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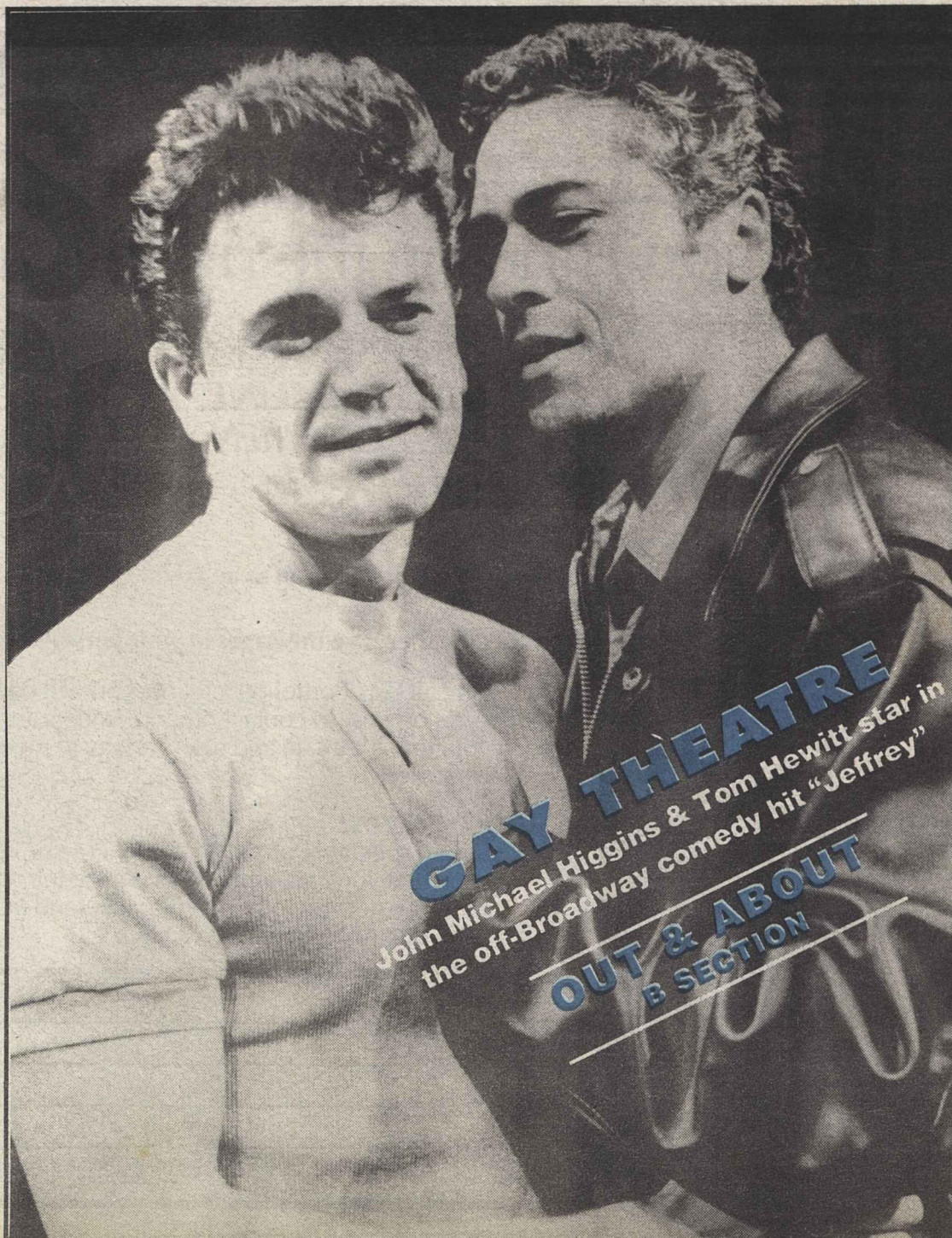
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Morehouse students harass gay speakers

New organization for black gays and lesbians asks school to work on homophobia

The Coalition of African Descent (CAD), a new umbrella association for twenty-five African American lesbian and gay groups, is calling on Morehouse College to address the issue of homophobia on its campus. In a press conference March 29, the coalition demanded that the administration of the all-male historically black school investigate several incidents where gay guest speakers were harassed by students.

Members of CAD are angered at the anti-gay comments and verbal threats directed toward lesbian and gay panelists at three campus seminars held between October and February. The seminars, sponsored by the college's peer counselling program, were intended to be a forum for the discussion of AIDS and homophobia in the African American community. Instead, say the panelists, they became a forum for gay bashing.

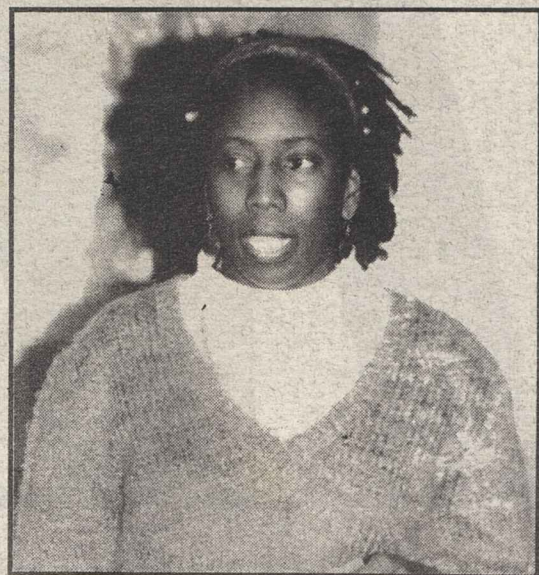
"There was hostility from the start of the seminar. Students were rowdy and shouted vulgarities and obscenities," said Faybell Ma-Hee, a black lesbian who was invited to participate in a seminar on February 11. "I was threatened and verbally assaulted."

Ma-Hee was called an "evil dyke" by a student who hoped she would "burn in hell." Another angrily warned he would be waiting for her outside after the seminar.

"I left feeling unnerved, feeling threatened, feeling very scared," said Ma-Hee.

"We are deeply troubled by the fact that such deplorable behavior was displayed by students at Morehouse College," said Joan Garner, co-chair of CAD. "We feel that as an institution that is responsible for educating our future leaders, Morehouse must uphold the standard of fairness and ethical treatment for all members of the African-American community."

Hostile behavior against gay people is not limited to the students according to CAD. Jafari Allen, a Morehouse student and CAD member, says he was confronted by anti-gay remarks made by one of his professors last semester. Dr. Anna Grant, chairperson of the sociology department, described AIDS and the alienation from family and community as penalties homosexuals must face for "going against the natural order," according to Allen.



Joan Garner of the Coalition of African Descent.

In addition to the investigation, CAD is also demanding a public apology; a meeting with Morehouse President Dr. LeRoy Keith; the official sanctioning of a support organization for gay students; and sensitivity training for faculty, staff, and students.

Members of the coalition note that Martin Luther King, Jr. was a student at Morehouse. They are hoping that the institution will follow the civil rights leader's tradition of opposing all types of discrimination.

"Dr. King said, 'If all aren't free, none are free,'" said Maurice Franklin, co-chair of CAD. "I wouldn't think that Morehouse would want to stand in contradiction to that thought."

CAD is a one month-old association formed to "address the social, political and economic concerns of African American lesbians and gays in the Atlanta metropolitan area." The group is organizing several outreach programs to address homophobia within the African American community.

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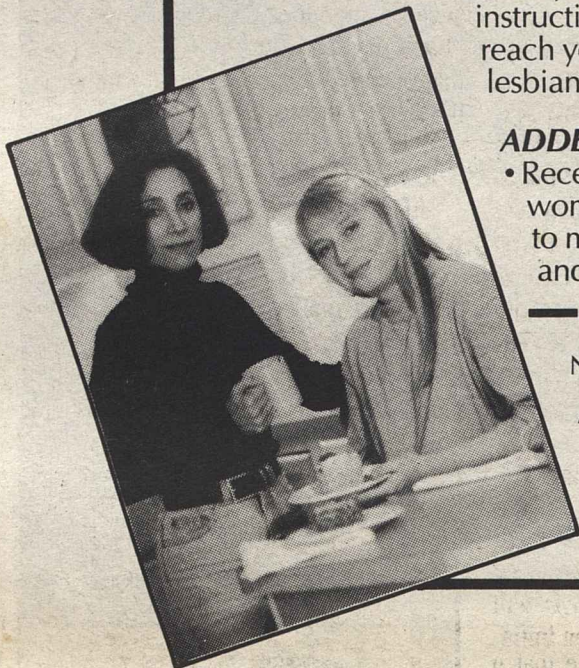
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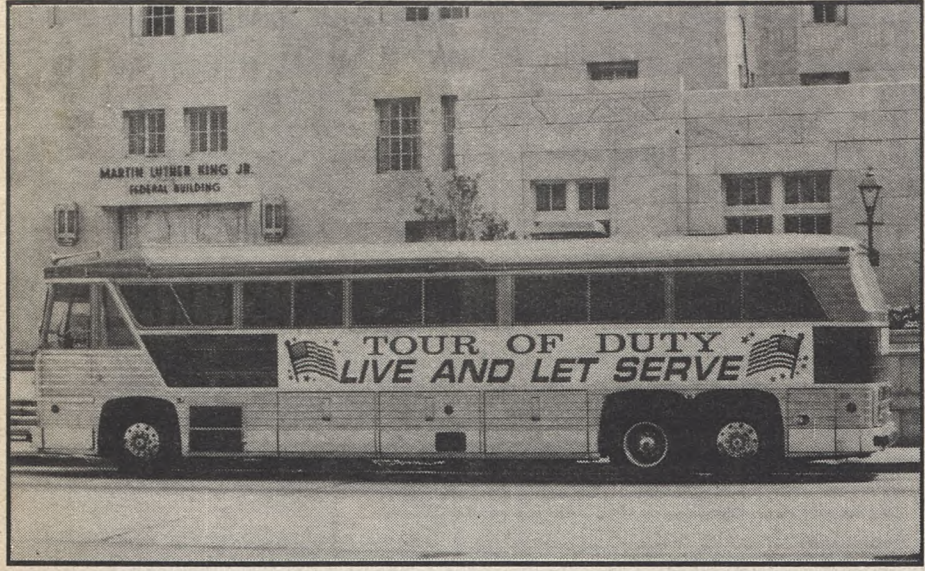
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Tour of Duty bus stops in Atlanta



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Bus with gay veterans aboard will arrive in Washington, D.C. in time for the National March on Washington on April 25.

Atlanta—The Campaign for Military Service's Tour of Duty rolled into town on March 31, stopping in for a noon press conference—attended by very few of the city's press corps—at the Richard B. Russell Federal Building downtown.

Several of the assembled veterans and supporters assailed the Senate hearings on gays in the military, urging Armed Services Committee chair Sen. Sam Nunn (D-GA) to drop the facade and tell the truth.

"This issue is really about honesty and telling the truth," said former Army Captain Allen Stephens. "We're tired of hearing this foxhole theory. The inference that we would rather look at someone's butt than guard the rear is ridiculous and insulting."

Stephens, a former football player and ROTC cadet at the Univ. of Alabama, blasted the Senate committee hearings as a farce, calling on Nunn to "either conduct unbiased hearings or tell America what they really are."

"We aren't being heard in Washington," said retired Army Colonel Karl Cropsey, a highly decorated 23-year veteran who served two tours of duty in Vietnam. "They're talking to college professors and academics who don't understand the issues. This is a civil rights issue, pure and simple."

Another Tour of Duty bus rider was former Seaman Scotty Boykins, who was given a less than honorable discharge because of his sexual orientation after serving in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf.

"I was discharged after a witch-hunt," he said. "I was punished for who I am, not for

anything I did."

Former Airman Donny Anderson took issue with the idea that gays and heterosexuals could not coexist in the armed services, saying that his sexual orientation had no effect on his performance, or the performance of his fellow soldiers.

"Everyone I served with knew I was gay," he said. "I would overhear others explaining away the possibility that I was gay by saying 'oh, that's just the way Donny is.'"

Also on hand were ACLU Gay and Lesbian Chapter president Larry Pellegrini, HRCF acting public policy director Cathy Woolard, and Georgia Association of Physicians for Human Rights representative Don George, who claimed responsibility for the ban.

"That's right," said George, a retired physician. "It was psychiatrists in the 1940s who considered homosexuality a mental illness and convinced the military to formulate a blanket policy against gays and lesbians."

Even though homosexuality was removed from the mental disorder list almost 20 years ago, he continued, "the ban is still in place."

Members of the Tour met with the staffs of Sen. Nunn and U.S. Rep. John Lewis after the press conference.

Atlanta was the 17th stop on the 32-city bus tour, scheduled to reach Washington on April 23, two days before an expected 1 million-plus gays, lesbians, bisexuals and supporters converge on the nation's capital. The tour's purpose is to increase public and Congressional support for the plan to lift the ban.

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Securities and Exchange Commission sued over Cracker Barrel decision

New York City—The New York City Employees' Retirement System has initiated a lawsuit against the Securities and Exchange Commission. The action was prompted by a decision by the SEC last fall allowing Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores, Inc. to omit from the company's stockholders' meeting a proposal to add sexual orientation to its non-discrimination policy.

The NYCERS, which initiated the proposed policy change, is joined in the lawsuit by United States Trust Co. and the Women's Division of the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. All three own substantial amounts of Cracker Barrel stock.

In October 1992, the SEC ruled that the policy change would interfere with the company's "ordinary business operations," and was therefore not allowed at the shareholders' meeting.

NYCERS and the other two company's allege in the lawsuit that SEC's decision constituted a new policy.

The decision "irrationally departs from a longstanding agency policy requiring registrants to include shareholder proposals related to equal employment in their proxy materials," the lawsuit says.

In the past, the lawsuit contends, SEC policy allowed a company to exclude shareholder proposals regarding "ordinary business operations" only if the proposal had no policy implications. The new decision allows company's to exclude such proposals "provided the proposals are employment-related but do not pertain to executive compensation."

"The SEC's ruling is a legacy of the Reagan-Bush principle of 'handsoff' discrimination policy, and a 180-degree reversal of previous SEC rulings," said New York City Comptroller Elizabeth Holtzman in a statement. "It will have far-reaching implications, preventing shareholders from voting on age discrimination, race discrimination, equal employment policies and the like."

Georgia Gen. Assembly offers little damage, little help to gay community in 1993 session

The 1993 Georgia General Assembly session came to a close with less damage to the civil rights of lesbians, gays, and people with HIV/AIDS than had been feared following an election year of unprecedented attacks from the right. In fact, Larry Pellegrini, lobbyist for the Georgia Political Action Committee, describes the legislative period as one in which "we really held our own." The 40-day session of 1993 marked the first time a lobbyist was hired by GAPAC to represent community-wide issues for lesbians and gay men.

Anti-Gay Initiatives

Efforts to pass an anti-gay measure like the one approved by Colorado voters were not highly visible during this session. Currently, Georgia's constitution cannot be amended through voter initiatives like the ones used in Oregon and Colorado, and the legislature must first approve any referendum that is placed on the ballot. Attempts were made in both the House and the Senate to pass resolutions to allow voter petition initiatives, but none of the proposals were acted on outside of committee.

Pellegrini warns that the gay and lesbian community should not let its guard down because he expects similar measures to resurface in the future. "We need to be vigilant. The fundamentalists will continue to try to establish petition initiatives in Georgia, but they realize that it will be a difficult effort and we will fight it."

Sex Education

Control over the state's sex education curriculum appeared to be the focus of religious fundamentalist groups at the beginning of the session. More than a few restrictive measures with anti-gay provisions were proposed. They included the requirement that "any discussion of homosexuality shall emphasize that medical and mental research finds homosexual behavior to be unhealthy," and the prohibition of any guest speaker from stating or implying that homosexuality is "acceptable or inevitable for any particular person." Support for the sex education bills declined sharply following the Board of Education's approval of an abstinence-based and parent-controlled curriculum.

HIV & AIDS

Two proposed bills mandated HIV testing for certain groups. One proposal to require that couples seeking a marriage license be tested for antibodies to HIV failed to make it out of House committee. Another, called the "Arrest and Test" bill by opponents, passed by an overwhelming margin in the House of Representatives. The legislation would give law enforcement officials the right to "take certain steps to determine whether a person has an infectious disease" if the individual "contacts" the officer while being taken into custody. The bill was opposed because of vague language that civil rights advocates said would permit a variety of abuses. The bill was not acted on by the Senate.

A universal health care package supported by Governor Miller was passed in the House, but not acted upon in the Senate. The coverage provided by the House measure did not include a pre-existing condition clause or provide for a waiting period.

Military Ban

Resolutions were proposed in both houses to urge the U.S. Congress "to take all steps necessary to preserve the ban prohibiting the service of homosexuals in the military."

Pellegrini attributes education for the success in opposing these resolutions. "Each day that we had to lobby against them created a greater understanding of the folly of the resolutions."

Sodomy Reform

In attempt to call attention to the hypocrisy of Georgia's sex laws, Rep. Doug Teper (D-Atlanta) introduced a proposal to "require innkeepers, hotels, and motels to post in guest rooms a notice that certain sexual conduct of individuals constitutes criminal offenses under the laws of this



Larry Pellegrini, lobbyist for the Georgia Political Action Committee.

state." The bill goes on to require that Georgia's definition of sodomy, fornication and adultery be printed in "at least ten point type in English and also be provided in Braille and in internationally recognized symbols for the benefit of foreign visitors to this state."

Rep. Jim Martin (D-Atlanta) introduced a revision to the state's rape laws. The bill would provide greater protection for victims of sexual assault according to its supporters which include Rape Crisis Centers across the state. The proposal would also remove private consensual adult sex practices from regulation by the state. Sodomy Reform legislation was also introduced by Sen. Ron Slotin (D-Atlanta). The bill is the first of its kind to be introduced in the Georgia Senate.

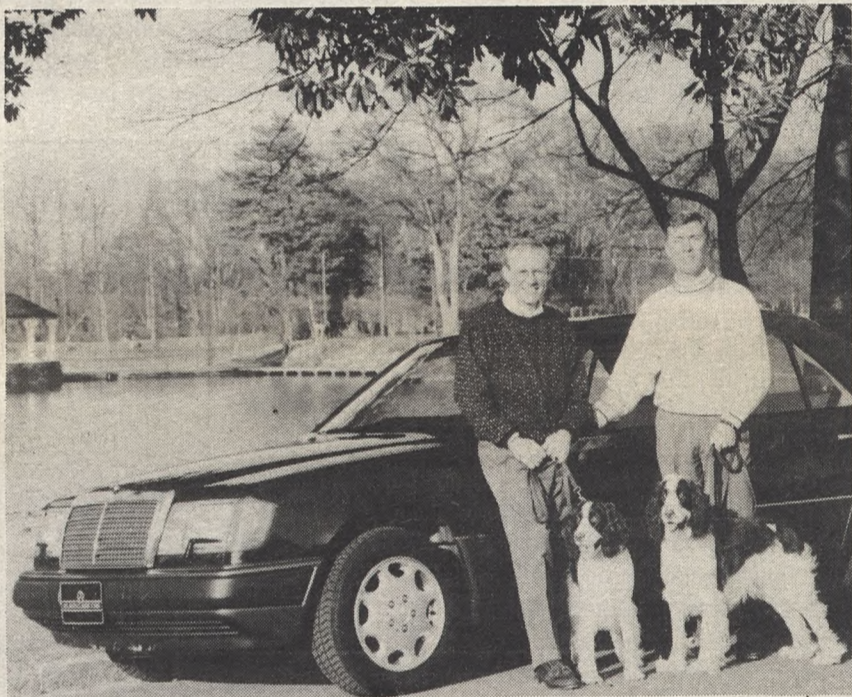
Both bills remain in committees which will hold hearings throughout the summer. GAPAC plans to use the time between sessions to educate legislators about the unfairness of the sodomy law and the discrimination that it supports.

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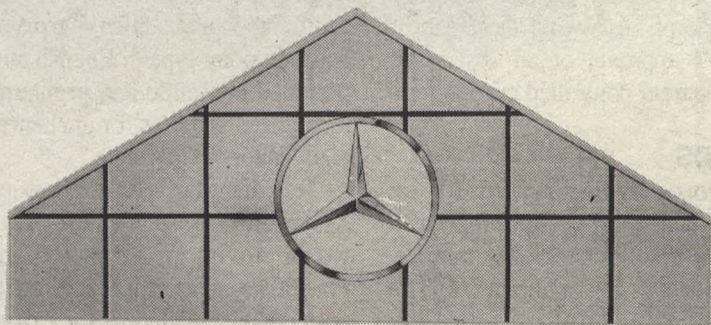
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Knoxville goes on record as opposing civil rights for gays

Knoxville, TN—The Knox County Commission has gone on record as opposing the inclusion of lesbians and gays under the protection of the Civil Rights act. Faced with a packed house supporting the resolution, with many attendees brought by church buses, the commission voted 14-2 in favor of the measure on March 22.

"The challenge to the church today is to stop living a benign faith," said John Hanna, chairman of the Tennessee Christian Coalition, who was one of the speakers during three-hours of statements before the county commission voted.

"The challenge is to get out of their pews and get into the courtrooms, into the halls of government and into the classrooms, and to demand an end to the perversions conspired there."

Hedy Weinberg, executive director of the Tennessee chapter of the ACLU, said the commission vote "supports prejudicial treatment of certain Tennesseans, and it's unfortunate that kind of inequality is being promoted by elected officials when their role should be to ensure protection for all people."

"I think our elected officials have to have a lot more courage," she said.

Hanna said his group's goals "are not to change America. They are just to uphold the basic Christian values on which this country was founded."

"Stop the behavior, stop the disease," said Rev. Doug Sager, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Concord, referring to homosexuality and AIDS.

Dawn Nickoloff, executive director of

AIDS Response Knoxville, said the resolution is a step backward.

"The gay people in this community have fought hard for their ability to interact without any difficulty, and this would be kind of turning back the clock," she said.

Speakers at the meeting also argued that gays do not need special protection, citing statistics that gays have above-average levels of education and income. But Nickoloff said this argument misses the point.

"This is not about special rights, this is about non-discrimination, about not being able to discriminate against those persons who are gay," she said. "They're not asking for special rights."

The two commissioners who voted against the resolution, and two commissioners who abstained, said they did not think the county commission was the proper place for such measures to be debated. They said challenges to constitutional interpretations should go through the court system.

But leaders of last week's large crowd said they disagree.

"Politics is the forum where the values of society are being debated and decided," Hanna said. "Our elected officials are entrusted with the responsibility to uphold the moral values of their community. We as a community must hold our elected officials accountable to that."

Gerald Clark, vice president of the American Family Association's Knoxville chapter, said Christians need to start at the local government level and work their way up.

"This is where the boys count the noses," he said. (AP)

ACLU sues S. Carolina for excluding HIV+ patients from insurance pool

Columbia, SC—The American Civil Liberties Union sued the South Carolina Health Insurance Pool on Mar. 26 for excluding people with AIDS or HIV infection.

The ACLU sued on behalf of an unnamed AIDS patient from Columbia and Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services of South Carolina.

"South Carolina is the only state in the country that deliberately prevents people with AIDS from obtaining the medical assistance they need," said Steven Bates, executive director of the state ACLU. "Only meanness, bigotry and ignorance can explain such discrimination."

The insurance pool is a state program for people who can afford, but cannot obtain private health insurance because of pre-existing health conditions.

William E. Martin, a member of the pool's board of directors and a defendant in the suit, said he had not seen the document.

"I feel sorry for the individual" involved in the suit, he said.

But the Legislature had limited the pool from accepting people with AIDS or HIV when it passed legislation creating the pool, Martin said.

"This one happens to be the way the law was set up. We had no option on it," he said.

Twenty other states have similar pools, but only South Carolina excludes people with AIDS or HIV, Bates said in a news release.

Participants in the pool are charged premiums that are 200 percent to 300 percent higher than average insurance rates, the release said.

The lawsuit contends the cost of treating AIDS patients is no more expensive than many diseases the pool does cover, such as cancer and Alzheimer's.

The ACLU also contends that excluding HIV-infected people actually costs the state

more money because taxpayers have to bear the burden. In the pool, the costs would be offset by substantial premiums and deductibles paid by the insured and augmented by the private insurance industry.

The suit names several officials with the insurance pool and state Insurance Commissioner John G. Richards. (AP)

Pensacola school board rejects employee contracts over gay anti-discrimination clause

Pensacola, FL—The Escambia County School Board has rejected contracts with three employee unions because of an anti-discrimination clause that critics said would protect lesbians and gays.

Several citizens March 23 objected to the word "lifestyle" in the provision that also prohibits discrimination against employees based on age, sex, national origin, religion or physical handicap.

The board, after heated debate, then voted 3-2 to renegotiate the contracts with unions representing teachers, clerical workers, supervisors and support personnel, including custodians, bus drivers and food service workers.

The word "lifestyle" already is in existing contracts with two of the unions and is seen as protection against discrimination based on marital status, living arrangements and other lifestyle factors. It is new only to the Escambia Education Support Personnel Association contract.

The contract rejection came after seven months of negotiations in which the unions and administrators had agreed to a 2 percent pay raise.

That issue, however, and all other items will be open for renegotiation, said Bob Husbands, executive director for the unions. (AP)

North Apologizes, Sort Of: Former Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North said he was sorry if a joke he told at a recent GOP event offended gays, but was even sorer that his remarks gave the media ammunition against him. "That remark was a serious mistake on my part," said North, referring to his quip that he could not get through to President Clinton until he feigned a lisp. "Not because of its intended target... It allowed The Washington Post and the assembled media, for the next four days, to make of me personally—[and] the conservative Republicans I was with, generally—less than what I know us to be." State Sen. Warren Barry of Fairfax County also apologized for his remarks, in which he called Clinton's plan to lift the ban on gays in the military a "fags in the foxhole proposal," and quoted another politician calling a Washington bridge the "Soul Brothers Causeway." Barry said the media blew his comments out of proportion.

Government Denies Permit For Caribbean Gay Pageant: Bowing to pressure from the conservative church leaders, the government of St. Maarten has denied a permit for the Caribbean Gay of Gays pageant, which had been scheduled for April 3. Lt. Gov. Russell Voges denied that the government had bowed to church pressure. "I only took into consideration the stipulations of the law in reaching a decision not to grant the promoter a license," he said. In a letter to the governor two weeks ago, church leaders had vowed to "do whatever necessary" to stop the pageant.

Gay Watergate Counsel Retrieves Law License: After reaching the heights as a nationally known lawyer—he was chief Republican counsel for the inquiry in Richard Nixon's impeachment proceedings and chief prosecutor for Roanoke, VA—and then being disbarred because of an embezzlement conviction, Sam Garrison can once again practice law in Virginia. In a November hearing before the Virginia State Bar disciplinary panel, Garrison spoke of his homosexuality, the deaths of family members and close friends, and his battle with alcohol. The Virginia supreme court reinstated his license last week, ruling that Garrison had overcome his legal and financial problems.

Teen Pleads Guilty In Killing Of Gay Man: A Brooklyn, NY, teenager pleaded guilty March 29 to charges that he fatally beat a gay man on New Year's Day in 1991. 18-year-old Kazim Blount pleaded guilty of manslaughter in the beating of a door man, 50-year-old John T. Brown, in Prospect Park. Brown was beaten and kicked for about 10 minutes and was in a coma for five months before dying. Another teen was sentenced to five to 15 years after pleading guilty to attempted murder in the case. Two other defendants are awaiting trial. Blount will be sentenced next week.



Sex Offender Savitz Dies of AIDS: Edward Savitz, the Philadelphia businessman who was arrested on 22 sex charges last year, died on March 29, nine days before the scheduled start of his trial. While the criminal charges against Savitz, who died of AIDS, will be dropped, court action in several civil suits will proceed. The suits were filed against the insurance actuary shortly after Savitz was criminally charged a year ago amid allegations he had paid hundreds of juveniles for years to supply him with dirty underwear, feces and sex.

Bombs Found At Minneapolis Gay Bar: Two small bombs were found near the entrance of a Minneapolis gay bar on Feb. 28. One of the explosives was detonated, but no one was injured and there was no damage. Minneapolis police did not classify the incident as an anti-gay attack because no one

claimed responsibility. The Gay and Lesbian Community Action Council, however, has classified the incident as a hate crime. Police have made no arrests, but say they do have "some information we're working on."

Ruling Calls Local Calif. Bias Laws Into Question: In a ruling in a Los Angeles anti-gay discrimination case, a California appeals court has ruled that bias laws must come from the state and not local level. Matthew Coles, a lawyer with the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California who filed papers in support of the Los Angeles ordinance, said the ruling's effect on gays would be blunted by a new state law forbidding discrimination based on sexual orientation. "I think it matters much more to some other groups of people..." he said. "Fortunately, now we have the statewide remedy. Other [local ordinances] prohibit employment discrimination because of status as veterans, or against families with kids, for example. Those people are just completely out of luck now if this opinion prevails." The ruling does not take effect for two more months, and it could be reviewed by the state Supreme Court.

Sfers March To Protest Murders Of Mexican Gays: A march organized by the Latina/o gay/lesbian group La Red was held on March 19 in San Francisco. The march, from the Mission District to the Castro, protested the deaths of more than 30 gays and transvestites who have been murdered in the last two years in Mexico. The protestors claim that the Mexican government has been slow to investigate the slayings. Protests were also held in several other U.S. cities, as well as London and Helsinki.

Boulder Police Say No To Boy Scout Program: The Boulder (Colorado) Police Department will not start a Boy Scout Explorer program because of conflicts between the Scouts' and the city's policies regarding gays, Police Chief Thomas Koby says. "The reason was because the city has an anti-discrimination policy and the Boy Scouts have a discrimination policy," Koby said. "They don't allow gays so that's that." Boulder is one of three Colorado cities with a gay rights policy. Those policies are the target of Amendment 2, passed by the voters in November, and would be struck down if court challenges fail and the amendment is enacted.

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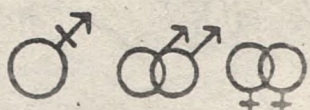
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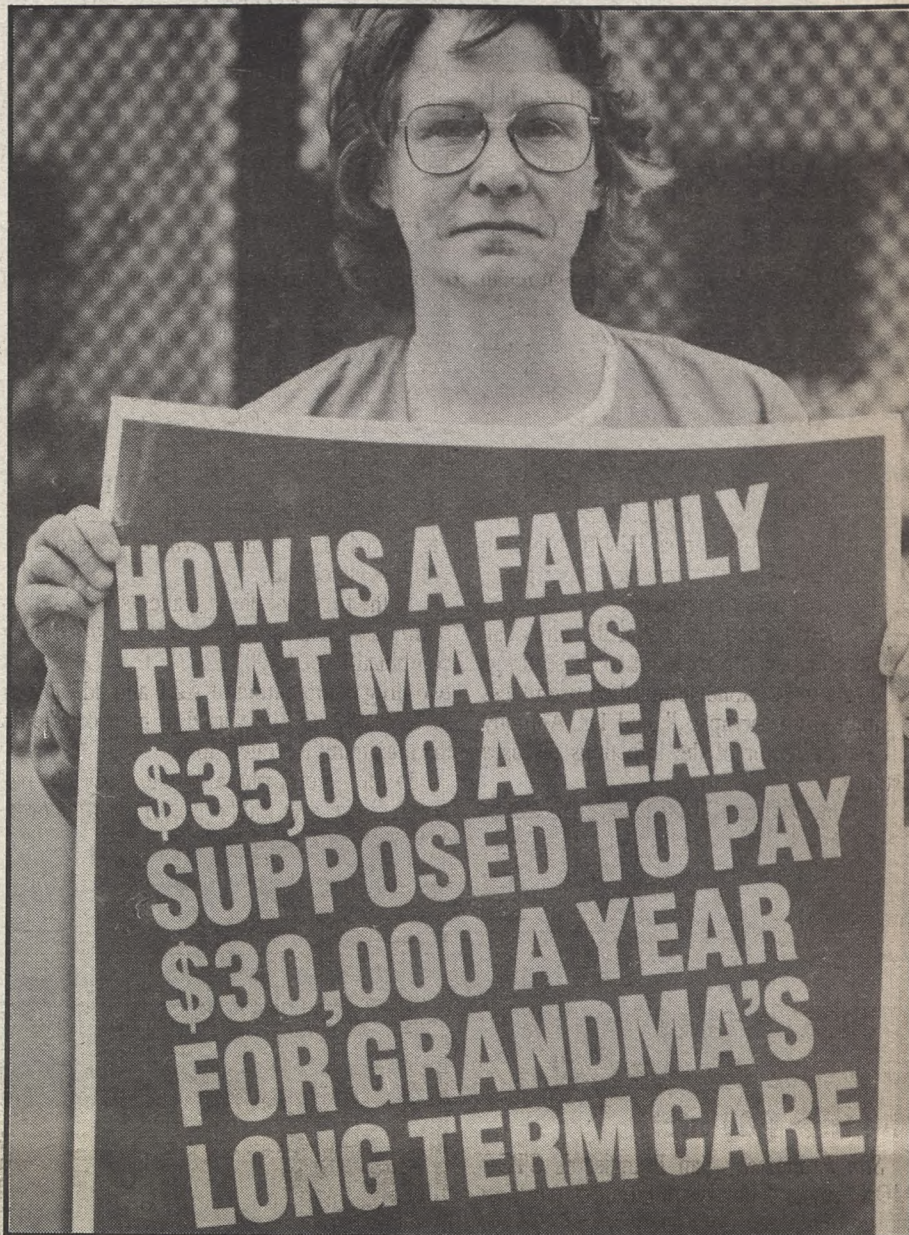
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April Fool's actions across US call attention to state of health care



Mary Hussman of Georgians for a Common Sense Health Plan, graphically questions how anyone can afford health care today

Atlanta—People in cities across the country staged rallies, press conferences and demonstrations on April Fool's Day under the theme "Don't be fooled: Health care is for people, NOT insurance companies." The events called for an end to a health care system run by and for the insurance industry, activists claim. Instead, they want to see a single-payer health care system that covers everyone, provides comprehensive benefits and eliminates unnecessary waste of the 1500 private health insurance payers in the system.

The Atlanta action, held in front of the

Blue Cross/Blue Shield Offices in Buckhead, was organized by Georgians for a Common Sense Health Plan. The street theatre action protested the insurance company's claim that a "managed competition" system is the answer to health care reform. Health reform activists say that the system would force people into HMO's, which create bureaucratic nightmares and provide inadequate services. A spokesperson for Blue Cross/Blue Shield told the protestors that the insurance company is not the enemy, laying blame on hospitals and healthcare providers.

E. BENNETT

Decade-long study to look at diet's effect on women

Beltsville, MD—Come fall, thousands of older women will be asked to go on a low-fat diet—not necessarily for their health, but for science and for the health of all women.

These women will be tracked for a decade or more by researchers to document the diet's effects on rates of heart disease, cancer and osteoporosis.

"American women are asking these questions: If I reduce the fat, what impact will that have? Will that reduce my chances of getting breast cancer?" said Carolyn Clifford, a National Cancer Institute diet and cancer specialist.

"Clearly, there's a need to know how to intervene in women's diets. Lots of studies have been done with men," said Dr. Carrie P. Hunter of the Office of Research on Women's Health at the National Institutes of Health. The diet study is part of a larger NIH project.

The 48,000 postmenopausal women, ages 50 to 79, will be split into two groups. One will be given the federal dietary recommen-

dations but will be left to eat however they choose.

The other women will be assigned to groups of 8 to 15 women, and they'll receive ongoing counseling from dietitians to help them stick to a diet that gets 20 percent of its calories from fat and includes at least five servings of produce and 7 of grains each day.

It will take three years to recruit all the women—from 15 parts of the country and from different social, ethnic and economic groups, Hunter said. The study will go on for 10 to 15 years, though some interim results may be made public.

Cardiovascular disease is the leading killer of women in this country. It kills nearly 500,000 women a year. Breast and colo-rectal cancers are the second- and third-leading causes of cancer deaths among women, 46,000 and 28,200 respectively, following lung cancer.

The diet study is part of the Women's Health Initiative, a National Institutes of Health project that will involve more than 150,000 women—the largest clinical effort ever.

MARY MACVEAN

Clinical trials start for U-90,152

Washington, DC—The National Institutes of Health is recruiting people infected with HIV to test a new drug that has been shown in test-tube experiments to be a potent weapon against the lethal virus.

Up to 80 patients are to be enrolled in two clinical trials of a drug called U-90,152, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease announced last Monday. The institute is leading the campaign against AIDS at the NIH.

Officials said U-90,152 has shown it can sterilize cell cultures that have been infected with the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV. Studies also have shown that the action of the new drug in stopping HIV is different from the AIDS drugs now licensed.

Currently there are three anti-viral drugs licensed to combat HIV: zidovudine, or AZT; didanosine, or ddI, and zalcitabine, or ddC. Each of these drugs combat HIV by blocking the action of an enzyme, reverse transcriptase, that the virus uses to reproduce.

"Toxicity and the fact that the virus can mutate and become resistant to these drugs within six to 12 months limit their usefulness as single-drug therapies," said Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, director of the infectious diseases institute.

The new drug, U-90,152, also works against reverse transcriptase, but it attacks the

enzyme molecule at a different site. The drug is in a class of compounds called bisheteroaryl-piperazines, or BHAPS.

Officials said there is a possibility that using U-90,152 in combination with one of the other drugs would be more effective against HIV than any of the drugs alone. The combination could overcome drug resistance caused by the HIV ability to mutate, said Dr. H. Clifford Lane of the institute staff.

"For HIV to become resistant to two classes of drugs, it would have to develop mutations at two sites [within its genetic pattern]," Lane said in a statement. "The chance of one virus developing both mutations and still being able to replicate is quite small and becomes even smaller when a third drug is added to the combination treatment."

Clinical trials of U-90,152 will be in two phases, each lasting 24 weeks and each enrolling up to 40 HIV patients with depressed CD4 lymphocyte counts.

In the first trial phase, patients will be randomly assigned to receive either a three-drug combination of U-90,152, AZT and ddI, or a two-drug combination of AZT and ddI. Doses of U-90,152 will be varied to help determine the maximum tolerated dose.

In the second phase of the study, 40 patients will receive either U-90,152 alone or in combination with AZT.

PAUL RECER

SF AIDS project focuses on issues between HIV+ and HIV- gay men

San Francisco—San Francisco's STOP AIDS Project is confronting one of the most challenging aspects of coping with AIDS for gay and bisexual men: how to keep HIV+ and HIV- men communicating openly with each other. The AIDS prevention agency is using a new advertising campaign to address questions commonly asked by both groups.

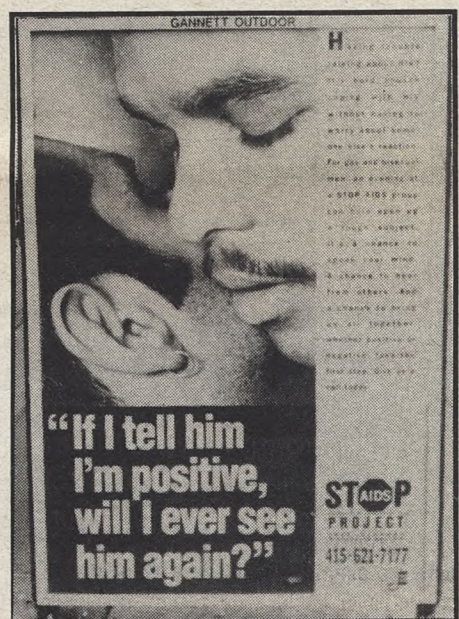
"If I tell him I'm positive, will I ever see him again?" asks the first ad, showing a close-up of two men with their faces touching. The second, almost identical, ad asks "If I tell him I'm negative, will I ever see him again?" The ads invite gay and bisexual men to come to a STOP AIDS meeting to talk about the many complex issues related to HIV. The ads are appearing in San Francisco bus shelters and the gay press.

"The ongoing stress of living in the epidemic has strained the ability of HIV-positive and HIV-negative men to communicate openly with each other," said STOP AIDS education director Dan Wohlfeiler. "Many feel they can't understand each other, or can't be understood by each other. We need to be fighting for the survival of the community as a whole. In a time of crisis, it's important that we come together to talk to each other, instead of about each other."

The ads were produced by the Public Media Center of San Francisco, and were paid for by the San Francisco Department of Health AIDS Office. Gannett Outdoor has donated many of the bus shelters for poster placement.

US government ordered to give medical treatment to HIV+ Haitians

New York City—A federal judge ordered the government March 26 to provide medical treatment for Haitian refugees with AIDS who are being held at the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo, Cuba, or to send them where they can be treated.



Ads stressing communication between HIV+ and HIV- men are part of the STOP AIDS Project's new campaign.

U.S. District Judge Sterling Johnson Jr. gave the government 10 days to comply.

About 250 refugees who authorities say have legitimate political asylum claims have been detained at a tent city on the base for more than a year because either they or relatives with them have HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Joseph Tringali, a lawyer representing the Haitians, said 35 have developed full-blown AIDS. The government puts the number at 15 to 20.

The judge said government officials admitted during testimony this month that the refugees were not receiving adequate treatment for AIDS.

The government has also ignored the recommendations of its own doctors that refugees with AIDS should be moved from the camp, Johnson wrote.

The judge didn't say where the refugees should be taken for treatment, but he said they shouldn't be returned to Haiti.

The government has allowed 22 AIDS-infected Guantanamo Haitians into the United States on an emergency basis for treatment during the last year.

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AIDS took heavy toll on artists, activists last month

New York City—Choreographer, director and modern dance artist **Louis Falco** died of AIDS March 26 at age 50, according to his personal assistant.

After directing The Louis Falco Dance Company for 16 years, Falco disbanded it in 1983 to concentrate on choreographing, writing and directing for film and television, as well as creating ballets for other companies. His involvement in film began with "Fame" in 1980. He went on to choreograph sequences in "Angel Heart" and other movies. He also choreographed videos for singers Prince, The Cars and Ricky Scaggs, and directed a video for "The Perfect Gentleman."

Falco, born Aug. 2, 1942, in New York City, began dancing professionally with the Charles Weidman Company while attending the High School of Performing Arts. Falco's survivors include two sisters, Anna Falco Lane and Pauline Ferruzza, and a brother, Edward.

Ballston Lake, NY—**Michael Burton** put everything he had on the line to fight for the rights of AIDS patients like himself and won, but the former auctioneer and antique dealer lost his battle with the disease. Burton, 27, died March 22.

Burton became an AIDS activist after fighting for Medicaid and Social Security assistance. He co-founded Saratoga County's first support group for people with AIDS and their caregivers, and fought for improved access to county social services for HIV-infected people.

Burton was openly gay but refused to say how he contracted the disease, stressing that AIDS kills without regard to gender, race or

sexual orientation.

He is survived by his parents, Harry and Carolyn; his sister and brother, Kathleen and John; and his grandmothers, Alice Calhoun and Elizabeth Burton McGrath.

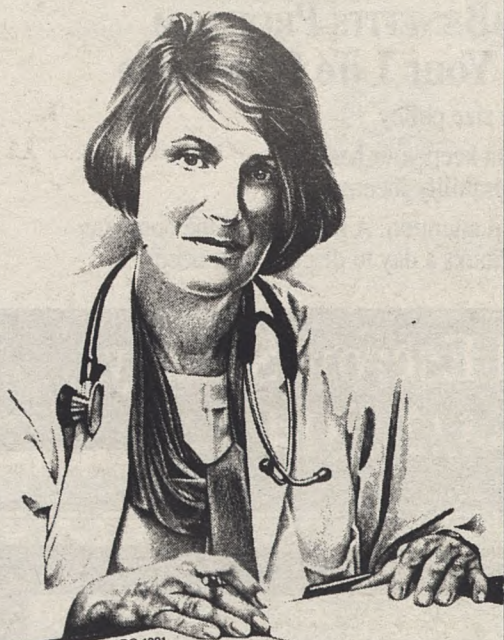
London—**Anthony Bowles**, the original musical director for "Jesus Christ Superstar" and "Evita," is dead. He died at home in London on March 15 at the age of 61. The Times of London reported that he died of an AIDS-related illness.

Bowles studied at the Royal Academy of Music in London from 1948 to 1953, but his break came in 1956 when he was appointed musical director for the show "Cranks," which ran in London and on Broadway. Much in demand for stage and film productions, he became associated with the early musicals of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, Lloyd Webber's partner in the 1970s.

Bowles is survived by his companion of 32 years, John Willis, of London.

Kansas City, KS—The April 10 memorial service for composer **Kevin Oldham** will take place without a picket from an anti-gay minister, thanks to a resolution passed by the Kansas City City Council banning such pickets. The 32-year-old Oldham died March 11 of AIDS complications. The Rev. Fred Phelps of Topeka had planned to protest the memorial service, claiming that God hates gays. Phelps also sent a fax to Oldham's parents two days after his death, calling him a "faggot" and saying that he deserved to die.

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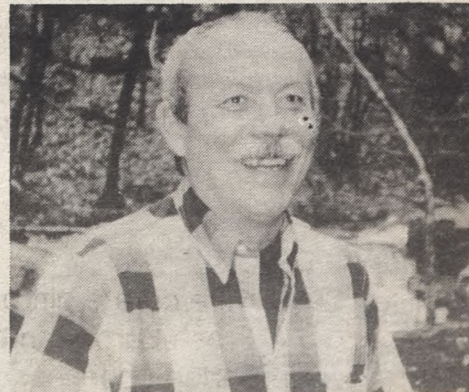
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Florida's gay and lesbian activists unite to fight anti-gay legislation

Orlando, FL—Grass roots politics took center stage at a rowdy summit of more than 175 lesbian and gay rights activists from across Florida on March 27. The meeting gave rise to a new statewide organization that will counter efforts by conservative groups to place anti-gay legislative measures proposed for the state's November 1994 general ballot.

Tempers often flared during the eight-hour session, as representatives lined pews in the sanctuary of Joy Metropolitan Community Church in South Orlando. About half of the participants were from South Florida and 25 percent from Tampa/St. Petersburg. The remaining delegates were largely from Gainesville, Tallahassee, Orlando, Sarasota and Jacksonville.

The gathering was sparked by concerns over statewide anti-gay legislative measures proposed by the Tampa-based American Family Association of Florida and the Palm Beach group Christian Action Council. If approved by referendum, the measures would effectively ban protection from discrimination due to sexual orientation.

The American Family Association, led by David Caton, successfully fought for the repeal of a Tampa gay and lesbian rights ordinance last fall.

The informal delegates to the conference were greeted by a hastily-drawn sign at the entrance to the sanctuary reading "Check your egos by the door." Throughout the day, participants split into focus groups to develop proposals that were brought back for discussion and voting.

A group that called for a mission statement to seek gay and lesbian rights "by any means necessary" drew cheers, but the gathering settled on a more cautious proposal to promote "an

environment where people of all sexual orientations can live free from fear and discrimination."

Keith Roberts, representing the legal affairs committee of the Tampa-based Human Rights Task Force, provoked an outburst of applause—but not a majority vote—with his carefully presented argument for a pro-gay counter-amendment to "frame the issue in our own terms." The proposal was put off for further study.

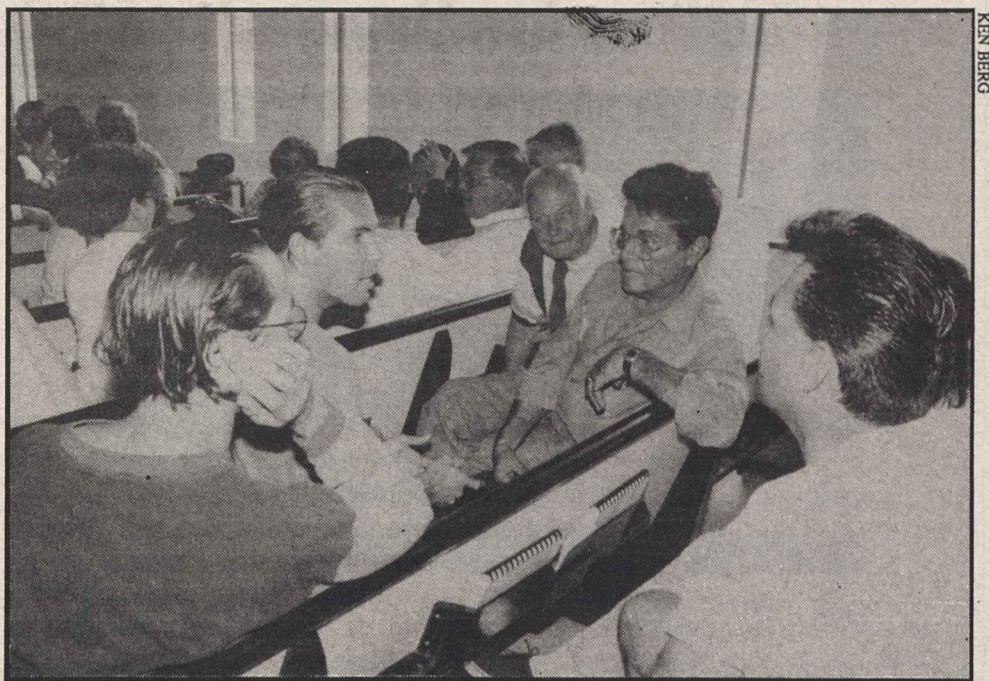
After lunch, pop music performer Lynn Kramer made a guest appearance, leading the group in a heartfelt rendition of her anthem for the March on Washington, "Together, Proud and Strong." The group rose to their feet, buoyed by the lyrics "They've tried to deny us / It has served to unite us / We have the right to be free."

During the afternoon, unity was not found without struggle as special interests provoked ideological confrontations.

Only a handful of participants could be swayed to incorporate transgender issues in the new organization's structure. South Florida attorney Alan Terl waved a March on Washington advisory board list including such groups as The National Leather Association, saying "These groups wanted their day in spotlight at the March...But they are of little use to us in this effort."

Diane Wilkinson, a Clearwater member of the National Organization for Women, argued that NOW's 20 years of experience in grass roots organizing has shown that it's not effective to keep minority membership in the closet.

"There are a lot of talented and professional people back in our hometowns," she said. "A lot of those people are women and a lot of those people are black. I don't think we can afford to leave anyone out."



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A focus group plans ways to fight anti-gay amendments during a statewide summit of 175 gay and lesbian activists in Orlando, Florida on March 27.

By the end of the day the group had written the outline for the new statewide organization, which will serve as an umbrella for existing gay rights organizations while also allowing for individual memberships. Following regional elections, the new group's steering committee will meet in Orlando on May 8 to elect an executive committee and develop strategies.

Todd Simmons, the president of Tampa's HRTF and a planner of the meeting, downplayed the sometimes fractious tone of the session.

"We knew that if we came in with a set agenda that there would be a rebellion much greater than if we had a spirited discussion," he said. "When you involve people in the process

you empower them."

The first statewide meeting of gay activists in Florida took place in 1976 at the University of Central Florida in Orlando and led to the creation of a group now called the Florida Task Force. That group held annual conventions until 1983 and is today based in Tallahassee.

"It's the same kind of energy and excitement," said John Grannan, one of the 100 activists who participated in the 1976 summit who also came to the new session. "The faces have changed but the characters are the same. I'm just glad I'm still around to participate in this one."

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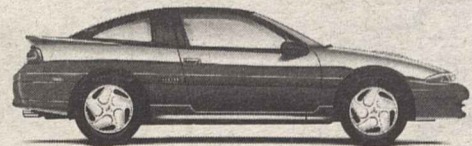
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RIGHT WATCH

Here's a rundown of gay rights issues, for and against, on agendas around the country:

Alaska: An Anchorage referendum April 20 seeks repeal of measure protecting rights of lesbians and gay men working for the city and its contractors.

California: Statewide anti-gay rights ballot measure proposed for 1994.

Colorado: Along with the lawsuits filed against Amendment 2, a Senate committee has begun debate on a bill that would repeal the amendment. The hearings mark the first time state lawmakers have held a formal debate on the anti-gay voter initiative. The bill requires a two thirds vote of both the Senate and House to pass. A compromise bill, repealing the amendment and banning employment discrimination based on anything other than work-related issues, has been proposed in the House, but debates have not yet been scheduled.

Florida: Statewide anti-gay rights ballot measure proposed for 1994. Gay and lesbian activists have formed a statewide organization to fight it. Full story on page 9.

Idaho: Statewide anti-gay rights ballot measure proposed for 1994.

Illinois: House committee approved ban on bias against gays and lesbians in housing and employment. Dorothy Hadjys, mother of slain sailor Allen Schindler, testified in favor of the bill.

Maine: Joint legislative committee considering prohibition on bias against gays and lesbians in jobs, housing, credit and public accommodations.

Michigan: Statewide anti-gay rights ballot measure proposed for 1994.

Minnesota: Legislature adding sexual orientation to state human rights law is in conference, awaiting House and Senate votes later this week. Gov. Arne Carlson supports the legislation. Minnesota would be the 8th state to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation.

New York: Assembly-passed bill now before Senate to add sexual orientation to the state's civil rights law, banning discrimination in jobs, housing, public accommodations and education.

Nebraska: Bills propose adding sexual orientation to the state Fair Employment Practices Act.

New Mexico: Senate passed bill, but it died in House committee, that would have added sexual orientation to state human rights act.

Oregon: Oregon Citizens Alliance hopes to get anti-gay rights ballot measures in more than 30 municipal and county elections, May

18, June 29 and Sept. 21. Also wants statewide anti-gay rights ballot measure for 1994.

Rhode Island: Legislative committee considering ban on bias against gays and lesbians in credit, housing, employment and public accommodations. Anti-gay rights bills propose barring protection under state civil rights law for anyone "solely in response to his or her behavior." Gov. Bruce Sundlun has already signed an executive order barring such discrimination for state employees.

Texas: House bill would bar bias based on sexual orientation in most circumstances involving housing, employment and public accommodation.

Washington: House-passed bill, now in Senate, would bar bias against lesbians and gay men in employment, housing, public accommodations, credit and insurance.

West Virginia: House bill would include sexual orientation under state Human Rights Act.

In Colorado, anti-gay posters have turned up at gay-owned businesses in Denver and Colorado Springs, putting gays on the edge and sending U.S. Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell over the edge.

"I condemn this vicious trash in the strongest terms possible," said Campbell. "This filth is so anti-democratic and abhorrent, it could even be called treasonous."

One of the posters calls for gays to be put to death as "prescribed in the Bible." Another recruits for the Ku Klux Klan. Both carry a Denver post office box as an address.

Campbell called the posters part of a "hateful, hurtful, heinous campaign," and said those who are behind it are "hating, ignorant, racist people."

Jerry Nault, owner of a Denver bar where several of the posters turned up, said he has stepped up security at the Colfax Mining Company and advised his customers to travel in groups and protect themselves.

"Its no longer just gay bashing," he said.

As a final note, the producers of the anti-gay propaganda video "The Gay Agenda" told television interviewer Larry King last week that they are preparing a second video that will be even more outrageous than the first. Southern Voice noted that a live operator who graciously answers all questions answers the 800 phone number to order the video (\$13.95 including shipping and handling if you really want one, but we advise you give them no money). Call 1-800-462-4700 with any inquiries about the tape, including your feelings about it. After that, send them a letter at The Report, 42640 10th St. W, Lancaster, CA 93534.



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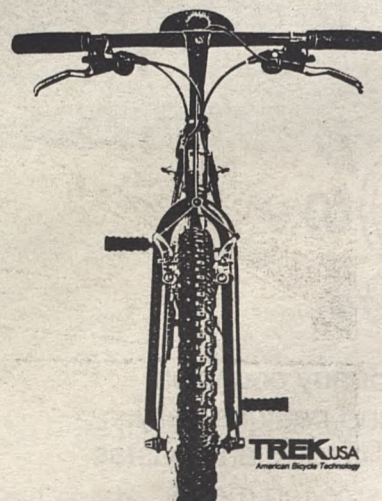
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Celebrating is a way to reclaim our losses

by LAINE MORGAN

On Valentine's Day this year approximately 90 people gathered at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens to witness a wedding. It was a celebration of the coming together of two separate lives. Family flew in from other states to be present, and those friends and coworkers who support the couple in their daily lives in Atlanta joined the celebration as well.

Planning for the event had taken months and no expense was spared. Family and cultural traditions and rituals were interwoven with those created uniquely by the couple themselves. The event brought a very diverse group of people together. There were gay and lesbian and straight guests. There were guests of varying race, religion and culture, yet they had come together to support the union of the couple. The first song they heard was "Love Can Build A Bridge" and by the end of the ceremony most guests were tearful. The two being wed were women, and I was a bride.

You may have heard about our wedding because of the ongoing publicity surrounding our attempt to have our announcement published in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. It has stirred up debate on talk radio, in print, and in Atlanta in general about our right to have commitment ceremonies, weddings, etc., and about whether our ceremonies should be publicized in mainstream publications, and about domestic partnerships. We struggled with the AJ/C until they finally printed our commitment ceremony announcement on March 21, and for the first time many people heard that gays and lesbians do get married. The AJ/C was not our only struggle.

We learned many lessons on the path to having a wedding. We never realized how much homophobia we would encounter both internally and externally. We were pleasantly surprised by the abundant support that our straight family members and friends afforded us, yet were amazed by the number of our gay and lesbian friends who questioned us at every turn. They could not seem

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Every culture in the world has rituals, celebrations and rites of passage when two of their people choose each other as partners and mates. Even some animals do! Every religion, every race, every tribe, every country recognizes the commitment made between two people and in some way draws attention to its making. A proclamation is made.

However, we as a gay and lesbian community have been taught shame. Puritanism halted any acceptance of the bonds between women and the bonds between men. Homosexuality became feared and hated, even within our own tortured selves. Fear of discovery pushed us into the closet, to a place where relationships could not be recognized, much less celebrated. When asked about our personal relationships, we often deny their existence. We tend to "slip into" even our most committed relationships quietly. Sometimes we don't tell our friends, much less our families, about our newly found love until much time has elapsed.

Think back to your desires and dreams before you discovered your own sexual orientation. Now remember the great sense of

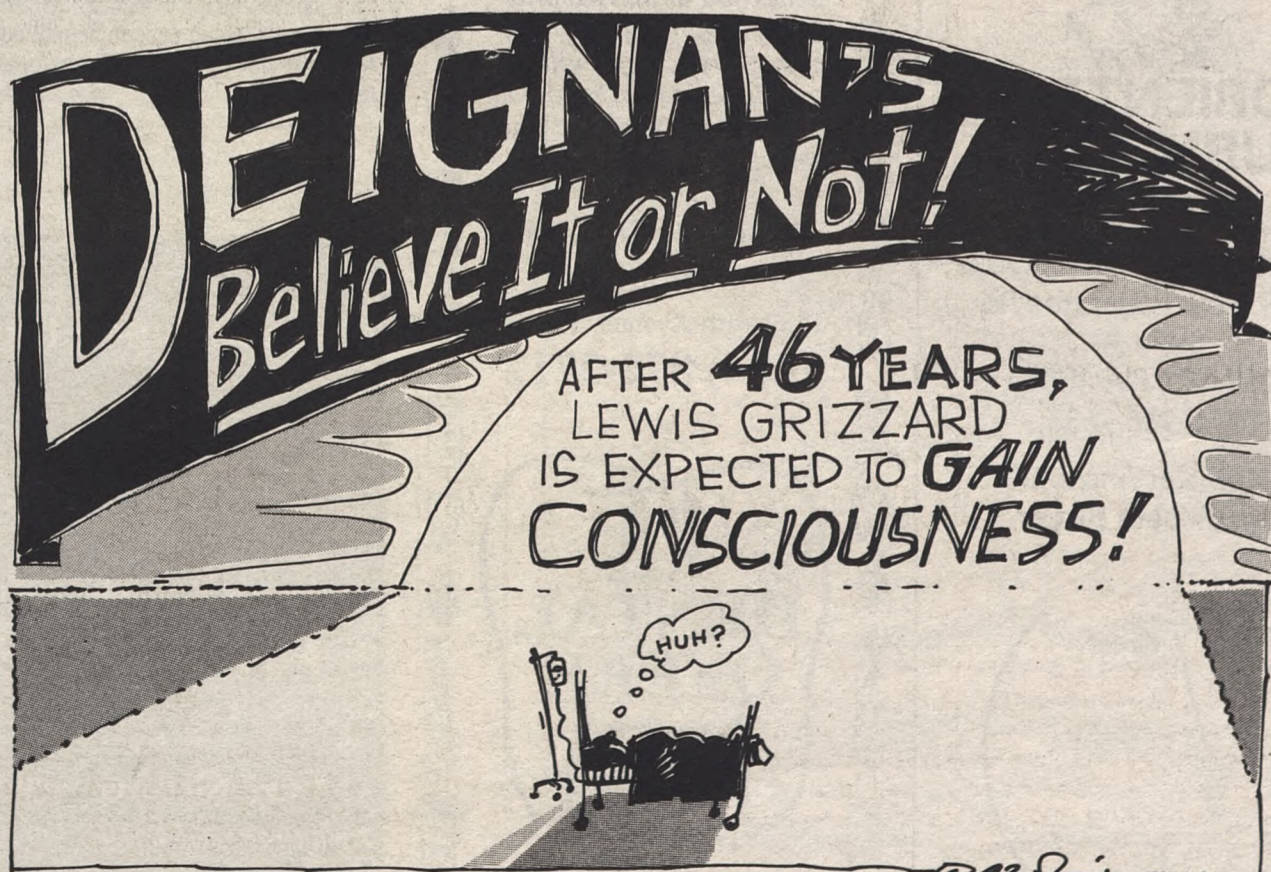
loss when you finally accepted that you were gay or lesbian. You probably were like me in thinking that all the big dreams were gone—peer acceptance, family love and acceptance, weddings, parenthood, growing old with someone, walking hand in hand, class reunions, etc., etc.

Our parents tend to reinforce our sense of loss by saying things like "I wish you weren't gay, I always wanted to be mother of the bride!" or "I always wanted to have grandchildren" or "Who is going to be with you when you are old?" or "Don't tell your cousins, grandparents, or the neighbors because they wouldn't understand." We quickly buy into that way of thinking and begin denying ourselves our dreams. We accept our losses by believing that we never wanted them anyway. "Me a mother? Yeah, right!" or "I don't need my family anyway, I have all the friends I need," or "It is healthier this way."

On February 14, Sue Anne and I reclaimed one of our losses. We had a wedding that fulfilled our every dream. The "lesbian script" we had been handed by our community did not include such a wedding, so we wrote our own script. We wanted our family and friends and the world to be very clear as to our intentions. We did not slip quietly, we proclaimed! We intend to rewrite any part of the "lesbian script" tainted with homophobia.

Our community is fighting for domestic partnerships. We are trying to reclaim things we were told we could never have. We are asking the government to recognize our relationships and let us enjoy the privileges previously only given to heterosexual married couples. Before the world will recognize our relationships, they must see them on a regular basis. Before the world can join us in celebrating our relationships, we must celebrate them ourselves. Before the world can stop stereotyping us, we must step outside our own perceived boundaries and stop stereotyping ourselves.

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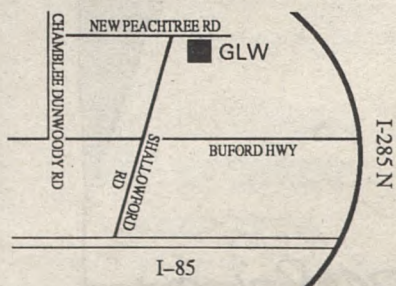
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EYE ON THE MILITARY

Georgia Senator Sam Nunn either can't, or won't, get it. As his Senate Armed Services Committee began hearings on gays in the military last week, Nunn, and the majority of his committee, continued to publicly oppose lifting the ban, although Nunn did suggest that the interim policy—not asking recruits about sexual orientation but booting out anyone found to be gay or lesbian—would be a good compromise.

"I do think it's rational," the committee chair said. "If people keep their private behavior private, then you don't have a problem."

Julian Pell, a lobbyist for the Rhode Island Alliance for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights, charged that Nunn's hearings were a farce.

"Nunn is behaving so badly...It's like the Clarence Thomas hearings all over again. He just doesn't get it. They all just don't get it."

Queer Nation/Nation's Capital called for Nunn, who served 6 months active duty in the Coast Guard, to withdraw from the hearings, citing Nunn's repeated opposition to lifting the ban, and his firing of two gay staffers in the early 80s.

"It is quite clear from Sen. Nunn's repeated statements that he is unwilling and incapable of pursuing anything at all approaching an equitable handling of this issue," said Frank Kameny, a gay World War II veteran.

Other senators on the committee used the same arguments against the ban that have been espoused since the issue hit the forefront of the Clinton presidency in January.

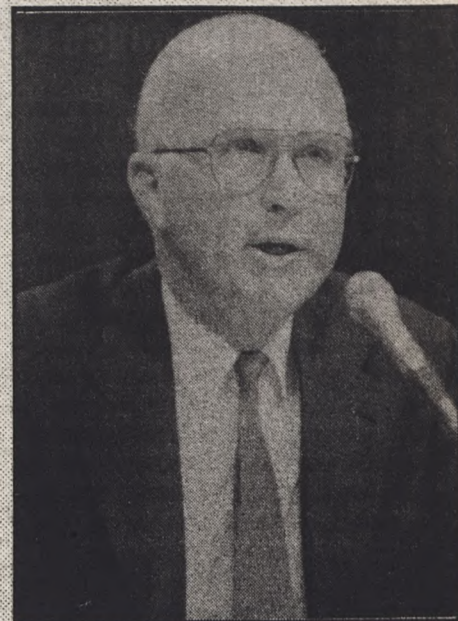
"I do not believe that the United States military should be used as a social laboratory," said Idaho Republican Dirk Kempthorne.

"How would you feel if your 17-year-old came under the influence of an aggressive, 40-year-old homosexual who was his drill sergeant?" whined North Carolina Republican Lauch Faircloth.

Massachusetts Democrat Edward Kennedy remains the strongest voice on the committee against the ban, urging the panel to follow the lead of Martin Luther King, Jr., Abraham Lincoln, and his brother John Kennedy in fighting prejudice.

"If we do not end discrimination wherever it exists in our society," the senator said, "then America is not America."

The hearings began on March 29, with law professors and congressional researchers providing all of the testimony—and all of it against lifting the ban, or at best declaring that the effect of a repeal of the ban could not be known. It was not until the second day of testimony on March 31 that former Pentagon official Lawrence Korb testified that he could find "no convincing evidence" that lifting the ban on gays would undermine unit cohesion. Korb's testimony, however, was quickly refuted by other "experts," who claimed that



Lawrence Korb, Pentagon official during the Reagan administration, testified last week that the Pentagon destroyed a recent study showing that there was no empirical evidence for barring gays from the military.

Korb "greatly understated" the impact of lifting the ban.

Korb, who served as assistant defense secretary for manpower in the Reagan administration, also testified that Pentagon officials ordered destruction of a draft study in the late 1980s showing that up to 200,000 of the 2 million people then in the military were gay. That study, done by the Personnel Security and Research Education Center in Monterey, California, "basically said, you have no empirical evidence for keeping the policy [banning gays]. We suggest that you consider changing it," Korb said.

Korb testified that officials ordered the draft study destroyed because it was extraneous to the purpose of the study. Committee member Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) dismissed the study, saying that it focused on security issues, rather than a broader study of homosexuality in the military, and accused Korb of "being a bit disingenuous."

The hearings are now in recess, with the next session expected to include site visits to various military installations to talk with personnel. Campaign for Military Service director Tom Stoddard lambasted the first two days of hearings and urged that future sessions include lesbian and gay soldiers and veterans.

"We call upon Senator Nunn to call to testify in future hearings individual men and women who have actually borne the brunt of this policy," he said. "It is not an abstract legal issue that college experts can tell us about."

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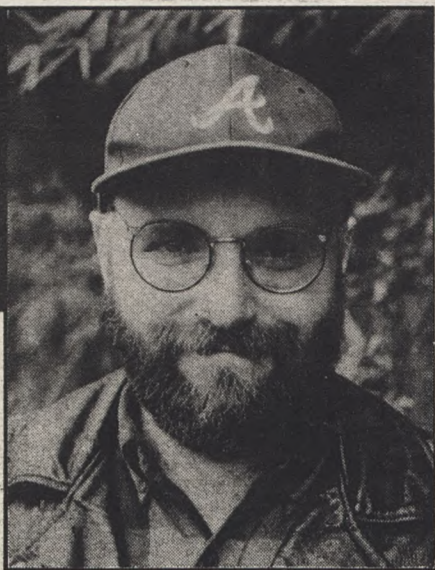
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Southern Queer-ies

by AL COTTON



Leaving Homoville

The lease was ending, and my apartment was feeling smaller by the day. A friend I had helped move into a basement apartment in Candler Park told me that the upstairs there would soon be available. Would I be interested?

The short answer was "yes." A yard would be nice for the cats, who haven't gotten out in over five years, and have Kal-Kan-bellies to show for it; the bars are too close, the air too dirty, the night too noisy, and the reasons for putting up with noise and dirt fading into memory. Yes, I'm interested.

But the long answer involved another question: Am I ready to leave Midtown?

I had moved to the Gay Ghetto in 1986, after a roommate told me he was ready to be alone. I had been uncloseted for about two years, and DeKalb, where I first lived after moving to Atlanta from Alabama, was comfortable and familiar. And Midtown sounded as intimidating to me as Atlanta had sounded from Montgomery.

But I wasn't working downtown anymore—my job had transferred me to Cobb County, and I had blown up a car trying to commute from Decatur to Cumberland Mall every day. Midtown was the logical choice.

And it was time. I remembered an article in the Advocate saying that gay men can benefit from living in a Ghetto for awhile. How else do you come to understand the alien community that you've just joined? How else to rid yourself of 20+ years of heterosexual programming, but to immerse yourself in the alternative? So I moved to the Hobbit Hole.

946-A Myrtle Street is a basement apartment where 9th dead-ends at Myrtle that Frodo Baggins would have loved. I was 29 years old and barely coping with being out. And I had no idea how instructive "our neighborhood" would be.

Within a month I was cruising at Kroger, hitting the bars every night, living in the heart of the most livable city in the country—it was wonderful. I had found a place where our stories were being told, and I could watch them. Both the happy ones and sad ones—finding and losing love, finding and losing friends, at Crazy Rayz and Ansley Mall and Piedmont Park.

How do you meet people? Who do you smile at? Who do you ignore? What's a gay date like? When I started answering these questions, I started thriving as a gay man. I lived on Myrtle for over two years, when a friend told me he was leaving his duplex on Monroe. Was I interested?

890 Monroe Drive, the upstairs duplex next to the Silver Grill, was a Word-of-Mouth rental, and must have been the apartment Armistead Maupin was referring to when he said that you could have a fabulous apartment, a fabulous job and a fabulous lover, but not all three at the same time. Sun porch, butler's pantry, fireplace, hardwood floors, a stunningly low price. How could I pass it up?

Well, it sounded too good to be true, and indeed it was, because I immediately started struggling to land a roommate, pay-

ing \$300 heating bills by myself, and discovered how completely the decorating gene had skipped my generation. But it was here that I stopped watching our story play out and started writing my own story, participating in the Great Gay Adventure.

I reached the pinnacle when I found my first lover, the one who taught me that the phrase, "May you live in interesting times," is a Chinese curse. Porches and pantries became shackles when my car needed protection and none was to be had. I had to escape, and started looking for the security of high rises. I moved out a year to the day after I met him.

I still remember the sigh of relief that washed over me when I shut the door behind the movers at 620 Peachtree Street, #1014. After a month, I was quoting Lisa Douglas from Green Acres ("I just adore a penthouse view..."). Peachtree North felt like a gay dormitory, a mix of gays, African-Americans and retirees, with the occasional hooker, married couple, Tech student or drug dealer thrown in, all united by a common loathing of the elevators. It was convenient, commodious and easy to negotiate, except on grocery day.

Finally, things started falling into place. I did the Therapy Thing; I started writing for Southern Voice; I changed jobs, bought a new car, found the Men of Gay Spirit. It was here that I assembled the pieces I found on Myrtle, the ones that got scattered at Monroe—how this life works, how to accumulate, how to hold something precious, how to let it go.

Midtown is as Queer as the South gets. Every place in it is ten minutes from ten bars, has direct access to the cruisiest Kroger the world has ever known, is beckoned by Piedmont Park, is tolerant of many alternatives. Hookers, hustlers and high rises. Men who have preceded me in life, and in death, and those who will follow. Ex-'s, ex-tricks, and the extraordinary.

For me, leaving Midtown is about growing up, surrendering the budding young faggot who wandered in seven years ago, nervous and scared, and who now strides out a bit more directed and purposeful.

From a novice to a loser to a contender. The Adventure has pointed me Eastward, and directions of that sort are ignored only at one's peril. I may be back one day, but I know it won't be the same.

And I have already begun to appreciate the eccentricities of Candler Park. I wake up every morning to a rooster crowing—yes, there are neighborhoods that are zoned for chickens in Atlanta in DeKalb. I think I will like it here.

But corny as it sounds, that Sally Field movie reminds me that there are Places in the Heart that will always open up. I can move to Candler Park or Seattle or New Zealand for that matter, but my history stays put, and for me, a large chunk of it resides in a Place that goes by the name of Homoville, GA.

L E T T E R S

If it must be a gun, be responsible

To the Editor:

I wish to comment on the letter submitted by Mr. Mike McCulley, published in the March 11 issue of Southern Voice. I agree with Mr. McCulley's assertion that many gay-bashers often perceive gay men and lesbians as "easy targets" because they "won't fight back." I agree that more gay men and lesbians should strongly and seriously consider purchasing and carrying a firearm for their own personal protection and the protection of their friends and loved ones. But I would also like to very strongly caution anyone considering the purchase of a firearm for their own self-defense against thinking that you are "safe" simply because you have a gun.

A gun will not make you "safe"; it merely serves as an adjunct to one's personal safety. In the end, it isn't what you carry in your hands that makes you safe—it's what you carry between your ears!

I would suggest that anyone considering purchasing a firearm for personal protection study up on the subject as much as possible before paying a visit to a local gun store. Check out the library for books and magazines concerning firearms and firearm safety, or go to a bookstore or magazine stand and check out some of the gun-oriented publications. There are many books which can be extremely helpful in selecting the proper firearm for one's personal protection, and which offer invaluable guidance on training courses for novice shooters.

I strongly believe that everyone who is considering the purchase and carrying of a gun for personal protection should take some form of training course which emphasizes firearms safety, practical pistol shooting in a self-defensive situation, and the legal considerations of owning and carrying a handgun or other firearm. One book I can personally recommend is "Armed and Female" by Paxton Quigley. Also, there is a magazine entitled "Women and Guns" which contains very helpful information that can prove invaluable to anyone thinking about buying a gun (don't let the titles mislead you—the information in Ms. Quigley's book as well as that in "Women and Guns" can apply equally well to men as to women, and at all levels of firearms experience). And, one can contact the local law enforcement authorities to ob-

tain information regarding applying for the proper permits and licenses to carry firearms on one's person.

In conclusion, I would like to say that owning and carrying any sort of firearm is a tremendous responsibility and is not to be taken lightly or entered into frivolously. Purchasing a firearm for one's personal protection and the protection of loved ones requires a lot of thought and careful consideration as to how one intends to employ a firearm, as well as all the legal restrictions society places (and rightly so, I believe) on the carrying of guns in public. It's a heavy responsibility all gun owners share, after all.

Maybe someday things will change so that it won't be necessary for some people to consider carrying guns to defend ourselves from attack. But unfortunately until that day comes each of us must be prepared to act in our own defense if forced to do so. As the old-time cowboys used to say: "God made men—but Col. Colt made them equal."

Sincerely yours,
Mark Fincher

Don't fall back in the closet

To the Editor:

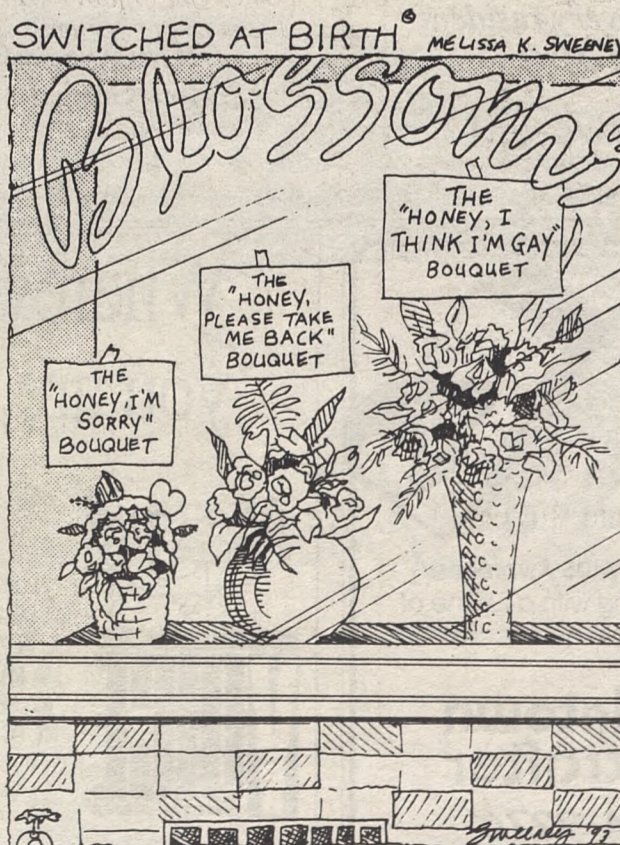
I couldn't believe it! Over 1,500 people attended the March 27 rally to lift the military ban. Great, right? Wrong! There is something wrong with that picture. There are at least 70,000 "out" gays in Atlanta—that was proved at Pride '92. Where are they now—back in the closet?

Does everyone here not understand the importance of this battle? President Clinton promised to lift the ban but notice how he's backing away. Sam Nunn is powerful and he doesn't like us. Please don't lie to yourself thinking he cares—he doesn't.

Clinton has helped us a lot, and now we must finish the job. We must, without any excuses, come out together in large masses. We can't just wait until April 25th, we all have to do it now.

How much damage are we going to allow Nunn to get away with? Why do we endure his bigotry? People, we are almost there. Let's not stop now and hope our so-called "friends in office" will give us what we have the right to have—human rights.

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Washington Blade triumphs, can stay on library shelves

Fairfax, VA—After two emotional nights of hearings on the issue, the Fairfax County Library Board of Trustees has voted to keep the Washington Blade, a gay newspaper, on their shelves and allow free copies to be distributed in their lobbies.

Some residents complained after the county began allowing giveaway copies of the weekly Washington Blade in lobbies of all 22 branch libraries last December. The library has had the newspaper in the permanent periodical collections of four of its branches since 1985. Blade publisher Don Michaels said that he expected problems when the libraries began to distribute the paper.

"I knew there would be complaints," he said, "but I never expected it would come to this."

The 12-member Library Board voted on March 24 against proposals to keep the newspaper behind counters and remove all free publications, including the Blade, from lobbies.

"Some items on our shelves are bound to offend some on moral or religious grounds, but the removal of such material would be equally offensive to someone else," board chairwoman Phylis Salak said.

Hundreds of residents attended the two public hearings a week earlier with those wanting the newspaper removed dominating the testimony. Blade opponents brandished copies of the paper opened to the personals section, testifying that the paper encouraged Virginians to violate the state's sodomy law.

Even children testified against the gay paper, reading from prepared testimony that it seeks to recruit them into the "homosexual lifestyle."

Supporters argued that ads in the paper were no more pornographic than other free papers in the Washington area, and that the personals section is a small portion of the paper. The importance of the paper's news and information services, supporters said, should not be ignored.

"The compact we have with our readers is to give them fair, honest and complete reporting," Blade publisher Don Michaels said at the hearing. About the content of the Blade's ads, Michaels added, "Any evil seen in the Blade is in the eye of the beholder."

In making their decision on March 24, the board cited First Amendment rights and the role of the public library in providing equal access to materials on diverse points of view.

"The library recognizes that materials which



Art Benedetti said that distribution of the Blade in public libraries encourages men to cruise in department store restrooms to find sexual partners.

Emotional hearing in Fairfax over the Blade

by Lou Chibbaro Jr.
More than three dozen Fairfax County residents demanded an end to the distribution of the Washington Blade at the Fairfax public library system Wednesday night during a highly emotional public hearing.

The hearing was called by the Fairfax Library Board of Trustees to obtain citizens' views on whether county libraries

should provide important news and information to Gay residents of Fairfax. They noted that the personal ads section comprises only a small portion of the newspaper.

In their own coverage of the hearing, the Blade ran this photo of a man who claimed that distribution of the gay newspaper in public libraries encourage men to cruise in department store restrooms to find sexual partners.

offend and shock one reader may be considered meaningful and significant by another," said Edwin Clay III, director of libraries.

But some board members said they felt frustrated with the process because they had been advised before the meeting by Assistant County Attorney Robert Ross that if they banned the publication they could face First Amendment lawsuits.

"This is all a charade," said board member Gwendalyn Cody, before voting for the measure. "There's nothing we can do about it, given the interpretation of our county attorney."

Publisher Michaels reported that Cody also said she felt "violated" after reading some of the Blade's ads, and that opponents of the paper's inclusion in the Fairfax libraries have threatened lawsuits and blockades to prevent distribution.

"Honestly, I did not expect the library to uphold this," he said of the board's final decision. "I figured they would vote to put us behind the counter. I'm very pleased."

Anti-gay crusade of Kansas minister leads to violence

Topeka, KS—Police are monitoring protests by a minister who crusades against gay rights after he claimed to have received death threats. Those same police are ignoring the fundamentalists' threats against gays and lesbians by carrying signs that read "Gays Deserve To Die."

"Because of activities building the last week or two and death threats, it was determined there was danger there," acting police chief Lee Stanley said March 27.

Stanley confirmed measures were stepped up after what he called "a brawl" between protesters and men walking on the sidewalk the night of March 26.

The protest, part of a continuing series of pickets by members of the Westboro Baptist Church, is led by the Rev. Fred W. Phelps, Sr., and is part of his crusade against gays based on his interpretation of the Bible.

Stanley said he had assigned officers to protect the protesters, but the officer assigned to watch the picketers was called to an assault in another part of town just before the "brawl" broke out along the sidewalk in front of a restau-

rant. Each side involved in the altercation tells a different story, but apparently the Topeka police have accepted the Phelps version although no arrests were made.

Gary McAdams said that he and four other men were walking south on the sidewalk in front of the restaurant. As he neared a Phelps supporter wielding a video camera, he asked the man to move. Instead Chris Davis pushed McAdams and knocked him over, crushing his glasses and scraping his elbow.

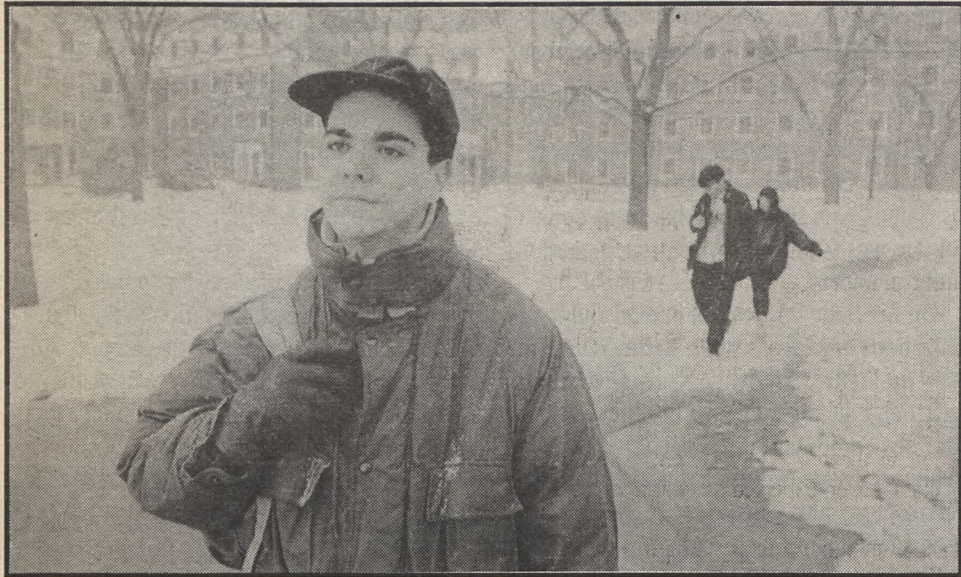
Davis claims that the five men ripped the camera from his hands and pushed him to the ground. Then, Davis said, the five attacked the group of about 25 anti-gay activists, pulling them into the street and beating them.

Chief Stanley said the situation would be evaluated, but he said it was probable officers would be assigned to protect the picketers for at least another week.

Stanley has not assigned any officers to protect lesbians and gays in Topeka, even though Phelps' troops carry signs with such slogans as

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Gay students at Cornell push for separate housing



Cornell University senior Joseph Barrios, standing outside Clara Dixon Hall in Ithaca, N.Y., is lobbying his school for separate housing for lesbian and gay students.

Ithaca, NY—Student Carla Roland was walking along a stone path on the Cornell University campus one day last fall when she saw a message scrawled in colored chalk. It said "1-800-DIE-HOMO."

"My life changed," said the 21-year-old senior, who is a lesbian. "It's so vivid in my mind. It was a huge turning point for me."

Roland and several other students soon asked for a separate living area for gay students. The Ivy League campus is split over the idea, with debate focused on whether segregation is the best way to foster tolerance.

Cornell's Student Assembly passed a proposal this month calling for a wing of a campus dormitory to be reserved for about 60 students, gay or heterosexual, interested in promoting "gay, lesbian and bisexual awareness." Other colleges have established gay-oriented housing units in recent years with little controversy.

"Ideally, it'd be good for everybody to be able to live together, but there is a large amount of hostility toward gays and lesbians because of who they are," said Thom Turner, co-chairman of the National Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Student Caucus. "People can't get any learning done if there's this overall threat of violence to them."

Opponents said the proposed dorm at Cornell would be segregationist and would worsen relations between gays and heterosexuals. Supporters said it would give gay students a place where they could feel comfortable on a predominantly heterosexual and often hostile campus.

"The creation of this unit will send a very strong signal that invisibility and harassment no longer will be tolerated," said Joseph L. Barrios,

who represents gays, lesbians and bisexuals on the student assembly. "It would mean coming home and not having to be afraid."

Cornell President Frank Rhodes, who declined to be interviewed, said in a letter to assembly president Pankaj Talwar, "I fully share the assembly's support for diversity in the university community."

But Rhodes said he was "distressed" by the student assembly's assertion that gay students feel unempowered and unprotected on campus and said he didn't know whether the gay living unit would dissolve barriers or create them. Rhodes has 30 days to decide on the proposal.

Cornell already has special-interest dormitories, called theme houses, for students interested in music, languages, ecology and other issues.

Junior Jonathan Bloedow said he condemns harassment of gays and lesbians but doesn't think a gay dorm is the solution. "I draw a distinction between acceptance of individuals and acceptance of individuals' ideology," he said.

Since fall, about 20 students at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst have lived in a gay-lesbian-bisexual "corridor." The University of California has about 40 students living in two gay "theme" dormitories, and Rutgers University started a gay studies living unit for about 10 students this year in its "special interests" dormitory. Officials at the three schools say the special areas were set up with little fuss. "They did it and it's done and that's it," said Rutgers housing manager Robert Spear.

HILARY APPELMAN

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"Gays Deserve To Die."

Topeka juries, however, have taken such signs more seriously. A Lawrence woman who drove off the road to hit Phelps-engineered anti-gay signs has been acquitted of five counts of battery and two counts of attempted battery.

Lisa McGraw, 28, said she never hit any of the estimated 25 protesters from Westboro Baptist Church. A 13-year-old witness agreed, and the jury on March 23 decided on acquittal.

McGraw said she had a "personal reaction" when she saw the signs picketers were holding on a street corner in Topeka, one of which read "Gays Deserve to Die."

"This is an issue of hate speech," McGraw said after the trial. "As long as death threats and reference to genocide are placed in the public arena, there will be responses to it."

"The signs were very disturbing to me," she said in testimony. "'Gays Deserve to Die' seemed like a death threat. I thought of genocide. That's something that affects me personally since my

mother is Jewish."

McGraw drove her pickup off the road to hit the signs, not anybody holding them, she said.

Mara Mindell, 13, told jurors she was returning home from the mall when she saw the incident.

The truck didn't strike any picketers, Mindell testified. After the truck stopped, picketers surrounded the truck and beat on it with their signs, she said.

The protestors, some of whom testified that McGraw did hit them when she drove into the sign, vowed to continue their anti-gay pickets.

Phelps' group has been prohibited from protesting at the funeral of a gay man who died of AIDS in Kansas City by a city council resolution prohibiting such demonstrations at funerals or memorial services. Phelps said he believes the ordinance is unconstitutional and that God hates gays.

"You cannot live that kind of filthy life, die and expect to go to heaven," he said.



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Amnesty International says Brazilian politician murdered because he was gay

According to Amnesty International, Renildo Jose dos Santos, a gay councillor from Coqueiro Seco in North East Brazil was abducted and murdered on March 14. AI fears that his death may have been connected with his sexual orientation.

dos Santos was violently abducted from his home in Coqueiro Seco, in the state of Alagoas, by a group of unidentified heavily armed men. Relatives of dos Santos who witnessed the abduction reportedly believe that some of the men were plainclothes police officers.

Renildo Jose dos Santos' head was found March 15 on waste ground bearing apparent marks of torture. His body was found two days later in another area of waste ground also bearing apparent marks of torture.

dos Santos had repeatedly denounced death threats which he had been receiving since 1989, allegedly from the local mayor and the mayor's

father, also a local political leader. He also accused a local police officer of making an attempt on his life.

dos Santos reported the death threats to a local judge in September 1991 but no steps were reportedly taken to ensure his physical safety. On November 27, 1991 dos Santos was shot and wounded three times, allegedly by a local police officer whom he named in the testimony. He attributed the death threats and the attempt against his life to political differences with the mayor and the mayor's father and to his homosexuality, which he had publicly acknowledged.

dos Santos claimed that the local police had not conducted a proper investigation into the attempt against his life and that the state Secretary of Public Security had refused his request to suspend the police officer from duty, pending the outcome of the investigation. In January 1993 the local council of Coqueiro

Seco set up a parliamentary commission of inquiry to investigate the conduct of councillor dos Santos under accusations that he committed acts "incompatible with Parliamentary [i.e., the local council] decorum and bringing the House into disrepute." Among the reasons given for the accusation was that the councillor had publicly admitted his homosexuality in a radio program. As a result of the inquiry, dos Santos was stripped of his local council seat. He was subsequently reinstated pending a judicial appeal.

On February 25, several human rights organizations in Alagoas wrote to the State Secretary for Public Security denouncing the death threats and attempts against the life of councillor dos Santos and the alleged involvement of military police officers in the attempts. The organizations also denounced a smear campaign against him.

To Amnesty International's knowledge no

protection was granted to councillor dos Santos. In a statement to the newspaper "Jornal de Alagoas" a few days before his assassination, councillor dos Santos reiterated his denunciations of death threats and [sexual] discrimination against him from the local mayor, attributing the smear campaign to his public acknowledgment of his homosexuality. He said that he was frightened and desperate and that he feared a new attempt on his life or an abduction.

To Amnesty International's knowledge, no one has been detained in relation to the abduction and killing of councillor dos Santos. Amnesty International members have written to the Alagoas state authorities demanding a thorough and impartial investigation into the abduction, torture and killing of councillor Renildo Jose dos Santos, urging that the perpetrators be brought to justice.

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Some papers won't run comic strip with gay character, others will

Kansas City, Mo.—Some newspapers are refusing to run a "For Better or For Worse" comic strip in which a teen-ager reveals he is gay, but the conservative Atlanta Journal is running the strip, and reports little public outcry.

In the series, which began March 26, a 17-year-old agonizes about how to tell his parents he is gay. They first order him out of the house, then ask him to return and say they will try to accept his homosexuality.

About three dozen newspapers, including the Marietta Daily Journal, have told Universal Press Syndicate they wouldn't print the series, said Lee Salem, editorial director of the Kansas City-based syndicate, which distributes the strip.

The 14-year-old series is carried by 1,400 daily and Sunday newspapers.

In Atlanta, a Journal spokesperson said that they had received about 50 negative calls on the subject.

"Only two or three people threatened to cancel their subscriptions," said Nita Harris. "The

rest are very positive."

Harris contrasted the phone calls with the two or three thousand outraged calls the paper received when the strip "Brenda Starr" was dropped from the paper's Saturday edition.

"That's what people are more concerned about," she said, adding about the gay story line, "This is the way the world is. People who don't like the strip have the option of not reading it."

The Sioux City (Iowa) Journal pulled the strip, claiming that it would offend too many readers, as did the Storm Lake Times. Other Iowa papers are publishing the comic. Storm Lake Times publisher John Cullen said that such social issues were inappropriate for the comic page.

Executive Editor David Greenfield of the Charleston (West Virginia) Daily Mail, agreed that the strip did not belong on the comic page, but his paper is running the strip in a different section for the duration of the story line.

"It is out of context on the comics page," he

said, "where a number of young readers are unprepared for that type of subject matter."

Editor William Doolittle of the Martinsburg Journal lived up to his name when faced with the issue, deciding to replace the strip with "re-runs" until the gay issue is over.

"I have no problem with the strip itself dealing with that issue," he said. "It's the location."

At least one other paper in West Virginia has dropped the strip, and another said that even though it has received complaints, it will keep the strip because it deals with the issue in good taste. Still other papers in the Mountain State report they have received no complaints. The Beckley Register-Herald has refused to run it, and the Fairmont Times-West Virginian received three complaints and will continue to run the strip.

"I feel there's no problem with the comic," said Times-West Virginian publisher Frank Wood. "It's focused on one of today's main social issues and how families deal with it. We

feel it's handled in a forthright manner."

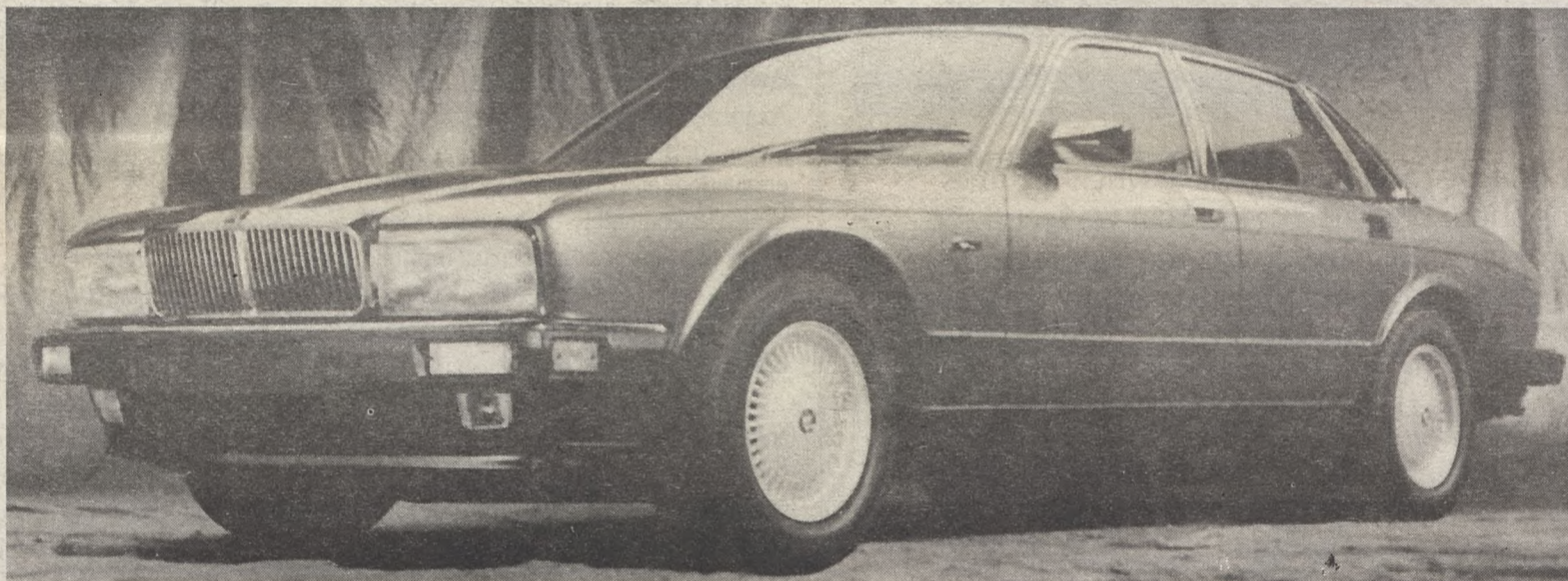
The Florida Sun-Times in Jacksonville is continuing to run the strip. In the March 26 edition, the paper carried an article about the upcoming story, with quotes from a gay teenager in the Jacksonville area.

The comic strip's author, Lynn Johnston of Corbeil, Ontario, said the gay teen-ager would return in future episodes, but his homosexuality probably would not be dealt with again in such detail.

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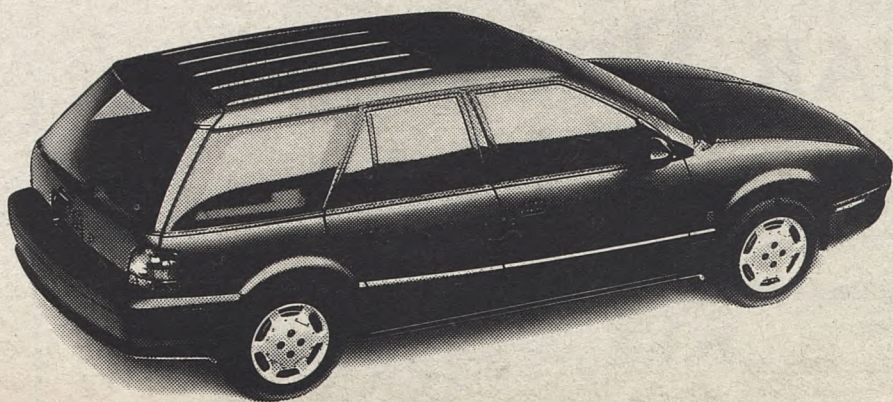
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Joseph Steffan will be featured speaker at Atlanta HRCF dinner

Atlanta—The Atlanta Chapter of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) has announced that Joseph Steffan, former Battalion Commander at the Naval Academy of Annapolis, Maryland, will be the featured speaker at the HRCF 1993 Dinner on May 22.

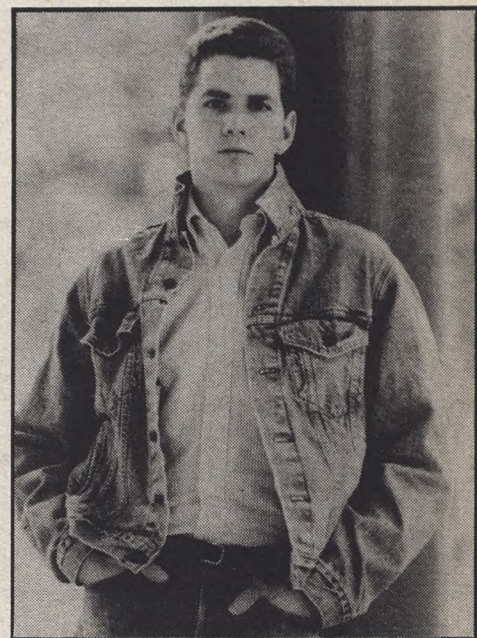
Joseph Steffan was launched into the national spotlight following his dismissal from Annapolis Naval Academy in 1992. The discharge from the Academy, based entirely on the revelation of his homosexuality, was widely criticized, and brought to national attention to the discrimination of gay men and lesbians in the military.

Joseph Steffan was in his senior year at the Academy at the time of his expulsion. He was one of the Academy's ten highest-ranking midshipmen, with direct command over 800 students. Selected for the Navy's elite Nuclear Program for Submarines, Steffan would have become an officer on a nuclear submarine following graduation.

In 1987, Steffan confided his sexual orientation to two friends at the academy. The confidence was later broken, and Steffan learned that he was under investigation by the Naval Investigative Service for homosexuality. After confronting the Naval Academy's administration about the investigation, he was questioned about his sexual orientation, and answered truthfully that he is gay. Based solely on his own statement, and with no allegation of sexual misconduct, he was forced to resign from the Academy and was denied his diploma only six weeks before graduation.

With the help of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Steffan eventually filed suit in federal court in Washington, D.C. seeking to overturn his discharge and the military's ban on gay and lesbian service members. Since the filing, his case has received significant national attention, and Steffan has become a leading advocate against the military ban.

Steffan has recorded his experiences and



insights in "Honor Bound," a book published in 1992 by Villard Books. He is presently an active public speaker and a student at the Connecticut School of Law in Hartford.

This year's HRCF dinner is being held in the Tom Murphy Ballroom of the World Congress Center on May 22. A silent auction will precede the dinner at 6:30 p.m.

The dinner is an annual fundraising opportunity for America's largest organization dedicated to exerting the power of lesbian and gay Americans on national politics and legislation. HRCF has spearheaded the mobilization to end the ban on gays in the military. In the 1992 election, HRCF contributed over \$750,000 to candidates who are supportive of gay and lesbian rights.

Tickets to the dinner are on sale now through HRCF, and are \$150 per person if purchased by May 1. After May 1, tickets are \$175. Tickets are available by calling (404) 662-4280 or by writing to: Human Rights Campaign Fund Dinner, P. O. Box 8152, Atlanta, GA 30306.

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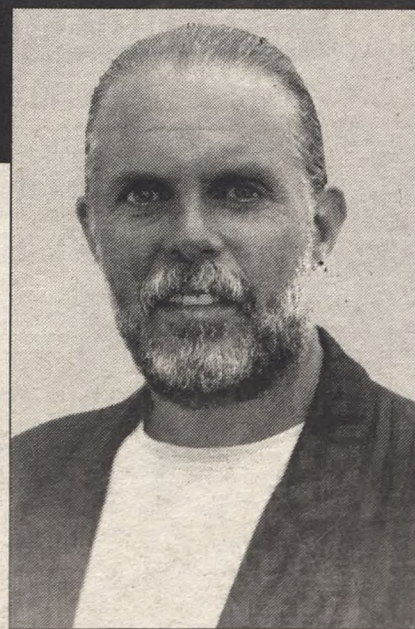
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IF YOU KNEW PEGGY SUE

Silver Grill waitress serves up heart along with the mashed potatoes

A year ago I moved back to Georgia from California. After eight years of soul searching and attempting to find myself, I knew that I belonged in the South. Though I was born and raised in Savannah, I made the decision to settle in Atlanta in a charming home in Midtown. Actually I had a dream while I was still in California: *I was sitting inside of a very cozy house, an open fire burning. I could see the freshness and beauty just outside the small panes of the window.* I bought that house.

After I ate my first meal at The Silver Grill Diner, I knew I had made the right decision. I had just left Hollywood's Tinsel Town, where every neighborhood tries to duplicate this landmark. The Silver Grill Diner is authentic. The grandson of the original owner is the third generation to operate this thirty-four year old establishment. The business was started by his grandmother the year before he was born. Nothing has changed. And I mean *nothing*.

An actor, whom I had known in Hollywood, took me there. He told me they had the best food in town. He was right. I had on a black baseball style cap, with huge silver letters that spelled "Nasty Girl."

The waitress came to the booth to take our order, and I wondered if she had been cast by a Hollywood agent. Peggy Sue wore heavily shadowed eyelids of purple, steel black eyebrows drawn in thin curved pencil, and mounds of rouge on each cheek. She smiled at me through her red lipsticked mouth, and said, "I like that hat, girl."

I had bought it in Palm Springs, and told her that I would get her one on my next visit.

Now, whenever I run up against a writing block I just saunter around to the Silver Grill and eat fried chicken, greens, and usually a mound of mashed potatoes with gravy. I feel at home there. Peggy and I talk about our lives, and she shares with me her interest in AIDS patients. I asked when she has time to do all that caregiving. That's how she spends her weekends, she says.

Listening to Peggy's stories, I soon knew that she is one of Atlanta's unsung heroes.

Peggy Sue Hubbard was born in Atlanta, her parents were extremely poor and she learned early in life that she had to take care of herself. She had wanted to be a pharmacist, but couldn't swing the tuition and turned to the job she still has to support a small baby shortly after she divorced her husband.

She married a second time. Ten years later, she said to that husband, "I told you that one day I would be tired of you and ask you to leave. This is *that* day." He left.

She was born in 1934, to a Baptist Preacher father who left her with a sense of decency toward her fellow human beings. When life gets tough Peggy visits her dad at Crestlawn Cemetery on Marietta Blvd., in the northwest section of Atlanta.

"I can be messed up in the head and have all kinds of problems," Peggy says, "but when I go and sit on the edge of my Daddy's monument, my troubles go away." Her mother is buried there also.

When her brother died at twenty-one in an automobile accident, she couldn't afford to pay for the funeral even though she owned the family cemetery plot. "I asked them why they couldn't dig the grave on the plot I already owned just as easily as the one in the pauper's section, but they wouldn't do it." That is where her brother rests.



Peggy Sue gets ready for Masquerade.

Within the last few years two of "my kids," as she calls them, have died of AIDS. Their parents, when she notified them, wanted nothing to do with them. Peggy had them buried in the pauper's section, and when she visits her parents and brother on holidays she also visits them.

"I have a son and a stepson, but these boys who number into the hundreds are also my kids." They call her "Mommer," and she feels as though she is their surrogate mother. She told me of families that rush to the scene to greedily take what belongings are left, of controversy that some families succumb to when they know their son had a partner, but legally didn't have a will to provide for the survivor.

When the disease first began to affect some of her customers, she read every paper and book on the subject that she could get her hands on. In 1983 she organized what is believed to be the first AIDS benefit in Atlanta, at the Texas Drilling Company in Virginia Highland.

Now she sells tickets for Project Open Hand and is active in ChildKind and Hollywood Hots.

When the annual Open Hand Masquerade ball was held in February, Peggy came over to my table one day and announced, "Nasty Girl, I need a gown to wear Saturday night. I can't be seen in the same dress twice."

"Well, God forbid that should happen, Peggy," I laughed. I invited her over that night when she got off work. She works 11½ hours a day, five days a week. We selected a mauve chiffon. It zipped right up her back. I doubt that it will ever fit me again.

Peggy says being with these men at the ends of their lives gives her a great sense of satisfaction. Indeed, one of the reasons she stays at the same job for these many years, "I don't know what would happen to my kids."

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My friend, Peggy Sue, serves more than fried chicken, greens, and mashed potatoes at the Silver Grill. She serves the rarest of the rare, something that is hard to find in the world today.

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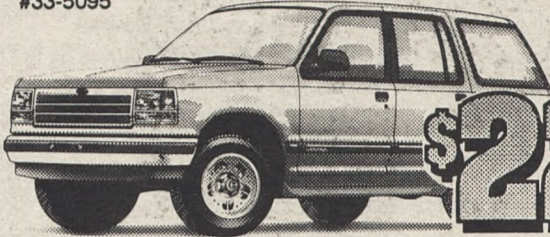
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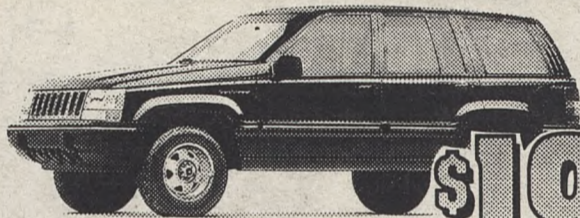
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A festive Happy Anniversary to Patrick Evans and Wayne Hylton on April 7. These boys live in Virginia Beach where Patrick is the founder of Queer Nation/Northern Virginia. Happy two years.

Joan T. Sherwood and the love of her life, Debbie Fraker, will celebrate their 2nd anniversary on April 5. Joan says the traditional category for a 2nd anniversary is "frugal" and who is she to mess with tradition? Actually, these two will treat themselves to a trip to Washington, DC in late April. Happy Anniversary, girls!

On April 14, Evett Bennett will celebrate four years with SoVo as a photographer, office het, queer peer and occasional back rubber. Peace, Love & Wigs, Baby!

BIRTHDAYS

On April 13, Sherry Siclair (of Digging Dykes fame) will celebrate her birthday. According to her friend, Mona, there will be dancing in the streets and all banks are sure to close! Happy Birthday, Sherry!

PET ADOPTIONS

Susie & Laurie Kezh recently adopted a new family member. Emma the cat has been lovingly welcomed in memory of calico Camille who passed away recently.

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Susie & Laurie Kezh celebrated their 10th anniversary on April 3.

issue it's because our columnist, Mark duPont, was hospitalized last week due to injuries sustained when a passerby on the street threw a brick at his face. Mark does not believe the attack was a hate crime. "The guy was just crazy," Mark reports. The blow shattered Mark's cheekbone but he is recovering nicely at Crawford Long Hospital. So well in fact he managed to get the column to us—and on time! Get well soon, Mark.

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Run a mile in my shoes



Front Runners, pictured here at Atlanta Pride '91, offers more than just a way to stay in shape.

If you have been promising yourself that you would make an effort to get into shape this year, here's your opportunity. Front Runners and Walkers of Atlanta not only gives you a chance to improve your health, but your social life as well. Sweating with all those cute, sexy men in skimpy tight running shorts. As Blaine and Antoine would say, "Loved it!" Not to mention those toned female physiques prancing through the park.

Formed only two years ago, Front Runners boasts 75 active members. The club meets every Wednesday evening and Saturday morning year-round for runs. The group gathers at the Piedmont Park parking lot twice a week. While members stretch and prepare their bodies for the exercise ahead, talk among the crew ranges from information about upcoming races to jokes about the size of various parts of one's anatomy. A circle is formed to decide which course to take and to introduce the members. The runners take a lap around the park and then head into one of the surrounding neighborhoods.

The group runs between four and six miles, with each person running or walking at his or her own pace. Members stream back into the park as they complete the chosen course and take time to cool down. Following each run the group heads to a nearby restaurant for some chow to replace some of the fuel they just spent. Eating and socializing are just as important to this bunch as the exercise.

In addition to the bi-weekly runs, several social gatherings are planned throughout the year. Members of the group get together to take hikes, play softball and hold BBQ's. Many see their involvement in the organization as an alternative to the "bar scene."

"Our group gives gay people an outlet to socialize other than the bars," says Jim Kane, Front Runner President. "The common interest in health provides a beginning foundation for friendship."

Experience and intensity within the

group range from beginners to "hard-core" runners who compete in races every weekend. The average for the club is about four miles three times per week, and most of the members compete in races throughout the year.

About seven of the club members are walkers. "It's a good form of exercise and is less injury prone than running," says Doug, who walks about four times a week. The group hopes to attract more fitness and race walkers.

Front Runners is also interested in getting more women involved with the club. While about ten percent of the members are lesbians, there has not been a consistent participation by women at the weekly runs.

"One of the things that I have been dissatisfied with is the low number of women in the club," says Kane. "We would like to get a group of women to start running with us on a regular basis."

Kane hopes to accomplish this goal by promoting the club more in the lesbian community, reorganizing the organization's leadership to include a women's coordinator and inviting speakers to discuss topics on women's health issues.

In June, the club will host the Third Annual Gay and Lesbian Pride Day Run/Walk on Saturday, June 26 in Grant Park. Participation for 1992 race was double that of the previous year and organizers hope to do the same in 1993. The group is expecting more than 800 runners and walkers to participate in the event that benefits Project Open Hand. Southern Voice is the sponsor of the Run. Watch this paper for applications.

CRAIG PATE

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GAY THEATRE

JEFFREY

Tom Hewitt's agent was a little nervous about his playing a gay man in the off-Broadway play "Jeffrey." But Hewitt wasn't.

"I don't think in this day and age that I'll be typecast as the gay character," he says. "Hell! 'Falsettos' is on Broadway and is full of homos! I presume they'll still be acting when 'Falsettos' is long gone."

Born and raised in Montana—"Yeah, go figure!"—he attended the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee—"The cultural hub of America!" He was spotted at a nationwide audition by Washington, D.C.'s Arena Stage scouts and signed as a company member straight out of college.

After playing 20 different roles at the Arena Stage, Hewitt made the big move to the Great Off-White Way, he quickly snapped up the lead role in "Beau Jest" securing himself his first long running commercial success and an Outer Circle Award nomination. "I'm extremely fortunate," Hewitt says. "It's pretty rare and unusual to hit such good timing."

Now he's in "Jeffrey," which garnered enthusiastic reviews at the WPA Theatre and moved to the larger Minetta Lane Theatre to accommodate the demand for tickets. All signs look promising that "Jeffrey" will be another big success for Hewitt.

"Jeffrey" is about gay men confronting the AIDS epidemic in 1990s New York City. Unlike Larry Kramer's play "The Normal Heart" and "The Destiny of Me," "Jeffrey" is not a polemic. As Hewitt put it, "This stylized production will really blow people's minds. 'Jeffrey's' success is a testimony to the fact that we need to see something else. The Kramer plays are doing their job in raising people's political consciousness about AIDS. And it's time to move on. We can't just go on being angry and scared."

Hewitt has a lot to say about contemporary theatre, AIDS and especially his latest project, "Jeffrey," from which he had just returned after a grueling pre-opening night final rehearsal.

MC: What are you doing home so early? It's only 9:30.

TH: We've been in previews since Saturday, we've been getting out early. Tomorrow is the official opening. I don't know what that means. I guess it's the night we have the opening party.

MC: Who is playing Jeffrey?

TH: John Michael Higgins. He's also from the D.C. area. He and I did "Beau Jest" together in New York for like 14 months. We were rival suitors for the girl. (Laughs) So, for this play, we just got rid of the girl!

MC: I see. That's an interesting way of putting it.

TH: So our jaws are agape. We can't believe we're acting together again, and playing boyfriends. And kissing each other full on the mouth.

MC: And how is that going?

TH: Well, I'm loving it, he's a fabulous kisser. That's for the record. He's a damn fine kisser. Fine set o'chops on that boy.

MC: Does he feel similarly?

TH: I like to think so. I come from Montana and I think I bring that Jethro Bodine quality to the stage that's so appealing. But I digress.

MC: What is "Jeffrey" about?

TH: It's hard to describe and make it sound as good as it is. It's about a man who for various reasons—because of the Plague over the past 10 years and because of the ridiculousness and frustration of negotiating the sex act—has decided to stop having sex. The play takes the position that that's a very bad idea. Early on in the play, he meets a man who could possibly be the man of his dreams, yours truly, and that sets the wheel spinning and he's made off-balance and confused. The audience then finds out that my character is HIV-positive, which throws another wrench in the works. It's about gay New York in the 1990s. This is way-gay New York, where Memorial Services have become social events.



WILLIAM GIBSON/MARTHA SNOPE

"Jeffrey," an uproarious comedy playing off Broadway at The Minetta Lane Theatre, is about a New York bartender who vows to give up sex and then meets a bartender who may just be the man of his dreams. Tom Hewitt (left) and John Michael Higgins (seated) star as the lovers.

That's really fucking scary. I'm not sure how that'll translate outside of New York.

MC: Or to a straight audience.

TH: It is about gay men in New York, but I'll tell you, since we've been at the Minetta Lane Theatre, I would say three-quarters of our audiences have been average folks off the street. At the WPA Theatre, it was a largely gay audience. Now the demographics have broadened considerably and it's as well, if not better, received.

MC: It's also very sold out. It was hell just trying to get critic's seats.

TH: They're really packing them in. So far they're only selling tickets through April. And they're making sure that's full. If that run sells out, they'll extend again in May.

MC: What is it about this play that works?

TH: One of the things that attracted me to it was my curiosity about whether it would work. I thought it was (a) dangerous territory and (b) quite possibly might not be funny. When Rudnick drops a bomb like having the love interest be HIV-positive and having another character who dies from AIDS, then I was left thinking, "Whoa, is this trying to be two plays at the same time?"

MC: Some critics have suggested that [playwright] Paul Rudnick is suggesting that AIDS is still a gay thing.

TH: No, no, not at all. It's still our lives, these are our lives. We still get to live. Being gay is a wonderful and fun thing. Being gay is a blast, you know, being alive is a blast. So don't let AIDS win. We as gay people can fight the disease with irony, adjectives and eyebrows. What makes us a strong community is our sense of humor. If we lose that, then the disease wins.

MC: How do you feel about that message? Can you speak to that as a gay or HIV-positive man?

TH: I'm a gay man.

MC: While we're on the subject is there anything about your personal life I shouldn't reveal?

TH: Well, I don't want you to leave anything out. It's OK to say that I'm a homo. (Laughs) I choose not to broadcast my sexuality, but I do a pretty good heterosexual. That's

a good skill to have. You do a lot of heterosexual parts in this business.

MC: So when you speak of this play's purpose, do you speak as a gay man or as an actor involved in a successful off-Broadway show for publicity purposes?

TH: I try to keep my politics and personal beliefs out when I choose to do plays. That's dangerous territory, if you choose to only act in plays that support a certain political or social agenda.

MC: Is this going to be one of those "You'll laugh, you'll cry" plays?

TH: Oh yeah, (with thick New York accent) "You'll laff, you'll cry, it'll become a pwat uh ya." It's very touching, really.

MC: Why? Because we're dealing with death?

TH: No. Love. You see this play is life-positive and sex-positive. And that is very touching and uplifting.

MC: And you feel it's working for the HIV-negative and straight people as well?

TH: I haven't seen too many seats flap up and people storming for the door. I think New Yorkers may be a little more generous than your average American audience and also the press on this show has been so extensive that people know what they're getting themselves into before they walk in the door.

Even so, it is overtly sexual and in your face. There's no frontal nudity or anything like that. The play starts out in a giant bed where two men are essentially fucking, well, I won't give the rest of that away. There's a scene in a masturbation club. And then there's another scene where Jeffrey has imaginary phone sex that his parents initiate. It's just outrageous.

MC: So this isn't just a "Sister Act" commercial comedy retread for Rudnick? (Rudnick wrote the original screenplay for "Sister Act" as a vehicle for Bette Midler, but had his name removed from the credits after extensive rewrites).

TH: (Laughs) Yeah. No, I don't think Paramount is gonna be buying this one any time soon.

MATTHEW CIBELLIS



Linda Vaughn—AFWC will not be the same without her

Scene: a Sunday afternoon four weeks before the Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus' spring concert. Chorus members talk and laugh, jostle and shift, trying to make room for 100 bodies on five risers. Linda Vaughn's voice can be heard above the babble: "All right, everybody, let's get started!" She strikes a note; and whispers subside as rehearsal begins.

Linda listens hard, grimacing painfully, pointing upward as if she could personally lift all 100 voices up that agonizing half-step onto the right one. "Let's do that again, this time in tune."

Another scene: on the risers in Cincinnati in 1991, called "the concert from hell"

because of the hours-long wait while the sound crew frantically tried to fix malfunctioning equipment. We stand awkwardly, facing a restless, unfamiliar audience. Linda smiles a little painted-on smile and does a few tapdance steps. After an hour's wait, we finally get to sing again; when we finish without mishap, Linda bows to us and mouths fervently, "Thank you. Thank God for you."

There are women in the chorus who would kill for Linda Vaughn. Some would occasionally like to wring her neck. Sometimes they are the same people.

When Linda Vaughn leaves the Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus after this season, the chorus will not be the same. AFWC will continue with its new director, but it will have gone through an important rite of passage—separation from its mother.

To AFWC, Linda has been mother and martinet, co-conspirator and role model, antagonist and buddy. She has inspired, irritated, entertained, frustrated, and charmed. She has helped create a community that provides camaraderie and support, family and nurturance, that has given the women's community of Atlanta images of our lives and dreams—and rattling good shows as well. She will be hard to replace.

The first thing anyone says about Linda Vaughn is that she is a woman of exceptional musical talent and ability. "She is one of the most talented musicians I have ever run into," asserts AFWC's assistant director, Lauren Kelley. "Her rhythmic sense is excellent, and so is her ability to improvise. She drives us beyond what we think we can do, and that's what you need—someone who has the vision to do that. People don't realize how much she has done. I respect her immensely."

Linda's perfectionism is legendary. Yet chorus members also recall Linda as giving them encouragement to develop their talents. Leigh McClelland, who now sings professionally, says, "Linda gave me a starting point and support for performing and a safe place to do it in." Lenny Lasater remembers, "I was paralyzed by performance anxiety. I hadn't performed for 13 years—I never thought I'd do it again. Linda Vaughn is one of the toughest people to audition for. She is honest—she won't coddle you. So to hear that I'm doing a good job from someone like that is very positive. Being in a loving, accepting situation like AFWC rekindled that lost desire to perform. I owe an enormous debt to AFWC and Linda."

AFWC's audiences have delighted in Linda's sense of show-womanship. "She's always looking for a show-stopper," laughs Shirley Chancey, recalling one of the few times Linda sang in a show—crooning "It Had To Be You" to a six-week-old Sheltie.

AFWC members have worn lion tails for "The Lion Sleeps Tonight," nuns' habits for "Sisters," and beehive hairdos for "Love Shack." A tradition is each concert's "encore"—an all-out production number with dancing, costumes, and special ef-

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At work recently, I answered the phone to hear promoter Chuck Richards begin our conversation with three words—"He's coming back!" There was no need to ask who. I knew that Chuck meant none other than **Sam Harris**, the golden voiced wunderkind who thrilled the audience at sold out show at JoHanna's on Feb. 14.

Chuck, who brought Kathey Mattea, Jane Oliver and Melba Moore to "From All Walks of Life" last year, has arranged to bring Sam back to Atlanta for not one but four shows, two shows each night on April 16 and 17, at Jerry Farber's new **Headliner's Club** in Buckhead. Those who did not get enough of "The Voice" in February will enjoy the return of the man who put Star Search on the map (no, not Ed McMahon).

The Valentine's Day show was perfect for Sam, who enticed his audience with a wide range of musical offerings, such as "My Funny Valentine," "I Don't Go Shopping," "What Did I Have I Don't Have Now," and "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

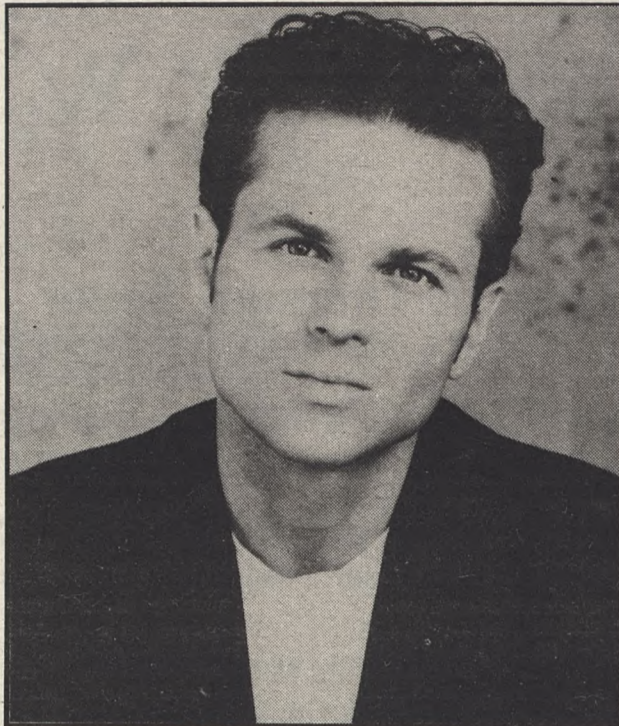
Atlanta is very privileged to have the opportunity to see such a talent as Sam Harris in a club setting such as **Headliner's** rather than some massive arena. Don't miss him again. Tickets are only \$21.50. Reservations are necessary as all four shows are expected to sell out. Call 261-4666 to charge by phone and make reservations. **Headliner's** is located at 56 East Andrews in Buckhead.

It is always good to hear of the good fortune of others. Especially when we can say we knew it was due all along. Such is the case with Atlanta artist **Lou Majors**. Most widely known for his large scale murals painted on buildings (Studio Fitz on North Highland, the Liquid Bean at Ponce and Charles Allen), Lou is emerging on the West Coast among the young collectors there. And who is leading the way in acquiring Lou's bold, colorful work? Actor **Dan Ackroyd** has purchased one of Lou's 6' by 4' works on paper and plans to display it along with other carefully selected art in his soon-to-open New Orleans restaurant, House of Blues. Congratulations, Lou...this is just the beginning.

Another artist causing a stir in the underground arena is Terry Hardy, whose playful, three dimensional canvases focus on pop culture icons, including the Flintstones, DeAundra Peek, RuPaul, and even blow-up Judy dolls. Terry's work has been

AFTER HOURS

DANNY ROBLE



He's Back! Sam Harris will perform at **Headliner's** on April 16 & 17.

shown at Alias, Nexus, and 880 East.

Speaking of the alternative art scene, don't miss **southern GOTHIC**, an artparty welcoming Werehausen to Atlanta. Located at 736 Jefferson Street, one block north of Northside Drive on Marietta Street, Werehausen is the site of Atlanta's first grocery. Industrial designer D.J. Hurlbut began renovating

the space in 1989. The party will feature two bands, Neurotica and Trio Nocturna, poetry, and painting, sculpture, and photography from Raymondo Vaughn, Bill Morar, Brad Brooks, Todd Shaffer, Madeline St. Romaine, Ed Woodham, Elizabeth Smith and Joe Lester. There will also be a "gothic performance installation" going on throughout the evening. A mystery "celebrity doorman" will collect a mere \$3.00 from guests which will help continue the renovation of the space.

The musical duo of **Carole and Bren** will return to Atlanta in a concert of their music to be held at the Existential Church at 470 Candler Park Drive on Friday, April 16 at 8 PM. Our city is one stop on a cross-country tour for the duo, celebrating the release of their latest recording, out this month. The classically trained musicians will perform with cello, classical guitar, keyboards, Tibetan singing bowls, Aztec drums, rattles, bowed psaltery, and Celtic harp, and their own voices in a concert of music designed for the healing of the hearth.

Carole Etzler, whose albums include "Sometimes I Wish" and "Womanriver Flowing On" says, "The earth and all of us who live here are in need of healing. For that to happen, it is important for us to listen to each other, to reach out in love, to support each other, and to begin to live in harmony."

Subjects of the duo's music include justice for minorities, women, and gay and lesbian people. Many songs focus on healing from sexual abuse while others share wisdom gleaned from the women's studies of Native American culture. Tickets for the concert are \$8.00 in advance at Charis Books and More in Little Five Points, or \$10.00 at the door.

The **Alliance Theatre** Company will celebrate its Silver Anniversary season later this year and have announced that they will be holding auditions for actors on Monday and Tuesday, April 12 and 13. Highlighting the 93-94 season will be the Tony winning play **Falsettos** by James Lapine and William Finn, opening September 1. Auditions will be held at the Robert W. Woodruff Arts Center and auditionees are requested to bring a head shot, resume, and be prepared to perform two contrasting contemporary monologues. Auditions are by appointment only and can be made by calling Sarah Richardson at 898-1123. The Alliance will give priority to local actors in scheduling appointments.

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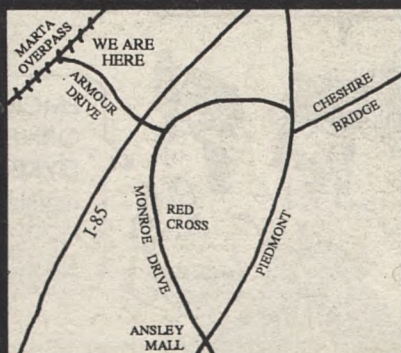
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8 THURSDAY

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WOMEN'S SEXUAL JOURNEY. Spend an evening of healing and laughter with Mary MacArthur, LCSW & certified sex educator. Charis Books and More, 7:30 p.m. at 419 Moreland Ave. 524-0304.

STRUGGLE FOR RIGHTS WORLDWIDE. Cary Alan Johnson, Regional Director for Amnesty International, will speak at Emory tonight beginning at 8:00 p.m. The topic will be the search for gay and lesbian rights around the world. Call the Office of L/G/B Life for details.

SUBFERTILE. Theatre in the Square presents the offbeat satire about the misadventures of a couple who are trying to conceive a child. Thu-Sat at 8:00 p.m. Through Apr. 24. 11 Whitlock Ave. in Marietta. 422-8369.

WRITERS WORKSHOP. Clark Atlanta University presents its 24th annual workshop entitled, "Art to Heart: Black Writing, Black Love." Speakers include Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee tonight at 7:00 p.m. Call 880-8169 for details.

ATLANTA ENTREPRENEURS. The club meets every Thurs. at 7:00 p.m. 457-6347.



9 FRIDAY

SECOND SAMUEL. The whole town of Second Samuel, GA is talking about what happened when sweet old Miss Gertrude got her final wash and set before being laid to rest in this play presented by Southern Fried Productions. Fri and Sat at 8:00 p.m., Sun at 2:00 p.m. Through May 22. Mercer Fine Arts Auditorium. 378-8646.

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10 SATURDAY

ATLANTA FEMINIST WOMEN'S CHORUS CONCERT. One show only from this phenomenal chorus. Special guests from The Voices of Hospitality. 8:00 p.m. at Ga. Tech Theatre. Tickets \$10 in advance available at Charis, Brushstrokes, Atlantis

Connection, Boy Next Door and ArtSouth.

LESBIAN AVENGERS. The all-girl organization is hosting a slumber party featuring Lesbian Wanna-Be Movies, Cheesy Classics, Lesbian Psycho Killers and Groovy Pom on five screens beginning at 7:00 p.m. 621-5016.

HIV UPDATE. The syndicated cable TV show airs every Sat at 6:00 p.m. on Ch. 12. This month's program focuses on how the medical community deals with death and suicide by people with HIV/AIDS.

11 SUNDAY

BELIEVE. All Saints MCC Choir presents a contemporary musical as part of its 1993 Easter celebration. 7pm. 575 Boulevard. 622-1154.

EASTER COOKOUT. Homegirls, a business and social networking group designed to encourage entrepreneurial efforts among women of color, is hosting a picnic today at Sweetwater Creek State Park. The festivities, including a T-Dance, begin at 1:00 p.m. 622-0105.

SOUTHERN COUNTRY. Learn to "Two Step" tonight in a lesson presented at Hoedowns on Cheshire Br. Rd. 8pm. Call 938-0609 for info about other Southern Country Dance Lessons.

12 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 Ch. 12.

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

MEDICINE AT THE CROSSROADS. This week's installment of the GPTV series examines the dilemma of modern medicine as it relates to aging and death. A second program looks at the medical establishment's growing ability to orchestrate conception, treat the fetus in the womb, and sustain infant life with elaborate equipment. Ch. 8, 9:00 p.m.



25 at the Atlanta Civic Center. Tickets available at any Ticketmaster location or by calling 249-6400.

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

SEX, POWER AND THE WORKPLACE. Over a year after the Thomas confirmation hearings, GPTV examines sexual harassment. The program explores the difference between illegal, inappropriate and acceptable behavior on the job. Ch. 8, 8:00 p.m.

13 TUESDAY

ATLANTA HAWKS. The Hawks take on Cleveland and Mark Price at the OMNI tonight. 249-6400.

14 WEDNESDAY

SWAN LAKE. The Atlanta Ballet in collaboration with the Cleveland San Jose Ballet present the 1895 ballet by Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov. Through Apr.

Pictured:
ABOVE LEFT: Karen Gabay as Odile and Raymond Rodriguez as Prince Siegfried in "Swan Lake" presented by the Atlanta Ballet April 14-25. Photo by Randy Choura
BELOW: Bernardine Mitchell stars as Bessie Smith in Jomandi's production of "Bessie's Blues" opening April 9.
ABOVE: Lynne Hatcher, Bill Murphy and John Howard star in "Subfertile."

O N G O I N G A N D U P C O M I N G

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.

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.

THE LADDER. Through Apr. 18. Theatrical Outfit presents the musical examining the climb up the ladder in corporate America. 8:00 p.m. Wed-Sat and 3:00 p.m. on Sun. 872-0665.

ANGEL WORKS. Through Apr. 18. 7 Stages presents three short plays directed by Joseph Chaikin. The shorts include "The War in Heaven" by Chaikin and Sam Shepard and "The Sandbox" by Edward Albee. Wed-Sat at 8:00 p.m. and Sun at 5:00 p.m. through Apr. 18. 523-7647.

THE GLASS MENAGERIE. Through Apr. 18.

Onstage Atlanta presents the Tennessee Williams' classic about the Wingfield family. 420 Courtland St. 897-1802.

PRACTICING HOMOSEXUALS. Through Apr. 18. OutProud Theatre presents the real life stories of Atlanta gay men and lesbians who have served in our nation's military. Thurs-Sun at 8:00 p.m. 75 Benett Street. 609-9590.

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.

PSYCHO BEACH PARTY. Art Attack presents this spoof of beach party movies in Thelma's Pump Room at The Armory. Follow Chicklet and her surfer buddies as they come to understand her personality disorder. Thurs-Sat at 8:00 p.m. 881-9280.

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 SALESMAN. 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 CEASAR. 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.

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1ST ANNUAL SOUTHERN VOICE COMMUNITY AWARDS. Apr. 17. This benefit for Atlanta Lesbian & Gay Pride and

the Atlanta Lambda Center will recognize and honor members of the community. Entertainment, food and stroll Zoo Atlanta at your leisure. Doors to the Zoo open at 6:30 pm. Awards ceremony begins at 8 pm. 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.

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Linda Vaughn

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fects. Banners have descended, palm trees have waved, and a glitter-covered "pink Cadillac" once rolled onstage.

With a sly sense of fun and irony, Linda takes traditional, cliched, heterosexually oriented numbers and subverts their context so they can be seen and heard in new ways. From Brahms to "Begin the Beguine," she presents traditional material, changing it to reflect a new, entertaining, and—yes, consciousness-raising—way to look at both music and lesbian reality.

Lesbian lives and loves have been portrayed onstage with nonchalant, good-humored boldness. Leigh McClelland and Linda Sheldon sang "How Do You Keep The Music Playing" and ended with a kiss. Linda Jennings purred and sizzled her way through a seductive "Fever," ending up on the lap of her lover in the front row of the audience. "Coming Out Of The Dark," a love song with a gospel sound, when performed by AFWC becomes an affirmation of community. And when a pint-sized, authoritative coloratura soprano pours out Schubert's lush, romantic "Standchen" with every note placed just so and more feeling than you've ever heard in a straight concert hall, and lesbians and gay men all around you are listening attentively—the soprano's lover among them—you hear that song as it was meant to be heard.

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cluded us, and it changes the tradition itself to include us.

Each AFWC show has been, in some way, Linda's personal statement. Her peculiar gift is that her personal statements converged with what the women's community of Atlanta wanted and needed to see affirmed publicly.

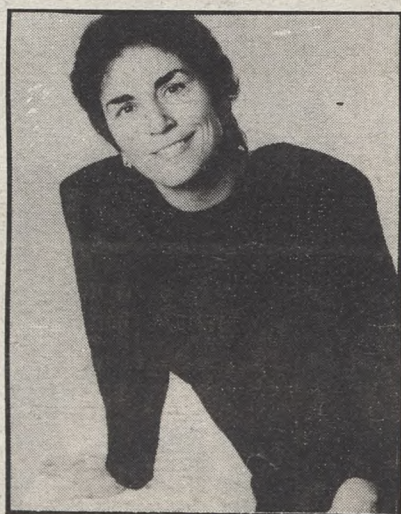
Linda is very private. So boldly out in front of the chorus, at Gay Pride, in marches for women's and gay rights, yet she was not out to her family before one afternoon in the spring of 1992. AFWC was rehearsing with two visitors from out of town looking on. The concert concluded with "Hold On," an adaptation of "Young Man" from Patrick Hutchinson and Dan Pruitt's "The Harvey Milk Show" about the life of murdered gay activist Harvey Milk. At the conclusion of the song, Marna speaks Harvey's last lines from the show, changed slightly for AFWC: "So now, lights down on Harvey. Lights up on all of us. Action!" Marna raised her clenched fist in a power salute, and the chorus in unison raised their fists, Linda among them. Silence; then the audience of two enthusiastically applauded. They were Linda's father and mother.

So now, it is lights down on Linda Vaughn; lights up on AFWC. The Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus has been a reflection of Linda's unique vision, a vision of music, women's community, and joy. AFWC will not be the same without her. But she leaves a strong foundation. Linda Vaughn has given the Atlanta women's community a priceless gift, as well as memories we will not soon forget.

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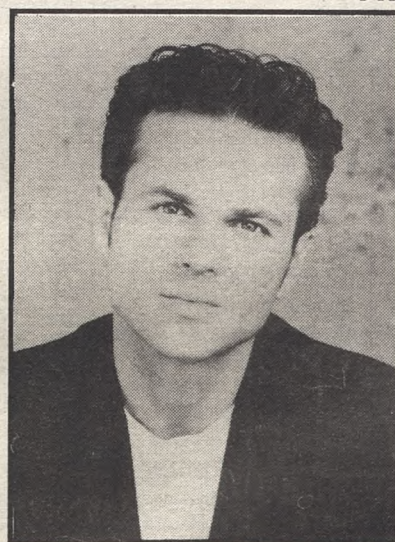
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Nominees for 1st Annual SoVie Awards to be announced next week

Atlanta—Start the drum roll please...next week, the top four vote-getters in each category of SoVo's 1st Annual Community Awards will be announced in the paper. Meanwhile, as we continue to count the mountain of ballots, let us tell you the reasons for the event and some of what awaits you at Zoo Atlanta on Saturday, April 17.

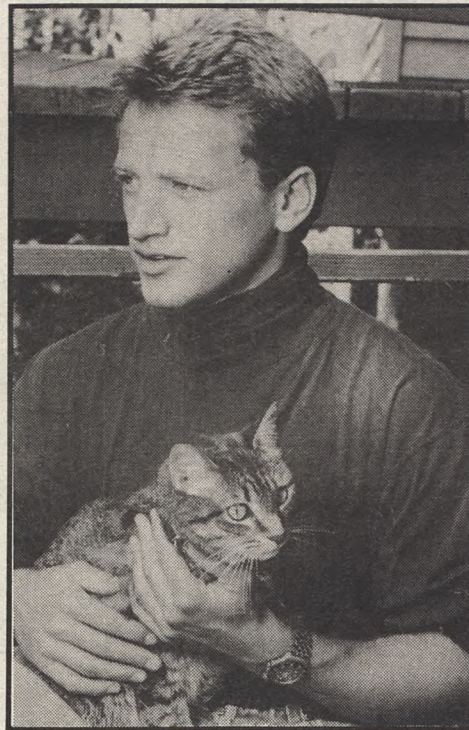
There are numerous worthwhile organizations in Atlanta that get precious little recognition for all the work they do. We wanted to help raise awareness and offer financial support to some of these organizations. The Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee and the Atlanta Lambda Community Center "do an incredible amount of work and include many people in our community," says Leigh VanderEls, SoVo's General Manager. So we chose these two organizations to be the first beneficiaries of the Southern Voice Community Awards, with all proceeds benefitting these two groups.

At the same time, we felt that this would be a good time to turn the spotlight on the many Atlanta individuals and organizations whose hard work and achievements go largely unrecognized. By combining these two goals, the "Sovie" Awards came into being.

"We're really happy to be part of this function," says Ken Gallups, Pride Recording Secretary and Board Member. "Hopefully, this will become one of the major social events of the year and will bring together the many aspects of the community."

Last year's Pride was attended by an estimated 70,000. "Most people don't realize the time and money involved in Pride," says Gallups. "It costs over \$100,000 to stage the event."

The theme of this year's parade is "It's time to tell America." This theme was chosen because "most Americans have second or third hand knowledge of us," explains George Rogan,



Cathy Woolard and Eric Orner will host the 1st Annual Southern Voice Community Awards.

Pride member and Lambda Outreach official.

Rogan's other cause, the Atlanta Lambda Community Center organization, is dedicated to developing, building and supporting a gay and lesbian community center that would "serve as an anchor for the community," he says. The Center would be dedicated to providing information, meeting space for various individuals and organizations and common space for events.

It is important to SoVo that funds from the event go to a local organization because that's where the money's needed most these days.

"Since the Christian right-wing lost the presidential election, their focus has turned to local

politics," says SoVo Editor, Christina Cash. "While it's important to put money and energy into national politics, there has never been a time where we've had more important business in our own backyard. A large turnout at Pride and a community center that fosters cohesiveness are both essential to maintaining a strong local base of power."

To determine the "Sovie" winners, a ballot for nominees was created to include as many people as possible in the decision process. "We're really pleased with the diversity of people and wide range of groups and individuals being nominated through the ballots," says VanderEls. All

nominees are urged to attend.

Emcees for the April 17 event will be Human Rights Campaign Fund's Acting Public Policy Director, Cathy Woolard, and "The Mostly Unfabulous Social Life of Ethan Green"'s Writer/Illustrator, Eric Orner.

"I am really looking forward to being at the awards banquet," says Woolard. "I've watched Southern Voice grow over the last five years and I have a great deal of respect for the paper. SoVo does a great job relating information to our community."

Orner says he's "thrilled to be coming to Atlanta and pleased to be an emcee. I have a certain...affinity for Atlanta because of all of the letters and response I get from 'Ethan' from the city," says Orner.

The doors will open at 6:30 for drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Ceremonies will begin at 8:00, with a fun, special performance by the Armorettes. Awards will be given in the 15 announced categories voted on by the ballot. Additionally, special awards will be presented that have been decided upon by SoVo, including one award for Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson for leading the charge, with Mayor Dinkins of New York, to move the U.S. Conference of Mayors from Denver to New York because of Colorado's anti-gay Admendment 2. Mayor Jackson has announced that he will attend the ceremony to receive his award.

The evening will close with a medley of songs performed by members of the Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus and cast members from local gay musicals "Different" and "The Harvey Milk Show."

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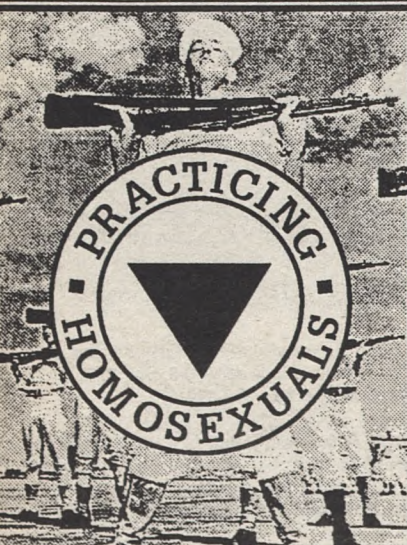
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I don't know about you, but I'm starting to get pretty wired about going to Washington for the March. DC is an energized (and energizing) place even when there's nothing special going on. Add a million or so hyped up homos to the mix and the city will be electric. It will also not be easy to find a table at a restaurant.

Last week I started a brief sampling of restaurants in DC that accept reservations. Here are some more that you may want to consider. Next week I'll do a list of less expensive eateries where you'll likely have to wait in line, but where the wait will be worthwhile.

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.

DOWNTOWN

If classic French food and service float your boat, if the sound of lobster souffle, ravioli with foie gras, and salmon with crayfish make your tastebuds swoon. And if you've got a well padded wallet (or are willing to incur debt in the line of culinary duty) check out **Le Lion D'Or**. It's outrageously expensive, and equally high in cholesterol, but so what? And wear fancy clothes, it's part of the illusion. Closed Saturday lunch and Sunday.; \$\$\$\$; 1150 Connecticut Ave. 202/296-7972.

Also French but less froufrou, **The Place on K** offers some of the best country French food in town in a tres romantic setting. Not formal, but you'll be more comfortable in fancy clothes than in street drag. Closed Saturday lunch and Sunday; \$\$\$; 1835 K Street NW; 202/466-2022.

If fusion floats your boat, consider **701 Pennsylvania Avenue** which features a mix of French, Italian, Asia and American cuisines. Also a great assortment of caviars, smoked fish and vodkas. Open for lunch, but closed Sundays; \$\$\$; 701 Pennsylvania Ave NW; 202/393-0701.


The three course fixed price (\$18.95) dinner at **Madeo** is the way to go if you're hungry for big servings of savory Italian edibles—like spinach lasagna with duck confit. Open for lunch and on Sunday; \$\$; 1113 23d St. NW; 202/457-0057.

Like your Italian food a little lighter—like grilled tuna with fresh mint sauce? Check out **Primi Piatti** where the food is generally both savory and amazingly light, and the dining room amazingly crowded and noisy, kinda like in Italy. You may want to wear a jacket. Closed weekend lunch; \$\$; 2013 I Street NW; 202/223-3600.

If you're thinking about trying to get a whole bunch of friends together for a communal meal while in DC, consider the seven course Moroccan feast at **Marrakesh**. Fish/vegetarian aren't an option, but joining the belly dancers is. A coat and tie are advised. Closed for lunch; \$\$; 617 New York Avenue NW; 202/393-9393.

The owners of **Red Sage** claim they dropped something like \$5 million on the interior of this Southwestern-gone-mad eatery. The dining rooms are hooked together like a large rabbit warren, there's lightening in the thunderclouds and some of the most talked about food east of Santa Fe. There's little on the menu for vegetarians or calorie counters, but who cares when the food tastes this good.

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DUPONT CIRCLE

Count on DC's gayest neighborhood being wall to wall with people 24 hours a day during March weekend. Most of the restaurants here tend to be casual and eschew reservations.

But a few will save you a seat if you ask. Among the most interesting is **Obelisk** which offers a limited but highly innovative 3 course fixed price menu that combines traditional Italian eats with some pretty nuevo-trendo kinda stuff—lamb with anchovies, for instance. The place is tiny, crowded, and loud. There is no non-smoking area. And still people love it. No lunch and closed Sunday; \$\$\$; 2029 P St. NW; 202/872-1180.

Vegetarians and meat eaters alike will likely be pleased with the spicy, savory Lebanese goodies at **Bacchus**. It's miles better than anything Middle Eastern in Atlanta. Open for lunch; \$\$; 1827 Jefferson St. NW; 202/785-0734.

A little more eclectic, but still Middle Eastern, is **Skewers** where a multiplicity of kebabs are the specialty. Again a good choice for vegetarians. Open for lunch; \$\$; 1633 P St. NW; 202/387-7400.

Salsa Thai is a very cool, minimalist chic place, long on subtlety, short on spice. Neither your usual Thai nor your usual Dupont Circle eatery, it's just what the doctor ordered if you're suffering from over stimulation. Unfortunately there is no non-smoking area. No lunch Sunday; \$\$; 2016 P St. NW; 208/872-1144.

Offering a zippy combo of sophisticated Spanish and gutsy Tex-Mex, **Lauriol Plaza** is not particularly convenient to a Metro stop, but worth a cab ride (or brisk walk) if you crave something a little out of the Tex-Mex mainstream. No non-smoking area. Open for lunch; \$\$; 1801 18th St. NW; 202/387-0035.

GEORGETOWN

Just over the Creek from Dupont Circle and one of the District's least gay neighborhoods, Georgetown is wall to wall with restaurants of every stripe and color. Three seem especially interesting to me.

The best Afghani restaurants in the area are probably in suburban Virginia, but **Bamiyan** (cosmetically uncool though it may be) is worth a try if you are interested in food you can't find in Atlanta. Kabobs are featured, but there are plenty of vegetarian options including some killer sauteed pumpkin. No lunch; \$\$; 3320 M St. NW; 202/338-1896.

It almost sounds too good to be true. An inexpensive, vegetarian Indian eatery that takes reservations? Could **Madurai** be as good as Indian Delights in Decatur? The second floor dining room is both plain and worn, but the natives swear by the food. Open for lunch; \$; 3318 M St. NW; 202/333-0997.

Finally, there's **Sarinah Satay House** where the dining room is a lush enclosed garden with trees growing through the roof. There is much to be had besides grilled meat satays, so vegetarians can enjoy themselves, too. Closed Sun. lunch and all day Monday; \$\$; 1338 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202/337-2955.

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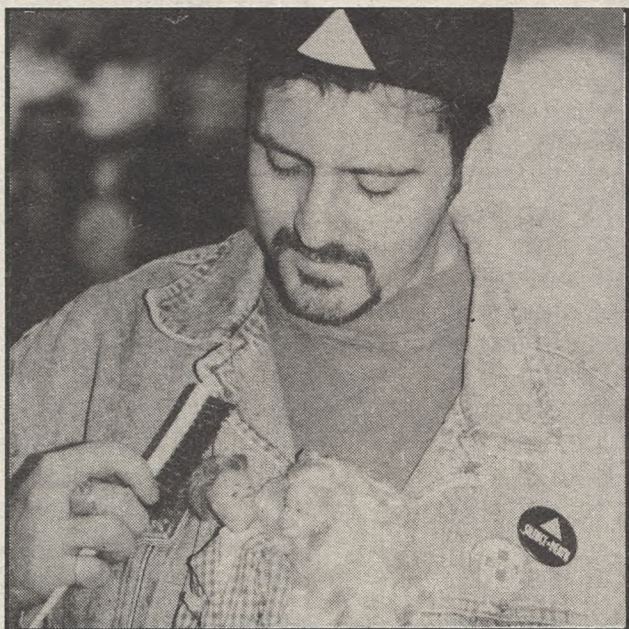
Silent Minority: The times they really must be a changin'. Dish thinks its just groovy that the queers in the military issue has provided a rallying point for much of the homo community. But we've been saddened and confused to note that not one letter questioning why *any* right-thinking fag or dyke would want to serve in an agency whose avowed purpose is death and destruction has been received by this paper. Where have all the leftists gone? Not too far we hope.

Colony Square's Most Infamous Resident: Speaking of the military industrial establishment, guess where Sen. Sam Nunn lives when he's in Atlanta? Buckhead? Roswell? Try again, Dish fans. Senator Sam lives in Midtown. In beautiful Colony Square, along with about a zillion homos. Dish has a few questions: How can the Senator pretend to be so dumb about homos when he owns a condo in a neighborhood full of them? And, why does the Senator even have a home in Atlanta—much less in a damned expensive building? Isn't Sam from Perry, GA? Doesn't he have a house there? And in DC? Is his salary as a US Senator sufficient to afford three homes? Dish wants to know!

The Sin of Bad Syntax: It's been several years since we've exposed ourselves to the blaspheming of Nancy Schaefer in her vile little newsletter "Family Concerns Report." But a reader called last week and offered to drop the latest edition by the office, so we read it. Well, we read all we could stand before nausea set in. True to form, about 80% of Nancy's hate (and error) filled missive is devoted to ranting about homosexuals, sodomy, and AIDS. Dish wonders why someone who claims to be a Christian isn't more concerned about the real sins in our society (poverty, homelessness, crime, bigotry, that sort of thing) and less fixated on genital pleasure. We also noticed Nancy's lack of facility with the English language—surely she believes that English is God's choice in languages. Catch these two syntax snafus: "...it was homosexual behavior that jettisoned the AIDS epidemic to start with," and "They want domestic partnership ordinances passed so homosexual marriages will be protected by medical insurance." Yea, that's what we want Nancy, marriage insurance! Preferably double indemnity.

Dish

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



Jeff Graham of ACT UP/Atlanta and his dolls, "Glamour Queen Barbie" and "Dyke Barbie."

Other Voices: Religious bigotry does not confine itself to the Atlanta area. How about this from the Jackson (Mississippi) Advocate: "Baptists must rid themselves of homosexuals, alcoholics, and self-centered, self-serving maggots." Phew, at least he didn't call us "faggots!"

Other Editors: The Atlanta J/C seems to have been treating homos pretty well lately—wedding announcements, Life in Hell,

For Better or For Worse—but things are still not all you might wish on Marietta Street. You may have noticed the picture of Jeff Graham (of ACT UP/Atlanta fame) with his Barbie dolls a few weeks ago. Jeff told the J/C reporter that his two dolls are named "Beauty Queen Barbie" and "Dyke Barbie" and that they are lovers. The big paper insisted on changing Dyke Barbie's name to "Alternative Lifestyle Barbie." Dish is not sure about you, but our lifestyle ain't an alternative to nothing.

Just For You: That's the name of a new magazine "published by Black gay men for African, African American, and Caribbean gay men." The 50 page slick magazine is a mixture of fun, fantasy, fiction and flesh. Our fave piece in the Jan./Feb. issue outlines 10 reasons why Arsenio Hall should stay in the closet. Our fave of the 10 reasons? Number 7: "The Bulb Flickers Too Much: Have you ever watched Arsenio when he has a 'deep' guest like Maya Angelou, truly one of the most spiritual literary divas of our time? He just kind of sits there as if Mr. Goodwrench is testing the battery in his brain." Single copies are \$5 subscriptions are \$25 annually. Write JFY 262 St. James Place, Suite 4b, Brooklyn, NY 11238.

Good News and Bad: Rumor has it that the Flirtations will be in Atlanta to perform in early May, just after the March on Washington. Michael Callen, alas, will not be with them. The man with the incredible falsetto (and spirit) will do his last performances with the group during their DC gig. We understand that those shows are sold out. Maybe a friendly scalper will sell you one at the door.

Evasive Elton: Dish is tickled Pink to know that part-time Atlanta resident and performer extraordinaire Elton John has been presented the "Georgia Community Award" by the Coca-Cola Atlanta Music Awards for his "ongoing work in the fight against AIDS." Cool enough. But Dish wants to know why radio stations are the only place we ever hear about Elton's AIDS efforts. One would think that the homo paper in Atlanta would get press releases and such. One would think...

April 8 - April 14, 1993

Sunday is Easter which is meant to coincide with the outburst of new life in the northern hemisphere. Even if you aren't religious, be sure to Celebrate the joy and beauty of Spring. Our sensual abilities are definitely among the blessings of being on the Earth. Also remember the Maryamma Festival (Hindu Sea Goddess) on Wednesday.

Happy Birthday, **ARIES!** Hopefully you are having a wonderful time celebrating your birthday with friends, family and lovers. Venus is still moving backward in your first house so don't expect anything too spectacular with relationships for a week or two. **TAURUS**, if your close personal relationships aren't working out the way you have imagined, then you may need to back off a little bit and give the situation room to breathe. Relationships are just like people, they need lots of sun, fresh air and fun. **GEMINI**, if you are looking for a new job or better career situation, then you may want to consider a situation that will not leave you sitting behind a desk the entire day. If you have a lot of physical or mental energy, you could slowly go bats.

CANCER, Mars, the planet of impulse, action and assertiveness is now moving through the last few degrees of your 1st house. Hopefully, you are now in excellent physical condition as a

STARSIGNS

result of regular exercise and super good food. **LEO**, Mars is heading for your 1st house of personality, temperament and physical appearance, bringing in a surge of creative and expressive energy. Start considering the most productive ways you could use this very special energy. **VIRGO**, now that Spring has arrived your sensuality may be at an all time high. Be sure you are well-grounded and connected with the planet. With all this high-voltage energy running around, it is very important to have both feet on the Earth.

LIBRA, even the best of lovers may need a break or need to see other people once in a while. If your significant other is looking for personal time or you are slightly, but continually, irritated with each other, then do something on your own. Sensitive **SCORPIO**, because you are intuitive and open to experiencing the emotions for other people, it may be difficult to distinguish

between your feelings and theirs. Try letting your friends know what your feelings are, then ask them about theirs. **SAGITTARIUS**, regular exercise, rest, and good food are absolutely necessary for you to have a good life. You may get by with neglect for a while, but not forever. Also, do your best to kick the worry habit and you'll find life runs much smoother.

CAPRICORN, romance is in the Air, so take a deep breath, relax and enjoy yourself. If there is someone special you have been thinking about a lot lately, why not call and ask them out to lunch or brunch or whatever. Go have yourself some fun! **AQUARIUS**, with Saturn moving back and forth in your 1st house of personal identity and aspirations, this is an excellent time for planning the next few years. Go for a good overall view of how you want your life to be and don't worry too much about the details. **PISCES**, are you worrying about money again? Well, I certainly hope not! Worry is like spinning your wheels in the mud, you dig yourself in deeper and deeper. Faith and trust are precious commodities right now, so relax and nurture your Spirit!

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Dykes To Watch Out For

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No one in CLARICE & TONI'S BABY GROUP HAS HAD AN ACTUAL BABY YET, SO OUR MOTHERS-TO-BE ARE VISITING A MORE ESTABLISHED GATHERING IN SEARCH OF GUIDANCE AND INSPIRATION.

ARE YOU GOING TO THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON?
OH, ABSOLUTELY! WE GOT MARRIED AT THE LAST ONE IN '87. NOW WE'RE GOING BACK WITH TWO KIDS!
DEMONSTRATING WITH TODDLERS IS A REAL TREAT. I WENT GRAY OVERNIGHT AFTER THE PRO-CHOICE MARCH LAST SPRING.

WOW! WHAT A BUNDLE OF ENERGY.
YEAH. YOU'D NEVER KNOW SHE OVERDOSED ON PEG'S ALLERGY PILLS TWO WEEKS AGO. CLIMBED OUT OF HER CRIB, INTO THE MEDICINE CABINET, OPENED THE CHILD-PROOF CAP...
OH MY GOD!
OH, SHE WAS FINE ONCE THEY PUMPED HER STOMACH. WE JUST CAN'T TAKE OUR EYES OFF HER FOR A SECOND.
WHOOOPS!
SHAKTI, DON'T YOU WANT TO PLAY WITH MAX'S TOOL BENCH?
NO! I'M A LITTLE MERMAID!

OH, GREAT! THE PINK PIG IS 'CLEAN' AND THE BROWN PIG IS 'DIRTY'. WHERE'D THE RACIST BOOK COME FROM?
WHAT WACIST?
...SO SINCE I WENT FREELANCE, WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET ROGER'S COMPANY TO INCLUDE ELI IN HIS HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY, BUT...
DAD! CHEISEA DROPPED MY GAMEBOY IN THE TOILET!
HE'S ADORABLE!
UM...AND HE SEEMS TO BE LEAKING...
OH, NO! POOP ALL OVER EVERYTHING!
WHOOOPS!
HAVE YOU FOUND A DAYCARE SITUATION YET?
NO. I'M JUST HOPING SOMETHING OPENS UP BEFORE I HAVE TO GO BACK TO WORK NEXT MONTH.
MARGE, YOU LOOK AWFUL! IS SHE STILL COLICKY?
CRIED FOURTEEN HOURS LAST NIGHT.
SHAKTI!

- Feelings of sadness or irritability
- Loss of interest or pleasure in activities once enjoyed
- Changes in weight or appetite
- Changes in sleeping pattern
- Feeling guilty, hopeless or worthless
- Inability to concentrate, remember things or make decisions
- Fatigue or loss of energy
- Restlessness or decreased activity
- Complaints of physical aches and pains for which no medical explanation can be found
- Thoughts of death or suicide

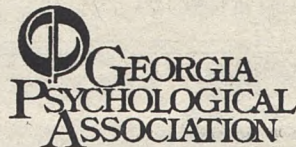
If this sounds like you, don't ignore it. Because your doctor can help.

If the symptoms on this list sound familiar, tell a doctor. Because if you have several of these symptoms for two weeks or more, you could have clinical depression. It's a medical illness that can be effectively treated in four out of five people who seek help. For a free booklet about clinical depression, call us at 1-800-228-1114.



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(404) 875-7081

For a referral to a licensed psychologist, call (404) 351-9555



COMMUNITY NEWS

All Saints MCC All Saints MCC will present their Easter Cantata entitled "Believe!...A Journey Into Life" on Sunday, April 11th at 7pm at the church, located at 575 Boulevard. This cantata can best be characterized by the phrase, "eclectic," or indeed having many personalities. The moods and flavors vary from operatic to contemporary country gospel. Also, the cantata will be signed for the hearing impaired so that no one will miss out on its incredibly powerful message.



All Saints MCC is also glad to announce that each Sunday evening service will be signed for the hearing impaired. Don Schoner has joined us in this ministry to fill this special need. Services are each Sunday at 7pm. Call the church office at 622-1154 for more details, and join us soon for worship!

Also, All Saints will be the host church this year for the Passover Seder. Make your reservations by calling the church office.

moved to its new and larger meeting place in Midtown. Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month at the NAPWA headquarters at 44 S. 12th St. in Midtown. For a free brochure call 984-9875, or for more information call Interact president Jerry Mikler at 874-0787.

Interact of Atlanta Atlanta's gay social group for men and women celebrated its second anniversary in March. Interact has parties, bowling, movie nights and weekend trips to places like Pensacola and Charleston. With over 150+ members, the group just recently

GAPAC is Georgia's only registered political action committee focusing on the concerns of the lesbian and gay community. Become a part of a group that is helping shape public policy that matters to you. Call 872-8095 for further information.

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404/662-9010

O U T L I N E S

KAREN DICKMAN

Age: 34

Relationship status: 3 years, committed and very happy**How long in Atlanta:** 2 years on and off**Last book read:** "Widen the Prison Gates" by Phil Berrigan**Pet peeve:** People with control issues

Not many people go from prison to the pulpit, but Karen Dickman hopes to make the journey.

With a Masters in Criminal Justice from Rutgers, the Pittsburgh native spent 10 years working for the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Six of those years were spent as a case manager, working one on one with inmates.

Sitting at her dining room table in the book-filled home she shares with her partner, Emily Bell, on North Decatur Road, Karen talks about why she went into prison work. It wasn't a power trip or a quest to save the people she met.

"I liked it because you always had to maintain a balance in serving the best interest of the inmate, the community and the staff," she explains. "It's a very narrow line when people's rights are not being crossed any more than necessary."

Karen has seen the inside of prisons in Kentucky, Louisiana, Georgia and West Virginia, and has met many prisoners, including Manson family member Lanette "Squeaky" Fromme.

"She was a lot more complex and a lot less mystical than the media made her out to be," she remembers.

After a decade of prison administration politics, Karen found she could no longer take the spiritual strain she was feeling.

"I stayed with it for so long because I felt that I was very good at it and it made a difference that I was there. If I wasn't, someone not as good would fill my place," she says. "But eventually, I got disgusted with promoting other people at the expense of inmates and other personnel."

Karen is now self-employed, writing objections to pre-sentencing reports for federal criminal defendants and studying to become a pastor.

She says she has felt a calling to the priesthood since 1980 and she told God, "You open up the Catholic church and we'll see." But then she discovered Metropolitan Community Church when she attended a homosexuality and the Bible study at First MCC.

"Everything they said was exactly what the footnotes in my study Bible said, and it was a

Catholic study Bible," she laughs, a big hearty chuckle you know comes from the heart. "It was wonderful."

Now that she has answered the call to the ministry, Karen is trying to spread the message to gays and lesbians that God loves them just as they are.

"When Jesus was asked about the bottom line he gave the great commandment, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and soul and love your neighbor as yourself,'" she says earnestly. "Anything you read in scripture that conflicts with that is probably either based in a specific culture, or is badly interpreted."

But Karen is not out to beat the community over the head with the Bible. "I believe the most important thing anyone can do in life is to develop and understand a relationship with God, in whatever aspect you decide to look at God," she explains. "Pat Robertson's Father God is as narrow as someone else's female Goddess. In reality, God is both and God is all."

Karen's convictions run very deep and she is not afraid to express them openly, even if they seem unpopular in the gay and lesbian community.

She gives a strong example. "A few years ago, MACGLO wanted the Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus to take a pro-choice stand, and I am pro-life. I stood up in the chorus and told them that I couldn't go along with it," she recalls. "I was really impressed with the chorus' reaction. Many are pro-choice advocates who complemented me on being able to do that in front of them."

She says now she is exploring liberation theology that "compels us to find God in everything." Because of that we cannot abuse anything, or anyone, Karen stresses.

Also it means that in dealing with people we have no enemies. "Not even Pat Robertson?" a perplexed interviewer inquired.

"His stand on gays in the military brought my mother around, so he's good for something," she concludes.

CANDACE CHELLEW

O R G A N I Z A T I O N S

AIDS Organizations

AID Atlanta—872-0600
 AIDS Education/Services for Minorities—POB 87277, Atlanta, 30337, 762-6002
 AIDS Hotline for Women—888-9991
 AIDS Info Line—876-9944 (Atlanta); 1-800-551-2728
 AIDS Legal Project—688-5433
 AIDS Outreach Sewing Guild—872-2246
 AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta (ARCA)—876-2317
 AIDSCHAIM—Edie, 642-3467
 Atlanta Buyers Club—(404) 874-4845, or POB 77003, Atl, 30357.
 Childkind—936-9655
 First MCC AIDS Ministry—872-2246
 Georgia AIDS Therapy Information Network—1-800-551-2728
 The Living AIDS Memorial Park Project—633-0634
 National Assn of People With AIDS/Atlanta—874-7926
 The Names Project/Atlanta—605-7386
 Outreach, Inc.—(404) 346-3922
 People's United Pet Support—370-0178
 Pets Are Loving Support (P.A.L.S.)—876-PALS
 Positive Outlook On Health—872-9954
 Project Open Hand Atlanta—525-4620

Arts/Entertainment

Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus—872-4432
 Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus—POB 771144, Atlanta 30357
 "Funny...That Way"—875-2275
 Greater Atlanta Music Ensemble—872-3135
 Southeastern Arts, Media & Education Project, Inc.—609-9590
 Southern Country Atlanta—938-0609

Bars

The Armory—836 Juniper, 881-9280
 Backstreet—845 Peachtree St. 873-1986
 Blake's—227 10th St. 892-5786
 Buddies Cheshire Square—2345 Cheshire Br. Rd. 634-5895
 Buddies Midtown—239 Ponce de Leon, 872-2655
 Bulldog & Co—893 Peachtree, 872-3025
 Burkhardt's—Ansley Square, 872-4403
 Club Fetish—(Weds.) 695 North Ave., 577-8178
 The Cove—586 Worcester, 875-2477
 Crazy Ray 'z—1492 Piedmont, 873-4655
 The Eagle—308 Ponce De Leon, 87EAGLE
 551 Downstairs—551 Ponce De Leon, 873-4052
 Gallus Bar & Restaurant—49 6th St. 892-8983
 Goodies—64 Third St. 873-3355
 The Heretic—2069 Cheshire Bridge, 325-3061
 Incognito—857 Collier Rd. 355-5189
 Loretta's—708 Spring St. 874-8125
 The Metro—48 6th Street, 874-9869
 New Order—1544 Piedmont, 874-8247
 Opus—1086 Alco St. 634-6478
 The Otherside—1924 Piedmont Rd. 875-5238
 The Pear Garden—11 Luckie St. 659-4055
 Peppers by Frank Powell—980 Piedmont Ave. NE 872-4000
 Petrus—1150 Peachtree St. 873-6700
 Phoenix—567 Ponce De Leon, 892-7871
 Scandals—Ansley Square, 875-5957
 Tin Lizzie—Ford Factory Square, 874-3961
 Visions—2043 Cheshire Bridge, 248-9712
 Weekends—688 Spring St. 875-5835

Direct Action/Political

ACLU/Lesbian & Gay Chapter—523-6201
 ACT UP—874-6782 (O)
 Atlanta Greens, Green Party USA, Lesbian-Gay-Bi-Queer Caucus—368-7137
 Catalyst—(404) 776-1478
 Dykes & Faggots Bash Back—908-3422
 Gay/Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation—605-7477
 Gay Republicans—Republicans for Individual Freedoms, 2980 Cobb Pkwy, Suite 192-172, Atlanta 30339
 Georgia Advocates for Battered Women and Children/Lesbian Task Force—524-3847; 250 Georgia Ave. SE, Rm. 365, Atlanta 30312
 Georgia Committee for the 1993 March on Washington—(404) 662-4199 or POB 5282, Atlanta 30307
 GAPAC—Georgia Political Action Committee—872-8095, FAX 874-8628
 Human Rights Campaign Fund—Field Committee, 231-5751
 LEGAL—605-7476
 Lesbian Avengers—577-5513 (Lisa)
 National Association of People with AIDS Hotline—874-7926
 National Organization for Women—875-0176
 Neighbors Network—257-5550
 Queer Nation—605-7396
 Republicans for Individual Freedoms—PO 13162, Atlanta, GA 30324, 239-1679
 Straight But Not Narrow—242-2256 (voice mail)
 STOP Bias Crimes Hot Line—605-STOP

Professional

Atlanta Entrepreneurs' Club—457-6347
 Bar Owner's Assn—POB 15114, Atlanta 30333-0114
 Fourth Tuesday—662-4353
 Georgia Assoc. of Physicians for Human Rights (GAPHR)—231-2251
 HomeGirls—622-0105
 LEAGUE (Employees of AT&T)—404/872-2359
 Nat'l Federation of Career Women—(404) 659-0315
 OUTstaff (Emory)—727-2787 (Donna)

Spiritual

All Saints Metropolitan Community Church—622-1154
 Catholic Gay and Lesbian Outreach—409-0203
 Christ Covenant MCC, Stone Mountain—297-0350
 Congregation Bet Haverim—642-3467
 Emergence/Atlanta (Christian Scientists)—215-0585
 First Metropolitan Community Church of Atl—872-2246
 Gay & Lesbian Mormons—570-2561 (dig. page)
 Gay Spirit Visions—378-7224

Integrity (Episcopal)—642-3183
 Lutherans Concerned/Atlanta—636-7109
 Oakhurst Presbyterian Church—378-6284
 Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns—373-5830
 Unitarian Universalists—634-5134, George at 688-2242

Sports/Outdoor/Hobbies

Atlanta Team Tennis Assn—621-2699
 Atlanta Venture Sports—242-4899
 Atlanta Women's Social Tennis—662-GAME
 Front Runners/Atlanta—621-5007
 Greater Atlanta Naturist Group—SASE to: GANG, POB 7546, Atlanta 30357
 Hotlanta Soccer—876-7372
 Hotlanta Softball League—POB 14582, Atl. 30324, 873-4061
 Hotlanta Volleyball—621-5062
 Lambda Car Club—POB 11705, Atlanta 30355
 Mountain Catalyst—POB 199, Demorest, GA 30535
 S.E. Gay Rodeo Assn—POB 7881, Atl., 30357, 760-8126
 Women's Outdoor Network—624-3418
 Women's Rugby—659-6916 or 761-8939
 TRICKS Bridge Club—2980 Cobb Pkwy, Suite 192-172, Atlanta 30339
 Underwater Escapes—289-0696

Service/Support/Social

About Crossdressing—Janet, 624-3770
 African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance—239-8184 (voice mail)
 Amazon Salon Young Feminist Network—223-3718
 American Educational Gender Info Service—POB 33724, Decatur 30033, (404) 939-0244 (eve)
 Asians & Friends—Atlanta—876-0090
 Athens Lesbian Information Line—(404) 613-7661
 Atlanta Corporal Punishment Club—Box 11863, Atlanta 30355
 Atlanta Couples Together—365-2455
 Atlanta Gay Center—876-5372
 Atlanta Lambda Community Center—POB 15180, Atlanta 30333, 662-9010
 Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Comm—662-4533
 Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance—POB 5502, Atlanta 30307, phone 378-9769
 Atlanta Lesbian Singles Organization (ALSO)—843-4492
 Atlanta Pro-Choice Action Committee—239-8016
 Black and White Men Together—892-BWMT
 Caregivers to PWAs Support Group—874-1109 or 875-6109
 Coalition of African Descent—681-4868
 Co-dependents Anonymous—239-1657
 Chrysalis Women's Center—881-6300
 Delphi—POB 14591, Atlanta, G 30324
 Emotions Anonymous—872-0979
 First Women—Write G.G. Richardson, POB 724711, Atl. 30339, phone 612-9473.
 Friends Atlanta—662-4501
 Gay Fathers of Atlanta—296-8369
 Gay Help Line—6pm-11pm 892-0661
 Gay/Lesbian AA & Al-Anon—881-9188
 Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America—623-4099
 Gay/Lesbian Task Force to the Public Safety Comm. of City Council—330-6504
 Georgia Girth & Mirth—POx 9678, Atlanta 30319, (404) 621-5710
 Georgia Lesbian Ecofeminists—525-9085
 Gwinnett Lambda—POB 464848, Lawrenceville 30246, 871-GAYS
 Hospitality Atlanta—627-0520
 Interact of Atlanta—984-9875
 KO-Existence—875-8936
 Lambda Group/Narcotics Anonymous—237-6262
 Leather S/M Discussion Group—873-2453
 Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous—325-4909
 Lesbian Support Group—627-7387
 Lesbians Over 50—850-1005
 Lesbians With Children—740-1729
 Mel of Little 5 Points—POB 5425, Atlanta 30307
 Name the Violence Support Group for Battered Lesbians—822-9570; Crisis Hotline—688-9436
 Out Youth—POB 78401, Atlanta 30357, 239-9286 (no calls after 10pm)
 Overeaters Anonymous (gay/lesbian group)—892-5868
 Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays—296-0830 or 875-9440
 Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays/Athens—(706) 208-1704
 Queer Youth—P.O. Box 54032, Atlanta 30308; 605-7396
 Real Gay World BBS—404-266-0856
 Sexual Compulsives Anonymous—239-8048
 Single Lesbians Group—466-3287
 Support Group for Battered Gay Partners—(404) 873-9832 (staff counselor)
 Uniformed Svcs Activity—Box 6057, Arlington, VA 22206
 Women In Kahoots—(WINK) 438-1421
 Women of Wisdom—289-8819, POB 8871, Atlanta 30306
 Wordsmith Society—Chris at 498-0137
 Young Adult Support Group—876-5372
 Zami—908-3356

Students/Alumni

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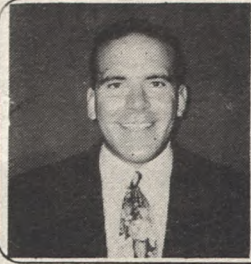
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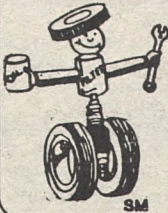
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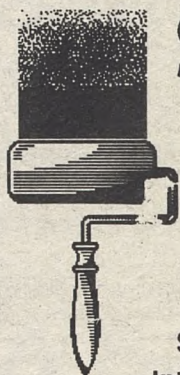
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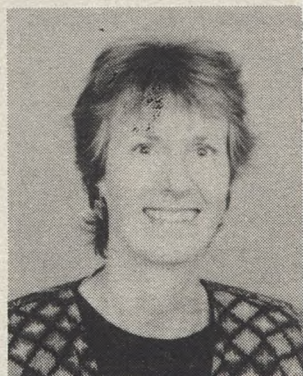
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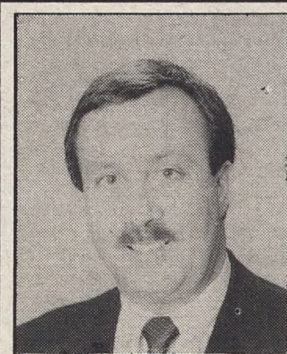
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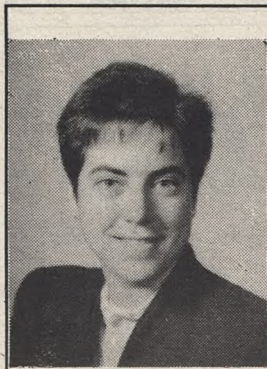
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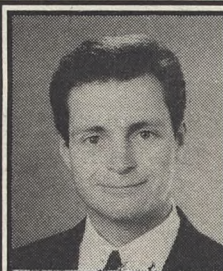
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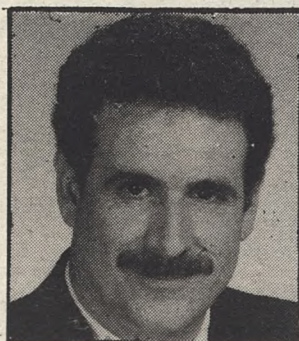
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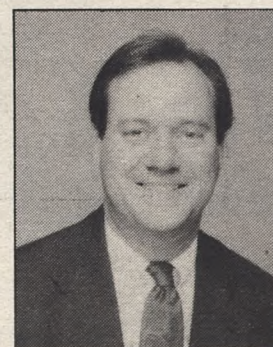
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GWM, 30, French active seeks good looking slender WM's, 20s. Size unimportant. Cut with no beards please. Fems welcomed. Discreet. 1320

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

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

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

GWM, 29, seeks honest, caring GBM (21-40) Prince Charming. I want my happily ever after. ☎ 1111

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

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

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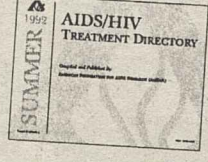
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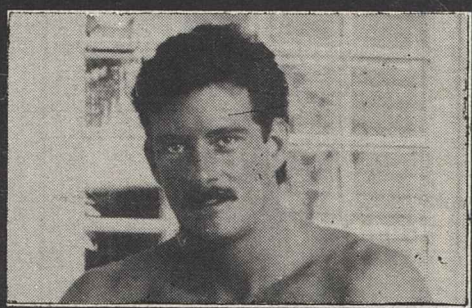
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