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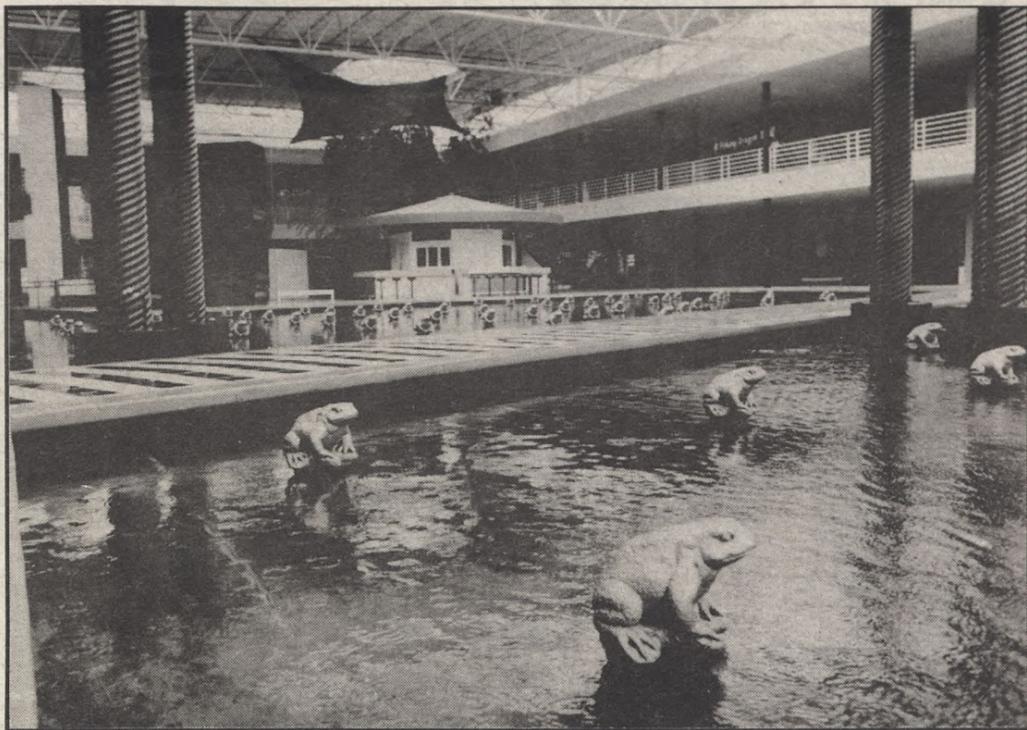
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Gays Take Over RIO Mall

In an effort to quell the rumor that Southern Voice has no sense of humor, our staff is pleased to offer these articles in celebration of April Fool's Day. Have fun with us—even we know it's dangerous to take yourself too seriously...

A community in need of space to support its organizations and a centrally located mall with little retail success—are these the ingredients for a successful development soufle? Months of clandestine negotiations have resulted in an agreement for the rescue of the RIO shopping complex at the corner of North Avenue and Piedmont, transforming it into a retail, entertainment and support center for the lesbian and gay community.

Ackerman Developers, owner of the troubled complex, initiated discussions out of a combination of money and guilt, said a spokesperson for the developer who asked to remain anonymous.

"We've never done anything for the gay community before. Heck, we've never done anything for any community before—we're developers. But Charlie just walked in one morning and said, 'Get the gay community on the phone.' And we did."

As a result, the complex will be devoted exclusively to the use of the lesbian and gay community. As announced at a press conference last week, the name of the complex will be changed to "Carnivale," with an extensive facelift planned. For example, the frogs filling the pond will be repainted from their current gold to rainbow colors, with every tenth frog to be pink.

Also, Elton John has volunteered the services of his condo decorator Stan Topol to come up with alternative colors to replace the electric blue on the corrugated metal outside the complex. Topol has indicated that he is leaning in the direction of lavender, but nothing is in concrete yet.

The perpetually vacant entertainment island in the middle of the complex has been leased for \$1 a year to former Bar on Peachtree owner Dennis Wirtzman. "I can already see a cantilever stage built over the frog pond, filled with every drag queen in the city, the geodesic dome spewing steam at midnight every June 29," gushed Wirtzman, blueprints in hand.

Other tentative tenants include an Atlanta chapter of Lambda Rising bookstore, a four-plex cinema devoted exclusively to gay and lesbian themed films (with one theater devoted exclusively to alternate screenings of "My Own Private Idaho" and "A League of Their Own"),

six psychotherapists' offices, five card shops, four hair styling salons, three tanning booths, two car mechanics, a co-sexual leather shop and a school for teaching sign language.

The most intrigue among potential tenants comes from the space set aside for a community center. Ackerman is rumored to have called together the boards of directors of the Atlanta Gay Center and the Atlanta Lambda Community Center last month, locked them in a room and offered them a \$1,000,000 grant to work out their differences. As we went to press, no one has emerged from that room.

Available community leaders were ecstatic at the prospect. David MacDonald, head of both the psychotherapeutic consortium in the complex and Dave's MacFlatops R Us barbershop, said, "I can feel the healing begin already."

Legislative lobbyist Larry Pelligrini promised to work "to turn this place into the Sodomy Palace it was meant to be."

Cathy Woolard, though still in exile in Washington, D.C., managed to be quoted from 1,000 miles away, saying, "I'm glad to see that Atlanta's retail activism is finally catching up with its political muscle."

And head of AID Atlanta Sandy Thurman was overheard musing aloud, "Maybe we can put the AIDS Czar's office where the Crab House used to be..."

Redecoration is to begin at the beginning of next month, with a Pride kickoff celebration to dedicate the space on June 28.

"Look for the biggest vegetarian potluck this city has ever seen," said an ALFA spokeswoman, which promptly brought a response from the direct action group Lesbian Avengers. "Look for us to picket, and guess where we'll be packing our greasy polish sausages," they said.

And as ACT UP, Queer Nation, Integrity, Dignity, SAME, Friends Atlanta and AALGA quickly chose sides, it became obvious that normalcy had returned to Atlanta's gay community.

U. R. DUPED

Olympics get major gay facelift

Atlanta—Activists responded with delight and surprise last week when the American Olympic Committee (AOC) and the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) announced sweeping changes in policy and organization.

AOC president Willie Doit announced that the committee was reversing its position on allowing the use of the words "gay" and "lesbian" along with the Olympic name.

"We realize that we made a terrible mistake several years ago when we took the organizers of the Gay Games to court over the use of the Olympic name," said Doit. "We apologize for any problems that our bigotry might have caused and want to make a significant ges-

ture to show the gay and lesbian community that we're sincere in our apology."

Doit outlined a three point plan designed to demonstrate that sincerity. ACOG will: donate \$25 million to the '94 Gay Games in New York City; allow the Gay Games to be renamed the Lesbian and Gay Olympics; and the '96 Games in Atlanta will become the "Dr. Tom Waddell Memorial Games" in honor of the former Olympian who helped found the Gay Olympics in 1982.

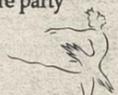
In response to the AOC announcement, ACOG president Billy Payne announced that he will step down and allow well known Atlanta gay sports activist and

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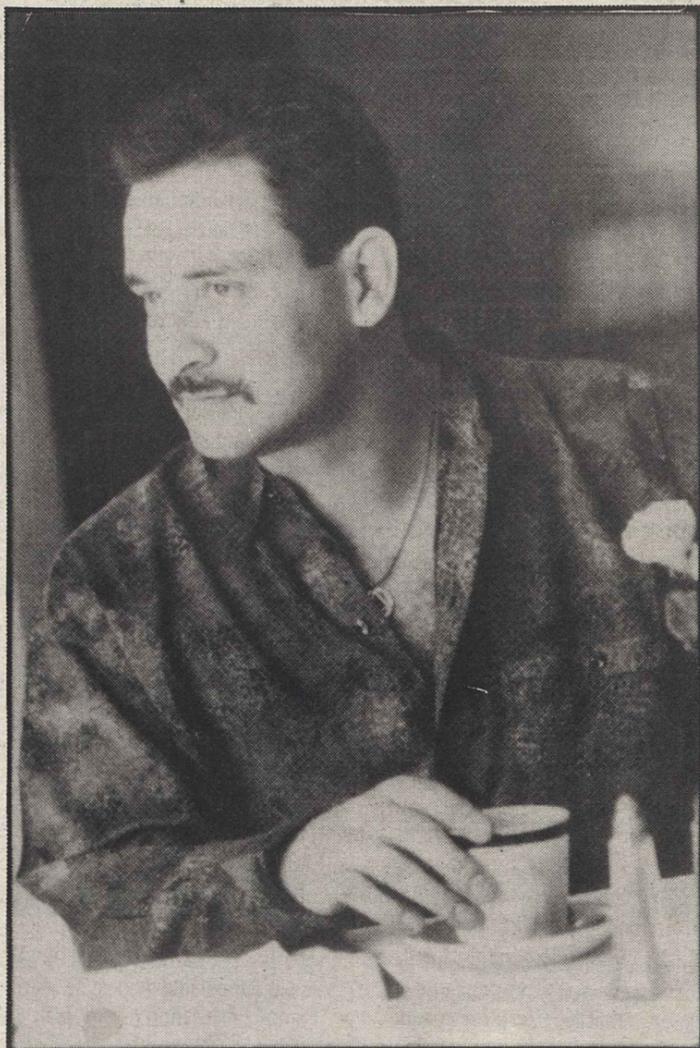
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Rally to end military ban draws over 1000 to Piedmont Park



ADAM TAYLOR

Atlanta—About 1500 people braved the wet and cold weather to participate in Saturday's rally calling for the end to the ban against lesbians and gay men serving in the country's armed forces.

Eleven people, gay and straight, spoke to the crowd sheltered under hundreds of umbrellas in Piedmont Park. Organizers hoped their message was being heard loud and clear by Congress and the Clinton Administration.

"We want our civil rights and we want them now," said Jana Tyson as she welcomed the crowd.

Tyson, a lesbian and U.S. Army veteran, stated that she is only one example that gay and lesbian soldiers can serve effectively in the military. She said that her commanding officers and fellow soldiers knew that she was gay when she served from 1983 to 1986, but that knowledge did not affect her ability to carry out her duties. She said her colleagues instead chose to focus on her performance as a soldier and not her sexual orientation.

Many of the speakers, though, pointed to incidents of homophobia that they faced while serving their country. Zan Thornton, a lesbian veteran, described how she was sexually harassed while an army reservist. During a sexual assault against her by another soldier, she was told that she deserved to be raped because she was a "damn lesbian."



ADAM TAYLOR

Eugene Giannunzio, Vietnam veteran and former green beret, was a moving speaker at Saturday's rally. He is ready to give up his beret and Purple Heart to Sen. Sam Nunn until the ban on gays and lesbians in the military is lifted.

Eugene Giannunzio, a straight Vietnam veteran, told the moving story of a soldier in his platoon who was gay. While on patrol near the Cambodian border, their 132-man platoon was ambushed by over 2000 North Vietnamese soldiers. Only 19 Americans survived. Giannunzio's gay friend, Lloyd Darling, was among those killed. He said he is speaking out against the ban to honor his friend's memory.

The soldiers in Darling's platoon did not question his ability or loyalty because he was gay and Giannunzio believes that a person's sexual orientation has no bearing on the issue.

"If we weren't strong enough to handle a gay person among us, we weren't strong enough to handle the trials of war."

Several of the speakers directed their statements to President Clinton and his recent wavering on his campaign promise to end the ban. In statements last week he seemed to be backing away from his initial stand that soldiers should be punished or rewarded on the basis of conduct and job performance, not sexual orientation. During a press conference Tuesday, March 23, he said that he would not rule out restrictions on the deployment of gay soldiers. Administration officials later said that the President's remarks were merely assertions that he would keep an open mind to suggestions made by Pentagon officials concerning the deployment of gay and lesbian soldiers.

Maurice Franklin warned that unless the President reaffirms his stand for lifting the ban unconditionally, the march in Washington, D.C. could turn into a protest against him.

"President Clinton, we supported you and helped you get elected. If you don't support us, this march on Washington might be a march on you," Franklin said to the cheer of the crowd.

Franklin, an African-American Navy veteran, also challenged the assertion made by General Colin Powell, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs-of-Staff, that the integration of blacks and the integration of gays and lesbians is not comparable.

Reverend James Orange, a board member at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center, agreed that gays are fighting the same fight for civil rights as African-Americans and urged the crowd to continue making their voices heard. "You're going to win this battle," predicted Rev. Orange, "because you're right."

Also speaking at Saturday's rally were Rev. Levon Smith, an associate pastor at First Metropolitan Community Church and gay veteran, Todd White, CEO of Pro Move,

Inc., Eugene Giannunzio, a Green Beret and Vietnam veteran, Ginny Montes, National Secretary for NOW, and Crae Pridgen, a gay man who was beaten by three marines outside of a North Carolina nightclub.

Over twenty local civic, religious and political organizations supported the rally sponsored by the Coalition to End the Ban. Rallies were also held in other cities across the country as part of Operation Lift the Ban sponsored by the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

In a related story, Eugene Giannunzio visited Senator Sam Nunn's Atlanta office Monday, March 29, Giannunzio wanted to give his green beret and Purple Heart to Sen. Nunn to "hold in trust until the ban is lifted." Senator Nunn has spoken strongly against lifting the ban. The Georgia congressman is also the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee which began hearings on gays and lesbians in the military Monday.

Tina Coria, office manager for the senator, stated that because they had not been notified of Giannunzio's visit, no statement had been prepared by Sen. Nunn. She said that a meeting may be scheduled during the



E. BENNETT

next congressional recess in April. Giannunzio says he will continue to pursue a meeting with the Senator.

CRAIG PATE



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ACT UP protests continued delays at Grady IDC

In what was proclaimed a "quick and dirty action" by one of the members, ACT UP/Atlanta held a short demonstration last Tuesday night at the former Presbyterian Center on Ponce de Leon Blvd., future site of the expanded Grady Infectious Disease Clinic (IDC).

ACT UP called for the evening vigil and rally on March 23 to draw attention to the delays that belabor the expansion of the Grady IDC.

"Grady Hospital is still not viewing the IDC as an emergency situation," said ACT UP member Jeff Graham. "There's a back-up of four to five months for new patients' initial appointments, even though we had a promise by Grady otherwise, and there are delays in granting construction contracts." These delays pose permanent health risks to people with AIDS, according to Graham.

With the announced opening date looming, ACT UP is anxiously awaiting reaction from Grady Hospital. "Grady has only been responsive to public pressure in the past," Graham said. "We will continue to exert public pressure until the waiting period is reduced and the IDC is opened."

The AIDS activist organization is also concerned that the new clinic's anticipated opening date might be moved from July 1 to September 1. ACT UP's information seems to be partly correct. According to Mark Parker, Grady Patient Services Coordinator, the move-in date to the IDC has been set back to July 23, with the official grand opening to be set "sometime in the

Fall." Parker blamed the date changes on construction project setbacks and unforeseeable natural disasters. For example, the roof of the carpet company from which Grady ordered the IDC's carpeting collapsed in last month's blizzard, so the carpet installation has been delayed, says Parker.

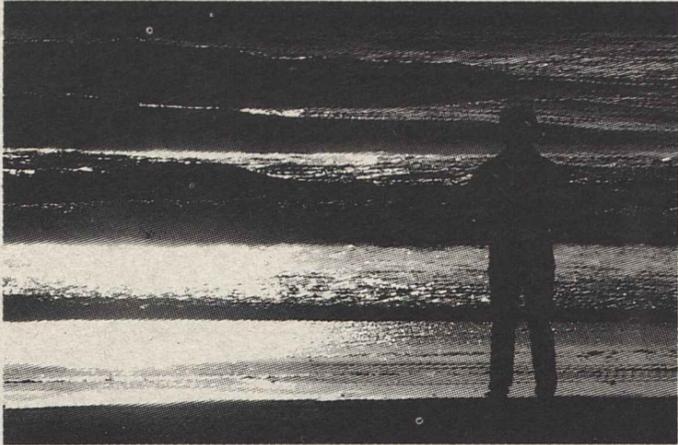
"We want to do the job 100%, not 75%," Parker explained. "But some things are completely out of our control." He went on to say, "Personally I believe that ACT UP has some valid concerns, but not to sound cliched, but Rome was not built in a day...the dates are approximations."

"We are working as hard as we can to make it right," said Parker. "There isn't a person here that doesn't want to be here...the commitment this clinic has to the cause is by far greater than anywhere in the country, or this city in general."

Grady Hospital bought the old Presbyterian Center last summer, amidst protests by area businesses and residents who feared the clinic would be detrimental to the Ponce de Leon area. Area businesses immediately responded to the purchase by filing a lawsuit against the hospital, the city of Atlanta and state of Georgia to stop construction of the facility. The lawsuit was dropped last December after the Association and Grady officials agreed to talks. This seemingly removed the last obstacle to the opening of the IDC on July 1.

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NC gays hope to expand laws against hate crimes

Raleigh, NC—Some gay-rights advocates say the beating of a Wilmington man outside a gay bar will prompt lawmakers to pass laws protecting lesbians and gay men from violence.

"After Crae Pridgen, I think it's going to be hard for them not to do anything," said Ann Burlein, coordinator of the Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Equality.

But some lawmakers aren't so sure.

The issue of gay-bashing in North Carolina received national attention in January, when 28-year-old Pridgen was attacked. Three Marines charged in the case face a court hearing next month. An attorney for Pridgen filed suit against the Marines on March 16.

Gay rights leaders want lawmakers to extend the state's ethnic violence laws to cover hate crimes against gay men and lesbians. They say they'll also push to change the state's crime-against-nature statute, which prohibits certain sexual activity, The Charlotte Observer reported last week.

"I would say the priority on that would be very low," said state Sen. Aaron Plyler, D-Union. "We've got so many things—like the performance audit, the budget and education—that would come in front of that."

Gay-rights advocates also are hoping a study released March 16 will give them new ammunition.

The Durham-based North Carolinians Against Racist and Religious Violence released its annual hate-crime activity report for 1992. The group said 138 incidents were reported in 46 counties last year, the highest since monitoring began in 1983.

Included among NCARRV's recommen-

dations was a proposal that Gov. Jim Hunt recommission the Task Force on Racial, Religious and Ethnic Violence and Intimidation, which was created during former Gov. Jim Martin's term.

Hunt spokeswoman Rachel Perry said the governor hadn't seen the report. She noted, however, that Hunt directed his Human Relations Commission to assist Pridgen.

Sen. Marc Basnight, the president pro tem of the Senate, said any legislation regarding the issue would be considered along with several thousand other bills expected to be filed this session.

Even sympathetic lawmakers worry about political reprisal. One leading lawmaker, who is considering sponsoring gay-rights legislation, would speak only on the condition of anonymity.

"It's a very sensitive subject. There's a lot of political risk involved," the legislator told The Observer.

Mike Nelson, executive director of North Carolina Pride PAC for Lesbian and Gay Equality, said: "Lesbian and gay issues are not issues the Legislature has dealt with in the past. We'll be spending a lot of time educating legislators."

Since organizing as a political action committee in 1992, Pride PAC has contributed more than \$9,000 to legislative candidates.

"The way democracy is supposed to work, elected officials are supposed to reflect the views of their constituents. There is a significant gay and lesbian constituency out there," said openly gay Chapel Hill Town Council member Joe Herzenberg. (AP)

KY Bishop cancels homosexuality seminar

Covington, KY—A seminar about homosexuality was canceled by the Diocese of Covington because Bishop William Hughes feared that the timing was wrong, an organizer said.

Ed Stieritz, director of the Marydale Retreat Center who helped organize the seminar, said the bishop had received some negative comments about the planned event.

"A lot of people out of ignorance make connections with anything to do with homosexuality," Stieritz said. "We feel a strong need to reach out pastorally, and the bishop is supportive, but he's concerned with the play it will get in the media and with people who don't make the distinction," he added.

Stieritz said the bishop felt that "he could do without that pressure."

One of the priests of the diocese who is now retired, Father Earl Bierman, was recently accused of sexually abusing several young boys.

The bishop's spokesman, Father Tom Sacksteder, could give no official reason for the cancellation of the seminar that was titled "Homophobia in Religion and Society."

It had been billed in a flier distributed by the diocese's Justice and Peace Center as intending "to promote sound education and discussion of these issues based on current scientific information and contemporary church teachings."

The seminar was scheduled for March 27 in the Assembly Room of The Catholic Center in Erlanger.

Sister Jeannine Gramick of Baltimore, who was one of the promoters of the seminar, said that the bishop felt the seminar would cause more division in the diocese.

"He also had some discomfort and pressure from the Right to Life people in the diocese," she said. Sister Jeannine said she still will conduct a seminar for priests and nuns.

She also will meet with the bishop next Sunday in Northern Kentucky.

She is the co-author of a book released last year called "Building Bridges: Gay & Lesbian Reality and the Catholic Church."

Greg Link, also of Maryland and the other facilitator of the seminar, said he respects the bishop's opinion and knows that the bishop realizes the need for education about homosexuality.

"I'd like to go through with it because it would show that homosexuality is not connected to pedophilia," said Link, who is the director of New Ways Ministry, an advocacy group for Catholic lesbian and gay people. (AP)

TN says ban rapists and Tailhookers, as well as gays, from military

Nashville, TN—A state House committee voted March 16 to ask Congress to ban lesbians and gay men, participants in the Navy's Tailhook scandal and Gulf War rapists from the military.

State Rep. Phillip Pinion, D-Union City, sponsored a resolution to ask Congress to refrain from lifting the ban on gays in the military.

Rep. Peggy Knight, D-Clarksville, sponsored an amendment that would ban others involved in recent military scandals, originally referring to them as "rapists in Saudi Arabia and tailgaters." She later corrected herself to say "Tailhook."

Knight said the legislature has more important matters to consider, "but if we're going to sit in judgment, let's include them all."

The resolution, with the amendment attached, was approved 11-10 by the House State and Local Government Committee and sent to the Calendar Committee to be scheduled for a full House vote. (AP)

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Ben & Jerry's Say Domestic Partners' Coverage No Problem: While cities like nearby Burlington, VT, anguish over whether to offer health benefits to employees' unmarried partners, Ben & Jerry's Homemade Inc. workers have had that benefit for three years. And company officials say it's been little burden on the bottom line, with only about 5% of the firm's 470 workers taking advantage of the benefit. "We really believe the family is who you love and who you live with," said Liz Lonergan, human resources manager for the premium ice cream maker. "There are definitely gay people in our company. There are in all companies. The difference is that it's OK at Ben & Jerry's." Lonergan said response to the program was at first underwhelming. "We started the program with a lot of fanfare," she said, "but only two or three people signed up."

Ark. Parents, Officials Say That Gays Shouldn't Teach AIDS Classes: Parents and school officials in Bee Branch, Ark., agree that gays shouldn't teach classes on AIDS, the school superintendent said. Waco Sutterfield said that parents submitted petitions to the school board last week, outlining their concerns over district plans to offer an AIDS awareness program. He said that having gays teach the classes would only invite controversy. Parents wanted the classes taught by someone "known by the community as morally upright."

Gay ROTC Cadet Barred From Employment At Boy Scout Camp: A gay former ROTC cadet at the University of Maine has been denied employment at a Boy Scout Summer camp. Neal Snow is now trying to determine whether he can sue under Portland's new gay rights ordinance. Snow, an Eagle Scout, has been told that he can't work a third summer at Camp Hinds because he was kicked out of Air Force ROTC because of his sexual orientation. If he decides to sue the Pine Tree Council of the Boy Scouts, it would be the first test of the new law banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing and public accommodations.

Church Leaders Vow To Stop Caribbean Gay Pageant: Church leaders in Philipsburg, St. Maarten sent a letter to the governor vowing they will "go to any lengths and do whatever it takes" to stop the presentation of a Caribbean gay pageant. "The St. Maarten/St. Martin Christian Council has threatened to mobilize the whole Christian community to protest the April staging of what has been billed as the first "Caribbean Gay of Gays Male Pageant." The council called the pageant a "detestable show" and also pledged to take action if the government does not push for its cancellation. In the letter, church leaders said they were concerned about the "decadence and moral decay which has reared its ugly head in St. Maarten/St. Martin in recent years."



Openly gay candidate Jay Fiset has won his bid to be the Democratic nominee for the Arlington, VA County Board.

and presented them with a letter saying the Roman Catholic school, for legal reasons, could not include the words "sexual orientation" in its anti-discrimination policy. In the letter, DiUlio agreed to a meeting with the group at a later date.

Gay Man Charges Wyo. Univ. Police With Bias: A gay man who admits defacing four Univ. of Wyoming library books says his civil rights were violated by school police who questioned him about his personal life. Kirk Taylor is seeking \$250,000 damages from the university and its police department for the alleged violations that occurred when he was interrogated about writing messages in library books and on walls seeking contact with other Laramie-area gays. According to the notice of civil rights claim filed, the officers who arrested Taylor "asked [him] if he had taken an AIDS test, asked if he knew homosexual men spreading AIDS, asked if he wore condoms and asked about the organization of the homosexual community in Laramie." Taylor, who is not a UW student, pleaded no contest last month to misdemeanor vandalism charge that he defaced the books.

Sex Criminal Dying of AIDS: Edward Savitz, the Philadelphia businessman accused of sex crimes, has won approval to transfer from a city prison to an unidentified hospice because he is dying of AIDS. Savitz' lawyer, Barnaby Wittels, said the action was the proper thing to do for a dying man. Assistant District Attorney Charles Ehrlich didn't oppose the transfer. "It's an appropriate place for him to go now because of his condition," he said. Savitz is charged with involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, sexual abuse of children, indecent assault and corrupting the morals of a minor involving four youths. Police believe Savitz paid hundreds of young boys for their dirty undergarments.

Jesse Jackson Traveling To Guantanamo For Haitians: Rev. Jesse Jackson said March 19 that he is taking his "Keep Hope Alive" message to HIV-infected Haitians stuck at the Guantanamo Naval Base in Cuba in his second visit to the island in just over a month. The 252 Haitians—213 of whom have tested positive for HIV—have been detained on the Island for more than a year. Although they have received preliminary approval for political refugee status, the United States has refused to allow them into this country because they have the virus. The Haitians have also staged a hunger strike since Jan. 30 to protest the U.S. government's position.

Arlington Democrats Nominate Gay Candidate: Openly gay candidate Jay Fiset moved one step closer to the Arlington, VA, County Board with a decisive victory over three opponents in the Democratic Primary on March 20. Fiset, who is executive director of Whitman-Walker's Northern Virginia AIDS Clinic, now faces independent Benjamin Winslow in the April 20 special election. Winslow won the Republican endorsement. No Republicans have served on the board in a decade.

Gays Protest At Marquette: The top administrator of Marquette University agreed to meet with a protest group that conducted a sit-in objecting to the school's stance toward gays. About 18 students approached the Rev. Albert J. DiUlio, the school's president, in a hallway March 15 as the demonstration began. They presented him with a letter asking for a meeting. After first threatening the students with arrest, DiUlio addressed the students



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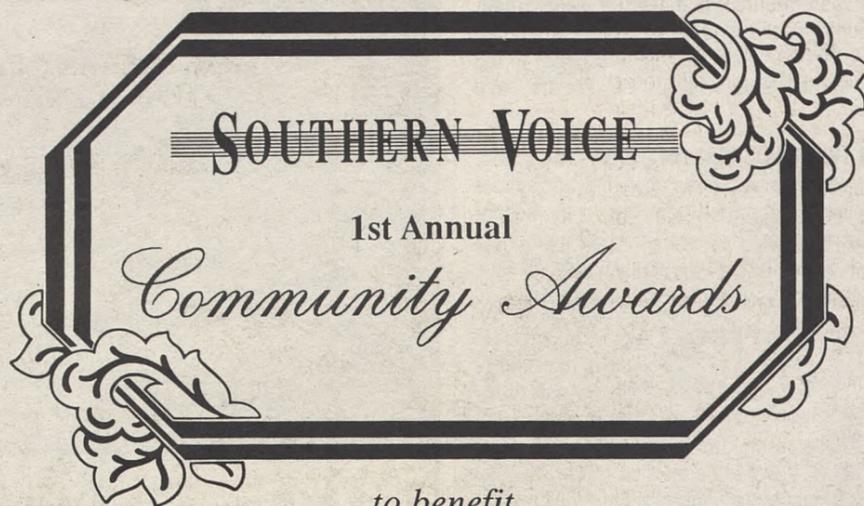
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MAIL THIS BALLOT TO: PO BOX 18215, Atlanta, Georgia 30316. The top four vote-getters in each category will be published in the April 15 issue of Southern Voice. The "Sovie" Awards will be presented April 17 at Zoo Atlanta. Doors will open at 6:30 for 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.



Clayton Co. refuses to zone AIDS hospice

Jonesboro, GA—Organizers of a planned AIDS hospice said the Clayton County Commission's refusal to rezone a Riverdale home for the facility would be appealed to federal court.

"I'll be in federal court [today] if I can get everything together," Kathryn Zickert, the attorney representing the planned Elysium House, said after the five commissioners voted unanimously March 18 against allowing the facility to operate. She said the decision was discriminatory and violated the Fair Housing Act, but homeowners applauded the commission's action. The planned hospice would treat a maximum of six AIDS patients at a time.

The issue got an airing March 17 when Oprah Winfrey's television talk show taped a session with supporters and opponents, who gathered in front of the building.

In a packed hearing room Thursday night, the rights of AIDS patients who want to die in dignity clashed head-on with homeowners' desires to maintain their suburban residential atmosphere. The residents, who say the hospice represents commercial encroachment, were unmoved by the hospice owners' arguments that they had acquired non-profit status

from the state and would not officially be a commercial business.

An AIDS patient said the metro Atlanta southside sorely needs services for those with the disease. "I sometimes have to travel 40 miles to the northside to get medical help," said Cindy Foote, 33, a lifelong Clayton resident. "I know that in the days to come that I will need a hospice. I can't call on my family to give up their jobs to take care of me."

Dr. Richard Prokesch contended the anti-business stance is a cover for bias against gays, but neighborhood leaders claim they have been unfairly labeled as irrational homophobics for resisting the hospice.

In November, 400 neighbors staged a candlelight vigil to show compassion for AIDS victims but also to show they were united against having a business in their community. "I am offended by anyone who says we have an anti-AIDS or an anti-homosexual stance here," said William Nordmark, who lives near the Riverdale house.

In the six month battle over Elysium House, several residents have made anti-gay remarks, complaining that having people with AIDS would bring gays to the neighborhood and endanger children at a nearby school. (AP)

Project Inform director shares latest in HIV research

In a forum held on March 18 at Colony Square Hotel, Project Inform Director Martin Delaney outlined the current status of HIV research and speculated on techniques for restoring damaged immune systems.

On the anti-viral front, Delaney opened with comments on the three-drug combination therapy designed by a student researcher at Harvard that has been widely hailed in the media. In the test tube, a combination of AZT, ddI, and Nevirapine appeared to cause HIV to mutate into a dysfunctional form incapable of replicating itself.

Delaney downplayed the media's optimism regarding this finding, noting that laboratory successes often cannot be duplicated in the human body. And he wondered at the announcement's being made contemporaneously with Harvard's application to the Clinton Administration to be named its principal site for a "Manhattan-style Project" against HIV.

Nevertheless, Delaney viewed the finding as possibly important and reported that testing of the combination already has begun.

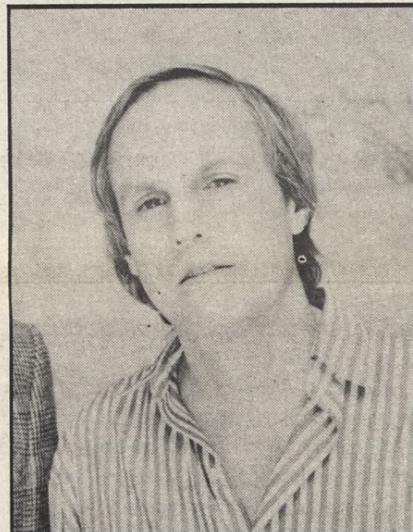
A running theme throughout the evening was Delaney's endorsement of combination therapy. He spoke in favor of combinations of drugs such as AZT + ddI + Pentoxifylline (Trental, available by prescription) + N-acetylcysteine (NAC, available through buyers' clubs) as one example. (ddC, in substitution for ddI, has been approved for use concurrently with AZT.)

Delaney advised persons who are failing on AZT as a monotherapy but who have not developed intolerance to the drug, to combine it with another (or other) anti-viral rather than discontinuing AZT altogether.

Delaney reported that two recent studies suggest Trental may have some anti-viral effect, and that the jury is still out on whether NAC is absorbed sufficiently by the body to be of benefit.

TAT and Protease Inhibitors (drugs designed to inhibit viral proteins associated with HIV replication), remain shrouded in mystery. Delaney indicated that information from preliminary studies of these drugs has not been forthcoming. Thus, no one knows if the drugs are helping or hurting the people enrolled in trials.

The jury also is still out on Compound Q, as well as 3TC (an AZT-like drug). It remains unclear if 3TC has value as a monotherapy or



Martin Delaney

if it is useful in combination with AZT (ARCA is pursuing a trial combining AZT with 3TC).

The consensus on d4T (another AZT-like anti-viral) is that it may be somewhat more effective than the other anti-virals tested to date. (d4T is currently available to persons who have failed on AZT and ddI or have become intolerant to them.) It was noted that persons currently taking d4T probably should not combine the drug with AZT, as the drugs may be antagonistic.

However, Delaney reported that any person attempting combination therapy with d4T should be closely monitored by a physician. Side effects of d4T used in combination with ddI or ddC are unknown.

Also in the jury is still out category: Peptide T.; therapeutic vaccines; and TP-t (Thymopentin). Delaney reported that the efficacy of TP-5 depends on who you believe. TP-5 is one of the thymic hormones produced by the thymus gland that are believed to play a role in the maturation and development of T-cells. Delaney believes that careful examination of data suggests efficacy for TP-5 has not been established.

Under the heading of immune system restoration, Delaney urged broadened testing of such strategies as cell storage (freezing helper cells for later re-infusion as done with cancer patients); CD-8 and CD-4 cell expansion (cells drawn from patients or healthy volunteers, treated to proliferate outside the body, and then re-infused); and cell transfer (T-cells donated by healthy individuals to persons with weakened immune systems).

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I was blessed with an incredibly enlightened mother, who along with her mother, taught me the basics of what's good and what's evil. I learned from them the importance of ethics and the importance of education. After I learned all the basics, Mother encouraged me to take charge of my life, and to see how much I could learn on my own. In her mind, I've probably gone a bit overboard with my enthusiasm for new experiences, but anyone who knows me will say that it's worked out, so far.

I started out in life with some weird problem in my ears that eventually corrected itself when I was a teenager, but it caused a speech impediment. Though I could hear, I was sent to the Atlanta School for the Deaf to learn the correct mechanisms of speaking at the age of five. I especially remember learning how to make the "L" sound. I also remember thinking that this was something that my friends were not doing, and what an adventure it was.

When I was in the eighth grade, we were required to take the President's Physical Fitness Test. Prior to this time, I was terribly shy, probably due to the way I spoke. I was undersized for my age and very thin. The physical fitness tests showed that I could sprint faster than anyone in my school, and I could also long jump pretty good.

In 1963, Cobb County eighth graders didn't have a track season, but there was a county wide track meet for seventh and eighth graders. I won first place for the 100 yard dash and placed third in the long jump. I was the fastest eighth grader in Cobb County! What a revelation and what an adventure that was! I can't describe the lessons I learned with that, and it opened up

whole new worlds for me. It was my first sign that I could be special.

In 1974, I was having trouble starting my career, I was having real problems with my sexual desires for women, and I was just depressed. I decided that this was the most ideal time for an adventure. I quit my job, said an emotional Christmas goodbye to Mother and moved to Colorado to discover myself. I lived for four years in a cabin in the Rocky Mountains, and I coordinated both of Jimmy Carter's campaigns for Jefferson County while working at Coors. I grew my hair down below my shoulders, and I accepted that I was gay. Talk about adventures!

I spent eleven years in Colorado learning the mechanics of being happy. Those are lessons that I will always hold close to my heart and will never let go.

In 1985, I moved back to Atlanta and began the greatest adventure of my life. Within a few weeks of returning, I noticed a couple of spots on my right leg and one on my left leg. It turned out to be Kaposi's Sarcoma. I had AIDS.

I was lucky enough the next year to be accepted into double blind placebo study of AZT at NIH. I don't remember having any expectations at the beginning, but I just wanted the chance to do SOMETHING to fight this. I was ready for a fight.

After six months of AZT, we added Alpha Interferon, and six years later, here I am. My last T4 count in February was 548. I've volunteered for a number of other studies and have learned so much about my body and about AIDS, it's hard to keep track. Yes, this has been quite an adventure.

The point here is to make whatever you are facing an adventure. Use your adventure to learn everything you can. If you aren't in an adventure, invent one! Use your mindset to make your life interesting. All it takes is a little attitude, which never hurt anyone. Also, if you always show interest in the processes around you, it helps lift the spirits and interests of the people around you. When everyone is interested in the processes, and when everyone's spirits are higher, things just seem better.

Just remember, whatever attitude you have is up to you. If your life is boring, or if you feel life sucks, it's your fault. Your outlook comes only from you—no one can give it to you. All it takes is a little attitude and a lot of interest.

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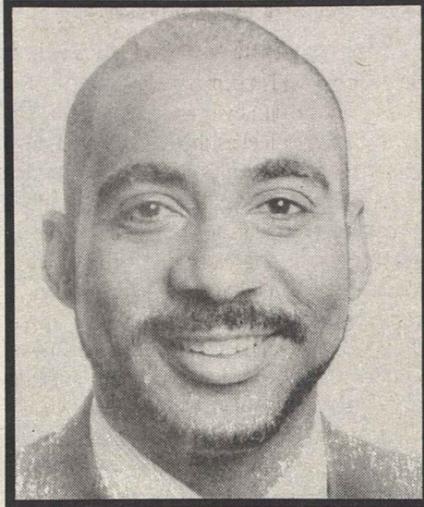
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International gay activist to speak at Emory

"There is an emergence of gays and lesbians throughout the world," says longtime gay activist and Africanist Cary Alan Johnson. "Spurred by the HIV crisis and a need to organize to save their lives, we will see a change in the way the world sees gay and lesbian rights."

Johnson, the current director of the Mid-Atlantic regional office of Amnesty International, and staff liaison to A.I. Members for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, will lecture at Emory University on Thursday, April 8. His lecture, "The Struggle for Lesbian and Gay Rights Worldwide," will focus on human rights violations and murders of gays and lesbians in Eastern Europe, Asia and Latin America, the debate in international law stemming from the fight to overturn Australian sodomy laws, and the historic basis for gay rights in Africa.

Johnson has worked for international organizations in Senegal, Nigeria, Egypt, Angola and Ghana. He was a founding member of the Committee of Black Gay Men; the Blackheart



Cary Alan Johnson

Collective; Other Countries: Black Gay Men Writing; and Gay Men of African Descent. As a writer his work has appeared in such publica-

tions as Christopher Street and the Washington Blade. He recently received a Masters of International Affairs from Columbia University.

The lecture will be held in the Woodruff Health Sciences Building Auditorium at 8:00

pm, with a reception to follow. The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information contact the Office of Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Life at Emory University at 727-0272.

DAVID GARDNER

First MCC approves building purchase

At a special congregational meeting March 21, the membership of First MCC of Atlanta voted to purchase a building at North Druid Hills and Tully Road. Although negotiations are still taking place, congregational approval allows the Board of Directors to continue with purchase plans if several conditions are met.

The 164-member Christian Church with a special outreach to the lesbian/gay community is celebrating its 21st charter anniversary on April 16. The current building at 800 N. Highland, which the group purchased 19 years ago, has already been sold.

The Druid Hills property was formerly occupied by Northwest Realty, Cinema Draft House and Southern Bell. Once remodeling is completed the building will house a 500-seat sanctuary, multiple offices for ministerial and counseling staff, a kitchen, a dining area and four large meeting rooms.

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"If he is against me as a person, then he doesn't need to be dealing with me," said Chris, who asked that his last name not be used. "Would you take your dog to a vet that doesn't like animals?"

Dan Doell, who cares for AIDS patients at Samuel U. Rodgers Community Health Center, has become the target of demonstrations and a letter-writing campaign by AIDS and gay rights activists. They say the nurse practitioner's public statements are a betrayal of trust and a conflict of interest.

Add to the flap two more twists. Doell

says he was a gay for about 10 years until religious faith changed his behavior. And he has AIDS.

Doell, 31, is vice president of FIRED UP, a conservative religious group that's mounted a petition drive to repeal a city civil rights ordinance. The ordinance creates a Human Rights Commission and several task forces, including one on gay and lesbian issues.

FIRED UP maintains the ordinance could be used to legislate special protections for gays and lesbians, and Doell makes regular appearances on Christian radio and television programs to speak

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ACT UP/Kansas City protested Dan Doell's practice on March 15 of this year.

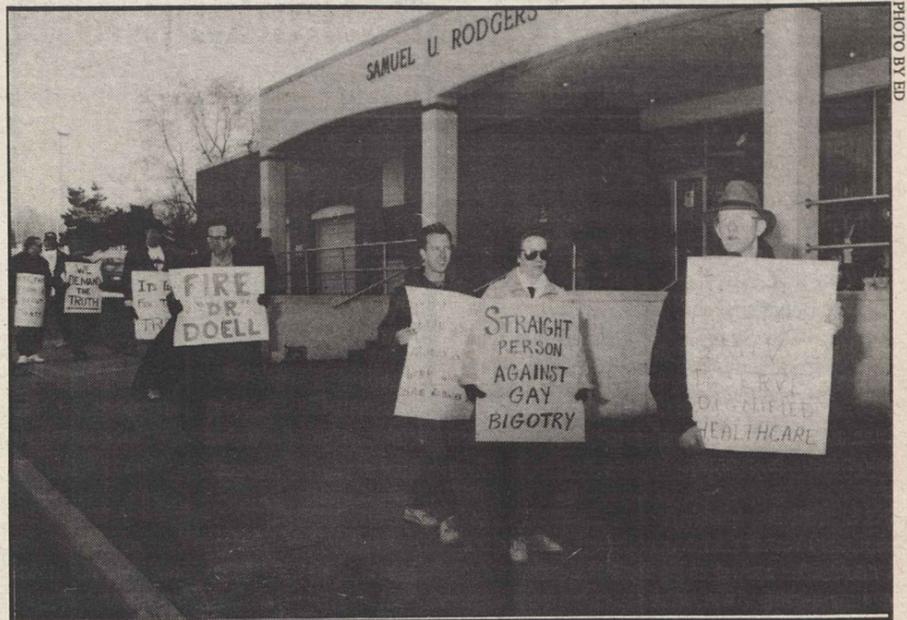


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GUEST EDITORIAL

Rethinking AIDS, or

Why we need Robert Root-Bernstein more than Martin Delaney

"...most established scientists do not actually want to make rapid progress. A state of atheoretical confusion is agreeable to them because in that state almost nothing can ever be shown to be wrong...As a result, general beliefs persist within the biomedical community long after the evidence is available to destroy them."

—David Horrobin, from his article in "The Scientist" (November 1990)

by TIMOTHY HAND, PH.D.

One of these general beliefs is that since some viruses cause disease, all the rest probably cause disease too. But most viral infections are either latent or restricted to small numbers of cells and therefore do not cause symptoms.

This is the case with the latent virus HIV, according to a new book by Robert Root-Bernstein called "Rethinking AIDS: The Tragic Cost of Premature Consensus" (Free Press: New York). Root-Bernstein, a psychologist and immunologist at Michigan State University, here joins a substantial number of scientists who have serious and well-founded doubts about the alleged role of HIV in causing AIDS. These are some of the points his new book raises:

1) HIV infection is present in millions of healthy persons, and absent in hundreds of AIDS patients. HIV is therefore neither necessary nor sufficient to cause AIDS. In fact, there is no microbe or infection that all AIDS patients have in common.

2) There is no definitive case of AIDS in which HIV is the sole risk factor. Nearly all AIDS patients have experienced multiple and often chronic exposure to immune-suppressive agents. These include transfusions, chronic or repeated infectious diseases and their antibiotic treatments, malnutrition, psychoactive drugs, and semen components. Chronic exposure to various combinations of these may suffice to cause AIDS symptoms, with or without HIV.

3) In infected persons, HIV is biochemically inactive. It infects at most 1/500 T-cells, of which only a tiny fraction express viral RNA. HIV is absent from all AIDS lesions, and cannot even be found in the semen of the majority of infected men. This is not what one would expect from a virus that causes a fatal, sexually transmitted illness. In other viral infections (e.g., hepatitis B, herpes, shingles) the causative agent replicates at high rates and is present in substantial quantities in lesioned tissue and blood plasma when symptoms are present.

4) HIV is said to cause AIDS by killing T-helper cells. Yet no human retrovirus, HIV included, has ever been shown to kill cells. (Paradoxically, the treatment widely given to AIDS patients, AZT, is known to kill T cells by terminating DNA synthesis.) Even the supporters of the HIV hypothesis acknowledge this, and suggest any of a number of indirect mechanisms of T-cell destruction, none of which has any experimental support.

5) The AIDS definition (any of about 25 ordinary diseases in the presence of HIV) is circular. If you appear in a clinic with tuberculosis and HIV, or dementia and HIV, you are diagnosed with AIDS. If you appear with tuberculosis but without HIV, you are diagnosed with tuberculosis. No other illness has a tautological definition like this. Moreover, the ever-increasing numbers of AIDS cases seen over the last several years is probably due to the fact that the definition keeps changing—expanding to include more people.

6) Chimpanzees are susceptible to HIV infection (they develop antibodies to it). But of the over 100 chimpanzees experimentally

infected with HIV, none has gotten AIDS; none has even developed immune suppression.

7) Your probability of getting AIDS depends not on your HIV status but on the risk group you are in. HIV positive transfusion recipients, gay men, and otherwise risk-free Americans have annual AIDS risks of roughly 50%, 5%, and 0.5%, respectively. Note the incredible range here, a range of 100-fold. They all have HIV, but they have vastly different probabilities of getting AIDS. This means that risk group is the best predictor of getting sick, not presence of HIV. Moreover, the incubation period is thought to vary between a few months and a few decades, a variation which has no precedent in the history of medicine. If HIV infection were enough to cause AIDS, this variation (over 100-fold) would not exist either.

Root-Bernstein's book documents other problems with the HIV hypothesis as well. It is the largest and most masterful treatment of the AIDS literature now available to the general public. It has the endorsement of a number of important figures, including Drs. Stephen Jonas and Harvey Bialy, Michael Ellner (President of HEAL) and long-term AIDS survivor Michael Callen. It has the power to make the reader think, and to see casually accepted dogma as it should be seen: open to question.

The 9-year-old HIV hypothesis has been one of the most expensive and most embarrassingly unproductive hypotheses in the history of medicine. It predicts anything you want it to: retinitis or KS or diarrhea or nothing, 3 months or 15 years or never, after infection from an antibody-positive person who may or may not have had symptoms.

In other words, it makes no specific predictions at all, as a good hypothesis *must*. It has not explained AIDS pathologies, it has not predicted the nature, direction or rapidity of the spread of AIDS, it has not generated any effective therapies, and it has not saved any lives. It's hard to say whether its continued stranglehold on the scientific community and the general public belongs more in tragedy or in comedy.

On March 18, "AIDS activist" Martin Delaney was in town. He attacked HIV dissenters like Root-Bernstein, and he gave no indication of how legitimate their arguments are. While his intentions are undeniably good, his lack of formal scientific training was clear throughout the evening. His talk was peppered with bizarre and avoidable errors ("HIV replicates at high rates in infected people"... "HIV doesn't kill T-cells, but may cause them to commit suicide"). Trying to keep this forum from becoming an exercise in unchallenged groupthink, I asked Delaney for his opinion about Root-Bernstein's book. His reply was as follows: "Root-Bernstein is a physiologist who has never done AIDS research. I've read his book. I've never seen a book with the words 'probably' and 'maybe' used so frequently." The audience, unable to distinguish between an unschooled charlatan and a genuine thinker, and unaware that good scientific writing *must* contain these words, reacted with amusement. I was dumbfounded.

Delaney is right in claiming that AIDS research is progressing too slowly. But this is not because of lack of money or other resources (it has plenty of both). It is because AIDS research is dominated by undistinguished minds whose primary motivations are self-promotion and suppression of legitimate dissent.

What AIDS research needs is fewer politically correct but scientifically naive activists, and more *thinkers*—like the one who wrote "Rethinking AIDS."

NUMBERS TO KEEP

The following is a list of the addresses and phone numbers of the US Senators and Representatives from the state of Georgia. We urge you to contact your Congresspersons *before, during and after* the Senate hearings on the military ban which are scheduled to begin March 29. We also suggest you tear out this list and keep it handy (put it on the refrigerator or near your phone) so you are reminded to call. It is vital our voices not be drowned out by the religious right on this issue. Please take the time to call or write—the future of our community could damn well depend on it.

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Another belated HA goes out to Courtney Ledford and Philip Sibert who celebrated 8 years of complete and total bliss on March 15. Congratulations, boys!

Happy Anniversary to Hank and Jerry from Dunwoody on March 31. These boys and their cats, Jake & Hector, are just settling into the Atlanta area and are anxious to become part of our community. Happy 8 years!!

Spring must be in the air because the anniversaries just keep pouring in. Here's to my friend Steve Sheppard and his husband Rick Harrison who celebrated 5 years of togetherness on April 1.

BIRTHDAYS:

Lenny Lasater, electrician to the stars, will celebrate her 36th birthday in true Aries fashion on April 5. She, her beloved Kecia, and the Bickerson sisters are going to see the Braves and will be rehearsing (at the game?) for the April 10 AFWC Concert. I guess it takes all kinds...Happy Birthday!

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Happy Belated Birthday to Greg Clough of Avondale Estates. Greg celebrated in grand fashion (I'm sure) on March 30. Many Happy Returns, Greg!

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GRADUATIONS:

We mentioned Rick Harrison earlier in this column and on March 28 I'm proud to say that he graduated from Georgia State University with his Masters in Community Counseling. Rick's husband Steve has stood by him throughout this tumultuous journey and both guys are very relieved that the process is finally complete. Congratulations Rick!

RECUPERATING:

Roxanna Hand, former member of Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus, Fourth Tuesday, and Atlanta Business & Professional Guild, spent the recent snow storm recuperating from open heart and triple bypass surgery. Her friends wish her the best...and so do we!

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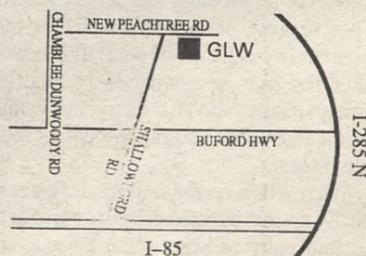
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Cleaning Out My Closet

by SHELLY ROBERTS



Speed Talking

We ate at the picnic dinner table outside their house in a comparatively cool South Florida night. Oil lamps intruded enough to blunt the edges of the evening's seventy-three degree March darkness. Two of us heavily into Speed Talking.

Now Speed Talking, for the uninitiated, is a language unto itself, learned through genetics or any time at all spent living lesbian in New York City. I know you don't *care* how they do it in New York. But you've heard this language before. Probably wondered about it. It sounds like everybody's talking at speeds only insects could hear. New York Speed Talking is not so much about *talking* all that fast. It's more about *listening* all that fast. And knowing when the other person is about to take a breath so you can careen right in and get in your own say-so. Not just for the sake of saying so, but because you think you have something important to add. (Even if you don't.) It's also about learning, Bill Clintonish, to take breaths in the middle of sentences so the other person can't just jump in whenever she wants to, especially if you aren't done yet, which you never are. It's a competitive sport. Degree of difficulty six point-two-four.

People who don't understand this particular East Coast dialog think it's rude. Which isn't all that surprising because it sounds that way. It's a learned communication skill when your subway is pulling down the track, her subway is pulling in, one staircase down in the opposite direction, she's going to have to vault winos to get to it, you haven't seen each other in months, you won't see each other for months, it wouldn't occur to you to pick up a telephone and spend an hour in comfort, and you have *so much* to say to each other before the doors close in your face. Many Protestants have trouble mastering it.

So do most people from Ohio. And Florida Natives. Not that they couldn't, you understand. It's just that they just can't imagine why anybody would *want* to. Especially when you don't live there any more.

Well, I have to tell you, it's a habit. It comes back. Like riding a bicycle. Or good sex. Even though you might have quit doing it for a while, you can sense when you're in the presence of an accomplished partner. Which is why we were New York Speed Talking. Which is also why our respective honeys, one, a self-defined Person From Ohio, and one, an honest-to-goodness, collectors'-item, real South Florida Native, had both repaired to an inside room. To attempt a normal get-acquainted conversation at a pace that didn't sound like they were playing the Lightening Round.

But we stayed out. In the darkness. Long past cake crumbs and cooled coffee. Clocking land tongue speed records in an ancient ritual called, "Yes, but, do you know..."

We had sensed a shared purpose, met on the phone through various events, chatted in attendance at those events, and now we were engaged in expanding the interaction. Bringing in the other halves to see if

there was a couples' chemistry. They were into The Goddess, we were both, Lapsed Protestants. But, still, we all seemed to like each other. So far so good. But, of course there was more. We just had to get to it.

First we covered geography. "California?" "Nope." "The Olivia Record people." We did know them personally, in separate common. Worth a fleeting second's chat. "Long Island?" "Not to live there. Summer's mostly." Not where she came from. No common ground. We kept at it.

People in clubs in the city back then? We caromed off a couple of people we had in common one step removed, trying to connect over drinks long ago served up in now defunct saloons.

Did I know Sahara's?

"Did I know Sahara's!" But only for the last few months, it was almost closed when I got to the city.

Did I know that the reason it was full of drop-dead gorgeous women was that a lot of drop dead gorgeous lesbian hookers and call girls complained to *The Family* that they had no place to go. Didn't feel comfortable in the already existing clubs. So Sahara's was opened for them. Ooooh! Delicious. I *didn't* know that. Good gossip. Fun topics. But really, still no connection.

Then we found it.

"You were in New York in the 80s? Did you know Jane Doe?"

"Did I know Jane Doe?! Of course, I knew Jane Doe! She was the first lesbian I ever met in New York. She got me my first two jobs. Of course I knew Jane Doe!"

"I brought her out."

"You brought her out? Jane Doe? Really?"

"Yep."

There it was.

The Speed Talking slowed to normal. This train had reached its destination. We had plumbed each other's histories far enough to make a concrete connection. We had known the link was there. Somewhere. For lesbians, it *always* is. And we had raced through our personal maps of the past to find it.

"So. Imagine your knowing Jane. Imagine. Honey, did you know that she knows Jane, you remember, who was here to visit a couple of years ago. That makes us family. You're always welcome. Come to Christmas Dinner. Come to New Years Eve. What a small world!"

It's true, of course. It *is* a small world. And it *does* make us family. And we *all* do it. All the time. If it hadn't been Jane Doe in common, it would have been Susie Smith. Or a love of the writings of Betty Jones. Or a shared teenaged infatuation with Whatsername and her wonderful music.

I don't know if gay men do it too. I hope so. For their sake. Because it creates community. It builds bonds. It forges family from out of groups of strangers.

There is an ancient Sapphic rumor, nay, belief, that says *there are really only seven lesbians in the world. And the rest is done with mirrors.*

That night we located five out of the seven.

LETTERS

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To the Editor:

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Sincerely,
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We're speechless

To the Editor:

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Senator Sam Nunn
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Dear Senator Nunn,

I feel compelled to write to you regarding the issue of gays in the military for many reasons. As a human being, I ask you to reconsider your current opposition in light of what is just, moral and reasonable.

As a clinical social worker, I ask you to please consider the following points. There will never be a military that does not have gay people in its ranks. To assume that a ban will do anything but force secrecy and promote fear and hatred is at best misguided, and at worst bigoted and delusional. It will never be morally right to judge any segment of humanity on the basis of demographic characteristics rather than behavioral standards. You are dangerously in error assuming that given the opportunity to positively interact with their gay counterparts, heterosexual members of the military will not be

able to adjust and feel confident that their personal integrity and space will be respected, not violated. As a lesbian, I am heartsick and saddened by the venom that has emerged toward my brothers and sisters when in my heart I know we have done no wrong.

Although I am an American citizen, I was not born here. I was born in Australia, which does not have a ban on gays in the military. Until I was 21 years old I had a dual nationality, and then had to choose which country I would claim as my own. That was in 1972 during the Vietnam War when I had many misgivings about American policies and direction. I still chose to be an American, and now find it ironic that given a choice—America would not choose me.

Sincerely,
Cyla Nelson

STONEWALL RIOTS

BY ANDREA NATALIE



Anti-gay "doctor"

Continued from page 10

against it.

Doell denies disliking gays; he believes it's a behavior that can be changed. And he says the fact that he has AIDS makes his medical specialty the perfect one for him to work in. His patients are at no risk of infection from him, nor he from them, he says.

"I don't know that it makes me more qualified, but after all, I'm in the same situation, so I have a vested interest," he said.

ACT UP/Kansas City sees it differently.

About 15 members of the group demonstrated outside the downtown clinic where Doell works March 15, seeking

his removal. The group also has written letters to clinic and city officials, expressing their concerns.

"We really feel like this doctor needs to go," said ACT UP spokesman Jim Hull. "He cannot possibly provide compassion and health care for people with HIV and be a member of a rabidly religious anti-gay group."

Carl Hippensteel, another ACT UP member, says the group isn't challenging Doell's right to free speech.

"But we question someone who's a member of an organization that's so hate-filled, so malicious in attacking gays and lesbians" treating AIDS patients, he said. "We think it's a major conflict of interest."

Doell says his opponents merely are trying to silence him.

"They have no complaints from pa-

tients of mine who I've treated poorly or have not received adequate medical care," he said. "It's all because my political views differ, and that's it. They just don't agree with what I'm saying."

But Hippensteel says ACT UP knows of "about 10" patients who are unhappy with Doell's activist role and contends some no longer want to be treated by him. None of the 10 complained of bad medical care, however, Hippensteel concedes.

A physician at the clinic, Dr. Rita Rodgers, estimates she and Doell treated about 200 of the clinic's 229 AIDS patients last year. Doell says Chris is the only patient he knows of who left his care because of his role with FIRED UP.

Dr. Samuel Rodgers, executive director of the clinic, knew of "one or two" patients who had asked for new

doctors after learning of Doell's politics. But he dismisses any notion that Doell's activism affects his work.

"He happens to work here," Rodgers said. "He also happens to be active in what you're talking about. They're not related."

ACT UP also has questioned Doell's qualifications because he isn't licensed to practice medicine in Missouri. Doell, who holds a degree in osteopathic medicine from the University of Health Sciences in Kansas City, says a residency program that initially accepted him rejected him when he told them he had AIDS.

"When you add it all up, he's not qualified to do the job," Hippensteel said. "The fact that he's a spokesman for FIRED UP just adds insult to injury."

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For Better or For Worse comic to introduce gay teen character

If anyone should know something about family values, it's Lynn Johnston, artist and author of the intricately-drawn newspaper comic strip "For Better or For Worse" which details the lives of a fictional, but pretty traditional family. "Parenting is such-a difficult thing," Johnston says. "Any situation that nurtures and produces a child that grows up to be a healthy, well-balanced, productive citizen is a family to me."

It might surprise some fans of the immensely popular "For Better or For Worse," but Johnston has no time for those who judge and condemn the family choices of other people. "There are a lot of two-parent families that are a complete waste of time, and a lot of single parent families that are wonderful," Johnston says. "One friend of mine is gay and his partner has children, and you couldn't ask for a better family." As for the deceptively vague catch-phrase "family values," Johnston grits her teeth in exasperation. "It makes me so mad."

Indeed, Johnston feels so strongly that she plans to reveal that one of the regular characters in her strip is gay. "I'm not afraid of the subject at all," she says emphatically. "I'm encouraged to do the subject by friends that are gay, both men and women."

On April 5 Lawrence Poirier, a 17-year-old teenager and friend of the family, will come out to his parents. Their response is unfortunately typical. They throw Lawrence out of the house. The comic strip appears daily in the Atlanta Journal and on weekends in the Journal/Constitution.

Times are changing, Johnston says, and even the notoriously conservative world of daily newspaper comic strips must change to suit them. "I think people romantically want Beaver Cleaver's family," Johnston says. "But we're all saying 'I can't stand this marriage, I want out,' 'I can't stand it any more, I'm going for help.' We're all talking now, more than we ever did before. Part of talking is breaking away from old standards that didn't work and creating situations that do."

Johnston's "For Better or For Worse" has

redefined what is acceptable fare for the comics pages. In the past few years, Johnston has dealt with topics as serious as unintended pregnancy, child abuse, the handicapped, and eating disorders—topics once too taboo even for books and movies, much less the daily newspaper.

"Everything is taking on more serious topics," Johnston says. "Look at all the sitcoms. We're responding to what we're all more interested in and we're able to talk now. I think we're all being more open and honest, and I think we have to be."

Of all the topics she's done, the one that's provoked the greatest outcry is a strip that suggested that Michael, the family son, was carrying a condom in his wallet. Pulling out his driver's license, he says to his friends, "There's only two things a man needs in his wallet and this is one of them."

"I got lots from all kinds of people condemning my suggestion that Michael would have a condom in his wallet," Johnston says. "Of course, I wrote back to these people saying I appreciate your view, but the other thing you need in your wallet is money."

Everyone assumes that "For Better or For Worse" is autobiographical, says Johnston, a Canadian who grew up in British Columbia and now lives with her husband and two children on a small country farm in Northern Ontario.

It's true that the strip started out based on her marriage and her children. Still, she says, "It's not biographical. What happens in an average family isn't particularly interesting. Sometimes the story is great, but the dialogue doesn't come in snappy repartee like sitcoms. Also you can't exploit them and open up their private lives and expose their thoughts and feelings to other people."

Johnston has no intention of slowing down or avoiding topics, like homosexuality, that make some people uncomfortable. That means, despite all the talk about family values, at least on the comics page, things couldn't be better for lesbians and gays—or worse for those who hate us.

BRENT HARTINGER

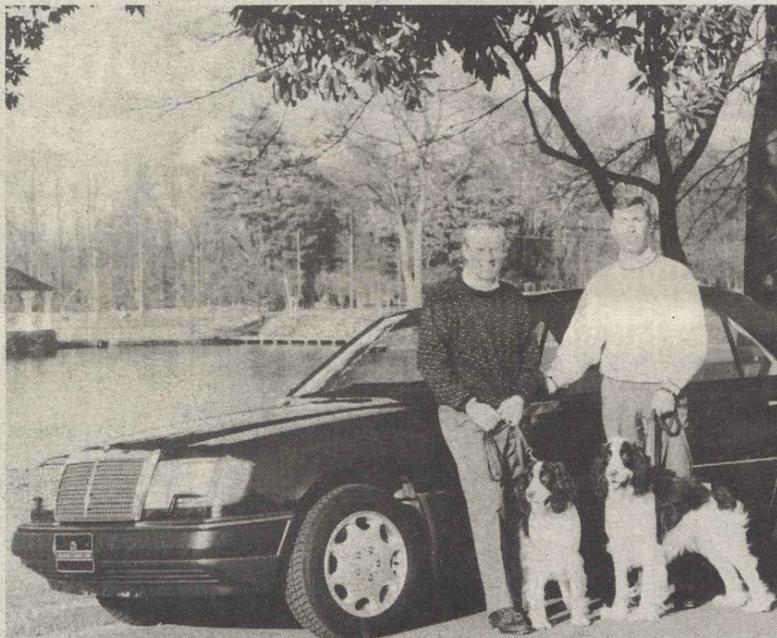
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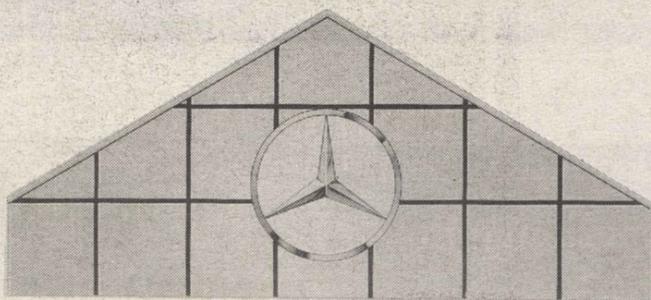
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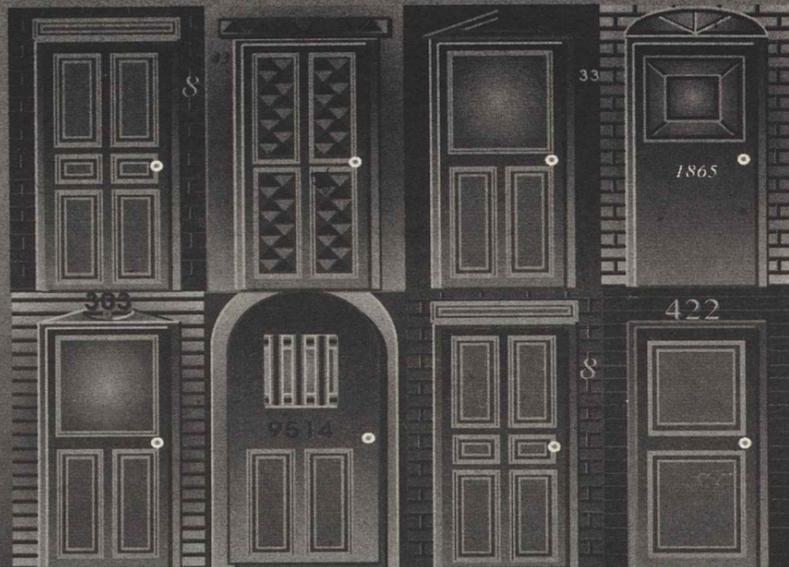
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EYE ON THE MILITARY

Failing to consider military witch hunts and forced outings, Georgia Senator Sam Nunn last week continued to show his ignorance on the issue of lesbians and gays in the military.

Appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press," Nunn expressed reservations about Clinton's attempt to separate status—one's sexual orientation—from behavior in the armed services.

"When you declare your status you are describing your behavior," he said, adding that the issue would "go away if everyone kept their private behavior to themselves."

Nunn's Senate Armed Services Committee is scheduled to begin hearings on the issue this week. In a press release about the hearings, Nunn pledged that they would be "fair, thorough and objective" while reiterating his opposition to ending the ban.

The New York Times is reporting that some military officials are actively working against Clinton's plan to lift the prohibition. A Navy deposition being circulated among committees on Capitol Hill claims that the court-ordered return of a gay sailor has reduced morale and caused disruptions, and an Army panel studying the issue has warned that recruiting will be hurt so badly that the armed services would have to return to the draft.

Navy Capt. Gregory Markwell, in a deposition taken for Petty Officer Keith Meinhold's case against the government, said that "generally, Meinhold's presence... has reduced morale, efficiency and mission focus within the command," adding that some in the squadron have refused to fly with the gay sailor, forcing commanding officers to spend more time coordinating schedules.

Meinhold's attorney, John McGuire, said that the Navy, not Meinhold, has created the disruptions. In one instance, he said, a plane carrying Meinhold and other Navy personnel was forced to return from the tarmac so the personnel could be taken off and questioned about flying with Meinhold.

Meanwhile, leaders of several religious groups are calling for an end to discrimination against gays in the military.

"We are standing in support of President Clinton's efforts to lift the ban on gays serving in the military," said Jim Bell, executive director of Interfaith Impact for Justice and Peace. "And we are supporting federal legislation to end discrimination against gays and lesbians."

Bell was joined by representatives of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the United Church of Christ, Homeland Ministries, the Unitarian Universalist Church of America, and the American Friends Service Committee.

Crae Pridgen has filed a lawsuit against



Naval Petty Officer Keith Meinhold

three Camp LeJeune Marines related to his beating outside a Wilmington bar in January. His suit seeks more than \$10,000 in compensatory damages plus interest and \$10,000 in punitive damages from each of the three defendants.

The Alabama-based Southern Poverty Law Center, spurred by Pridgen's beating, has sent a letter urging Secretary of Defense Les Aspin to condemn anti-gay violence.

"The attack against Mr. Pridgen was not an isolated incident," said SPCL legal director J. Richard Cohen in the letter. "Over the past few years, numerous civilians have suffered similar fates solely because of their sexual orientation."

The Schindler case

A transcript of the court-martial trial of Airman Apprentice Charles Vins shows that he admitted helping provide Terry Helvey with an alibi and concealed evidence in the beating death of gay shipmate Allen Schindler. Vins pleaded guilty to three minor charges at his trial last November in return for testifying against Helvey.

According to the heavily edited transcript, Vins and Helvey were out drinking on the night of Oct. 27, and Vins waited outside when Helvey entered the restroom where Schindler was brutally murdered. Vins' attorney, Lt. Paul K. Nishie, said his client looked into the restroom and saw the beating.

Vins was so "frightened and shocked... that he has trouble even remembering what actually happened as he was leaving the restroom," Nishie said.

The transcript indicated that Vins helped Helvey hide clothing stained with Schindler's blood, and that he and Helvey went to several bars to establish an alibi.

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RITA MAE SCHAEFFER

Age: Old enough to know better but young enough to try it anyway

How long in Atlanta: Seems like since Scarlett lost Rhett

Relationship: Still trying to find that perfect mix of Martina and k.d.

Last book read: "Sappho Was A Right On Woman" by Sidney Abbott and Barbara Love

Pot peeve: Jealous siblings



"Well, that's just the way Nancy is. You know, for a while, back when the Reagans were in the White House, we just assumed that was the way all women named Nancy were."

So says the twin sister of Atlanta's most notorious anti-gay activist. But Rita Mae Schaeffer, affectionately known as "Muffy" to her alternative lifestyle friends, chooses not to let genes get her down.

"I've written off to several of those lesbians and heredity studies. All we're waiting for is Sis," she says with a twinkle in her eye.

Schaeffer, a hair stylist at the Rubyfruit Jungle Styling Salon on Old National Highway, is frequently mistaken for her sister, with disastrous results. "Have you ever tried to get rotten tomato seeds out of Big Hair?" she asks. But she's gone with that look for so long that a Mia Farrow 'do would be "way too heterosexual." And besides, Big Hair is a Schaeffer family thing.

"Nancy and I practiced on each other as young girls, spray painting those plastic wigs that they sold so many years ago. Sometimes I think she still wears hers."

Schaeffer has followed her sister's career with increasing horror, and not a little guilt. "She and I shared a bed for several years, and I am a bit of a cover hog. I've often wondered if that's what started her down her road of hate. From little acorns..." she said with a sigh.

But Schaeffer is good at taking her lemons and making lemonade with them. Her book, "Sister Dearest," is in the midst of quite a bidding war between publishing houses.

"I'll be tellin' it all, darlin'—her run-in with the Toni people over that disastrous home perm she had in 1965, her attempted hostile takeover of Aqua Net, her mad affair with Vidal Sassoon. To paraphrase Ms. Midler, 'Dippity Doo will be flung tonight!'"

About her sister, Schaeffer summed up her attitude with equanimity. "You have to let her live her life the way she chooses. We just keep sending her Christmas cards and praying that she'll change. Or sign up for some scientific studies."

This article is pure fiction. Nancy Schaeffer does not have a twin sister named Rita Mae, and she never had a mad affair with Vidal Sassoon. This is an April Fool joke.

NEWS OF THE UNBELIEVABLE

Olympic Rings and History Things: The Atlanta Gay and Lesbian History Thing has joined forces with the Atlanta Olympic Committee to ensure that the gay and lesbian athletes of today will have a place in history tomorrow. To reflect the new venture, organizers of The Atlanta Gay and Lesbian History Thing have changed its name to the The Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Whatizit.

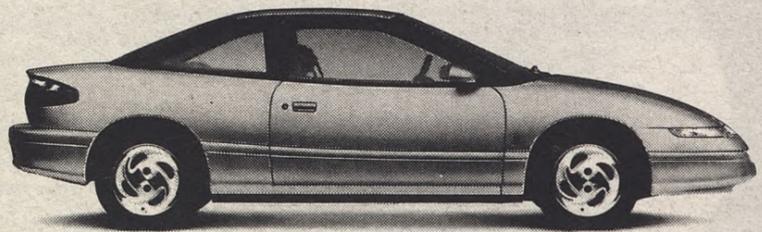
Northampton, Mass. Hits Critical Mass: The daily workings of all-lesbian Northampton, Massachusetts ground to a halt last week, with outsiders reporting that the number of psychotherapists and veterinary assistants in the community has reached critical mass. Investigating officer Lieutenant Marcy Overall reports "They're all just sitting around processing how they feel about spaying and neutering." In an effort to avert the standstill, Camille Paglia has been called in as a mediator.

Lesbian Couple Discovered in Freak Sex Act: A lesbian couple, together for over three years was discovered March 31 having sex on a Wednesday night. Friends expressed their revulsion to the perversity. "That's just sickening," stated neighbor Mary Lou Retentive. "If they've got energy to be going at it on a weekday, they don't volunteer for enough organizations." The couple will remain unnamed until their closest ex-lovers can be notified.

Those Whacky Boy Scouts: Top BSA officials were horrified when the press suggested that circle jerking around a campfire might be seen as a homosexual activity. In a press release, the BSA announced, "The circle jerk is a Boy Scout tradition and a fine way to teach young men to judge themselves and others by the size of their penises. It's the American way, and anyone who says otherwise is a pansy."

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RIGHT WATCH

Jerry Falwell has a new target, as if gays in the military weren't enough: Roberta Achtenberg, the openly lesbian San Francisco supervisor appointed to the Department of Housing and Urban Development by President Bill Clinton. In a recent mailing from Falwell's Liberty Alliance, the Virginia fundamentalist urges constituents to return a "Stop the Lesbian Nomination Reply Form" with \$25 or \$35 to help with the campaign to stop Achtenberg's confirmation process. "President Clinton has done the unthinkable!" opens the letter attached, which also includes cards to mail to Senators, who must confirm the nomination before Achtenberg can take her position as assistant secretary for fair housing at HUD.

Also in a mailing from Falwell's TV show, "Old Time Gospel Hour," is pamphlet promising "Shocking information the liberal media does not want you to know." Inside are the details of "President Bill Clinton's Hidden Homosexual Agenda," including Achtenberg's appointment, lifting of the ban on gays in the military, use of gay and lesbian positive books as 1st grade school textbooks.

Around the country:

Colorado. The legislative compromise to Amendment 2 is still on the table, despite Colorado Springs attorney Greg Walta's decision to drop his petition drive for a separate compromise amendment. Rep. Sam Williams' proposal makes it illegal to discriminate based on legal conduct outside the workplace.

The United States Student Association has joined the boycott movement. The USSA board met in January, releasing a statement that the board had unanimously resolved not to hold any meetings in the state until Amendment 2 is repealed. The January meeting had been moved from Colorado to Arizona after protest from the National Lesbian, Gay and Biexual Student Caucus.

The Colorado State Bar Association, however, reversed an earlier decision to move its annual convention out of Colorado Springs, the home of Amendment 2 sponsor Colorado for Family Values. About 50 members of the association resigned when the group originally voted to move its convention.

Washington. A bill to extend the state's malicious harassment law to protect gays and lesbians has passed the House. The bill now moves on to the state Senate.

Minnesota. A gay rights bill won preliminary approval in the state Senate and final approval in the House last week. Republican Senate Majority leader Dean Johnson, chaplain of the Minnesota Army National Guard, pleaded for support of the measure.

The bill is expected to come up for final Senate approval this week.

Arkansas. Sodomy is still illegal in



Roberta Achtenberg, President Clinton's choice for Assistant Secretary of HUD, is the latest target of Jerry Falwell.

President Clinton's home state. A measure to repeal the law failed last week in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Only one senator, Mike Everett, voted for the repeal. Everett gave an emotional plea for the measure, citing the prejudice his gay son must endure.

"This law is a smudge on the face of Arkansas that should be removed," he said.

Idaho. The state attorney general has issued a legal opinion calling the Idaho Citizens Alliance anti-gay initiative "fatally flawed."

"Those who stand to lose are not just homosexuals," said Larry Echohawk. "Rather, all Idahoans will suffer an abridgment of our most deeply held and cherished constitutional rights—the right to freedom of speech, the right to academic freedom in our universities, the right to free political debate in our governmental bodies and the right to live in a society where all members are protected equally under the law."

The ICA's Kelly Walton, a former Oregon Citizens Alliance member, said that his group will "press on" with the initiative, calling the 18-page review "the opinion of a left-wing deputy attorney general exercising his political correctness."

Oregon. Opposition is forming in Portland and Eugene to attempts by the Oregon Citizens Alliance to place anti-gay initiatives on local ballots in at least 24 cities and eight counties. In Portland, Support Our Communities has formed, and in Eugene People for the American Way is organizing grass roots efforts to stop the initiatives.

Meanwhile, city councils in Veneta, Cottage Grove, Creswell and Albany have voted to oppose the measures. They have been joined by mayors in several cities, including Hermiston and Hillsboro, and leaders of several chambers of commerce.

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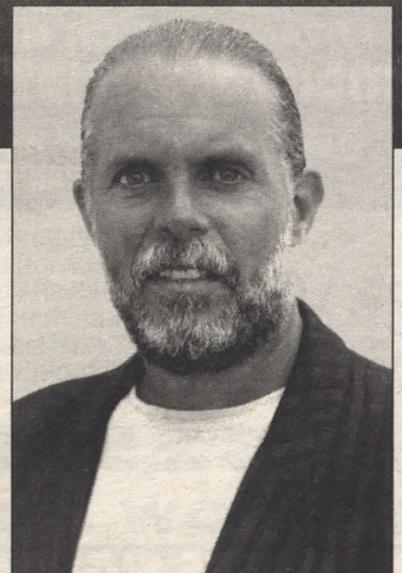
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Paper Dish: Dish was thrilled to hear about our community takeover of RIO (see front page), and couldn't help but wonder what might happen if other such coups occurred. Say, for in-



Dish hears that Attorney General Janet Reno and Supreme Court Justice David Souter are DC's hottest item these days.

stance, a Southern Voice leveraged buyout of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. How would local media maven Leigh VanderEls run things differently from Ann Cox Chambers? Dish thinks she would replace Cynthia Tucker with Chris Cash, Tom Teepen with KC Wildmoon, and Dick Williams with Al Cotton. The position of restaurant reviewer might be more difficult—how do we choose between AJ/C's Elliott Mackle and SoVo's Gary Kaupman? A Jello (or would it be creme brulee) wrestling contest at the Omni, perhaps? And what would we do with Marilyn Geewax? Mail your suggestion to...

Matchmaker, Matchmaker: The presence of two 50-ish, unmarried high government officials—such as Bush-appointed but relatively open-minded (for a Republican) Supreme Court Justice David Souter and new Attorney General Janet Reno—has Washington yentas salivating at the opportunity to set up the highest ranking blind date in government history. Well, as Dish hears it, Souter and Reno have beaten them to the punch. "An instant, magnetic attraction," she revealed to our source. "She unstuck the window at my condo," he cooed. We understand there were significant negotiations about what to do on the first date: he declined her offer to go to the NCAA Women's Final Four tournament. Instead, they compromised, renting two movies: "A Room with a View" and "Aliens 3."

This article is pure fiction. As far as we know Reno and Souter are not dating. This is an April Fool.

Olympics gets gay facelift

Continued from page 1

organizer Larry Lucas to head the ACOG. "It seems only fitting to allow someone with Lucas' great knowledge and ability take over now that the Games are being dedicated to Waddell," said Payne.

"I'm tickled pink at the opportunity to head the Atlanta effort and to fully acknowledge the contribution of lesbians and gay men to the Olympics," beamed a proud Lucas.

Lucas acknowledged that he is considering scores of changes to the Games' format, but that he will definitely see to it that the Olympic Torch is carried into the new stadium by "a multinational team of flaming faggots." He also said that he would lobby to have the exterior of the Georgia Dome refinished in rainbow colors and the Cultural Olympiad named in honor of the late writer/poet Audre Lorde.

Mayor Maynard Jackson announced that the city will rename International Boulevard as "Avenue of the Homos" and that the street will be paved with hundreds of thousands of pink triangles.

In response to the gaying of the Olympics, informed sources close to Falcons owner Rankin Smith and Braves/Hawks owner Ted Turner say the two men have encouraged the gay members

of their teams to come out. The sources indicated that Smith and Turner will pay a \$500,000 bonus to each of their players who acknowledges their homosexuality.

While Smith and Turner were not available for comment, Turner's wife, Jane Fonda, did acknowledge that she had met with the Atlanta chapter of the Lesbian Avengers to assist her in making a self defense and exercise video for lesbians.

Even the private business community responded positively to the changes. The owners of the popular Midtown sports bar Jocks N Jills announced that they were selling their business to well known Atlanta bar owners Deena Collins and Mike Fienstein, who plan to open the first co-sexual Leather and Lipstick Lesbian bar, to be called Butches N Fems. Plans for the new bar's first event, a Stiletto Hell night, were in the works as we went to press.

I. M. KIDDING

This article is pure fiction in celebration of April Fool's day. The ACOG and the Gay Games have not merged and Billy Payne is still the head of the ACOG. Also, Rankin Smith and Ted Turner are not offering bonuses to players who come out, and Jane Fonda is not in production of a self defense video for lesbians. This is only a joke. We repeat, this is only a joke.

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OUT & ABOUT

BOOK REVIEW

VESTED INTERESTS

Crossdressing has been around since recorded history and has existed for more than a hundred years at Harvard University in the form of the Hasty Pudding club, which has seen such notables as Oliver Wendell Holmes, George Santayana, and Henry Cabot Lodge in drag. It should come as no surprise, then, that a professor from those hallowed halls has written a book on crossdressing. What is a surprise is that Marjorie Garber, a white Ivy League woman, and a Shakespearean scholar, could have the breadth of knowledge displayed in her book "Vested Interests: Cross-dressing and Cultural Anxiety."

From Michael Jackson to Lawrence of Arabia to Oscar Wilde as Salome, Garber examines gender bending, looking (as she puts it) *at* rather than *through* him (or her). Only by transgressing the lines of gender do those lines become apparent. Crossdressers tell us about ourselves by bending the rules of normative behaviors and dress.

Much of the book is filled with styles of dress which masculinize or feminize. In one chapter, *The Chic of Araby*, Garber takes an extended look at T.E. Lawrence, the British officer who adopted the flowing robes of the Arabs with whom he lived. She likens Lawrence's costume to a bride's gown, finding circumstances of his life in the desert to amplify the bridal allusion.

But it is when Garber writes about transsexualism that she is at her best. Her strength comes from her ability to recognize that gender, as anthropologists have been telling us for twenty years, is a cultural phenomenon which may or may not be related to one's biological sex.

To illustrate this, consider Billy Tipton. Tipton was a jazz musician, married with three adopted sons, a man in every sense but one. His "difference" was discovered at his death; biologically, he was a woman.

The media picked up on the Billy Tipton story, proclaiming, "He did it for his music." It was claimed (and may have been true) that he donned his disguise as a man to make it in a field in which women were largely excluded.

Lesbians were quick to claim Tipton for one of their own. But Garber points out that much more was going on in Tipton's life than a disguise. Tipton was a man in every aspect of his life; even his wife and sons were unaware of his deception. Why, Garber asks, would Tipton need to hide his identity from those who loved him best? Unless, that is, if he lived as a man simply because he wanted to. Garber concludes that Tipton was a man



The Billy Tipton Trio with Billy in the center. To the surprise of his wife, adopted sons and colleagues, Billy was discovered upon his death to be a woman.

who became a woman only after his death.

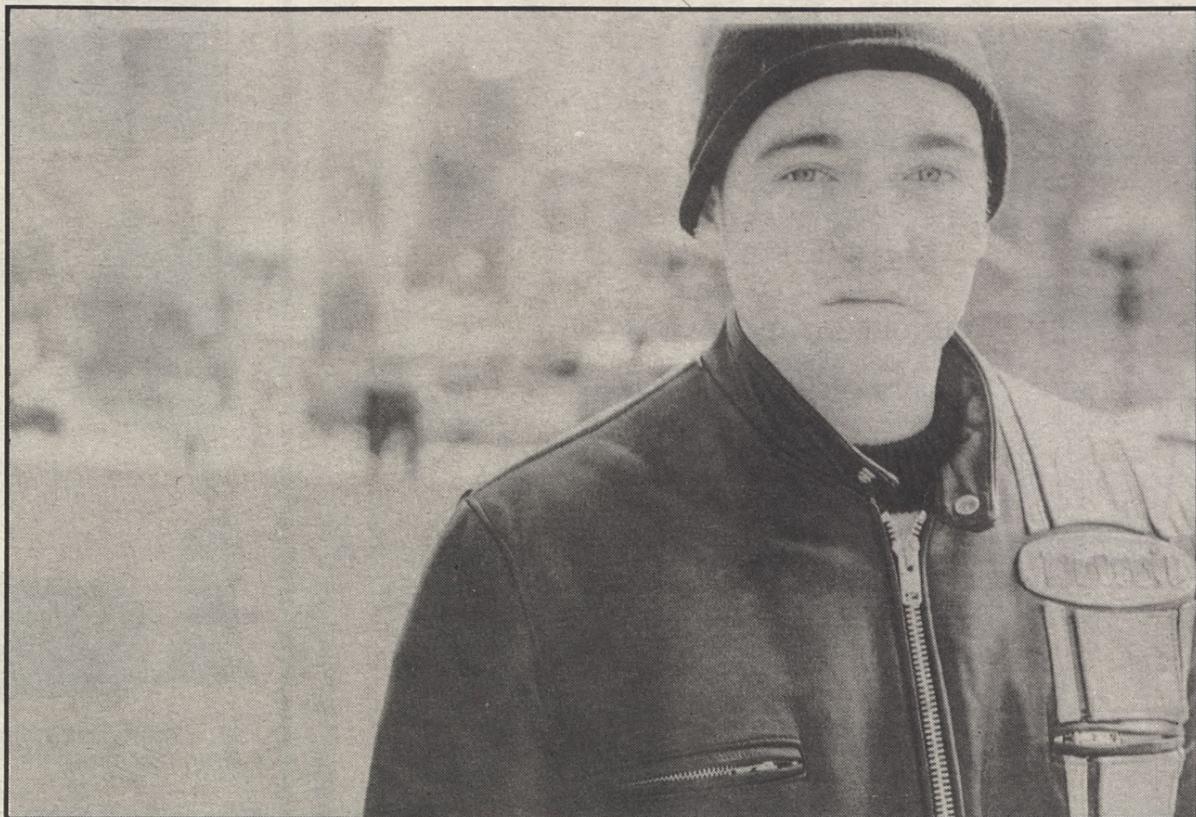
In the chapter, "Spare Parts," Garber asks if sex reassignment is nothing more than a rearrangement of body parts, a "penis job," little different from a nose job or a breast job. It is clear that she views gender as a cultural construction, but she also sees transsexual people as obsessed with "the absolute insignia of maleness" (or femaleness).

This is a stereotype originated by the medical community, and in particular by Robert Stoller. A decade or so ago, Stoller and others would not treat those who did not fit their narrow definition of transsexualism (which included the desire for genital surgery). In truth, many transsexual people place little or no importance on genital surgery. While there are some transsexual people who see womanhood or manhood as something that can be purchased from the surgeon, many more realize that it is one's outward appearance and social role that determine one's gender, and not their genitalia.

Garber's book is a quick read, as she races from crossdresser to crossdresser. She has produced an eminently readable if ultimately anecdotal book. To read it is to cut through the layers of society, exposing the crossdressing which is everpresent, just beneath the surface.

DALLAS DENNY

Dallas Denny is the Executive Director of American Educational Gender Information Service



Dale Peck, 25, describes himself as a "quintessentially boring" product of Middle America. The Kansas native, who now lives in New York, has written a first novel, "Martin and John," a disturbing account of contemporary gay life.

GAY LITERATURE

MARTIN AND JOHN

Draw an "X" across a map of the United States and at the center you might find Hutchinson, Kansas, 60 miles northwest of Wichita and the city where Dale Peck spent much of his childhood.

With just a hint of irony, the baby-faced, 25-year-old author describes himself as a "quintessentially boring" product of Middle America, with literary concerns no different than many writers before him.

But in more ways than one, Peck isn't in Kansas anymore. As a junior at New Jersey's Drew University, he revealed what he had kept to himself since age 12: that he is gay. He lives in Manhattan now, and his first novel, "Martin and John," is a raw, often frightening account of contemporary gay life.

"In real life, you reject so many things and you take on so many taboos when you say 'Well, Dad, I like to kiss boys instead of girls.' And when you hold hands with your boyfriends on the street and people throw things at you and stuff...Crossing that barrier in real life was so much harder than in fiction," Peck said during a recent interview.

"I had floundered around a lot as a writer. I wrote about everything. You're trying to find your voice. What's my subject matter? What do I feel I can write about? After coming out, I didn't have to use silly metaphors. I could come out and say it."

"Martin and John" is a series of stories within a story. The central narrative focuses on a young man named John who leaves Kansas and his abusive father, becomes a hustler in New York and falls in love with Martin, who soon falls ill with AIDS.

Woven throughout are stories John has written to help him cope. Every one features a "John" and a lover named "Martin." His lover appears as a runaway hiding in John's father's barn, as a boyfriend of John's mother, as a wealthy New Yorker who sends him expensive presents.

Sex and death blur like Peck's fact and fiction. As someone who never knew what it was like to be gay without the fear of AIDS, Peck contrasts the most powerful emotions, the highest expectations, with the knowledge that every sexual encounter is as risky as Russian roulette.

"Before I became a big part of the gay community, before I had older gay friends, I went through and found every gay book of fiction that had been published before 1980," he said.

"Later on, I made gay friends over 35, over 40; it's just two universes. Somewhere in my mind, when I write all these post-AIDS generation stories, I'm always comparing it to what I lost. Some imaginary paradise which was never paradise. It was an experiment never allowed to run its course."

The subject matter might have made Mark Twain blush, but some timeless American themes are in this novel. Kansas and New York operate like opposite poles in John's mind, "a vast open prairie" and an urban jungle that "rages to consume me," the extremes of complacency and chaos that have haunted Huck-leberry Finn and countless others.

"Already I feel myself becoming bored," Peck writes of John. "I've been idle for a year now and it's all begun to grow off me, the smell of dust, the sight of long grass rolling in the breeze. I'm used to things happening."

"But I'm afraid too. If I have nothing else right now, I have control, and I don't want to risk losing that by doing something, meeting a man, making a friend, getting a job."

Idleness might seem like a blessing in Peck's own life. Like a world without AIDS, a blissful childhood is a paradise he only can imagine. He grew up in a troubled, working-class family. His mother died and his relationship with his father was bad enough that as a teen-ager he slept with a gun under his bed.

Whatever the world failed to offer, Peck provided himself. He had a natural sense of place, an almost arrogant belief he had something to say. He remembered writing a couple of stories in fifth grade and being impressed with his ability to master the form.

"The only thing I had any problem accepting about myself was the fact I was gay," he said. "I have always had supreme faith in my abilities. I know what I am good at and I know what I am not good at. I know I'm a good writer."

There are days Peck will walk past his bookshelves, pick out a volume of Walt Whitman and read through some of his long poems. He likes Whitman's often messy way of trying to cram the entire world into a few pages, his confidence that an equally great audience was waiting to hear from him.

"I do want to try and get everything, but I don't know if I want to get it all into one book. I have plans for five or six books I'm going to do. I tend to view them all as things that go together," Peck said.

"Sometimes I think about Emily Dickinson and the fact so few of her poems were published and no one got them. That must be the most horrible thing in the world: to be writing something and know it's good and nobody's paying attention. Even now, I'm writing something and I call friends up and say, 'I want to read something to you.'"

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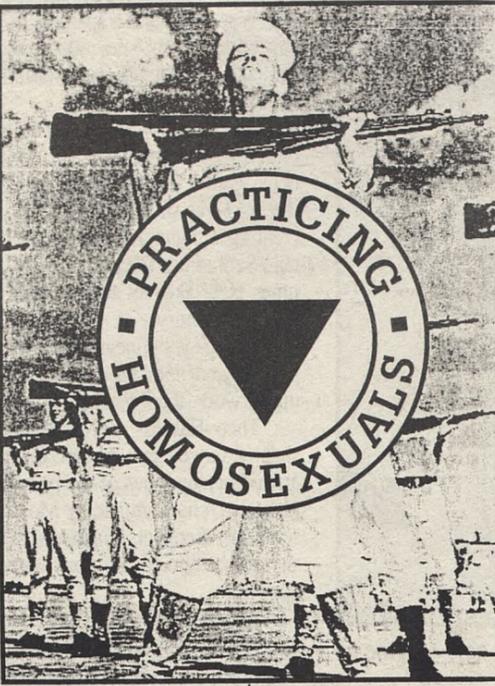
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FESTIVAL DE LA FEMME. Through Apr. 10. A series of six one-act plays by local and regional female playwrights will be presented in the Discovery Arena at Neighborhood Playhouse. 377-3714.

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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. 584-7450.



beginning at 8:00 p.m. nightly. 14th St. Playhouse. 892-2414.

WINNING TEAMS. As part of its champagne and coffee concert series, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra presents a program highlighting some of the world's greatest collaborators—Lerner & Loewe, Kern & Hammerstein, Gilbert & Sullivan. Through Sat. at 8:00 p.m. nightly. 898-1182.

2 FRIDAY

TEACUPS AND DIET COKE. Ariel Gallery at TULA presents a collaborative installation of new work by Atlanta artists

ANGEL WORKS.

Through Apr. 18. 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. 523-7647.

THE GLASS MENAGERIE. Through Apr. 18. Onstage Atlanta presents the Tennessee William's classic about the Wingfield family. 420 Courtland St. 897-1802.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF. Through Apr. 24. Neighborhood Playhouse in Decatur presents the musical of a hardworking family in Tsarist Russia. Wed-Sat at 8:00 p.m. and Sun at 2:00 p.m. 373-5311.

PASSION. Through Apr. 25. 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 simultaneously expressed by two other actors. Thurs-Sat at 8:00 p.m., Sun at 7:00 p.m. 221-0831.

DEATH OF A SALES-

Phyllis Franco and Diane McPhail. The exhibition runs through May 11. Call 352-5753 for details.

MARCELLO. The High Museum celebrates Marcello Mastroianni's career with a six-part film series that concentrates on his work in the 50s and 60s. Fellini's "8½" will be screened tonight at 8:00 p.m. Call 898-9286 for info.

CONSTRUCTED ENVIRONMENTS. The City Gallery at Chastain presents an exhibition by John Garret, who works with recycled and other materials found in the urban environment. 135 W Wieuca Rd. 257-1894 for info.

HEE SOOK KIM. The Arts Exchange presents a exhibition by this Brooklyn

MAN. Through May 1. Theatre in the Square presents Arthur Miller's classic tale of the American dream gone awry. Tues-Sat at 8:00 p.m. and Sun at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. 424-4603.

JULIUS CAESAR. Through May 15. The Atlanta Shakespeare Tavern presents this tragedy of honor, politics and murder. Wed-Sat at 7:30. 499 Peachtree St. 874-5299.

BETRAYAL. Through May 16. The Alliance Theatre presents Harold Pinter's romantic drama directed by Michael Olich. Tues-Sun. 898-1127.

ATLANTA FEMINIST WOMEN'S CHORUS. Apr. 10. One show only from this phenomenal chorus. Special guests from The Voices of Hospitality. 8 pm. Ga. Tech Theatre.

CAROLE AND BREN IN CONCERT. Apr. 16. 8pm. 1st Existentialist Cong. 470 Candler park Dr.

1ST ANNUAL SOUTHERN VOICE COMMUNITY AWARDS. Apr. 17. This benefit for Atlanta Lesbian & Gay Pride and the Atlanta Lambda Center will recognize and honor

artist through Apr. 24. The collection with spirituality as its subject includes paintings and drawings on wood, aluminum, fabric and paper. 750 Kalb St. For info call 624-4211.

3 SATURDAY

THESE BOOTS ARE MADE FOR MARCHING. This cabaret and dance co-hosted by Charlie Brown and Peg Bundy benefits the GA chapter of the National March on Washington. Tickets are \$10 in advance at Charis, Boy Next Door, Hairanoia and Brushstrokes; \$12 at the door. 8 pm at the Trolley Barn.

PWARTY. NAPWA hosts a social gathering for "HIV-friendly" people the 1st and 3rd Sat. of every month beginning at 8:00 p.m. 44 12th St. Call 874-7926 for details.

I HAVE A DREAM. Martin Luther King's speech on the mall in D.C. will be shown tonight at the LSP Community Center at Euclid and Austin. The video will be followed by "Home Feeling," a documentary about inner city African Americans in search for a community. 7:30 pm. For more info call 368-7137.

AFRICAN FILM SOCIETY. Night of the Black Independents hosts a film and video festival today and tomorrow at IMAGE Film and Video, 75 Bennet St. 2:00, 5:00 and 8:00. \$10 for weekend pass. 593-1193.

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. Eric Omer, creator of "The Mostly Unfabulous Social Life of Ethan Green" and Cathy Woolard of the Human Rights Campaign Fund are the emcees. \$20. Tickets available at Maddix Deluxe, Charis Books, Brushstrokes, MalePak. 876-1819 for more info.

NATIONAL MARCH ON WASHINGTON. Apr. 25. 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.

FINAL FOUR. The Omni plays host to the NCAA Women's Championship. Competition starts today at noon and concludes with tomorrow's championship game at 4:00. Call 249-6400 for tickets.

BALLET BY GEORGE. The Georgia Ballet presents its Spring concert tonight at 8:00 at the Cobb Civic Center in Marietta. The program will feature works performed to music by composers whose first names happen to be "George"—Bizet, Winston, Handel and Gershwin. 425-0258.

CRAFT FAIR. The American Craft Council presents its fourth annual craft fair featuring works from across the nation today and tomorrow at Inforum (adjacent to the Apparel Mart). Call 892-4505 for details.

4 SUNDAY

ALGPC AUCTION. Due to the "Blizzard of the Century," the benefit for the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee was postponed until 3:00 p.m. today in the Sheraton Colony Square. The fine arts auction features original etchings, engravings and lithographs by some of the greatest European masters including Cezanne, Chagall, Goya, Picasso and Rembrandt. \$10 per couple. Call 220-8111 for further info.

ORCHID SHOW. The Atlanta Orchid Society hosts its annual Spring show and sale in Day Hall at the Atlanta Botanical Garden. Over 100 Orchids will burst with color including Cattleyas, Phalaenopsis and Cymbidiums. 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Call 876-5859 for info.

ANGELS AND MONEY. Ariel Gallery at TULA presents an exhibition of color laser prints by New York artist Lesley Schiff. A reception will be held today from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. Call 352-5753 for further info.

HOLLYWOOD'S GOLDEN YEARS. Ed Asner hosts this six-part series on GPTV examining the story of the personalities behind RKO Studios in its heyday. Katherine Hepburn,



Lucille Ball and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. are featured. Channel 8, 9:00 p.m.

5 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.

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.

MEDICINE AT THE CROSSROADS. This GPTV series examines the impact of the medical revolution on patients and their families, doctors, scientists and health care workers. Channel 8, 9 p.m.

6 TUESDAY

PASSOVER SEDER. Congregation Bet Haverim hosts its annual Seder tonight at 6:00 p.m. at the Atlanta Friends Meeting-house, 701 W. Howard Avenue. Call 642-3467 for info and reservations.

MARY-CHAPIN CARPENTER. The grammy winning country-

folk singer performs tonight at Variety Playhouse, 1099 Euclid Ave. in LSP. Special guest: folk artist John Gorka. The show begins at 8:00. 249-6400 for tickets.

7 WEDNESDAY

GULF COAST WOMEN'S FESTIVAL. Womyn's music and culture will be the highlights for this feminist good time 30 miles north of New Orleans. Over 30 workshops will be held through Sun. with dancing and campfire every night. Call 601-896-3196 for details.

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 Sat at 10:00 p.m. Also on City Channel 6 at 5:00 p.m. Thurs.

Pictured: BELOW: Keith Langsdale, Patricia Hodges and Terry Beaver star in Harold Pinter's romantic drama, "Betrayal," at the Alliance through May 16. Photo by Jonathan Burnette ABOVE: "The Awakening" by Gary McMillan, one of the pieces on exhibit through April 17 at BurnNoff Gallery.



THEATRE REVIEW

ANGELS WORKS

What are angels? Are they projections of human desires—or fears? Many people today believe that they have “guardian angels” who watch over them. Are devils the angels who “fell with Lucifer, and are forever damned with Lucifer?” Are they the spirits of humans, transported by death to another plane of existence?

Joseph Chaikin, acclaimed director of Beckett’s “Waiting for Godot” (at Seven Stages last year), directs “Angel Works,” three short pieces now playing at Seven Stages. All three plays relate in some way to the subject of angels. The evening of theatre provides an intriguing, imaginative look into another world, and also gives Atlantans a chance to see first class avant garde theatre.

The first play is Edward Albee’s “Sandbox,” a surreal look at how contemporary society treats old people, specifically old women. “Mommy” and “Daddy,” a well-heeled middle-aged couple (played by Jill Jane Clements and Don Finney) bring Mommy’s old mother, “Grandma” (Minette Meyer) to the beach, plunk her into a sandbox, and sit on chairs waiting for her to die. A violinist plays in one corner of the stage, while a muscular young man does dance-like exercises in another corner—he the Angel of Death.

I have always found this play to be very anti-woman: “Mommy” is an icy bitch while “Daddy” is a passive wimp who says little but “Whatever you say, Mommy.” Such women do exist; but did women create this youth-obsessed culture that dismisses old women as expendable? Furthermore, anyone who wore those pointy-toed, stiletto-heeled instruments of torture on her feet for long would become an icy bitch—or a serial killer. Prolonged pain does not sweeten the disposition.

The second piece was developed by the company of actors based upon writings by Chaikin and playwright Sam Shepard. The two best parts of this piece were the wonderfully inventive music of Klimchak and a monologue by Del Hamilton.

The third piece, also by Chaikin and Shepard, is a monologue entitled “The War In Heaven.” Del Hamilton plays a trapped angel who pleads for freedom. Like “Tongues,” another



DAVID ZEIGER

Annette and Wayne Coleman in *Passion* now playing at Actor’s Express.

monologue by Shepard, Hamilton addresses the audience, hardly moving at all, speaking a flow of evocative language, images, stories, that flow, not logically but in free association. Shepard’s angel here is a human being reduced to pure essence, shut away from normal human concerns, trapped in the hell of memory and introspection, but free to remember, reflect and yearn.

Hamilton, as always, gives an outstanding performance. He makes himself look angelic, powerful, pure somehow—like a disembodied thought. Klimchak’s music is marvelously imaginative and evocative—a violin bow drawn across the edge of a goblet half filled with water makes unearthly, surprisingly sweet sounds, as do a large bowl of water, clown noisemakers, and a drum used in unusual ways.

Passion, by Peter Nichols, winner of the London Evening Standard Award, is now playing at Actor’s Express. Directed by Chris Coleman, this intense drama brings son-et-lumiere spectacle to the breakup of a middle-class marriage. Annette Coleman and Wayne Coleman (parents of Chris in real life) play Eleanor and James, an artistic couple whose marriage seems secure and settled—until James has an affair with party-girl Kate (Dierdrie Henry).

The multiple layers of emotion and reason experienced by the two main characters are represented by the device of alter egos. Kathi Welch and Scott Higgs play the more elemental, direct selves of Eleanor and James—called “Nell” and “Jim,” creating a counterpoint to the adult, mature, restrained characters. Sometimes Eleanor talks to James, sometimes to Jim. Sometimes Nell takes an action while Eleanor looks on, with the sad eyes of memory.

The play delineates the breakdown of trust between two people, and does so with the delicacy of a painter restoring a masterpiece, the intensity of a singer performing a Bach cantata.

Theo Harness’ set is beautiful; scarves drape tables and shabby but elegant Victorian chairs and sofa, suggesting the artistic personalities of the people who own it. Reproductions of paintings, choral music by Mozart, Beethoven, and Bach underscore the characters’ passions. “Passion” can mean desire, intensity; in traditional religious language, it means suffering. So it does here.

Annette Coleman plays Eleanor as dignified and self-contained, confident at the beginning that nothing can destroy her marriage. She is an actress of fine control, conveying delicate nuances just with her face. Kathi Welch gives a moving performance as Nell, Eleanor’s inner self, who expresses the emotion that Eleanor keeps inside.

Dierdrie Henry, as Kate, the “other woman,” could have been more convincing; there seemed to be no passion at all coming from her, not even a passion for conquest. I would have liked to see *this* character’s alter ego!

Also, the Colemans seemed rather asexual for characters who talk about sex, are interested in sex, and shoot four-letter words at each other. Could their restraint be explained by the fact that not only are they married to each other, but they are the parents of their director? Who, after all, could feel comfortable telling his own mother and father to be sexy together on stage?

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These Boots are Made for Marching! is the theme of a cabaret show and dance planned for Saturday, April 3rd at The Trolley Barn in Inman Park. This variety show will be hosted by the legendary Charlie Brown and the ever popular Peg Bundy. Comic Cissy Rimwell will entertain along with several other live acts, with a dance to follow. There will be a cash bar with beer and wine in addition to the pulsating beat. This event will benefit the Georgia Committee for the March on Washington (GOCMOW) and a portion of the proceeds will go toward sending local PWAs to the March. Tickets are only \$10 in advance and may be purchased at Brushstrokes, Charis Books & More, Hairanoia, and The Boy Next Door.

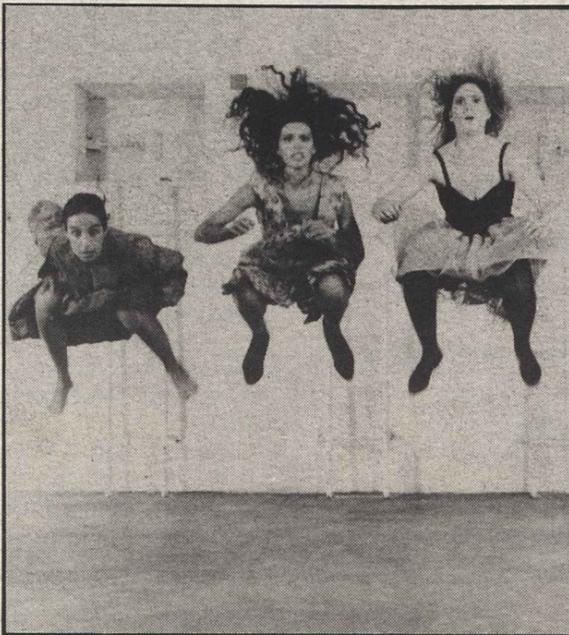
Due to the recent Blizzard of '93 which brought virtually all weekend events to a snowy halt, several have been rescheduled. The Burkhart's benefit for the March on Washington has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 4. Aply putting the show together is **Daisy Chain**, who is planning not one but two shows, the first around 8:30 and the other at 10:30 p.m. Weather permitting, the show will be presented outdoors on the enclosed patio of this very popular Midtown bar. The line up of entertainers includes singers Leigh McClelland and Jan Riley, Atlanta legends DeAundra Peek and Kitty Litter, Ralph Bailey from Comedy Central's "Access America," and Daisy. Donations for the National March will be accepted at the door of Burkhart's.

Also rescheduled is the art auction to benefit the **Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee**. This auction will be held by the Park West Gallery and will feature works from a variety of world renowned artists in several categories. The location is the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Colony Square Hotel on Sunday, April 4, starting at 2:00 p.m. with a cash bar preview, followed by the auction at 3:00. Tickets are a mere \$10 at the door.

If you have not cast your ballot for the **1st Annual Southern Voice Community Awards**, do so now! The last ballot is in this very issue. The city is abuzz with talk of who will get what award. Plan now to attend the award ceremony which will take place at Zoo Atlanta on Friday, April 17. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., the Zoo will be closed to the public

AFTER HOURS

DANNY ROBLE



Tmu-Na, dance/theatre group from Tel Aviv will perform April 1-3 at 14th St. Playhouse.

and will only be accessible to the guests attending the awards ceremony. This means you can enjoy the sights and sounds of the animals in the Zoo, along with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and a string quartet. Rousing entertainment will kick off the ceremony itself which will be emceed by Eric Orner, cartoonist/creator of "The Mostly Unfabulous Social Life of Ethan Green" and Cathy Woolard, acting legislative director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. It will be an evening to remember and the \$20 ticket price will benefit both the Atlanta

Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee and the Lambda Community Center. Tickets are available at Charis Books & More, Maddix Deluxe, Brushstrokes, and MalePak. Come out and help us honor the winners, celebrate Southern Voice's 5th year of serving Atlanta and help insure a great Pride '93 and the realization of the Lambda Center.

Dancers' Collective and Several Dancers Core will bring to Atlanta, Tmu-Na (Moving Pictures), from Tel Aviv, Israel. The company consists of actors, dancers and musicians, who layer text, movement, dance, music and dialogue into their own unique style of movement theatre. The company will perform "Real Time," set in a Tel Aviv bar.

The performances will be at The 14th Street Playhouse, April 1-3. For ticket information, please call (404) 892-2414.

I just unpacked my bags from a weekend trip to **Washington, D.C.** where the snow from the previously-mentioned blizzard had been cleared from the streets and piled high along the curbs in dirty grey heaps. My free time was limited but I did visit the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial and the Lincoln Memorial.

Driving past the towering Washington Monument, I headed to the opposite end of the Mall to visit the National Gallery of Art. Two buildings comprise the National Gallery, the original West Building, completed in 1941 houses the extensive art collection of financier Andrew W. Mellon. The unmistakably modern East Building was opened in 1978 and houses 20th century paintings and sculpture.

Touring the East Building was an incredible experience. The high point for me was sitting alone on a bench in the center of a circular gallery full of Mark Rothko's canvases. Nearby were Picasso, Warhol, Stella, Motherwell, Kline, Giacometti, Samaras, and Frankenthaler. And the charge for seeing the works of these masters? Nada, zero, zilch. It was all free.

For those of you planning to make the pilgrimage to The National March on Washington in April, try to take in some of these sights in the capital, as well as the 200 or so March related events planned for that weekend. And remember, the eyes of the world will be upon you...be out, be proud, and behave!



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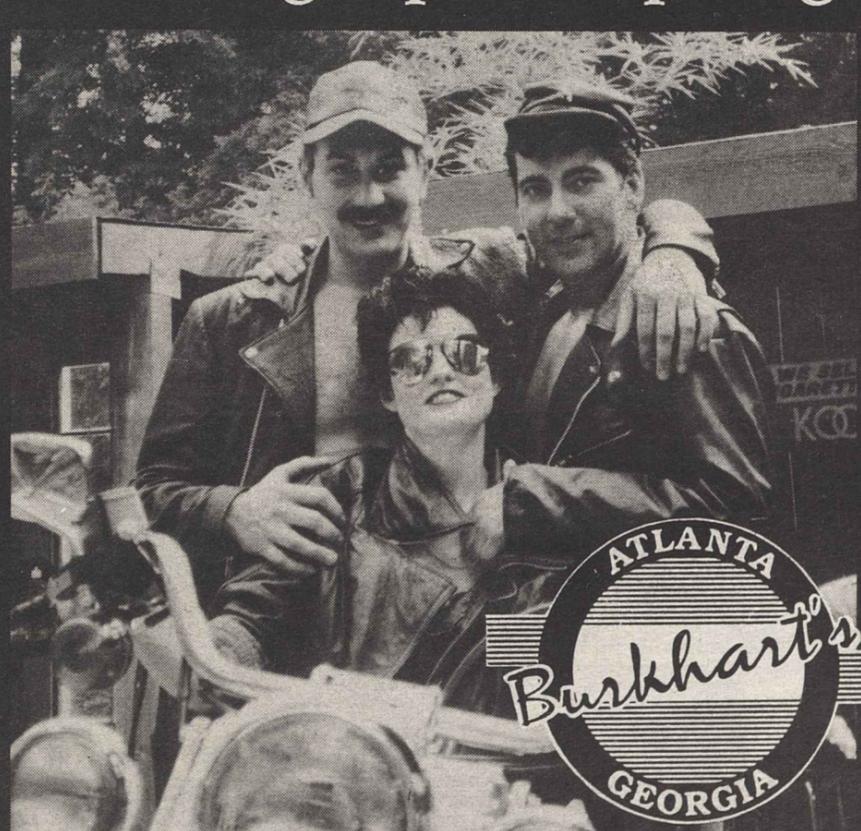
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Some people have a great deal to work with. Decatur mixed media artist Chester Old has an overabundance of materials and inspiration to draw from. "The inspiration for my work comes from everything from the Classics to 'The Jetsons,'" laughingly says Old.

Old is obviously doing something right because recently he has been selected to participate in the American Craft Council's (ACC) 1993 Craft Fair Atlanta, held April 3-4 at Inforum. He is one of 175 artists and craftspeople selected from thousands of national applicants. Only 13 Georgian artists were chosen.

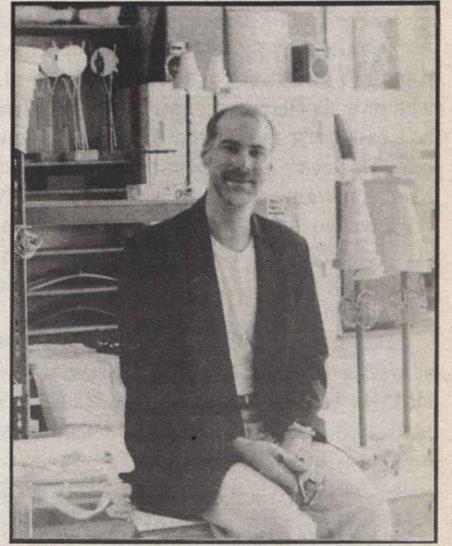
Old, 39, specializes in contemporary home furnishings. As a mixed media artist, he blends unlikely combinations of materials, such as aluminum, copper, brass, concrete, glass and rubber, into unique and functional pieces of art. Old's pieces specialties include napkin holders, mirrors, lamps, dining tables, coffee tables and vases.

"I'm a materialist," he explains. "I have a love and passion for materials that can be used in alternative ways. I try to bring materials together in harmony. The crux of my work is a balance in materials, design and function."

A graduate of the Atlanta College of Art and Penland School of Crafts, Old began working with pottery, but moved to metals and light design when pottery became "boring" and "limiting." He admits that his work with metals is "developing over time" because his skills with metal are essentially self-taught. "They never taught it in school," he says.

Old is also a native of Atlanta and lives in the city with his lover. "There seem to be very few of us natives these days," he muses.

In reference to his being openly gay, Old says he "hope(s) that it hasn't hurt, but I really have no indication. I work with fairly liberal and open minded people. Maybe it's beneficial due



Chester Old

to the type of people I meet in the field...interior designers and such."

The most difficult aspect of Atlanta's art scene in Old's opinion is that the city "tends to be very traditional." In the past, this tended to make the public hesitant about Old's modern work, but Old admits in being active over the years in trying to "cultivate an exciting, risky taste."

To see more of Old's home furnishings, you can meet the artist and see his work on display at the ACC Craft Fair. The Fair runs Saturday, April 3, 10am-6pm, through Sunday, April 4, noon-6pm. It is being held at the Inforum, 250 Williams St., located adjacent to the Atlanta Apparel Mart. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children under 12. For more information contact 404/892-4505.

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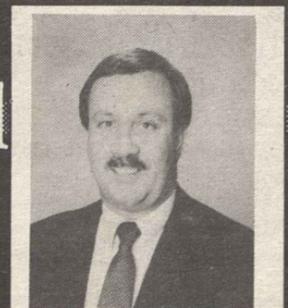
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EARTHSHAKIN' OBSERVATIONS

The Horror. The Horror. I've lived in Atlanta since 1976, and can only recall one other blizzard—and that was during wintertime, before Spring's tender growth and flowering was in full swing.

The recent blizzard's unseasonal and unexpected ferocity threw my garden into a panicked survival mode, the results of which cannot yet be fully tabulated.

Just before disaster struck, tiny white blossoms covered my plum tree, exuding a heavenly scent. The peach tree's pink buds were just tipping out. The bulb flowers were in full regalia, erect and proud, trumpeting their colors and shapes with great fanfare.

The irises and azaleas had bloomed in late December/early January with the unexpected warmth, but were gearing up for another round with tons of buds. The peas, planted in January's warmth, were about 3.5 inches high. The trailing fleabane still had out-of-season flowers.

And my pampered dwarf nectarine bore a pink cloud of wonderful blossoms. I'm always very careful with her. Knowing that snows were approaching, I covered her first with a blanket, then a tarp (tied through its frommets), and a heating pad on top.

I covered the pots with towels, and thick plastic. The peas sported a sheet and an old shower curtain. Potted herbs and gardenias wore layers of rags and various plastics.

The trick with any sort of protective plant covering is to "tent" it. Just sheltering with plastic gives a small benefit—it keeps frost from making direct contact with skin/plant tissue. However, to keep the temperature inside the plastic from falling, there must be an air "bubble" to act as an insulator. Hence, the plastic should meet the mulch, and prove as

impermeable to winds as possible.

I took every precaution. With a clear conscience and decent expectations, I went to bed Friday night. Saturday morning, I awoke and found disaster everywhere. The pad, tarp and blanket had blown off of the nectarine, and her pink-laden branches were encrusted with snow. The snow drifts had completely buried the hyacinths, anemones, daffodils, jonquils, crocuses and irises.

The wind had ripped the plastic off the geranium and half off the laurel and the fleabane. Snow now topped their towels. The pea patch was buried in snow. The branches of the plum and peach trees bent under the weight of the snow.

Days later, when the vile white stuff was gone, I took inventory. The hyacinths had shriveled and lost their wondrous scent—but they lived. The gardenias even retained some buds, despite some of the leaves blackening. The geranium...I don't want to talk about it. The nectarine...I don't know yet.

The plum still bears about four forlorn blossoms, and the peach tree looks as though she's trying to replace the ones killed back. All of the new, tender growth on the roses has gone limp. I'm not sure about the azaleas or irises yet. The peas were dazed and flattened, but most of them seem to be pulling themselves upright again. The damn chickweed was completely unfazed! Amazingly, some of the bulbs are still flowering, a testament to the determination of the living.

I know it sounds like the most sophomoric of clichés—but Life does go on. While I'm still concerned about some of my babies, I'm also planning this Summer's produce.

If you want to get a jump on Summer's bounty, you can start tomatoes now. Do you have a plastic bag, say from a dry cleaning establishment? Do you have a wire coat hanger? Do you have a plastic tray of some sort? Do you have a growing medium, that you either mix up yourself, or purchase at a garden center? Do you have a place to combine these elements?

If the answers to the above are yes, you can start tomatoes now. First, put your medium into the tray, and moisten. Then, place the seeds onto a paper towel or newspaper page you have dampened. After a few hours, put the seeds into the medium, about 2 inches apart, and 1/4 of an inch down. Mist lightly.

Untwist the coat hanger, and bend it into an elongated "U" shape. Assuming your tray is rectangular, stick one leg into the medium on the narrow side, and the other leg directly across. You can use two or three hangers, depending on your tray's size.

Then, place the plastic over the hangers, so that you have a neat little "tent." You have just constructed a tiny greenhouse for the seeds, from recycled materials. Heady, isn't it?

You don't want much direct light at first. Once the seedlings break the soil, put them under a good grow light or in a sunny window sill. You don't want them to sun scald, though. Remove the plastic after it's served the purpose, and temperatures are reasonable.

Also, be extremely careful about moisture. You want enough to keep things moist. Too much will drown them, and/or leave them susceptible to disease.

However, unless you bear a peculiar karmic blight, some will survive to transplantable size, just in time for early summer growth. Be the first one on your block to serve garden grown 'maters this year. This works for other night-shade plants too, such as peppers and eggplant, but seems to work especially well for tomatoes.

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The good news is that Washington DC is wall to wall with restaurants—most of them far better than your average eatery here in Atlanta. The downside? Even on week nights most good restaurants in DC tend to be packed. And that's when there aren't a million or so extra souls in town.

If you're going to our nation's capitol the last weekend in April for the March on Washington—and want to eat anything other than fast food—some advance planning might not be a bad idea. But since many restaurants in and around D.C. accept (and honor) reservations, that planning need not be horrendously difficult.

Don't even think about trying to drive in the city during March weekend. Parking is all but impossible. Cabs, however, are easy to come by and the Metro will get you within 6 blocks of most restaurants except those in the nether reaches of Georgetown or possibly Adams-Morgan.

What follows is a sampling of places, by neighborhood, that accept reservations. The price code (for a three course meal without alcohol, tips or the nine percent sales tax) is as follows: \$\$\$\$=over \$35; \$\$\$=\$25-35; \$\$=\$15-25; \$=under \$15. Unless otherwise indicated, casual, but not ratty, clothes should get you in the door without a problem.

Even an abbreviated list is extensive. Check this space next week for more restaurants that take reservations and two weeks from now for a list of less expensive places where you're likely to have to wait in line.

ADAMS-MORGAN

For good pizza and simple well-grilled fish and meat in the hip and hopping Adams-Morgan section try **Belmont Kitchen**. Not for the adventurous of palate, but fun, crowded and casual. Open for lunch. \$\$; 2400 18th Street NW; 202/667-1200.

Probably the best of a dozen or so Ethiopian restaurants in and around Adams-Morgan is **Meskerem**. In addition to beautifully balanced and prepared food, the place is far more appealing to the eye than your average Ethiopian diner. Ask for a table on the balcony. Open for lunch on weekends. \$; 2434 18th Street NW; 202/462-4100.

If you're like me, and bemoan the fact that Atlanta has only one moderately priced French bistro of quality (Violette), then get your Francophile fanny to **La Fourchette** which looks, smells and tastes the way a bistro should. The veal and lamb shanks are to die for. Open for lunch during the week, but not Sat. and Sun. \$\$; 2429 18th Street NW; 202/332-3077.

If Italian floats your boat, try **i Matti**. The interior is a mite on the stark side, but the food—from pizza to osso buco—is rich and sumptuous. Open for lunch. \$\$; 2436 18th Street NW; 202/462-8844.

Lots of folks think that **New Heights** is one of DC's most attractive eateries—pastel colors in precise geometrics are the order of the day, but the food is pretty good too. Asparagus strudel should be in season when you visit. Open for lunch; \$\$\$; 2317 Calvert Street, NW; 202/234-4110.

CAPITOL HILL

The food at **America** is inconsistent, but the space (in the west front of the newly remodeled Union Station) is an eclectic design treat. Stick with a steak or scrambled eggs (or a scotch and soda at the bar) and you should be happy as a fried clam. Open for lunch; \$\$\$; 50 Massachusetts Avenue; 202/682-9555.



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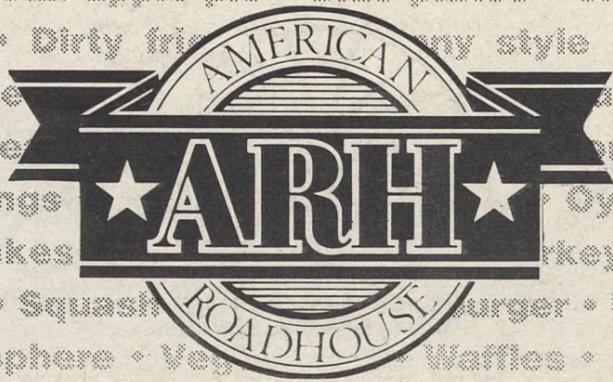
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Wanna rub elbows with the power brokers? Try the superb French food at **La Colline** where the emphasis is on seafood. You'll be more comfortable in a jacket and tie than in leather. Open for breakfast and lunch on weekdays; \$\$\$; 400 N. Capitol Street; 202/737-0400.

A little less stuffy, **La Brasserie** also dishes up an eclectic assortment of essentially French food that's bound to please even the pickiest folks. Ask for a table in front yard dining area if weather permits. Open for lunch; \$\$\$; 239 Massachusetts Avenue; 202/546-9154.

DOWNTOWN

Feeling a lust for red, red meat? Not only does the **Prime Rib** serve up mighty fine aged beef, it offers some very decent steakhouse type seafood—lobster, imperial crab, that sort of stuff. The black leather walls and faux leopard skin rugs are either very stylish or very camp, depending on your frame of reference. Jacket and tie required. Open for lunch on weekdays; \$\$\$; 2020 K Street NW; 202/466-8811.

Think of **Duke Zeibert's** as DC's Mary Mac's with Yankee meat replacing the Southern chicken. OK, the prices are higher too and you'll probably be more comfortable in a jacket. But the menu hasn't changed in 40 years, the place is huge, and its packed with power broker types. Open for lunch except Sunday; \$\$\$; 1050 Connecticut Avenue NW; 202/466-3730.

If Duke Zeibert's is Mary Mac's, the **Old Ebbitt Grill** is possibly Manuel's Tavern. Again, the place is huge, the numerous bars seemingly endless, and the bar food tasty. But there is also some mighty good pasta and grilled meat and fish to be had here too in the Capital's longest-lived restaurant. Open for lunch; \$\$; 675 15th Street NW; 202/347-4800.

Feeling lonely for home? Check out DC's version of **The Peasant**—complete with chalkboard menus and fat, fabulous desserts. The menu is an upscale version of what you'd find in a Peasant here, the interior is traditional, dark and clubby. Open for lunch; \$\$\$; 801 Pennsylvania Avenue; 202/638-2140.

Two of DC's most plush, yet moderately priced Indian restaurants can be found within a block or two of the Farragut West and North metro stops. **The Bombay Club** is a fantastic recreation of a 19th Century British club in India. The menu is long on seafood and vegetarian dishes; the bread is to die. Given the opulence of the surrounds, a jacket and tie may be in order. Open for lunch except Saturday; \$\$; 815 Connecticut Avenue; 202/659-3727.

Try the tandoori specialties at **Bombay Palace**, where the food is probably better, but the decor less spectacular than at The Bombay Club. Open for lunch; \$\$; 1835 K Street NW; 202/331-0111.

Finally, if you want to break the bank and sample some of the most innovative cuisine in the city, check out **Jean-Louis at the Watergate Hotel**. Jean-Louis Palladin is DC's version of the Ritz Buckhead's Guenther Seeger. Five/six course meals will set you back \$85/\$95. (There is also a four course, pre-theatre meal for \$45). Some say the food is so good that it's worth any amount of money, others claim that Jean-Louis has priced himself right outta sight. You get to decide. Jacket and tie required. No lunch; \$\$\$; 2650 Virginia Ave. NW; 202/298-4488.

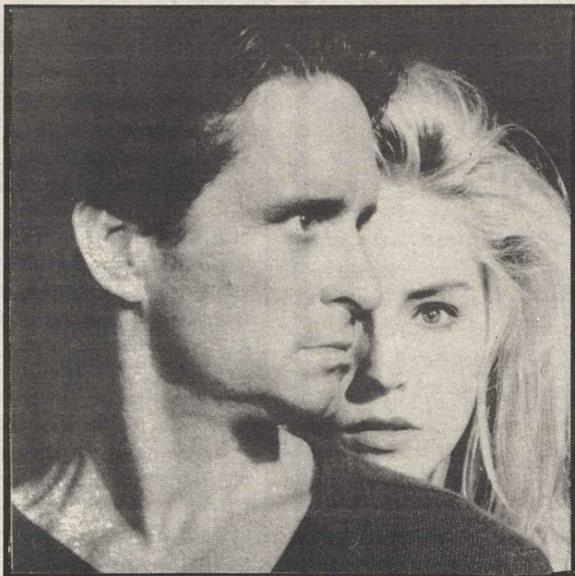
Tourist Heaven: Dish is known among friends as a taciturn sort of person. It takes something pretty damn funny to make us laugh. But we want you to know that we burst into absolute gales of laughter a couple of weeks ago when we read a small article about George Wallace in the Atlanta J/C. Seems that ex-Gov. Wallace is defending his decision to fly the Confederate Stars and Bars over the Alabama Capitol (in '63) based on the fact that it would "...draw tourists. More tourists mean more jobs." Sure. Tourists flock to states where the National Guard, the local police, and the citizens are shooting and throwing rocks at each other. Vacation heaven, don't you think?

One in Ten?: We've got egg on our face. Several weeks ago Dish reported that the much ballyhooed Janus Report on Sexual Behavior failed to include much if any info on homosexuality. It turns out that we lied—or rather were misled by the various news reports that we had read. Seems that Mr. & Mrs. Janus' study is chock-a-block with info of interest to queers. Most interesting perhaps is that fact that 22 percent of men and 17 percent of women responding to the survey said that they had "had homosexual experiences." Nine percent of the men and five percent of the women identified themselves as "being" homosexual or bisexual. There's at least a little brouhaha stirring over all this because another recent study claims that gays and lesbians comprise only one to six percent of the population. Rightwingers are using the lower numbers to suggest that laws to protect homos are silly if we are only a tiny portion of the population. To which Dish says, "Bullshit!"

Mardi Gras Down Under: Readers Tom and Clark tell Dish that they just returned from The Sydney (Australia) Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras and that the event is beyond fabulous. Seems that the parade (in which 500,000 queers, straights, and those who can't decide all participate) is now the largest in the country—even bigger than the annual Grace Brothers Christmas Parade (Sydney's version of Gotham's Macy's Thanksgiving Parade). There are, of course, scores of related events—Dish's fave, The Aquacade, which includes drag swimming. But most

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Sharon Stone, unfortunately pictured here with Michael Douglas from "Basic Instinct," has little imagination it appears. She says she'd love to have a lesbian affair but couldn't do without the "schwing." Does the word dildo mean anything, Sharon? Hello!

encouraging to us, is the fact that the event is viewed (as it should be) as a celebratory event, not some threat to the moral structure of the community. Media coverage (and community response), say Tom and Clark, is "without a trace of homophobia." The

date is the last Saturday in February. Call your travel agent now.

Military Mellow: Hidden deep in the recesses of USA Today last week was a tiny news item quoting the Commandant of the Marine Corps (Gen. Carl Mundy) stating that his branch of the service can deal with the inclusion of openly gay folks. Says the General, "We treat all Marines with firmness, fairness and dignity. The strict standards on sexual behavior that exist in the military today will continue [after the ban is lifted.]" Maybe Sam Nunn needs to talk to this guy.

About & Out: NBC has hired former Pentagon spokesperson Pete Williams as a national correspondent. You remember him, the semi-closeted gay man who got so much heat from DC activists for speaking out in support of Pentagon policies by day while he enjoyed the fruits of gay liberation by night. Two things occur to Dish here. One: Why did Williams leave the Pentagon? And, two: Isn't it nice that NBC was willing to hire a (now) openly homo correspondent to appear on its news shows?

Kristy Dumps Gal-Pal: At least that's the headline in last week's issue of the Star. According to the tabloid, Ms. McNichol has broken up with her girlfriend Martha Allen Miles and moved a "really cute" man into her house. A "friend" quoted by the Star says, "Kristy felt that living with a guy would be better for her image and would do more to help her career than if she moved in with another girl." Kristy's mom, on the other hand, is said to want her daughter to get back together with her ex-girlfriend.

Schwingless: Maybe Sharon Stone (remember her from "Basic Instinct?") should look up Ms. McNichol's ex. Vanity Fair this month has a big article on Ms. Stone wherein she says she once went on a date with a lesbian because "men can be so annoying." (Doesn't Dish know that!) Continues the curvaceous Ms. Stone, "God! If I could get into it it would be great. [But] it don't mean a thing if it ain't got that schwing." Then again, maybe Ms. Stone needs to have a date with Wayne and Garth—or find one good woman with a dildo.

April 1-April 7, 1993

Well, it's a busy week. Thursday is April Fool's Day followed by Palm Sunday when we switch to Daylight Saving Time (spring forward one hour.) Tuesday is Passover and the Full Moon in Libra. Relax a little and soak up Spring.

ARIES, now that Mercury is moving forward in your 12th house, your life should run a little smoother. But Venus is still retrograde in your 1st house of personality and physical appearance, so use some of your Springtime energy to get outside and gently exercise. **TAURUS**, are you feeling better now that Spring is here? You should be feeling more optimistic at the very least. If not, then you are probably spending too much time inside! If Spring is here, can Romance be far behind? Jolly **GEMINI**, you can feel more confident now about career decisions, but this is not the time to push for a raise. Be as creative as possible in your own life, and seek the advice of someone older or more experienced. **CANCER**, you have some excellent opportunities coming your way for creative projects and personal expressions. You will accomplish more through working with others than by trying to do it all by yourself. Collaboration is the way to go. Lucky **LEO**, if

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you have been feeling frustrated with the way things are moving (or not moving) in your life, or if you have been worrying about your financial resources, then you can relax. Plan your time and rest assured that life is working. **VIRGO**, it's gardening time in the South! Are you still hanging out inside, trying to finish just one more project? Now it is time for fun, frolic and romance. At the very least, organize a party with friends.

LIBRA, Jupiter is still moving backward in your 1st house of personality and physical appearance. Be sure you are exercising regularly and eating fresh foods. Right now you need creative expression and lots of circulation. Don't forget safety in romantic situations. **SCORPIO**, if you are having difficulty with a member of your family or memories from your childhood, then you

may need to find someone older to help you put things into perspective. Older doesn't always mean wiser, but sometimes it does. **SAGITTARIUS**, how's life? If you catch yourself taking other people or situations too seriously or if you have temporarily misplaced your sense of humor, then it's time for a break to relocate your humor.

CAPRICORN, yes, the world is still in turmoil. Yes, it's driving everyone crazy except those who have noticed that there are opportunities springing up like daffodils everywhere. **AQUARIUS**, are other folks seeking you out for advice? Are you beginning to feel like Dear Abby? Well, not to worry. Saturn is moving through your 1st house leaving gifts of wisdom and patience to be shared. **PISCES**, now that Mercury is going forward in your 1st house, you should be able to get more done in less time and with fewer complications. Trust your instincts, nurture your Spirit and do your best to stay out of other folks' High Drama.

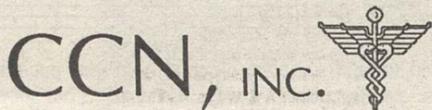
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Ga. March On Washington Committee
On Friday, April 16 at 7:00, GOCMOW and the Atlanta Lesbian & Gay Pride Committee will host a Community-Wide, Multi-Organizational gathering to discuss logistics of the March and the focus of the Georgia Contingent.

Georgia is the 28th state, the 46th contingent in the March. Where do Georgians organize in DC for the March? Which organizations are doing what? Is there any consolidated effort against Sam Nunn? These are questions that need to be answered.

Please select one representative from your group to assist in planning this event. This way, all groups and organizations can be truly represented and the meeting will be more successful. This will involve only one or two meetings to prepare for the event.

Please contact Richy Howard, ALGPC Board Member, and let him know who your representative will be. Richy's numbers are (404) 872-7494 at home and (404) 220-8111 at work. The first meeting will be sometime in the next two weeks.

Southeastern Gay Rodeo Country western dance fans recently got the chance to see some professionals kick up their heels at the Southeastern Gay Rodeo Association's (SEGRA) second annual dance competition held at Backstreet this past February 19 & 20.

Six couples competed in three categories: Amateur-Amateur, Professional-Amateur and Professional-Professional. Winners in each category will represent SEGRA in the International Gay Rodeo Association finals at Billings, Montana on August 26-29.

Couples representing SEGRA at the finals include: Linda McGehee and Dolly Partner of Atlanta (1st place, Am-Am); Michael Boykin

and Michael Franco of Atlanta (2nd place, Am-Am); Steven Wentworth and Max Perry of Cincinnati (1st place, Pro-Am); Chris Whitford and Fred Stomer of Atlanta (1st place, Pro-Am).

MCC In Atlanta, the three MCC congregations are joining for a full schedule of Holy Week services and events to commemorate the events that led to the arrest, trial and death of Jesus, and Christ's triumphant resurrection on Easter morning.

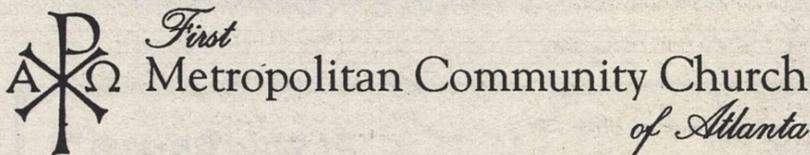
A Maundy Thursday Seder will be conducted at All Saints MCC on April 8th at 7:00 pm. A Good Friday Tenebrae Service will be held at First MCC on April 9th at 7:30 pm. Then on Easter Sunday morning, April 11th, a Sunrise Service will be conducted on the Pier on Piedmont Park Lake at 7:13 am. Following the Sunrise Service, there will be a breakfast at the Ocean Wave Cafe. A \$5 donation for the meal will benefit the new facility at I-85 and N. Druid Hills that has just been acquired by First MCC.

Easter Sunday services will be conducted at the following times and locations: 11:00 am and 7:30 pm at First MCC, 800 N. Highland Ave., 872-2246; 5:00 pm at Christ Covenant MCC, 778 Rays Road, Suite 100, Stone Mtn, 297-0350; and 7:00 pm at All Saints MCC, 875 Blvd SE, 622-1154.

Black and White Men Together/Atlanta, Atlanta's gay interracial social and political organization wants to invite interested individuals and couples to check them out this spring at Thursday night "mixers" 8-10:00pm. They will be on Thursday, April 8th and May 13th. Location and directions to the event can be obtained by calling 892-BWMT and leaving your name and number.

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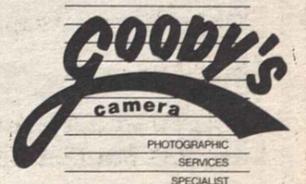
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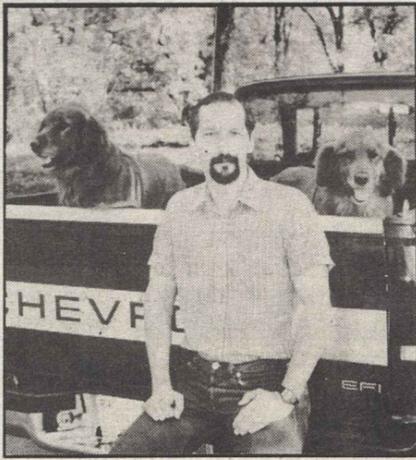


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MITCH GOULD

Age: 38
Relationship status: single
How long in Atlanta: 15 years
Last book read: "The Culture of Desire" by Frank Browning
Pet peeve: falsehood



Mitch Gould is candid about himself. "I became Physics, I became anatomy, I became writing and then I got a life." Mitch is at once everything he has been and something of what he is becoming. Taking graduate degrees in Physics from Georgia Tech and Anatomy from Emory University, one would expect Mitch to be a confirmed scientist, salted away, doing research in some back room. Instead, Mitch's interest in multi-media presentation and software has landed him a job with NCR and put him on a first-name basis with, of all people, poet and gay laureate Walt Whitman.

Those into computer animation will recognize Mitch's name from his technical guide, "Mastering Animator" (a computer animation program). Yet how does Walt Whitman figure into the equation of Mitch's life? Mitch has channeled his interest, energy and spare time into an exhaustive dissection of Walt Whitman's epic poem, "Song of Myself." Using a method first pioneered by a writer who, as Mitch puts it, "exploded the new testament, discarded the nonsense and garbage and came up with a new and pure Gospel according to Jesus," he discarded the redundancies and windiness of Whitman and turned "Song of Myself" into a new series of 38 poems.

"The story you see now," Mitch explains, "is a highly-charged emotional encounter with a lover plus self affirmation, spiritual exploration, and an encounter with God. The poem ends with a challenge for us question authority." For those who enjoy the often heady prose of Whitman, Mitch says the language will still be recognizable. "I rearranged things and the poem doesn't begin the same way, but it remains Whitman."

Mitch continues to work on the book which is now with his agent, who is excited about the book's prospects.

He often applies Walt Whitman's philosophy to his own life. He says that he is going through his teenage rebellion in a way now. Much of Mitch's own self discovery was triggered by the difficult death of his lover, Dan.

"The things that you loved in that person, you learn to find them in yourself, and then that person becomes a part of you. I was able to enter someone's life and give them love and

support—and through the grief and loss you come to a sense of completeness, even after the person you loved has died." Some of Mitch's attitude has been shaped by his new involvement with Quakerism at the Friends Meeting House. According to Mitch the congregation is having its first social soon for "Lesbians and Gays Concerned."

"It's nice to have an identity as both gay and Quaker," Mitch says, smiling. "I feel like I have finally found my spiritual home."

Mitch's true home is Arkansas. He grew up in two small towns, and he lost his father early in his life. While this was an event that shaped his childhood, he was haunted by the fact that his first hometown was a sight of a Japanese internment camp. "There wasn't much left by the time I was nine or ten," he remembers. "I would go up there and walk around the cemetery that remained. I was always struck by the similarity of this camp to the concentration camps and that this could have happened here."

Mitch laughs about how he finally came out: "I like to say a postman brought it to me. I was living in Little Five Points about ten years ago and even though I had some sexual encounters, I didn't consider myself gay. But I was really attracted to this beefy mailman and all of a sudden a light went off—he was what I am. Gay. And since then, I've been out."

He now lives in a comfortable home across from the East Lake Country Club. The living room is filled with the tools of his multi-media trade, monitors and computers. And he shares his house with two devoted and beautiful Golden Retrievers, Arno and Cosi. The halls are often filled with the songs of Clint Black and Emmylou Harris. Though Mitch is currently a technical writer for the multi-media R+D department at NCR, he thinks he is moving in a different direction. "My evolution, it seems, is headed more towards people and away from things. I would like to think my book is opening new horizons and new directions to me."

IAN W. GINSBURG

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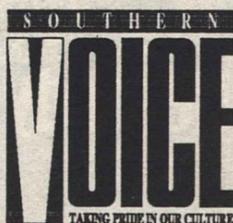
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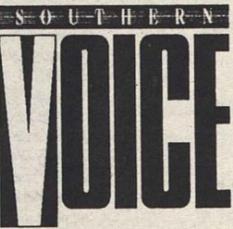
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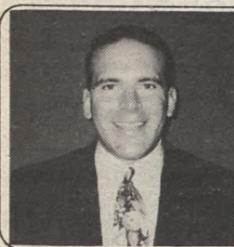
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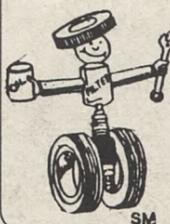
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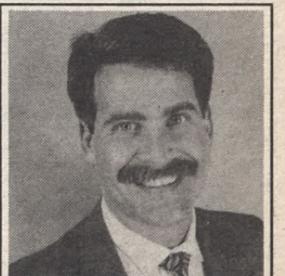


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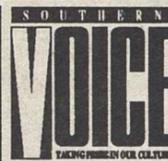
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GWF seeks same age 30-38, intelligent, attractive, good values, emotionally healthy, playful. No drugs or smokers. ☎ 1232

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

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

GF seeks that special someone to fill her arms—and warm her nights. Call me, let's get together! ☎ 1124

GWF, romantic, feminine, 32, attractive, intelligent, searching for similar sincere WF who desires honest caring friendship (Atlanta, Macon, Covington). ☎ 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. ☎ 1126

Attractive GWF with chronic fatigue syndrome seeking same for walks, picnics, books, friendship & life in the slow lane. ☎ 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. ☎ 1106

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

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

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

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

MEN

LAIDBACK, WM, semi-loner, 42, 6'2", 180 lbs, HIV-, seeks similar man also interested in mutually private "French" tutoring, no femmes! ☎ 1358

GWM seeks fine GBMs 18-28 for hot, safe fun in Orlando, Fla area. Cum, be with me! ☎ 1357

WM, 34, 5'11", 168, Professional, clean-cut, handsome foot-slave seeks masculine, big-footed (12+) WM (30-45) for discreet service. PO Box 723452, Atlanta, GA 31139-0452. (6.9)

GBM 34, 5'10, 190 lbs, good-looking, athletic, masculine, very romantic seeks hairy masculine GWM between 25-40 for friendship and possible romance. ☎ 1355

Athletic GBM, 25, 6'2", 190, seeks bigger stronger GWM to help me gain extra muscle. You'll get friendship, maybe more. ☎ 1353

ATHENS-Irish beekeeper (new to area) seeks mature masculine (bisexual?), discreet (monogamous/safe) companion to share rustic country "cottage" life. ☎ 1352

28yo GWM, average looks, HIV-. Seeking young guys (18-25) for casual encounters. Safe sex only, limits respected. ☎ 1351

Playful anal GWM, 45, 5'10", 150#, seek/share higher anal erotic states. Taoist erotic massage, HIV-, your status no barrier. ☎ 1350

GWM, 32, 5'9", 145#. Hungry? Me, too. Seeking other GWM into size porno strings fun. Boxholder #119, 1579-F Monroe Dr., Atlanta 30324.

MAN HUNTER

Handsome, hungry, healthy white buck. 42, 6'2", 215# wants younger white tail, ? to 32 for hot spring mating. Negative, safe "skin" shooter. Write: Moose, Box 13793, Atlanta 30324. (6.8)

BM, 29, 5'5", 160#, seeks BM 21-35, caring and sincere for friendship and discreet encounters. Call me, let's talk. ☎ 1348

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

Sincere GWM, 28, 6'4", 230 #, dk blonde/blue, seeks GWM, 21-28 for committed monogamous relationship. ☎ 1345

GWM, mature, seeks muscular attractive strict, 25-40 master who needs household and other services. ☎ 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. ☎ 1339

GWM, 55, 6'2", 180, romantic bottom, secure professional, seeks tall slender top. No fems. 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. ☎ 1334

Relationship oriented! Enjoy quality

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

GBM 24, 6', 215, good-looking, masculine, intelligent, sincere, with varying interests seeks similar in GWM for possible long-term relationship. ☎ 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. ☎ 1340

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GWM, 5'8", 160#, retired senior, healthy, financially responsible, seeks male 25-40 for daytime relationship. ☎ 1307

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BM seeks masculine BM to become ? buddies. ☎ 1236

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

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

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

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

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

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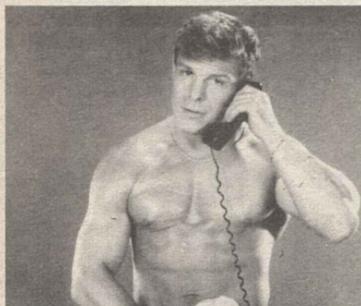
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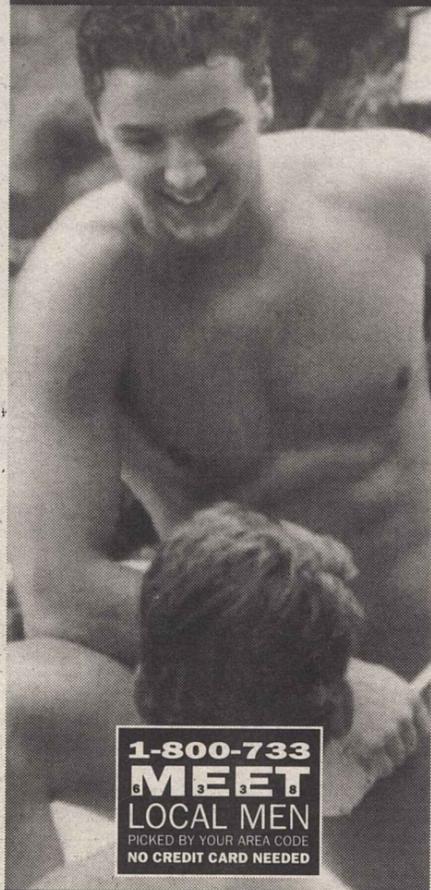
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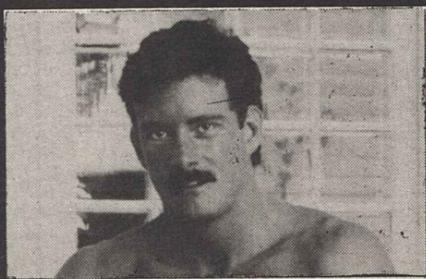
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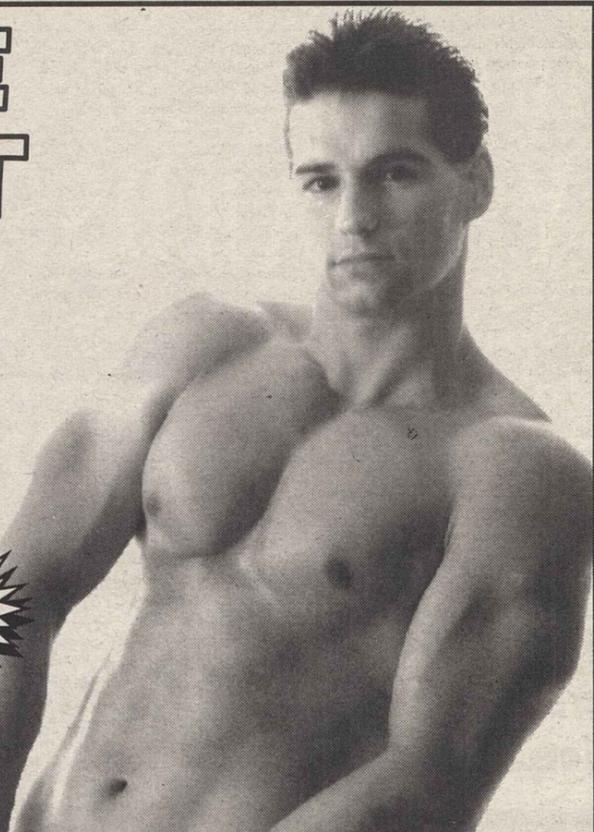
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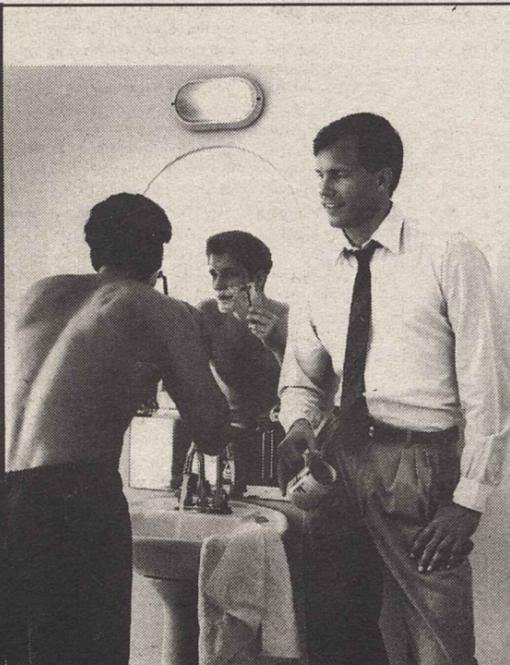
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