don't carry it, and it's a good shrub.

Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) is a native, drought tolerant, in the milkweed family, which Monarchs feed off of exclusively. They incorporate the poison into their body. It makes them poisonously distasteful to birds, so birds avoid them. Common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*) is good, too.

Vitex is a shrub, and it's good for small butterflies. Also, cassias (wild senna, etc.) attract several species. In fact, we had it in the catalog last year, and can't supply enough of this native.

Another good flower is the Goldenrod (*Solidago* spp.). It's native, with huge clusters of flowers, and many different types of butterflies like it. Goldenrod does NOT cause hay fever; if I can put it in my garden with no ill effects, you can too. It blooms at the same time as Ragweed, which is always green and small.

Goldenrod pollen is not carried on the wind; it must be carried by insects. Why invest so much time to produce a beautiful flower to attract pollinators, if it's only to be cast to the wind? (And the wind-borne stuff creates our respiratory miseries.)

Lastly, don't forget the different sedums (*Sedum* spectabile), "Autumn Joy" especially.

For more information, call the Center at 404-231-6981, or contact the nonprofit Xerces Society (10 S.W. Ash St., Portland, OR, 97204, 503-222-2788). And visit Calloway Garden's Day Butterfly Center (Pine Mountain, GA, 31822, 404-663-5153).

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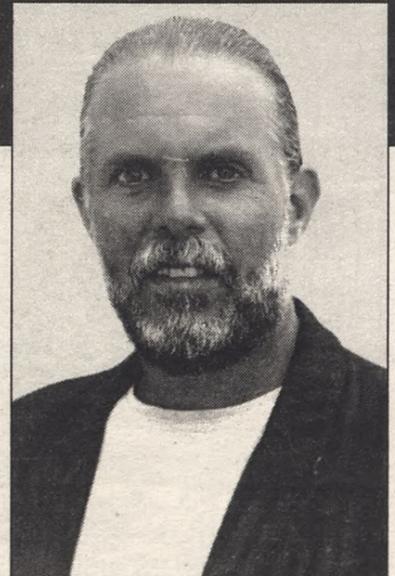
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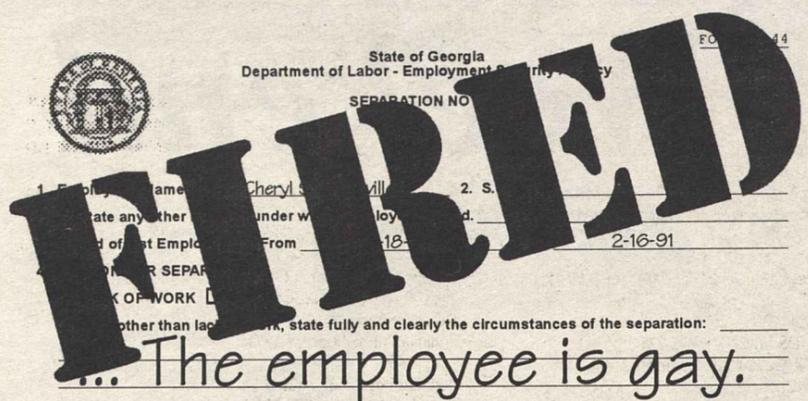
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Christ Covenant The following events are scheduled by Christ Covenant, an MCC affiliated Christian Church. Sat., March 20: "Kite Flying Picnic in Piedmont Park." Bring a kite and lunch at 11am. Everyone is welcome. Mon., March 29: "How to Visit a Friend in the Hospital" workshop facilitated by the Reverend Mary Stewart Hall, Chaplain, Ga. Baptist Medical Center. 7:30 pm. Christ Covenant, 778 Rays Rd. Stone Mountain. 297-0350 for more information.

Atlanta Lesbian & Gay Pride Singers, dancers, bands, musicians, rappers, poets, improv groups, and comedians are needed to perform during PrideWeek '93.

Auditions will take place Saturday April 3. Call Chris Hatcher at 404-424-4756 for audition time and location. You must have an appointment to audition. All will be considered, professional or amateur.

Volunteers are needed to plan all aspects of Pride '93, and there is a special need for security personnel. Call Gayle Turner at 404-513-7373 to volunteer for security; all others can call the PrideLine at 404-662-4533. Or, attend the next meeting of the ALGPC, Thursday, March 18, at 7 pm, at the Sheraton Colony Square Hotel in Midtown.

Get involved with PrideWeek '93! "It's time to tell America."

Emory University The Lesbian/Gay Studies Lecture Series Committee of Emory University has been established to provide support for lectures, colloquia, films, panel discussions, readings, etc. of or about new work in the field of Lesbian/Gay Studies. The Committee will be able to provide partial funding and organizational support for a limited number of such projects over the next two years.

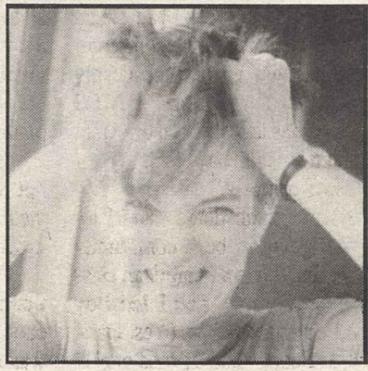
Proposals are sought from individuals or groups interested in organizing such events during the 1993-94 academic year. Proposals are encouraged from within a wide range of disciplines, as well as presentations of interdisciplinary work. Please submit a brief description of the proposed event, participants' academic affiliations and areas of interest, and the relevance of the work to be presented or topic to be discussed to ongoing work in lesbian and gay studies.

The proposals should be submitted by March 30, 1993. The Committee will begin responding to requests after April 15.

Please direct enquiries and proposals to Julie Abraham (English Department, ext. 7-7982).

NAPWA Operation: Survive! An HIV/AIDS Survival Training Course is a six-week seminar of specific topics related to surviving HIV. The next Survival Training Course will begin March 17 & March 20, 1993. Each session of the seminar will be offered twice weekly, on Wednesday evenings from 7PM til 9:30PM, and on Saturday mornings from 11AM til 1:30PM. A take home educational/resource guide will be provided in addition to the seminar. This Survival Training Seminar will be held at the Atlanta Chapter of the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) offices, 44 Twelfth Street, at the corner of Twelfth and Peachtree Walk. Admission is free and the program is available to those with HIV and their friends, family, partners/spouses, and caregivers. For more information please call Alicia Culver at (404) 874-7926. Brochures are available.

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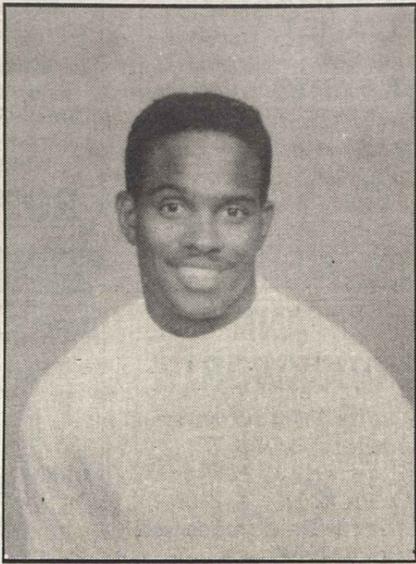
Age: 32

Relationship status: single

How long in Atlanta: 4 years

Last book read: "Waiting to Exhale" by Terry McMillan

Pet peeve: Tardiness



I was on time for our two o'clock interview at Maurice Franklin's small but homey office at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's headquarters on Auburn Avenue, so I didn't flinch when he told me his pet peeve. Smartly dressed in a pressed white shirt and colorful suspenders, he seemed to be the kind of man you don't want to keep waiting. He's usually too busy making things happen.

Maurice wears his self confidence like a pair of comfortable blue jeans that he's had for years. But while he says he is "one of the most 'out' there gays," there was a time when he struggled with self acceptance, until what he calls his "total liberation" arrived in the mail. It was a 10 page letter from his mother, telling him that she knew he was gay, even though he had never told her.

"She told me she loved me unconditionally and that she wanted me to get on with my life and be productive," he recalls with a wide, easy smile.

Somewhere, right now, Maurice's mother is very proud.

Maurice is an Oklahoma native. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in psychology from the University of Oklahoma, and Masters in management at Old Dominion in Virginia. He is now the National Director of the HIV/AIDS Program for the SCLC, a program funded by the Centers for Disease Control and aimed at getting African-American church communities involved in the fight against the deadly disease. Maurice has a long history of AIDS activism and says he has always been drawn to public service and the healthcare field.

"I guess it was osmosis," he says. "My mom and my sisters are all nurses, and I always knew I was going to be a community servant. I was the first African-American class president in my high school, and I led Boy Scout and Jewish Summer camps. (Yes, class, here is a Gay Eagle Scout—and a proud one!) I don't think I know how to do anything else but be a public servant."

Maurice made the ultimate public service step when he joined the Navy. At the Naval Hospital in Norfolk, Virginia, he began to get involved in the HIV/AIDS crisis.

"Being a gay sailor, I was affected," he remembers. "A lot of people I knew came in for counseling after testing positive. At the time, they said it was a gay white man's disease, but I saw plenty of African-Americans with it, even in 1984."

After he left the Navy, he joined the Red Cross, working to get the AIDS message to the African-American community, and from that time on in his jobs, "I was always The AIDS Man," he chuckles.

He was glad to join the SCLC and come to Atlanta.

"I always wanted to come here. When you think of the history of the civil rights movement and the African-American leaders like Martin Luther King, Jr. and Andy Young, they came from Atlanta. That made it very appealing," he says.

And to work with such an organization that is still on the forefront of that movement was doubly exciting to Maurice.

"The SCLC has helped not just the African-American people, but all disenfranchised groups," he says, leaning forward in his chair as he warms to the subject. "If you look at all of the movements of today, whether it be the women's movement or the gay rights movement, they all have their backgrounds and foundations in the civil rights movement of the '60s."

And of course, Maurice has great respect, and a soft spot, for the SCLC President Dr. Joseph Lowery.

"He's a Libra like myself, and all Libras are great men, or so my secretary tells me," he laughs. "Dr. Lowery has reached out to me as a black gay man, and he continues to reach out to others who have felt disenfranchised and given them a voice."

Maurice seems to be following in Dr. Lowery's large footsteps. He has begun a new group aimed at African-American gays and lesbians—Coalition of African Descent (CAD). "It will be the political arm of the African-American gay and lesbian community. We will address issues of social and economic injustice and homophobia in the African-American community. It should put us on equal footing with the white gay and lesbian community," he explains.

CAD is already hard at work on several hot topics of the day, including the lifting of the ban on gays and lesbians in the military. As a gay vet, it's an issue Maurice is very close to.

"On the inside, the issue of sexual orientation is one of conduct and leadership," he recalls. "We had a Captain whose philosophy was one of 'Just do your job.' That's all that mattered."

And in President Clinton's effort to cut government waste and fraud, Maurice feels the first thing that needs to stop are the military witchhunts that cost taxpayers millions each year.

As for the arguments against lifting the ban, Maurice says they have a familiar ring.

"The questions raised now are the same that were raised when the military was desegregated," he points out. "Take out the word black and replace it with gay and it's the same verbiage."

Maurice hopes CAD will bring more African-Americans out of the closet (and into the streets as they charter a bus to D.C.).

"There's a sense that we're hiding something by not being out. Maybe you feel ashamed because you feel like who you are is wrong," he explains. "That feeds the fire of the homophobic society that says, 'See, you don't even think it's right—that's why you can't tell me who you are.' We have to start healing ourselves and learn to love ourselves. That's an important piece to our acceptance into society."

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 Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus—POB 771144, Atlanta 30357
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 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
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 Lesbian Avengers—577-5513 (Lisa)
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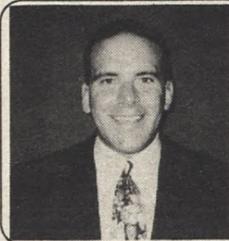
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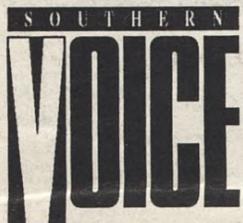
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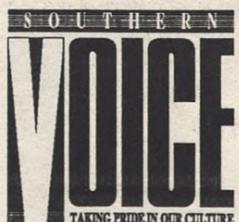
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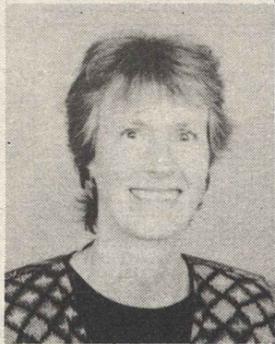
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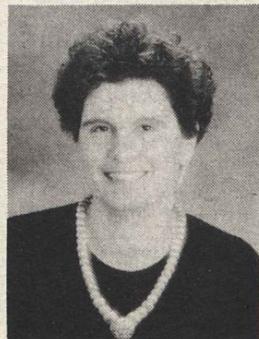
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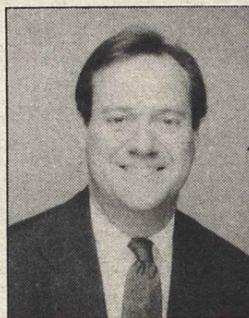
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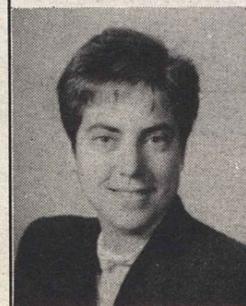


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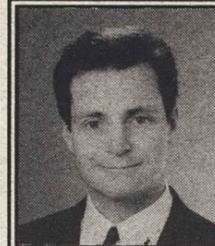
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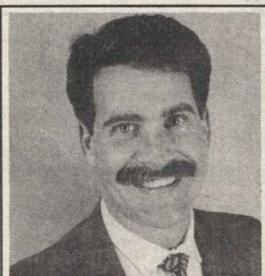
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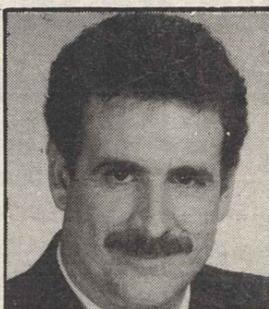


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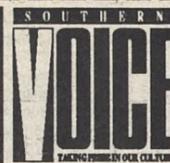
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Dependable GWF non-smoker wanted to share condo in Lithonia. Easy access to I-20 and Marta Bus Line. \$200 per month plus utilities. Call 808-4588. (6.5)

GWF seeks responsible, stable GM or GF to share 2 BR, 2 BA apt. in Decatur beginning 6/1. Have 2 cats. Carolyn 294-4233. (6.7)

Seeking 2 roommates to share 3 BR, 1 1/2 BA house off Briarcliff. Private, deck, W/D, fenced back yard. \$350/mo. includes util. 633-3048, leave message. Serious calls only. (6.6)

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Professional GWM, straight acting, looking for same to share 3 BR, 2 BA home close to 75 and 285. \$300 + 1/2 utilities. No smokers, drugs, fms. 565-4475, Mike. (6.4)

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The Atlanta Chapter of National Association of People With AIDS is seeking people living with HIV to be trained as volunteer peer counselors. Peer counselors serve as role models for others living with HIV, and therefore need to have a positive living approach to their health care and lives. Call Alicia at 874-7926. (6.7)

PRIDE WEEK '93-Show your pride and have some fun helping to plan and stage PrideWeek '93. Volunteers needed for all aspects of the events—fundraising, park set-up, and merchandising. To volunteer, attend the next general meeting of the ALGPC, Thur., March 18, 7pm, at the Sheraton Colony Square Hotel; (Piedmont & 14th Streets, Midtown) or, call the PrideLine at 404-662-4533. Get involved and help make PrideWeek '93 the best ever! (6.4)

Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Arts Festival needs volunteers to help organize, fundraise and promote AGALAF '93. We meet on the 3rd Tues. of every month, 7pm at Common Ground (11th St. and Juniper). Call 404-874-8710. (6.6)

Do you speak Spanish and want to volunteer your time to work with the elderly? The DeKalb Community Council on Aging is looking for volunteers to assist the Spanish-speaking elderly. A few hours each month. Call Debbie Bowling at 284-4865, or at 370-4081. (6.5)

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WOMEN

GWF, 21, seeks GWF, 21-25 for friendship and possibly more. No smokers/drugs. T 1347

GWF, 22, seeks similar. Intelligent, career minded, enjoy having fun, laughing, experiencing new things. Seeking friendship, possible romance. T 1344

Single Black Female seeks same for friendship and other possibilities. T 1324

Attractive BF couple with children seeking female couples for friendship. Interests incl. park, movies, playing cards & social gatherings. Box 1404, 1189 Virginia Ave, NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. (6.6)

GWF - attractive professional, MA, approx range 35-45, 5'5", enjoys nature, walks, theater, movies, books, travel, "nesting," quiet but gregarious. Box 1402, 1189 Virginia Ave, NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. (6.6)

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

Two straight acting GWM European lovers seeking two GF (lovers). Looking for marriage of mutual convenience. Age not im-

portant. Box 1401, 1189 Virginia Ave, NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. (6.6)

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

"WHERE ARE YOU?"

GWF, fem, lipstick lesbian, pretty, 30's, looking for someone special to date. I love art, music, guitars, dancing, poetry, theatre, travel, romance, hugs, candlelight dinners, positive people, motivation. Do not want: drugs, negative people, one night stands, games, butch women, men. Show me an ad can work by replying! I know you're out there, we just haven't met yet! T 1310

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

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

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

Lonely GBF, 35, attractive, professional, seeks attractive, feminine woman for one-on-one relationship. No Butch/Bi's. T 1249

Two single GFs looking to expand network of friends. Interests include movies, picnics, etc. Expand your horizons. Call us today. T 1254

GWF, 31, 5'2", 113 lbs, professional, attractive seeks similar GWF for movies, dining, working out, travel & possibly more. T 1247

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

GBF, 5'8", 139 lbs seeks GF who is intelligent and serious about a friendship and possible relationship. T 1231

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

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

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

GF seeks that special someone to fill her arms—and warm her nights. Call me, let's get together! T 1124

GWF, romantic, feminine, 32, attractive, intelligent, searching for similar sincere WF who desires honest caring friendship (Atlanta, Macon, Covington). T 1123

WF, 26, 5'11", 140 lbs, br/br, looking for gay/bi female for fun, friendship, and who knows. Femmie, no butches, 21-35. Fit & no drugs. T 1126

Attractive GWF with chronic fatigue syndrome seeking same for walks, picnics, books, friendship & life in the slow lane. T 1113

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. T 1106

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

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

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

Lifting weights is not the only thing this GBF has the arms for. Feminine smile and gentle touch needed. T 1097

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

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

GWF, femme, 25, w/5yr. old daughter seeks GFs for friendship. The rest is destiny's call. Call me today! T 1026

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

GW Feminine, Latin Lover. Sexy, 5'7", 125lbs - 30 something. Independent, strong. Funny. You—tall blonde feminine - 30 something - opposites attract! T 1029

MEN

Hot, horny bottom seeks hunky hung top for good times, safe fun and more. T 1343

Sincere GWM, 28, 6'4", 230 #, dk blonde/blue, seeks GWM, 21-28 for committed monogamous relationship. T 1345

GWM, mature, seeks muscular attractive strict, 25-40 master who needs household and other services. T 1346

BiWM, 33, 6', 160 lbs, masculine, Macon, seeks Bi or GWM for sincere friendship / relationship. PO Box 351, Macon, GA 31202. (6.7)

Black hardcore former project boy from NYC, tall, dark, street-wise, no-nonsense seeks absolutely manly, sexy, handsome, dark black soulmate. T 1339

GWM, 55, 6'2", 180, romantic bottom, secure professional, seeks tall slender top. No fms. Age, race unimportant. Box 347147, Atlanta 30334. (6.6)

WM, 240 lbs, 6'4", masc. Looking for strong minded black male, discreet and into sports. T 1334

Relationship oriented! Enjoy quality times with caring muscular BM, 41, HIV+. You must be a similar GM. No drugs/smoke. T 1336

BM, 30, 170, nice body, attractive, needs a spanking by masculine BM top. T 1337

GBM 24, 6', 215, good-looking, masculine, intelligent, sincere, with varying interests seeks similar in GWM for possible long-term relationship. T 1338

GWM, 40, slim, non-smoker, non-bar, affectionate, humorous, out-doorsey. Seeking a nurturing, monogamous relationship/

friend. Enjoy classical music, also simple/country lifestyle. Box 1403, 1189 Virginia Ave, NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. (6.6)

Teddy bear type attractive WM, 5'9", 245 lbs, clean, healthy, happy, seeking masculine, healthy BM (Top) for friendship/possible relationship. T 1340

Black male with feet fetish seeks masculine black male for uninhibited pleasures. T 1341

Friendship is primary for this liberal, professional, 37, GWM who seeks similar GBM to enjoy literature, movies, plays, dinners, etc. T 1342

Fun, attractive, intelligent GWM, 22 into theatre, astrology, and film seeks intelligent, sensual GWM, 20-45 for potential relationship. T 1325

Amateur wrestler, 6 ft. 185, blonde/blue, 45, good shape, seeks others interested in wrestling, safe fun. T 1326

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! T 1321

GWM, 30, French active seeks good looking slender WM's, 20s. Size unimportant. Cut with no beards please. Fems welcomed. Discreet. T 1320

GWM, handsome, romantic, sincere, sense of humor, caring, gentle and strong. If you appreciate and possess these qualities, let's talk. T 1319

Attractive GWM, 30, 5'5", 132, Brn/brn, hairy, seeking tall, handsome, sincere, non-smoker, GWM for romantic permanent relationship - no barriers. T 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 fms. T 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. T 1315

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

WM, 32, 6'3", 235. My interests: country/rock music, pop culture/Simpsons/Batman, Braves movies, art...Your interests? T 1313

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

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

GWM, attractive, 40's, oral expert for heavy equipment. Gay/Bi/Str tune-ups given. Best in town. Call soon! T 1317

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. T 1309

GWM, 5'8", 160#, retired senior, healthy, financially responsible, seeks male 25-40 for daytime relationship. T 1307

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

BM 35, 5'8", 155 lbs, healthy, trim, versatile, well endowed, masculine seeks GM with same qualities. No fms. T 1257

Horny, hairy, hung GWM, 23, 165 lbs. NEEDS a daddy to spank him. "Chris" T 1261

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

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

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

GWM, 35, TEDDYBEAR, 5'10", 275 lb.+ seeks hunk w/mind, for conversation and adventurous safe sex. Call voice box—let's talk! T 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. T 1246

Horny GWM, 30, 5'4", wants to do helicopter spins on your face! Love hot letters / photos / videos. Call-leave address T 1243

Single woman seeks GM for marriage of mutual convenience. T 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. T 1241

GWM, 54, 5'10", 165, healthy, mature, romantic, secure professional seeks quality, slender GBM, age unimportant, for friendship, perhaps relationship. T 1242

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

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

WM, 32, 5'10", 155#, F/A, loner type seeks fellow non-fam WM Southerner 30-50 wanting possible one-on-one relationship. T 1237

BM seeks masculine BM to become ? buddies. T 1236

Good looking GWM, 6'1", 190, successful, secure, romantic top seeks relationship oriented cute bottom, 28-38. T 1234

GBM, tall, athletic, professional, discreet, youthful 33, masculine, seeks sexy similar for friendship, fun, mutual enrichment. T 1120

GWM, 32, 5'9", 142 lbs. Professional, handsome, seeks same. T 1125

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

BM, 30's masculine, endowed, versatile, trim, seeks same in Hispanic or BM. T 1116

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

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

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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 feds 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

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