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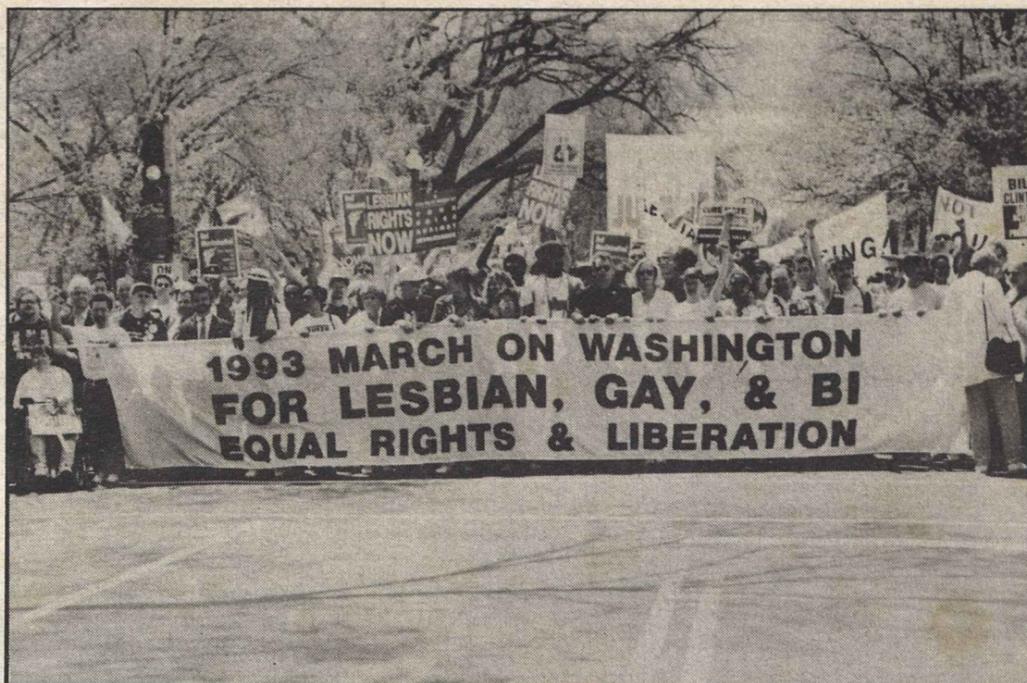
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But who's counting?

The National Park Service says 300,000 trampled the grass on the Mall, but others put the number at up to 1.7 million. Has the federal government downplayed gay and lesbian numbers again?

Washington, DC—It was a day to remember, a moment in history. By nearly any estimate, with the notable exception of the "official" count from the National Park Service, over one million gay men, lesbians, bisexuals and supporters flooded the Mall in front of the U.S. Capitol last Sunday for what District of Columbia Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly called "the largest civil rights demonstration in the history of our country."

The 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation stepped off shortly after noon on April 25 to the raucous cheers of tens of thousands of spectators who lined the entire parade route, often in lines five or six deep. By 3:30 pm, the Mall between 3rd and 12th Streets was at capacity, with little room for the rest of the march, still not half way into the rally site in front of the Capitol.

Marchers filled the streets from the Washington Monument, around the White House and down Pennsylvania Avenue to the Mall for over six hours, eclipsing the three hour and forty-seven minute length of the 1987 March on Washington. The National Park Service estimated 200,000 attended that demonstration, with all other estimates ranging between 500,000 and 750,000.

In 1987, the Washington Blade quoted '87 march logistics coordinator Judy Greenspan calling the NPS estimates "outrageous." Greenspan estimated 750,000 for that march, basing her count on a National Park Service guide that said 600,000 people can fit between 3rd and 7th Streets.

The crowd in front of the rally stage booed loud and long at 5 pm when march co-chair Billy Hileman announced the NPS estimate of 300,000 marchers.

"This insult cannot be allowed to stand," Hileman said from the stage. "The message is that federal manipulation has not ended."

The NPS estimate was corroborated by The Washington Post's hired estimator, Bob Klotz.

"People don't understand how many people a million really is," Klotz said.

"That's full of shit," said a cab driver, who has lived and worked in DC for 15 years, after he excitedly told this reporter that a radio station, Washington's 99.5FM, had put the crowd at 1.7 million. "I have never seen this many people in this city."

The District of Columbia government Office of Emergency Preparedness estimated the crowd at between 500,000 and 1 million.

"300,000 is too low," Sam Jordan, head of the Office, told the Washington Post.

One Park Police officer scoffed at the DC government's numbers. "They're more likely to go by political persuasion than we are," he said.

But another officer, who watched the parade from horseback in front of the White House, quietly indicated he thought the number was much higher.

"All I can say is," he said when the other officer

was out of earshot, "I saw a lot of people out there."

March participants were largely incredulous over the NPS's estimation. One marcher wryly commented that the traditional lesbian invisibility was the source of the Park Service's low count.

"I really thought the mix between men and women was more equal," she said, "but maybe there were 900,000 lesbians and they just didn't see us."

Regardless of the official wrangling over the crowd size, no one on the mall—or watching the proceedings on television—would dispute that gays and lesbians made a tremendous impression. Looking back over the crowd from the media scaffolds in front of the stage, the participants stretched to the Washington Monument several blocks away.

"Funny, you don't look like 300,000," said singer Patti Austin from the stage. "You look like the whole 1%."

Austin was referring to the recently released study that indicated only 1.1% of the population is gay, meaning that 2 million Americans identify as such. That study has been widely disputed.

Good and gay in Georgia

Georgians made a good showing for the march, with over 5000 lined up under the state's banner. Marching 46th out of 98 groups, the Georgia contingent did not step off until 4:45pm, but the late start did not keep the group from being one of the more entertaining groups along the march route.

Chanting "gay rights, y'all" and "hey hey ho ho Sam Nunn's got to go," the Georgia group brought cheers and waves from march spectators along the way to the mall. The Georgians also initiated a "march wave"—signalled by a shout of "Georgia get down!" from the front, every couple of blocks the Georgians dropped to the street. When the Iowa banner behind the Georgia group was visible, a signal was given to begin the wave, a straight line version of the crowd-pleasing wave in evidence at any Braves game. Attempts to begin the "Tomahawk chop" or the "war chant" were not so successful.

"We were a big hit," said Southern Voice editor Chris Cash, "clearly one of the most energetic groups around."

Banners and signs from ALFA, GAPAC, Georgia Psychologists, the University of Georgia and Athens joined the ample numbers of Atlanta participants on their way to the Mall.

Elsewhere in the march line up, every conceivable group was represented, many bringing loud cheers of support from the onlookers. When the massive "Colorado Ground Zero" banner stretched across 17th Street nearly two hours into the march, the resultant roar was heard around the corner in front of the White House. The Coloradans, chanting "Undo 2," took nearly 45 minutes to pass a vantage point,

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Gay Games V could be held in Atlanta

Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau will help prepare bid

Atlanta—The '96 Olympic Games in Atlanta may be just a warmup for the city's lesbian and gay community. A new committee is organizing to present a bid for Gay Games V to the Federation of Gay Games, and if the bid is successful, Atlanta will host over 8000 athletes and 100,000 spectators in 1998.

"We're the perfect place to have them," said Dan Easton, who along with Richy Howard and Paul Stone is spearheading the bid. "Our deadline is July 1 [to submit the bid]. It can be done and it will be done."

Easton said the idea was tossed around about three years ago, but, like the ACOG's Billy Payne, he and others interested in hosting GGV encountered "a lot of negativity." But with the coming of the Olympics in '96, it seemed the right time to try for the Gay Games.

"[The Federation] wants to take it off the continent," Easton said, noting that the first two Games were held in California, the next in Canada, and the '94 Games are slated for New York. "We want to prove to them that maybe they're not quite ready and to give Atlanta a shot."

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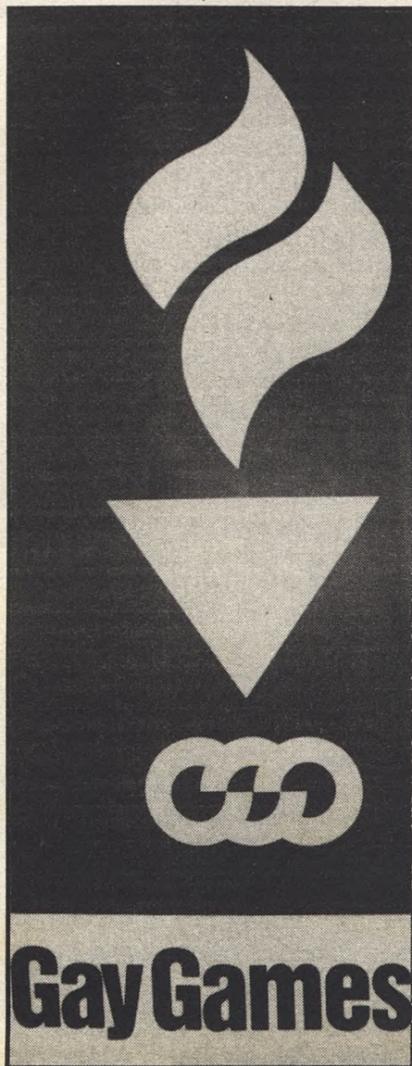
—Dan Easton

Easton believes that Atlanta's accessibility to Europe and other continents will bring in more athletes from outside North America. At the '90 Games in Vancouver, only about 700 of 7500 athletes hailed from outside this continent.

In addition to the facilities that will be in place following the Olympics, Easton said that Atlantans have already organized the Gay Softball World Series, major bowling and soccer tournaments, and equestrian events, and that will be a plus for the Atlanta bid.

To help with bid preparation, the committee has enlisted the aid of the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau. In a meeting with ACVB officials last week, Easton said the group presented their early ideas.

"They're (ACVB) very excited and are



going to do anything they can to help us out," Easton said. "Basically all we have to do is give them the information and they'll put together the bid."

ACVB has also offered one of their professional speakers to present the bid at the Federation of Gay Games meeting next November in Washington. But the group is still under the July 1 deadline to submit the bid.

"We have to put together a board, a budget, collect petitions of support..." Easton said.

To accomplish all that, the group needs help. If you'd like to be a part of the committee to bring the Gay Games to Atlanta, contact Easton at 876-9490; Richy Howard at 872-7494; or Paul Stone at 627-4384.

KC WILDMOON

Macon rally for gays' right to serve in military draws 75

Macon, GA—To counter anti-gay sentiments stemming from media attention on the issue of gays in the military, some 75 middle Georgians rallied on Coleman Hill in Macon on April 17 for a candlelight vigil supporting "Americans Right to Serve Their Country."

"We did well," said organizer Joseph Powell, former director of the Central City AIDS Project. "75—that's not bad for a Saturday night in Macon, Georgia. Getting seventy-five people to come out for a pro-gay vigil is pretty good."

Powell said that the vigil was organized to counter a recent upswing in anti-gay sen-

timent in Macon, particularly from a group (formerly) called "Back to the Closet."

"They put out a press release that said they were not willing to have 'homosexual fascists from hell sodomize the military,'" Powell said.

"Back to the Closet" had announced a City Hall rally on March 29 to support the ban on gays in the military, but cancelled at the last minute. Powell said the idea for the candlelight vigil came from planned counterprotests for that rally, and was a way to show peaceful solidarity with the plan to lift the ban.

"We wanted to have this vigil as our way to say what we want, rather than a counterprotest," he said. "It's a peaceful counter to that [anti-gay] rally."

KC WILDMOON



Schlafly would not want gay son in military

Washington, DC—Even if her gay son wanted desperately to join the military, Phyllis Schlafly would not support lifting the ban on gays in the armed forces so he could join.

That's what she confirmed when confronted by a reporter and American University students after an anti-feminist speech here April 1.

Son John was outed by the gay magazine QW. Schlafly said that she is against President Clinton's pledge to lift the ban—even though he is the Chief Executive of this country.

Clinton confirmed that he will live up to his pledge to lift the ban on July 15th in an historic White House meeting with gay and lesbian leaders April 16.

Meanwhile, gay, lesbian and bisexual activists launched a phone campaign to knock the homophobic, anti-gay effort. The toll-free number is 1-800-225-8683.

Schlafly is president of the Eagle Forum and credited—or blamed—with being on

the forefront of conservative issues. She publishes The Phyllis Schlafly Report, a monthly, from Eagle Trust Fund's Alton, IL, address.

She announced that over 22 college groups have opened to help boost the conservative, anti-choice, anti-gay agenda and fight pressure on campus to be "politically correct."

She's affiliated with Concerned Women of America, which has a toll-free number to call to express views on gays in the military, which both she and CWA oppose. Each call costs callers nothing, but rings up a bill for homophobes.

A computer-based call-in staged by a Seattle, Washington gay activist in the mid-80s shut down the Rev. Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority hotline.

To "Help Keep America's Military Strong" by banning gays, or express your opinion, call Concerned Women, 800-225-8683.

JOHN ZEH

Gay synagogue will march in New York Salute to Israel parade

New York City—Members of a predominantly gay and lesbian synagogue will be allowed to march in next month's Salute to Israel Parade under a compromise reached April 20.

The agreement permits members of Congregation Beth Simchat Torah of Manhattan to march under the banner of the Association of Reform Zionists of America in the May 9 parade up Fifth Avenue.

"Hopefully, the issue is settled," said Sharon Kleinbaum, the synagogue's rabbi.

The compromise helps the parade's sponsors avoid the controversy that has surrounded the St. Patrick's Day parade since a gay Irish group was banned from the event.

"Some members of Orthodox yeshivas and Orthodox communities weren't too happy with a gay synagogue marching," said Richard Cohen, a spokesman for the Reform Zionists.

No group publicly objected to letting the gay congregation march, but the parade's sponsor, the American Zionist Youth Foundation, acknowledged that some Jewish groups privately objected to the group's participation. A committee of about 12 people organizes the parade. The committee, chaired by Rabbi Joseph P. Sternstein, talked with

representatives of Congregation Beth Simchat Torah before resolving the issue.

The agreement is similar to one reached in 1991 in which the Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization marched under the banner of Division 7 of the New York County Ancient Order of Hibernians. The gay group did not march in the St. Patrick's Day parade in 1992 or 1993 after it said it would march under its own banner or not at all. Two hundred twenty-eight of the group's members and supporters were arrested in a protest before this year's official parade.

A spokesman for the Zionist youth foundation did not return a telephone message for comment.

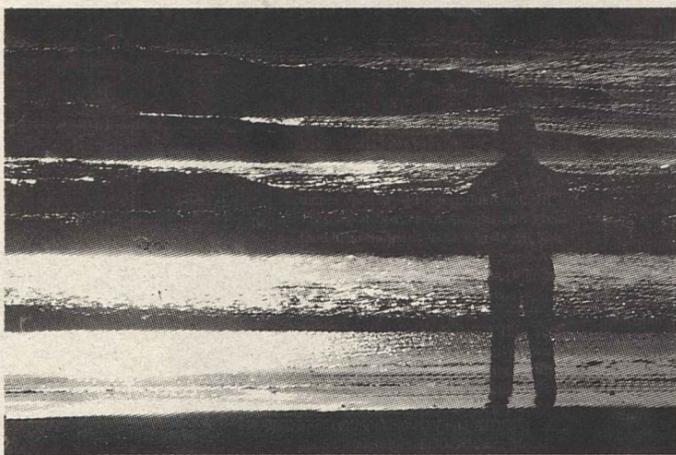
Cohen said the banner the two groups will carry will read: "ARZA is proud to join with Congregation Beth Simchat Torah in Saluting Israel."

The 29th annual parade is the largest celebration of the state of Israel outside the Jewish state. About 33,000 people typically march in the four-hour parade up Fifth Avenue from 59th Street to 79th Street.

Rabbi Kleinbaum had said before the decision that the congregation would not pursue the matter in court if the application had been rejected.

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Lesbian couple sues FL state agency to become foster parents

Tampa, FL—When Bonnie Matthews applied to be a foster parent last year, she never told social workers of her live-in lesbian relationship because she didn't think it mattered.

"Our relationship was not pertinent to our ability to parent a child," Matthews testified April 15, "so we were not going to volunteer the nature of the relationship."

Matthews and Elaine Kohler cared for a 6-year-old boy two months before he was taken away when state case workers learned the couple was gay and living together.

They sued the state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services and spent a day in court pressing their view that an "unwritten" policy banning gays from being foster parents is unconstitutional.

But HRS attorneys defended the agency's actions as having nothing to do with homosexuality—it was simply enforcing a long-standing policy banning unmarried couples from being foster parents.

The couple's attorney argued both issues were unconstitutional and had nothing to do with giving a stable home life and care to a foster child.

"There is absolutely no reason why either a homosexual or an unmarried couple could not provide those things," said the couple's attorney, Lora Smeltzly.

Last September, a Broward County les-

bian won the right to become a foster mother. But policy changes within one district don't affect policies in other districts.

Matthews and Kohler are challenging the policies in HRS District 6, which includes Hillsborough, Polk, Manatee, Hardee and Highlands counties.

The two women, who have since separated, are both 31 and work as mental health counselors with foster children. They say they do not seek to take in a foster child together again but want to see the policies changed.

HRS attorney Jack Farley argued the policy against unmarried foster parents was relevant. "We are concerned about what the impact is on the child."

He maintained Matthews was less than truthful when she applied for a temporary license to be a foster parent. She described Kohler as only "her best friend and roommate" and stated they slept in separate bedrooms. Only after a return visit by a social worker did they admit to being gay and living together, he said.

Matthews testified she was never asked specifically whether she was gay.

HRS will get a chance to present its witnesses on the matter next week before Circuit Judge Gasper Ficarrota issues a ruling.

JAMES MARTINEZ

Anti-gay graffiti defaces wall at NC State

Raleigh, NC—A pedestrian underpass on the North Carolina State University was painted with anti-gay graffiti during Gay Awareness Week, according to The Front Page, a North Carolina gay newspaper.

Members of the Lesbian and Gay Student Union had called for a "Blue Jeans Day," a specific day during which all lesbians and gays are asked to wear blue jeans. Notices about the day were put into the student paper, and painted into the pedestrian underpass, called the "Free Expression Tunnel" on campus.

"LGSU painted the message on Thursday night," said Garry Lipscomb, a member of LGSU. "Before Friday morning the walls were defaced."

LGSU members and some design students repainted the tunnel, painting over all graffiti except the original LGSU message and one promoting acceptance from a Christian group.

"That stayed up for about two hours before it was defaced," Lipscomb told The Front Page.

The graffiti contained slogans and crude drawings, including one with stick figures labeled "two dead faggots" and another figure holding a gun labeled "me." Another graffiti said "Why do you think GOD invented AIDS? Think about it."

LGSU has asked NSCU Chancellor Monteith to investigate the incident, but has so far received no response from university officials.

Former Auburn player diagnosed with AIDS

Auburn, AL—Chet Chessher, who played football at Auburn from 1977-79, is suffering from AIDS.

"This is tougher than any linebacker that I have ever run into," Chessher said in an interview published April 16 by The Birmingham News.

Chessher, 34, played various positions at Auburn, often in a backup role, before injuries forced him to bypass his senior season. Since graduating in 1982 with a degree in marketing and a minor in theatre, he has worked as an actor, writer and producer. He was diagnosed in December.

His coach at Auburn, Doug Barfield, said Chessher was a player who "used his talent well."

"It's always tough to hear about a former player and I hope the best for him," said Barfield, who coached at Auburn from 1976-80 and now coaches at Opelika High School.

Chessher, a native of north Florida, lives in Los Angeles. (AP)

UNC gay student wins journalism award

Chapel Hill, NC—The Front Page reported last week that Doug Ferguson, gay columnist for the University of North Carolina campus newspaper, has won first place in the William Randolph Hearst Foundation's Journalism Awards Competition. The award carries a \$2,000 prize and a trip to San Francisco to participate in the grand prize competition.

Ferguson has been covering gay and lesbian issues in The Daily Tar Heel since last year, and is a senior journalism major from Charlotte. Ferguson is co-chair of UNC's lesbian and gay student group, Bisexuals, Gay men, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity, and is involved with the local organizing committee for the March on Washington.

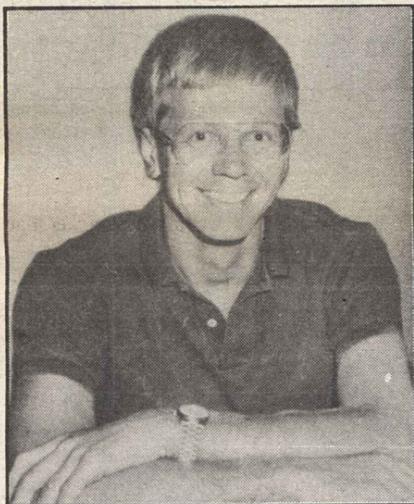
Clinton Appoints Openly Gay Man To White House Staff:

President Clinton has appointed R. Paul Richard as Deputy Staff Secretary to the President. According to a press release issued by COALITION '93, Richard is the first openly gay person to occupy an office in the West Wing of the White House. Other openly gay staffers have their offices in the Old Executive Office Building next door. "Mr. Richard's appointment reaffirms President Clinton's pledge of diversity in appointments of the best qualified people to serve our country," said COALITION director Andrew E. Barrer.

Bar in Oklahoma Posts "No Dykes" Sign: A Norman, OK, bar posted a "No Dykes" sign and threw out several lesbian couples when bar owner Nicole Rankin became offended by lesbians dancing together. Rankin, owner of the Lower Deck, told the Norman Transcript that she was offended by the behavior of the women in the bar and was banning them on grounds of misconduct, not sexual orientation. In early April, Rankin threw out 12 lesbians after one couple did the two-step on the dance floor. Rankin then closed the bar and called police, who told the women that Rankin was "within her rights" to ban them. Norman gay rights group Simply Equal is pursuing a complaint with the Norman Human Rights Commission over the incident.

Judge Rejects Sperm Donor's Custody Claim: A man who donated his sperm so a lesbian couple could have a child has no right to paternity or visitation rights, a New York Family Court judge has ruled. The donor, Thomas Steel, had signed an agreement giving up parental rights, and he never supported the girl, who is now 11. But in 1991 he sued to be declared the father. The case involved Sandra Russo and Robin Young, who have been together 14 years, and their daughter Ry. The couple has another daughter as well, 12-year-old Cade. In ruling against Steel, Judge Edward Kaufman noted that the man had said he did not want to exercise parental rights. "Had it been otherwise," the judge said, "[Russo and Young] would not have chosen him as a sperm donor." Steel's attorney has said he will appeal.

Rochester To Appeal Gay Discrimination Ruling: The city of Rochester, NY will appeal a state Supreme Court ruling that it discriminated against a gay group by denying them tax exemption status, city officials said. State Supreme Court Justice Andrew Siracuse last week ordered Rochester to give the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley property tax exemption status. The city had contended that the group was ineligible for the status because it is a political organization. The Gay Alliances' attorney, Ellen Yacknin, said the city was just wasting taxpayer money with the appeal. "Judge Siracuse said in the strongest of words that what the city is doing is wrong," she said. "The city should take his words to heart."



Paul Anderson of Chicago left \$1.25 million to a scholarship fund for gays and lesbians.

said that last week Stevens "looked right at me and said, 'I'd like to see all gays and lesbians put in a gas chamber.'" In addition, Ray said, Stevens' aide, Luis Natividad, told him "We don't see faggots here." Stevens and Natividad deny the accusations, with Stevens claiming he never spoke to Ray at all. "I never talked to this guy," he said. "The answer is no. And he's a liar." The commission will investigate the matter. Stevens has been at odds with the gay community since his 1991 campaign. He has made several remarks considered slurs by gays and lesbians, and has taken position on issues contrary to those of many in the community.

Col. State Senator Removes AIDS Literature From Health Exhibit: Colorado Sen. Bob Schaffer raided a state Dept. of Health AIDS display at the state Capitol last week and confiscated pamphlets containing "explicit sexual information," saying they could fall into children's hands. Gov. Roy Romer defended the display, but ordered a health department employee assigned to the previously untended display. Schaffer claimed that his actions were not censorship, because "censorship is when we decide that something that someone has written or a particular message is not fit for public consumption." Unable to discern a difference between what Schaffer did and his definition, Sen. Jana Mendez called the confiscation a "Nazi tactic." Schaffer, who is of German-Jewish heritage, took offense at Mendez's words, and Mendez was admonished by Senate president Tom Norton.

Man Accused Of Scamming Celebrity Collectibles Gave To AIDS Group: An Indiana man accused of seeking celebrity mementoes from professional sports teams, and selling the goods for a profit, has donated collectibles from stars to a group fighting AIDS. Troy Bumpus, charged with felony counts of forgery and false representation last week, gave a prince's keychain, a handbag from Elizabeth Taylor and other items to the AIDS Resources Group in Evansville, Ind. Mary Lynn Isaacs, the AIDS group's president, said she told police of the work Bumpus had done for the organization after his arrest. "He came to our board last summer and we gave him letterhead stationery," Isaacs said. "He clearly meant well." Police charge that Bumpus falsely represented himself to numerous professional organizations to obtain collectibles for boys whose fathers had died when a military transport plane crashed into an Evansville hotel and restaurant last year.

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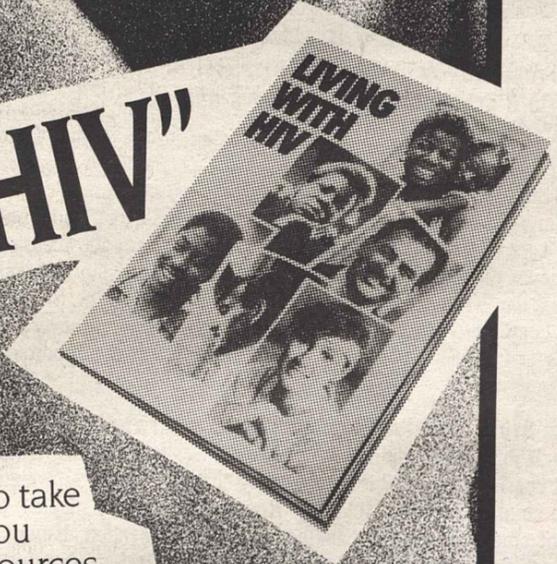
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San Francisco opens new AIDS research facility

San Francisco—Scientists hoping to find a cure for AIDS will work in a new \$44 million facility that's second only to the National Institutes of Health in terms of funding.

The Gladstone Institute of Virology and Immunology officially opened last week on the sixth floor of San Francisco General Hospital. Some 45 Gladstone scientists will work with the University of California at San Francisco's existing AIDS program.

Five research teams will take on different aspects of HIV, including how it enters human cells, what triggers reproduction and why it produces such a devastating disease.

"HIV disease has been a big black box. We know the input, and we know what comes out, but we don't know what's going on—biologically—in the middle," said David Feinberg, 37, who runs a lab at Gladstone.

"We'll have to understand this disease to eliminate it. If HIV were like polio or smallpox, there would have been a vaccine years ago. If it were like bacteria, there would be a drug....It's different than anything else we've ever had to deal with," Feinberg said.

Scientists have set out to understand the sophisticated genetic blueprint of the virus,

which consists of a least nine genes. Other members in the same viral family have only three genes.

One complicating aspect of HIV research is that the virus kills a cell critical to the body's immune response, the CD4 lymphocyte. The virus then reproduces.

"HIV is very clever," said Warner Greene, director of the Gladstone research center. "It goes to the absolute nerve center of the immune system."

Researchers study blood samples from "long-term survivors" of AIDS, hoping that it will hold clues to prolonged survival.

"When is there going to be a cure for AIDS?" Feinberg said. "I don't think anyone can honestly answer that question."

"It's frustrating to not be able to do more," he said. "Every time you meet someone who's HIV-infected, and he's healthy, you're hopeful. But it gets harder to be optimistic."

The institute is a joint effort between the city of San Francisco, UCSF and the J. David Gladstone Institutes, a charitable trust created under the will of J. David Gladstone, a shopping center developer in Los Angeles.

Research bears out importance of attitude in HIV patients

Tampa, FL—Julie Barroso doesn't think having AIDS is an automatic death sentence, and her research indicates that belief is the secret of living longer with the illness. For the past two years, she has been talking with long-term survivors of acquired immune deficiency syndrome: those who have lived three or more years.

A nursing teacher at the University of Tampa, Barroso interviewed 14 male and six female AIDS patients as part of her doctoral dissertation at the University of Texas at Austin. Barroso, who has worked with the Tampa AIDS network since 1987, sought out people who had experienced one or more of the opportunistic infections, such as pneumonia, which prey on those with AIDS.

"I was hoping that there would be things that would evolve to let other people who had been diagnosed know what they could do," she said.

Barroso, who doesn't have AIDS, found her subjects had thrived by:

- making their lives as normal as possible;
- keeping a positive attitude and planning for the future;
- taking care of themselves physically and mentally and taking charge of their health;
- developing positive relationships with friends, family and the larger community and eliminating stressful ones;
- believing that having AIDS is not a death sentence but a catalyst.

Her subjects were between the ages of 24 and 50, Barroso said. Many had survived more than four years. But at least seven of the 20 had died as of December 1992, she said.

Two long-term survivors, who participated in the study and sat on a panel last Monday, echoed Barroso's findings.

Chrissy, who didn't give her real name, said she learned she had HIV while a 17-year-old college freshman in 1984 and developed full-blown AIDS five years later.

"I never thought I'd make it to 26," she said. Now, "I'm not worrying about dying. That's too far off." Chrissy is engaged to be married.

Family, especially her son, helps Jeanine, another survivor who didn't use her real name. "That's been my focus: to survive for him,"

she said. "I think everybody should find some focus."

Barroso said she doesn't want to tell people how to live with AIDS. But she does want people with AIDS to understand that they don't have to define themselves in terms of their diagnosis.

"It's important to get the message out," she said. "These are some of the strategies."

Combination estrogen pills protect heart

Boston—Women who take both estrogen and progestin to get through menopause gain an added benefit: the hormone combination cuts their risk of heart disease dramatically, doctors reported last week.

Doctors have long known that estrogen alone cuts the risk of heart attack about in half. But the hormone supplements—which are given to relieve hot flashes and other symptoms of menopause—can raise the risk of uterine cancer.

To eliminate that cancer hazard, doctors often combine estrogen with progestin. Many worried, however, that adding progestin would wipe out estrogen's heart benefits.

A study in last week's New England Journal of Medicine concludes that estrogen plus progestin is just as good for the heart as estrogen alone.

"These data are reassuring," said Dr. Aaron R. Folsom, a co-author of the study at the University of Minnesota.

In fact, his work raises the possibility that the combination might be even better, because it could further reduce the chance of dangerous blood clots. However, a generally supportive editorial in the journal said this idea is speculative.

"It would be premature to conclude that women taking combined estrogen and progestin have an even lower risk of coronary disease than those taking estrogen alone," wrote Drs. Kathryn A. Martin and Mason W. Freeman of Massachusetts General Hospital.

In addition to relieving hot flashes, estrogen also prevents a thinning of the bones that can cause fractures among the elderly.

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90-year-old AIDS activist is honored

Portland, ME—The Maine Gay Men's Chorus entertained several hundred friends who turned out last Sunday for the 90th birthday of Frances Peabody, an unrelenting advocate for people with AIDS.

A co-founder of The AIDS Project in Portland, the great-grandmother has gained national recognition for her work counseling and comforting AIDS patients and their families.

Peabody, who became active in AIDS education after her grandson died of the disease in 1984, gives lectures, helps with fund-raising and holds a weekly counseling session for mothers of AIDS victims.

She told friends Sunday that she isn't the only one working to help people with AIDS.

"Each of us is a building stone and the strength of each stone is dependent on the others," she said.

She says she has been able to keep her hectic pace because, at her age, she has learned what is important.

"I don't think I've done more than a lot of people," she said last week. "We see tremen-

dous courage. If these people can do it, we can keep doing it, too."

Peabody's experiences include work with the Sweetser Children's Services, Greater Portland Landmarks, Maine Historical Society and the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities.

The Smith College alumna came to Maine when her husband moved E.E. Taylor Shoe Company from Massachusetts. After her husband died, she renovated a Victorian home and settled down in Portland.

Advocates for people with AIDS say the great-grandmother fills a void in the community.

"People sometimes find it easier to talk to me because of my age," Peabody said. "They find that nothing shocks me."

Among those paying tribute to Peabody were her friend Shirley Boulanger of Gray, whose son died from AIDS last January, and her daughter, Barbara Peabody of San Diego, whose book "The Screaming Room" chronicles the death of her son. (AP)

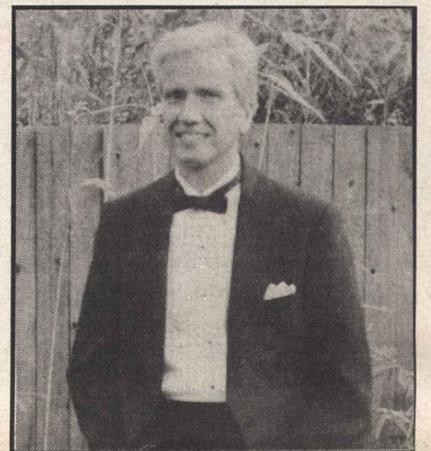
OBITUARY

John M. Johnston

John M. Johnston, 40, died April 15 of AIDS at his home. John was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Atlanta and had worked for the Bell South Company for 15 years.

John will be missed by many friends and family members and especially by Rita Mae.

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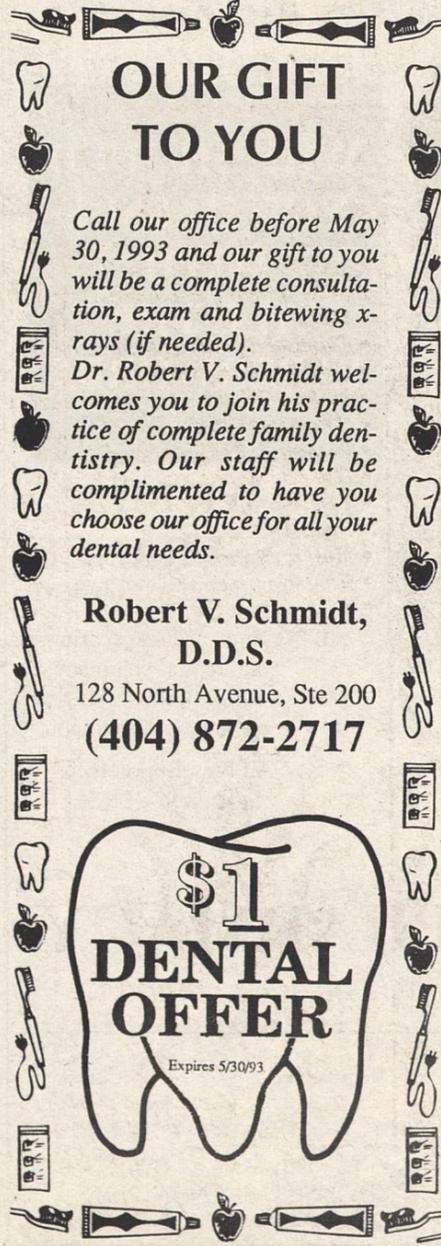
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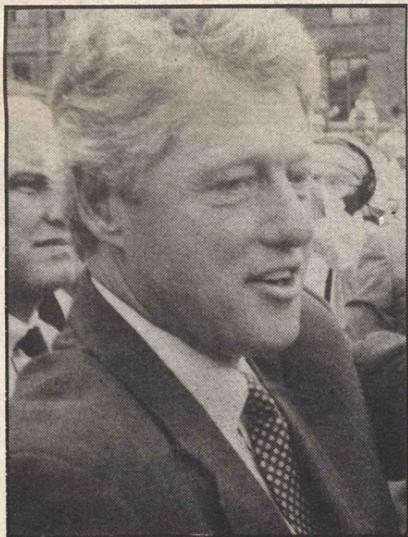
AIDS BRIEFS

BRUCE MIRKEN

D4T SAFETY RESULTS: Bristol-Myers Squibb has sent physicians participating in the expanded access program for the new antiretroviral D4T (also known as stavudine) its quarterly safety report listing "serious adverse events"—i.e., significant side effects—reported through January 14. The report, which includes side effects reported in all past as well as ongoing trials of the drug, looks like generally good news.

Less than one fifth of all patients on the drug have shown serious side effects, and rates of many adverse reactions have dropped in the current Phase III and expanded access studies due to use of a lower dosage than in the earlier trials. One fairly rare (12 cases out of over 3400 patients who have received D4T) but serious complication is pancreatitis, from which two patients on the drug have died. Although the role of the drug in these cases is not yet certain, Bristol-Myers Squibb is urging doctors to closely monitor anyone who might be at high risk, including those with a prior history of pancreatitis or who have taken any other medication, such as pentamidine, known to be associated with the condition. The company is recommending that doctors avoid simultaneous use of such drugs whenever possible.

Overall, the consensus among observers seems to be that D4T is chugging steadily along towards approval.



President Clinton's AIDS policies were pointedly criticized recently by Martin Delaney of San Francisco's Project Inform.

NOT EVERYONE PLEASED WITH CLINTON: Martin Delaney, founding director of the San Francisco treatment information/advocacy group; Project Inform, made some rather pointed comments about the Clinton administration's AIDS policies during a recent speech in Los Angeles. Some excerpts:

"The proposed budget for 1994 recommends an increase for AIDS research for 1994 of 0.2% over 1993, which leaves it several times behind the inflation rate. In other words, it was reversal; it was a significant cut. In the past, when Bush did something like this, we could go to the Democratic Congress and demand an increase. This time the Congress is telling us, 'Hey, this is our president. We're going to do what he tells us.' So I think that in the first two and a half months of this

administration we have lost more ground than we lost in the last four years.

"Moreover, has anybody seen the AIDS czar yet? Has anybody seen the Manhattan Project yet? We have to remind these people that just because we're their friends in general, that we are not going to be complacent as a community and take for granted that they're taking care of this. We have to do just as much acting up, maybe even a little bit louder, with this administration than we did in the past."

The phone number for the White House is (202) 456-1111.

ANOTHER SCAM? Sadly, profiteers and scam artists peddling bogus AIDS treatments continue to crawl out of the woodwork. An advertisement now running in some gay and lesbian publications raises a number of red flags that should encourage caution.

The ad, from an outfit called Olympus Research in Pacific Beach, California, touts something called "OKG" which has supposedly produced "extraordinary" results in "burn victims who suffered from lean body-mass wasting." It goes on to say that "AIDS patients and HIV+ individuals are prime candidates for its use."

Well, maybe. But two things about the ad set off alarm bells. First, although it claims the substance has been studied in France, there are no specifics: no names of researchers or institutions, no names of journals in which articles have been published, nothing. Second, these guys want you to send them \$19.95 (plus \$2.00 postage and handling) simply to receive information about the stuff. That's right—a 22 buck investment doesn't get you a drop of OKG, just a swell report that tells you all about it.

It all looks extremely suspicious. Still, just to be sure, this reporter has written to Olympus Research asking for information about their product and requesting an interview for a possible article, and any response that is forthcoming will appear in this space. Don't hold your breath.

In any case, a good source of information about treatments of all sorts is Project Inform's hotline, at 1-800-822-7422. If there's reason to think something is legit, it's likely they'll have heard of it.

IMMUNE SYSTEM BOOSTER: Even if 100% effective drugs are found to stop HIV, that will still leave the problem of restoring an immune system the virus has damaged. A number of different angles are being looked at in this regard.

One of the most interesting possible immune-boosting treatments is a substance called interleukin-2 (IL-2), which has shown some ability to restore depleted CD4 cells. But IL-2 has an extremely short half-life in the bloodstream, making a continuous IV drip necessary for effective treatment. Now a chemically modified version, known as PEG IL-2, which stays in the blood longer (making it possible to treat someone with periodic infusions of much shorter duration), has shown promising early results in tests by scientists at Stanford and Johns Hopkins. 19 subjects showed significant rises in CD4 counts with relatively mild side effects.

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A: It appears that you and your lover had an oral contract to make reciprocal Wills in the event one of you were to pass away. A contract of this sort is rare, and must ordinarily be in writing, but it is legally enforceable if the elements of a contract can be proven in court.

Enforcement of any verbal agreement is difficult, but particularly so if one party has died and the agreement



pertains to a major item of property such as realty. Your attorney would have to file a petition in probate asking for a reconstruction of the decedent's Will, based on your agreement, which was between partners in a joint venture who occupied a fiduciary relationship with one another. The court would need to be persuaded that it would be inequitable to allow his parents to inherit half of the property because the two of you pooled your money, resources and labor, and spent considerable time in furtherance of

the joint venture. You would also have to show that you yourself made out a Will that fulfilled your part of the bargain.

Unless you have written evidence of the contract, you are not likely to have an easy time proving your case. Any time you enter into an oral agreement with a friend or someone with whom you share economic interests, you do so at your legal peril. While the joint venture is becoming a popular method for capitalizing on new business opportunities, these common arrangements must still be in writing. Moreover, any agreement to make out a Will in a particular manner is extremely difficult to enforce unless it is backed by a carefully drafted contract in writing, since courts tend to view these type of agreements with suspicion, and they are very rare to see.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

We need your voice to cease state-sanctioned prejudice

An open appeal to mobilize support for ending the ban on gays in the military

BY MIRIAM BEN-SHALOM

Each year, an average of 2,000 patriotic service men and women are denied the right to fulfill their military careers because of prejudice focused on the private matter of sexual orientation. The cost to the taxpayer for these dismissals is at least \$100 million a year, but the cost to the concept of American freedom cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

"I am reminded of a quote by Sophocles: 'What you cannot enforce, do not command,'" said Jeffery A. Meiring, USAFR. "This is so true today. Our military leaders' efforts to keep gays and lesbians out of the armed forces are in vain. There have always been homosexuals defending our nation and there always will be."

This egregious practice of inequality also applies to the ROTC and service academies where young men and women have been denied the right to serve their country for reasons wholly irrelevant to their intelligence and sense of responsibility.

"Nothing could be more clear than the hypocrisy of this policy," said Joseph Steffan, the former United States Naval Academy cadet who was expelled from the Annapolis school prior to his graduation because of his sexual orientation. "Despite the military's insistence on truth and honor, they discharge those gay and lesbian service members who refuse to lie about their sexual orientation."

"One route for access to higher education is by going through the ROTC program," said Thom Turner, co-chair of the National Lesbian and Bisexual Student Caucus, affiliate of the United States Students Association. "Openly gay and lesbian students are not allowed to participate, so part of the population is blocked from this route to higher education. Education should be a right for everyone."

Most tragically, service men and women who choose to openly identify their sexual orientation have often been subjected to harassment and violence. And this brutality has spilled beyond the military bases into the civilian sector, with recent news of servicemen following the military policy of prejudice to unjustified extremes.

Good order and discipline is a phrase we have heard a lot of lately," said Senator John Glenn (D-Ohio) following a violent attack against a homosexual civilian by three marines in North Carolina last January. "I believe that good order and discipline also means zero tolerance for acts of hatred and prejudice. Regardless of the Service Chiefs' position on lifting the ban, it is incumbent upon them to send a signal that no acts of violence or hate against homosexuals will be tolerated."

There is a very real hope for a long-overdue change. President Clinton has reversed years of dreadful executive branch approval for this state-sanctioned prejudice by openly calling for an end to the ban on homosexuals in the military.

However, a brilliantly orchestrated campaign by right wing political factions and old-guard military elite caused a backlash which forced the President to postpone an official decision on lifting the ban until summer. The pro-ban forces have their guns in place; those who oppose the ban need to respond in kind.

"The focus now is for all parties to reconcile the issue through a process based on 'factual data,' free from hysteria and religious opinions," said Capt. Meiring. "I am confident that a consensus will be achieved and all Americans who serve in the armed forces will be judged on their conduct, not their sexual orientation."

To help ensure this vision of fairness and justice, one patriotic individual is mobilizing a national grassroots campaign to let Washington know that the continuation of the ban is morally wrong. Ed Bailey, marketing director of a Washington, DC nightclub called TRACKS has organized a toll-free Hotline which allows like-minded people to voice their disapproval of this unfair military policy.

By phoning 1-800-258-2222, and asking for Hotline Operator #9355, callers can send high-impact messages to their two senators and representatives urging Congressional support for lifting the military's ban on gays. The cost of this call is only \$8.75, which can be billed to either the caller's credit card or telephone bill.

There is no place in America for hatred and prejudice. By calling this special hotline and voicing your opposition to the continuation of the military's discriminatory ban, you will be doing a patriotic duty which future generations will recall with pride—much like today's generation recall the efforts of Susan B. Anthony, Martin Luther King Jr. and those who risked all to guarantee freedom for everyone.

"The real problem with the military is not gay and lesbian soldiers," said Joseph Steffan. "It is the unchallenged prejudices they face every day. Now, more than ever, our elected representatives need to know that their constituents do not support the bigotry and hatred embodied in the military's exclusionary policy."

Douglas Johnson, the founding member of the Philadelphia Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America who was himself discharged from military service due to his sexual orientation, said "We aren't the problem here. It's those people who just aren't secure enough, grown-up enough. No one calls these people on their bias and bigotry; no one in command takes these people spreading hatred to task! The commands, in fact, are helping spread hatred against gays, lesbians, and bisexuals. People have simply got to make the Congressmen and women and Senators understand that maintaining this ban and allowing government sponsored homophobia

is unacceptable. We are constituents; it's our job to make officials listen to us."

Miriam Ben-Shalom is a former U.S. Army Staff Sergeant and founder of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America

L E T T E R

A plea from Reps. Studds and Frank

To the Editor

After years of fighting against the ban on gay men and lesbians in the military, we were very pleased with President Clinton's strong, principled commitment to this effort.

One factor that will determine the outcome of this fight against discrimination is the extent to which our congressional colleagues hear from their constituents on this issue. The single most important thing anyone can do to fight this discriminatory policy is to write to the three people who represent him or her in the United States House and the United States Senate. Members of the House and Senate are influenced far more by expressions of opinion from the people in their own constituencies than they are from other sources.

We would add one additional letter that is important to send—to President Clinton to thank him for standing up for the principle that Americans should not be discriminated against on the basis of their sexual orientation, despite strong political opposition.

There will be organized efforts on the part of those opposed to fair treatment of gay men and lesbians to flood Members of Congress with constituent communications against the President's position, and it is essential that those who believe in fairness do what they can to offset this. And if you can persuade friends, coworkers, relatives, etc., to do the same that will also be very helpful.

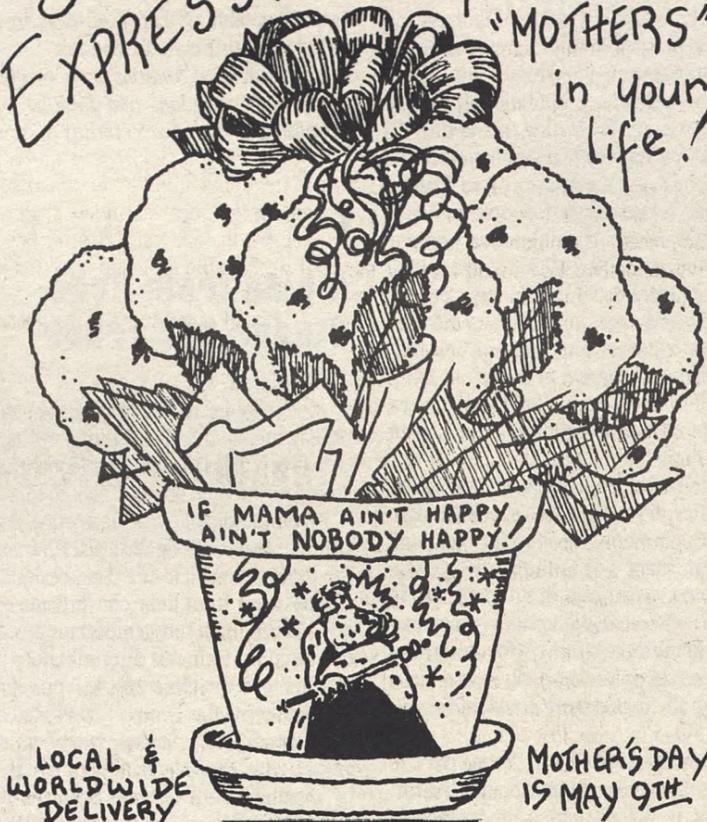
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Happy 14th (wow!) Anniversary to Wally Adams and Kevin Cleveland on April 30. Wally and Kevin live in Savannah, Georgia, with their dogs Boris and Natasha. Okay... Here's to many, many more anniversaries. Keep up the good work!

BIRTHDAYS:

Happy 24th Birthday to Melissa "Mo" Smith on May 1st.

Then, on May 3rd, Happy 30th Birthday to Sherri "Mo's Other Half" Dowall.

A party is planned at Burkhart's on May 2 from 5 til 9 PM for the two aforementioned ladies. And I suppose all are invited since they told me. Happy Birthday Ladies!!!

Happy Birthday to one of my newest buddies Arthur "Skip" McBride on May 4. Skip will most likely be celebrating at The Eagle, so it will be a safe bet to look for him there on that night. Happy Birthday, Skip!

Mona Love would like to wish a Happy Belated Birthday to Tonia Poteat. Tonia is co-founder of the AIDS Hotline for Women and a volunteer for Project Open Hand. She celebrated on April 25.

Mona would also like to wish an HBB to Clifford Hooks-Culbreth of Mohawk Leather. Clifford's birthday was April 25 as well. And I'm sure he celebrated in grand style at the March On Washington.

I would like to wish a special Happy Birthday to my grandmother Mary Ruth McCord on May 5. I looked this up to be sure, and she is turning 96 this year. And, yes, she still rules her family of 14 children, 62 grandchildren, and a host of other people too numerous to mention.

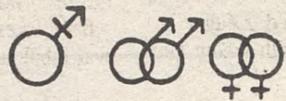
Sorry, no photo this week. Sure would like to see what Boris and Natasha look like. Maybe once they read this a photo could be on its way?!

MARK du PONT

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Cleaning Out My Closet

by SHELLY ROBERTS



It's a constant struggle

Grace is President. I'm Vice. And there's a squabble going on. Although not between us. It's an embryonic faction fight between the old board members and the newly recruited.

Our group is probably a lot like yours. Mainstream lesbian groups have been spawning all over the country. The first time I walked in the doors of this one, I knew I'd died and gone to lesbian heaven.

It's not that I don't usually feel at home in organized groups, it's just that I had given them up, other than to attend film festivals, or bingo nights. I learned painfully, long ago, to stay out of their innards without a net, to stay off their boards unless armed with a copy of Roberts' Rules Of Order, knowing full well I was rarely the Roberts they meant. (Wanna see my scars?)

But this group was way different. First of all, it spawned nearly two hundred women with earrings every month. Women who looked like me. Now, I had read the literature. I knew what lesbians looked like. They didn't look like me. Or my dozen or so friends. We all knew what lesbians looked like. *We were exceptions*. We stayed amongst ourselves. When we found another who didn't match the blueprint for standard issue lesbians, we invited her in. And we didn't join groups.

We didn't want to found another nation. We weren't all that concerned with adding new vowels to our gender identity. We weren't mad at anybody much anymore. At least not in the abstract. We just wanted to be amongst the people like us, to feel good and do good, to create family and take care of our own. The surprise was that when the doors opened, a thousand of us *exceptions* showed up.

Well, it turns out we exceptions don't just live here in South Florida. We also live in Southern California. In Minnesota. In Atlanta. We hear swell speakers. We triple our attendance when the topic has "Sex" in the title. Every month, a couple of hundred doctors, lawyers, and merchant chiefs, government workers, elected officials, therapists, business owners, students, writers, microbiologists, artists, cops, secretaries, paralegals, the newly immigrated, the newly affiliated and the recently liberated arrive. Regardless of the topic o' the month. Sound familiar? I hope so. I hope you have an empowering group just like it in your neighborhood.

We do it without in-fighting or internal politics. Or at least, we did. Only now, as it grows, there's a power struggle going on. Topping a thousand requires growth and organization. So phone lines burn up over what the logo looks like. Or who's going to attend (read stack) which committee meeting. *Who* decides whether the sodas are diet or caffeine free? *Who said* the letter-

head was going to cost how much? Etc., etc., ad infurriatum. What a hassle! What a shame! Why bother?

Then Grace and Linda had to take their baby to the hospital. 106 temp.

Linda, up all night, had gone home to sleep. I joined the moral support squad. Grace and I held the baby. Rubbed his back. Untangled his IV. Comforted him under the oxygen tent.

She Shall Be Nameless opened the door and approached Grace like she knew her. Grace didn't. SSBN was a staff social worker. She'd heard there might be a "lesbian couple with their baby" in 122C.

She knew Grace from our meetings. And me because I'd been on TV.

She was at that terrifying pivotal moment. The end of her first lesbian relationship. You know, the one that wasn't your fault. (I'm *not* a lesbian. I just *fell in love with this woman!*) And just before the next one which you do have to choose *on purpose*.

"Do I know you?" Grace asked, after making sure that SSBN knew that I wasn't the other mommy.

"Well, I know *you*," she said, after seeing that Grace knew where parents could get coffee and pampers and enfamil, and how the pullout couch worked. "From the meetings."

"You all save my life every month. I've only been to a few meetings. I can't get there right now, because I have classes. My therapist sent me. It was so important to see other women like me. To know that there's a place to go, you know, to meet people. Like me. Not be alone. Not be the only one in the entire world. When I walk the halls here, ...nobody knows about me, I see all of this world I don't belong in, and I know that this other reality exists. That I'm *not* alone. Even if I can't go, well, you know, it just keeps me sane. Keeps me going. Keeps me *alive*."

And she left the room, promising to see Linda in the morning, she mouthed the words "Thank you." Quietly. So other staff wouldn't overhear.

And the real reason that the six of us on the old board, and the numerous new ones trying to integrate, spend our time doing what we do came flooding back. Not for the dances, or the bingo night. In that instant, the thankless tasks of printing flyers, and finding speakers and remembering to pick up labels at Office Depot took on old meaning.

Grace and I had, in that one crystalline incident, been paid in full for every powerplay we'd have to endure, every extra box of stuff stashed in her garage or carted in my car trunk.

By the time I left the hospital, the baby's temperature was down. Thanks for asking.

And what *color* that damn bumper sticker will be next year didn't seem important enough to be fighting over any more.

L E T T E R S

Trying to bypass the bias

To the Editor:

Because of some changes in my life I began reading Southern Voice about 6 months ago. Most publications geared toward a particular group are, by necessity, at least slightly biased toward the group they intend to serve. In my reading I have found that this weekly isn't immune to this slant.

The preceding shouldn't be inferred as a negative statement. I've found most of the information printed in Southern Voice is ignored by the majority of the media. Articles on issues concerning the gay, lesbian, and bisexual lifestyle are being found more and more in publications like The Atlanta Constitution. However, even a politically liberal daily limits the content and quantity of news reported on sensitive topics such as alternative lifestyles. Southern Voice fills a niche in our community and should make efforts to branch out and enlighten those with an open mind who happen to live "O.T.P." [Outside The Perimeter].

Having said all this, I have an observation and a suggestion. In the issue dated 15 April, Shelly Roberts has a piece entitled "Cleaning Out My Closet." I enjoy Ms. Roberts' writing. However, this time she struck a nerve. She generalizes about persons who belong to a certain national organization (which will remain unnamed) as being, well, STUPID. As I'm sure most, if not all, persons who are homosexual will agree, generalities by definition are dangerously inaccurate and usually offensive. This case was no different.

I didn't take the time to write this letter to bitch because Southern Voice printed an article that hurt my feelings. I'm a big boy. Whether you're black, white, man, woman (or womyn), gay, lesbian, straight, or somewhere inbetween, it's a given that every day something in the media is written or said that offends you. Freedom of speech does excise a price.

A shameful fact of life today is that persons who are different are usually discriminated against. Our society is rife with intolerance of difference. I assume that persons who live what the mainstream would call an alternative lifestyle wish only to live their lives in peace, without the fear of being beaten, verbally abused, spit on, denied a bank loan or otherwise treated unfairly because of who they love or with whom they are intimate.

I would hope the goal of this publication is not only to report the "unreported," but also strive to educate its readers. Fostering understanding, enlightenment and tolerance should also be fundamental.

I'm quite sure the piece was intended by Ms. Roberts to be taken tongue-in-cheek. Perhaps I'm overreacting and shouldn't even be writing. I guess I was compelled because of my conviction that prejudice and intolerance have no place in our society. I would suggest that we can all learn from each other if we take the time and have the inclination to listen.

Thanks, and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Mark C. Cole

Apathy or attitude

To the Editor:

As a member of various organizations in Atlanta's gay community, I'm often surprised by what I see going on sometimes. Things like "Ego/Get to the top" type competition, an over-desire to emphasize solicitation of the group itself and an under-desire to achieve what is possible in gay rights and other crucial concerns of the community.

But the one that gets me the most is apathy. One organization I recently resigned from needs to erase the word "political" from its statement of purpose. It wants to wear the concept of being "political" like a badge, or better yet...a red ribbon. But it doesn't want to get down in the mud and do what is necessary to fulfill its own statement of purpose, which means picking up a gun and fighting, not standing at the side waving me on with a bit of lace, or a hankie.

Well...I'm nobody's political "BOY." Anyone can distribute congressional addresses or calendars. It is bone core education and "nobody wants to do it" type ground work that is sorely needed in an organization that prides itself on its "carrot munching and wine sipping" mentality.

In these crucial times for gays/lesbians, my energies and talents are better used elsewhere. There is no time to quibble with a few regressionists in power!

I must say I was perfectly willing, no, I was "ecstatic," to do the grunt work. I have my doubts as to whether there is enough desire in the organization to attempt to do what it takes. Such a loss. Oh well...the dip was fabulous.

Doug Stickels



The March

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prompting one observer to wonder if any lesbians and gays were left in the Hate State, where the battle over homophobic Amendment 2 is still underway.

Contingents from Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays brought tears to the eyes of spectators, as hundreds of parents from across the country marched by, many with their gay children. "I love my straight mom," read one sign, carried by a lesbian with her arm around her mothers shoulder.

In the midst of the people of color contingent—along with Asian-Americans, Native Americans, Latina/os, and others,—Atlanta's African American Lesbian and Gay Alliance danced down the street with a rhythm that spread to the crowd in front of the Old Executive Office Building.

But perhaps most touching of all was Dorothy Hadjys, mother of murdered sailor Allen Schindler, who led the lesbian and gay veterans contingent carrying a photograph of her son. Schindler was murdered last fall by fellow shipmates in what is believed to be an anti-gay attack. Later at the Mall, Hadjys told the crowd that she could not stand by silently in the face of injustice.

"You don't mess with my kids," she said in an emotional speech. "I don't want any more Allen Schindlers. I don't want any other mothers to go through what I'm going through. I'm only asking for a simple matter of justice."

Gay activists have accused the Navy of attempting to cover up the anti-gay nature of the attack on Schindler, going even so far as to try to paint the attack as a "lover's quarrel." The sailor who said accused murderer Terry Helvey is gay has since recanted his story and failed a polygraph, and Helvey's trial is set to begin on June 1.

"We have come to speak the truth"

On the stages before and after the march, celebrities, activists, and entertainers kept the crowd in marching order. On the pre-rally stage, talk show host Phil Donahue urged Congress and other who failed to support the drive for gay rights to "Get over it," and Rainbow Coalition founder Rev. Jesse Jackson took President Clinton and other elected officials who were not in DC on the day of the march to task.

"The people you voted for have fled the city," Jackson said. "Ordinarily, you ask them to represent you. Today, you must represent yourselves. You ask them for help, and they fled the city. Polarized by fear."

Last week, Clinton had been expected to address the march by telephone or satellite hook up, but at the last minute elected to send a letter, read on the afternoon stage by U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), reaffirming his commitment to the fight for gay rights.

"I stand with you in the struggle for equality for all Americans, including gay men and lesbians," Clinton said in his letter. "I still believe every American who works hard and plays by the rules ought to be a part of the national community. Let us work together to make this vision real."

Clinton letter was greeted by a mixed reaction from the marchers. Many activists took Clinton's refusal to attend the rally as a slight on the community, and are fearful that he has appeared to waver in his commitment to lifting the ban on lesbians and gays in the military.

Other celebrities appearing at the rally included Cybill Shepherd and Lorna Luft. But it was "our own" who brought out the loudest and longest cheers during the long afternoon on the mall. Openly gay actor Sir Ian McKellan, who delivered a fiery speech, as only a Shakespearean actor could, aimed at extremist right demagogues such as a Pat Buchanan and

Sen. Jesse Helms. And tennis great Martina Navratilova told the crowd that it was time for lesbians and gays to be treated as every other citizen.

"I did not work my ass off for 30 years to be the best tennis player I can be just to be known as Martina, the lesbian," she said, decrying the anti-gay forces attempts to label gays and lesbians into obscurity.

"Listen carefully to our marching feet," said David Mixner, a Clinton friend and advisor who helped coordinate gay support during last fall's election campaign, "because in that sound is the sound of freedom. And we won't negotiate that freedom away in order for those who have freedom to be comfortable."

"We have come to speak the truth of our lives and silence the liars," said former National Gay and Lesbian Task Force director Urvashi Vaid. "We have come in peace and with courage to say America, this day marks the end of the exile of lesbian and gay people."

Vaid noted a distinct difference in the viewpoints of gays and lesbians and those who oppose the struggle for gay rights.

"When we look out on this mall, we see beauty and power," she said. "When they look, they see the millenium."

Vaid allowed that there could be something to that view: "We call this day for the end of the world as we know it. We call for an end to racism as we know it. We call for an end to homophobia as we know it. We call for an end to sexism as we know it. We stand for freedom as we have yet to know it and we will not be denied."

"Heterosexuals have more rights than sodomites"

With tens of thousands of gays, lesbians and supporters along the march route, there was little opportunity for any successful counterprotest. But two small groups did try,

with Topeka's Rev. Fred Phelps leading the first group of about 15 across from the U.S. Treasury building on Pennsylvania Avenue. The protesters held signs proclaiming Biblical quotations and slogans such as "Fags ruin the nation," and chanted "heterosexuals have more rights than sodomites" through a bull horn, but marchers shouting "shame, shame" all but completely drowned out the anti-gay protest. A two-deep line of DC police kept the protesters away from the marchers, but someone did managed to douse Phelps with liquor, forcing him to retreat to first aid for treatment. A second, smaller group held court just down the street.

No major incidents were reported during the march, but Washington Blade editor Lisa Keen reported that someone hurled feces on the marchers from the sidewalk as the front of the march turned from Pennsylvania onto 15th Street just past the Phelps group. Keen said that the perpetrator was not apprehended.

"It was incredible," said Marty Knaff, from Cincinnati, as he waited for a flight back home at Washington National Airport Sunday night. "I was a part of history."

That was the sentiment of most, if not all, of the one million-plus on hand Sunday in Washington. Gay and lesbian America was out in force that day. What it means for the fight for civil rights remains to be seen, but Urvashi Vaid, in one sentence, outlined the next step.

"We've got to march from Washington," she said, "into action at home."

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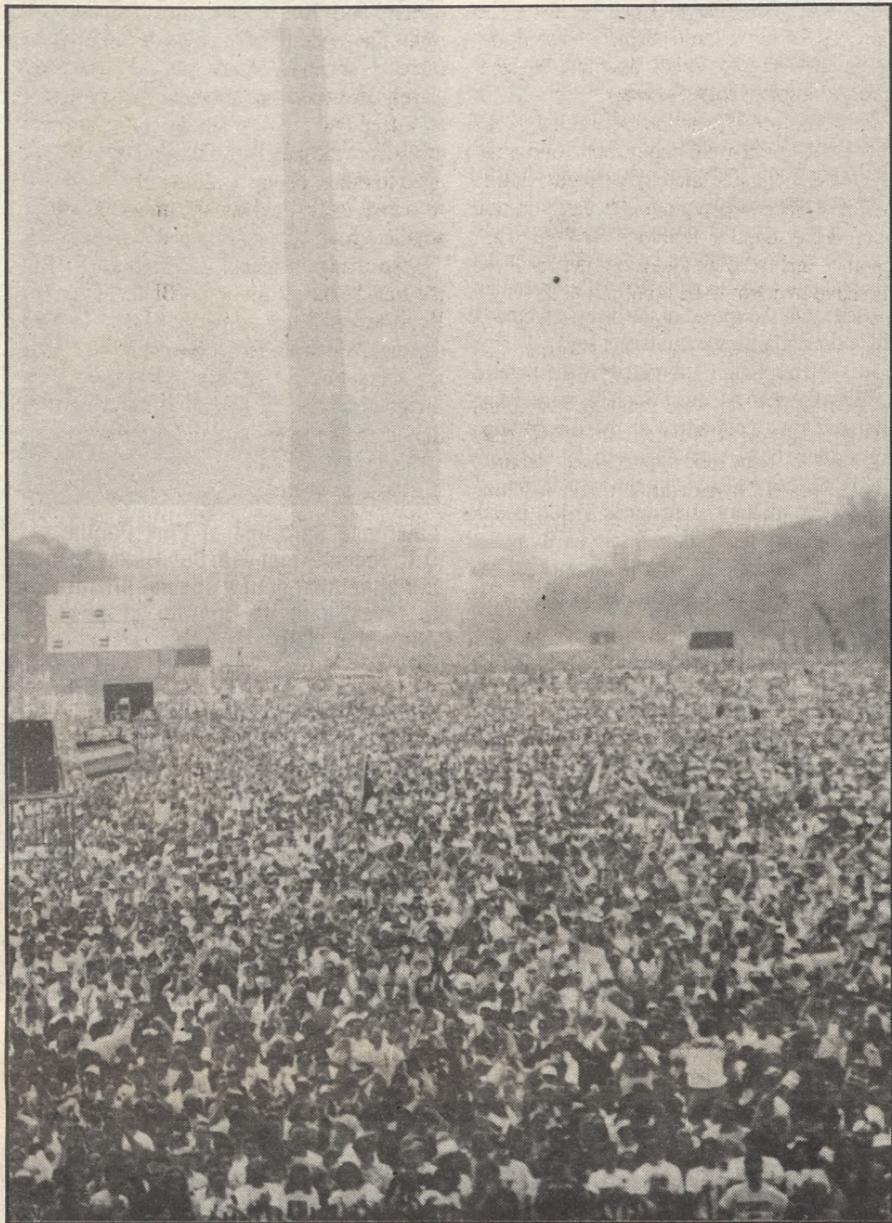
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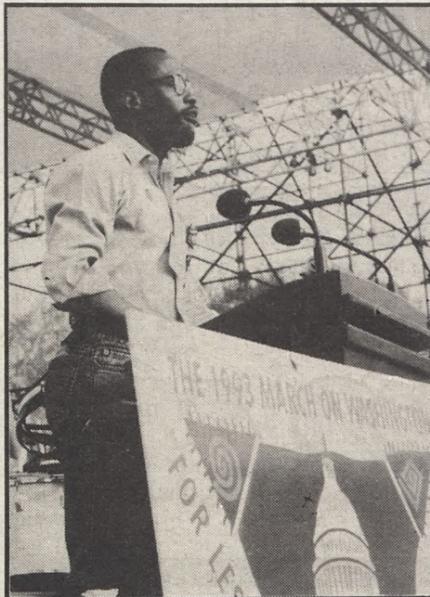
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Activists protesting Clinton took to the front of the march shortly before step-off. They were quickly escorted to the sidewalk.



Georgian Pat Hussain (right), a member of the March steering committee, addresses the crowd with her lover Cherry Hussain.



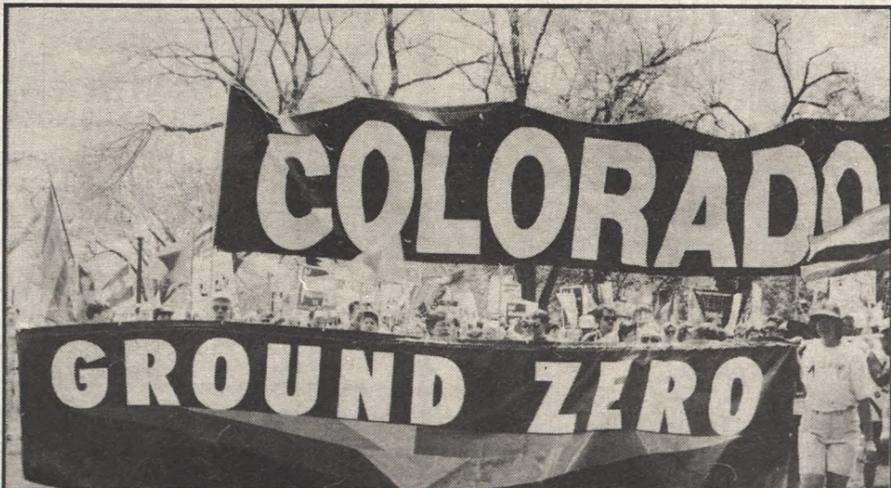
The people of color contingents included Latina/o groups, Asian-Americans, African-Americans, and others.



Martina Navratilova gets a shot of the crowd from the stage.



Anti-gay protests were small but visible.



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EYE ON THE MILITARY

In South Carolina, not only has the legislature joined the call to keep the ban on gays in the military, but now the South Carolina Medical Association is taking up the issue. At this week's annual meeting of the Association, a resolution will be introduced that suggests the number of HIV cases in the military would increase "by quantum leaps" if the ban were lifted.

It also says person-to-person blood transfusion must sometimes be performed on the battlefield with no time for HIV screening. The fear of the spread of the disease would be demoralizing for the military it says.

The resolution, submitted by the Sumter-Clarendon-Lee Medical Society, must be reviewed by a committee of the association's governing body, then approved by that body to be formally adopted by the association.

"The military is designed to kill people and break up their things," said Dr. Linwood Bradford, president of the Sumter group. "That's the duty of the military, not be to an agent of social change."

The South Carolina group's consideration of such a resolution flies in the face of a memo written by the Pentagon's top health official, Dr. Edward Martin. According to Martin, homosexuality is not a medical issue that should be considered in the debate over gays in the military.

"We are not aware of any scientific evidence that individual sexual preferences, in and by themselves, be they homosexual, heterosexual or bisexual, affect productivity, scholastic aptitude, disease incidence, medical costs or crime rate in the population at large," said the memo as printed in The Washington Times.

"...since homosexuality, per se, cannot scientifically be characterized as a medical issue, DoD policies related to homosexual behavior should be based upon military personnel, unit and mission concerns and considerations," according to the memo.

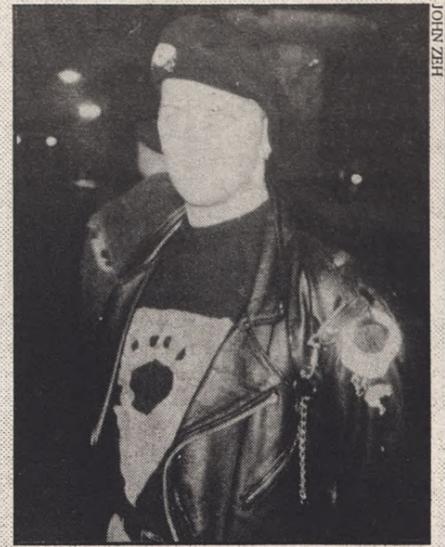
Meanwhile, north of the Peach State, the Tennessee House of Representatives approved and sent to the Senate a resolution asking President Clinton to keep the ban against gays in the military.

"We feel like it's our responsibility to express the views of our constituents," said Rep. Phillip Pinion.

But Vice President Al Gore, a former Tennessee Senator, said the Clinton administration is still committed to lifting the ban.

"I think it's an issue of discrimination, and I think the [armed forces'] standard ought to be behavior, not [sexual orientation], and I feel very strongly about that," he said on NBC's "Today" show last week.

The military itself is continuing its thinly veiled efforts to force the President to change



Lawrence Saltzman of Pink Panthers / D.C. recently met with Bob Hattoy to urge the appointment of a special prosecutor to investigate the murder of Seaman Allen Schindler.

his mind on lifting the ban. Now, Maj. Melissa Wells-Petry is touring the country with her new book, "Exclusion: Homosexuals and the Right to Serve," a literary argument for the ban.

As reported in last week's issue, Pink Panthers/D.C. organizer Lawrence Saltzman and Michael Petrelis of Queer Nation/D.C. met earlier with openly gay Clinton staffer Bob Hattoy to urge his assistance in having a special prosecutor appointed to investigate the murder of Seaman Allen Schindler on Oct. 27.

A June 1 date has been set for the trial of Airman Terry Helvey, accused of beating shipmate Schindler to death in a public restroom near the U.S. Naval base in Sasebo, Japan. But Saltzman and Petrelis, and many other gays and lesbians, have raised questions about the Navy's investigation of the brutal murder, charging that the military has attempted to cover up the anti-gay nature of the attack.

"The chain of command is responsible for this death," said Saltzman. "They knew of the harassment, but only after there's a death do they do something."

Saltzman added that a very great fear was that "we're going to have exactly the same thing as the U.S.S. Iowa," where a gay soldier was blamed for a fatal explosion. That theory was later disproved, but only after the Navy had destroyed Seaman Clayton Hartwig's reputation posthumously. And now, said Saltzman, the same Navy officer who headed the Iowa investigation is in charge of the Schindler investigation.

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Gay activists challenge sex survey that says 1% of U.S. men are gay

Washington, DC—Gay activists are questioning a new survey released last week that indicates only 1.1% of American males are gay.

The survey, released by the Battelle Human Affairs Research Centers in Seattle, reported that less than 3% of men age 20 to 39 reported any homosexual activity at all in the last decade contradicting the well known Kinsey Report of 1948. The Kinsey study estimated that up to 10% could be gay, a figure used to point up the numbers of gays and lesbians in the general population.

Overlooked Opinions, a Chicago-based lesbian/gay market research firm, immediately disputed the Battelle study, claiming that both the size of the study and its methodology call into question its accuracy.

"The historic Kinsey study remains unique both in terms of sample size and technique," said a statement released by Overlooked Opinions. "Kinsey interviewed 12,000 individuals...four times as large as the most recent [Battelle] study. Further, while Kinsey developed an elaborate matrix of questions designed to discover information about respondents that they did not want to disclose, the more recent studies rely heavily on the promise of anonymity."

The Battelle study, which was funded by a federal health agency in hopes of finding ways to encourage condom use to stop the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, questioned 3,321 men in face to face interviews. The participants were chosen at random and were given a gym bag for their participation.

Anti-gay activists have long disputed the Kinsey numbers, claiming that the researcher falsified the numbers to help gays force a "homosexual agenda" on a Christian America. The anti-gay forces also disclaim Kinsey's reports because he insisted on protecting the privacy of his study subjects. They point to other studies that produced similar results—and were conducted in similar manners—to the Battelle study as the truth about the numbers of gays and lesbians in America.

Robert Knight, director of cultural studies for the conservative Family Research Council, said that 10% figure "has been used with great effect by the gay rights lobby to press for political power and extra civil rights protections."

"It's been used to tell businessmen that 10% of their work force is gay and that they should accommodate them like they do African Americans," Knight said. "And it's been known for years that the figure's been off, even by gay activists who use it."

In truth, the Kinsey studies found that 8% of men were "exclusively homosexual" for at least three years between the ages of 16 and 55, and that 4% of males were "exclusively homosexual throughout their lives after the onset of adolescence."

Overlooked Opinions takes issue with the anti-gay movement's attempts to use the lower numbers to argue against gay rights.

"The actual percentage of the American population that is gay or lesbian has no relationship to whether or not there should be civil rights protection for lesbians, gays, and bisexuals," said the OO statement. "If there is only one gay person who loses their job or is thrown out of their home, that is too many. Discrimination is wrong and civil rights legislation is necessary to protect all Americans."

Conflicting studies

While several studies have indicated the number of gays and lesbians rests between 1 and 2% (one 1991 study showed there were no gay men in the entire state of Arizona), other studies, most notably the recently released Janus Report on Sexual Behavior, have put the number higher, although still below the 10% figure. That report, published by husband and wife research team Drs. Samuel and Cynthia Janus, found that 22% of men and 17% of women have had at least one

gay experience in their lives, and that 9% of men and 5% of women identified themselves as homosexual or bisexual.

"Our opponents would like to say there are 39 of us and we all live in the Castro in San Francisco or Greenwich Village in New York," said National Gay and Lesbian Task Force spokesperson Robert Bray. "We know there are millions and millions of gay people, and people whose lives are touched by gays."

Another researcher, Charles Turner of the Research Triangle Institute in Washington, found a minimum of 5% to 7% of men reported same-gender sexual conduct during adulthood. Turner, who examined five sample surveys between 1970 and 1990, conducted his analysis for the National Academy of Sciences, and argued that all surveys of human sexual behavior are flawed.

"All of those numbers need to be surrounded with a thicket of caveats, the most important of which is that I've consciously used the word 'report'—what people will tell you," said Turner.

He added that most people who do sex research agree that these numbers are on the low side, "which arises from the fairly obvious observation that more people will conceal experiences that they've had than will fabricate ones they've never had when you're talking about same-gender contact."

Gay activists couldn't agree more. Using the Battelle figures, Overlooked Opinions points out, gays and lesbians number about 2 million American citizens, meaning that the expected 1 million at the April 25 March on Washington constitutes half of all gays and lesbians in the country.

"One percent is a ludicrous figure," said Carl Lange, director of GLAAD/Atlanta. "Look to Washington this weekend for proof. There will be over 1 million gay, lesbian, and bi people at the March on Washington...one percent is ridiculous."

Lost in the fray over the 1% results were the results the poll was designed to determine. The survey found that 27 percent of the sexually active men had used a condom in the previous four weeks. But attitudes about condoms were mixed: 75 percent said condoms reduced pleasurable sensations during sex, but the same number agreed that using a condom showed they were "a concerned and caring person."

The latter "gives a lot of encouragement to people trying to develop programs to encourage condom use," said Christine Bachrach, chief of the demographic and behavioral sciences branch at the government's National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, which funded the study.

But Bachrach said it was troublesome that almost one in five of the men felt wearing a condom implied that either he or the woman had AIDS.

Catania said, "A lot of men have never used condoms, but they have an attitude about them."

Among other findings:
-Twenty percent of men have had anal sex, usually with a woman.
-Ninety-five percent of men in their 20s and 30s are sexually experienced. The average age of first sexual contact was 17 among white men and 15 among black men.

-White men were less likely to use condoms (25 percent) than black men (38 percent) or Hispanic men (39 percent).

-Twenty-seven percent of men are embarrassed to buy condoms.

-Ninety-six percent of the men knew that AIDS destroys the immune system and has no cure.

-Forty-one percent have had blood tests that tell if they are infected with HIV.

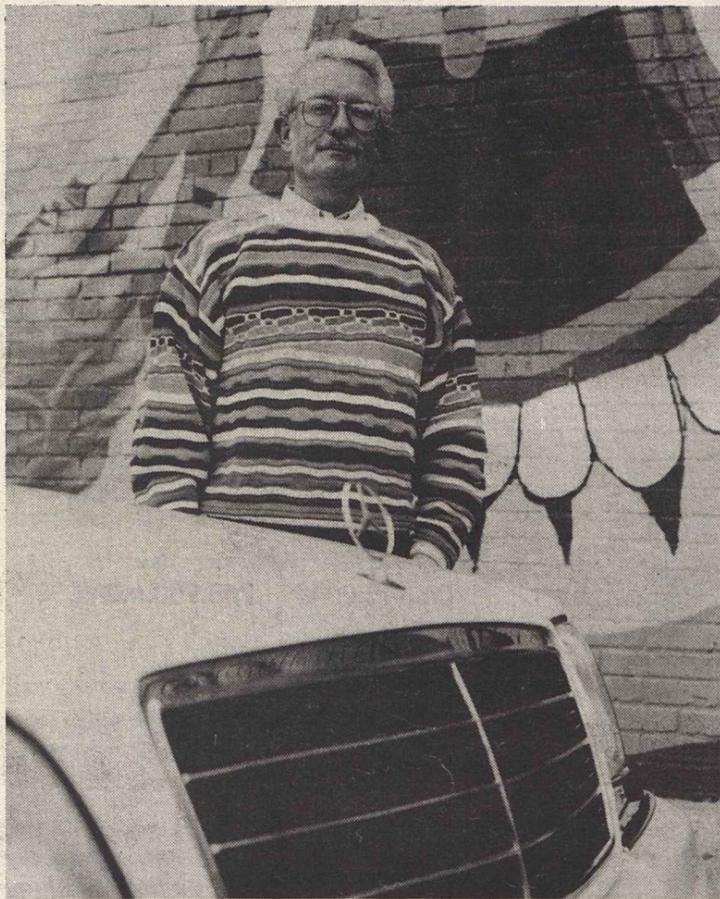
-One-fourth of men worry frequently about AIDS, but 60 percent think there is no chance they are positive for the HIV virus.

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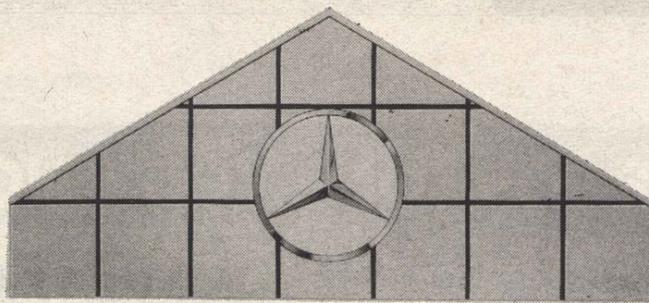
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U.S. Senator Dirk Kempthorne of Idaho has amplified his opposition to the Idaho Citizens Alliance's anti-gay initiative, saying he will ask voters not to sign the petition.

"If asked, I would tell others that I would not advise them to sign it," the first year Republican said last week. "It can create a great deal of acrimony in this state and be divisive."

ICA chair Kelly Walton said he was disappointed.

"Dirk just won't be able to take credit for it when it wins," Walton bragged. "Dirk is a little naive if he doesn't think there's a problem that needs to be addressed here."

Gov. Cecil Andrus, Attorney General Larry EchoHawk, and U.S. Reps. Larry LaRocco and Michael Crapo all oppose the initiative. Sen. Larry Craig has not taken a position.

Good news and bad news from Washington state: openly gay state Rep. Cal Anderson quietly conceded defeat of the gay civil rights bill last week, telling the House that he hopes someday gays and lesbians in the state will have equal protections under the law.

"I am saddened that, once again, this does not seem to be the season for this legislation," he said.

The bill had passed the House, but stalled in the Senate Ways and Means Committee, one vote short of being passed to the Senate floor. The committee never debated or voted publicly on the bill.

Anderson pledged to begin again to pass the bill next year.

The good news is that the Senate has passed a House-originated bill that brings gays and lesbians under the protections of the state's malicious harassment law. The bill, which also adds gender to the law, makes it a felony to harass or intimidate someone because of their race, religion, ancestry, national origin or mental or physical handicap.

An expected vote on gay rights this week in Anchorage, Alaska won't take place. The state Supreme Court has postponed a referendum on that city's gay rights ordinance because the petition used to get the measure on the ballot was probably biased in its wording.

The Supreme Court said it was troubled by the referendum's title, "Referendum Petition to Repeal A 'Special Homosexual Ordinance.'"

The ruling was on an appeal of a lower court ruling that found no bias. The higher court has ordered the lower court to reconsider its ruling.

In Rhode Island, Gov. Bruce Sundlun said he is committed to gay rights and supports a bill in the General Assembly granting civil rights to lesbians and gay men. Sundlun spoke to about 200 people who converged on the Statehouse steps to rally in support of the March on Washington.

Colorado voters will not get a chance to reconsider Amendment 2 after a Senate panel killed a resolution permitting the new vote.

Gays and lesbians testified before the Senate State Affairs Committee that Amendment 2 has created an atmosphere of hate and violence against the state's gays and lesbians, but their words fell on too many deaf ears as the measure failed by a 4-3 vote.

"We are the targets of discrimination in this state," Linda Fowler told the committee. "Amendment 2 sends a message to these people that this is the type of behavior that is going to be tolerated in this state."

Colorado for Family Values founder Will Perkins, the driving force behind the hateful amendment, naturally testified against the measure.

"It's very clear the voters have spoken on this," Perkins said.

Another CFV founder, Kevin Tebedo, told the committee that he launched the petition drive "out of a desire to be fair."

Playing on the sympathy of the senators, he said when gays attempted to claim the same protections granted to the disabled, "it rubbed me the wrong way."

Tebedo also claimed that "hate crimes in the Tebedo family have gone up 100 percent" since passage of the amendment, claiming he has been harassed by telephone callers and received death threats.

The vote to kill the resolution split along party lines.

One of the country's largest and richest Presbyterian churches is withholding contributions to a regional synod over its support for a group that advocates lesbians and gay ministers. Newport Beach, Calif.'s St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, with more than 4,000 members, has blocked funding of up to \$300,000 a year for the synod of Southern California and Hawaii until it drops support for the Lazarus Project. The West Hollywood-based ministry organizes workshops and forums on gay issues.

"Until we get word from the synod that they will sever all relationships with the Lazarus Project, we will withhold until then," said Rev. John A. Huffman, St. Andrew's pastor.

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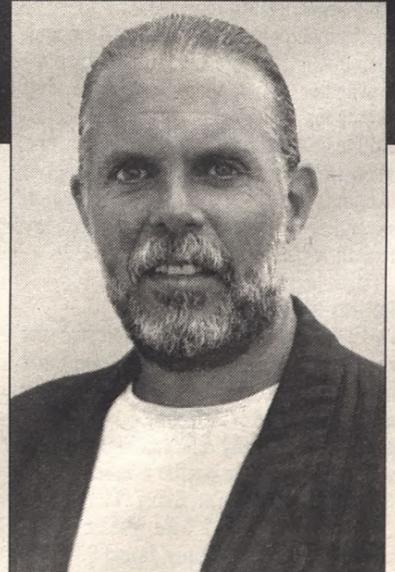
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David Koresh's gay brother speaks out

An interview with Thomas Howell

by JIM HARRISON

Editor's note: If anyone needed any proof of the old gay saying "We are everywhere," this is it. It seems David Koresh, the self-proclaimed Jesus Christ, has a gay brother—Thomas Howell. There isn't an angle of this story that hasn't been overwritten about—until now. Southern Voice is happy to bring you a fresh story about this tale. This interview seems all the more poignant since it was conducted before the burning of the Waco compound.

JH: Mr. Howell, tell us what your relationship is to David Koresh.

TH: He's my half-brother. We had the same dad, different moms. He's older—33, and I'm 24.

JH: Where did he get the name David Koresh? What's his real name? Did he adopt that name after becoming a cult leader?

TH: Vernon Howell is his real name. Actually, the name Koresh has a significance to it. It actually came from the Bible, believe it or not. It's kind of wierd. David was the king of Israel. Koresh was the person who was going to conquer Babylon. That's where the name comes from. That's why he has taken the name "David Koresh," because he feels he's the person to "conquer Babylon."

JH: Do you feel he actually thinks he is in communication with God?

TH: From what I can tell, yes. I think that he actually believes that. That is his sense of security. I think that's where he gets his self-esteem. He feels that God is actually talking to him, that it gives him the power to do what he is doing, and that's why these people are following him.

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—Thomas Howell,
brother of David Koresh

JH: Do you believe the allegation that he has had sex with 12-year-old girls?

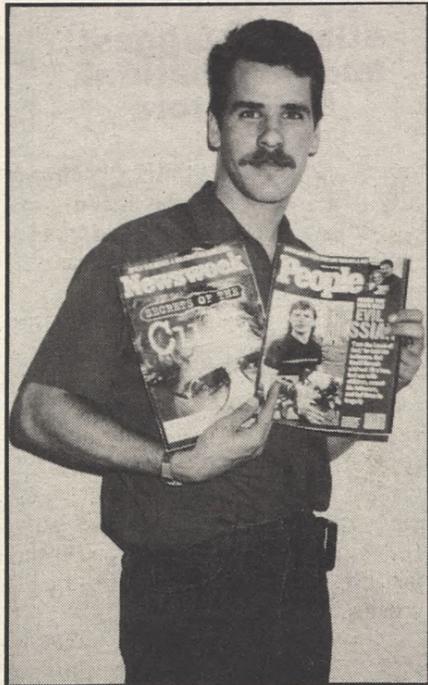
TH: I could believe it! Whenever you feel like you're in control, and you're in close contact with God, and no matter what you do is accepted by God, it kind of gives you a free rein. Unfortunately, a lot of people professing to be Christian leaders feel that way. They feel that way. They feel that they're above the law, above the Commandments, and he's one of them. It seems to me that, yes, he would do that.

JH: Does [your brother] know that you're gay?

TH: I don't think so. I actually came out to my family about seven months ago. Everybody on my side of the family knows. I don't think he really asked or cared.

JH: He should hardly be the one to disapprove of you.

TH: Actually, he *would* be the one! He'd wholeheartedly object to it. He interprets the Bible the way he wants to—strictly. When he feels that he understands the Bible better than anyone else, then, yeah, he'd interpret it and condemn anybody who is gay by what it says.



Thomas Howell is the younger, and gay, brother of David Koresh

The Bible, in his opinion, says that homosexuality is wrong. So, I think he would condemn my lifestyle or condemn what I do.

JH: So, he would condemn a gay person more than he would condemn his own behavior with underage children.

JH: Yes, I think he would. It's not a matter of what's right and what's wrong. It's what *he* does is acceptable and what *you* do is unacceptable. That's the way he interprets it.

JH: Has your brother ever engaged in homosexual behavior?

TH: Not that I know of.

JH: Can you tell me what you might have seen in David's behavior as far as the direction he was going in over the years?

JH: I guess there is one thing I remember that might have really influenced him to do what he has been doing now. My dad is a very strict person, and he treated all of us kids not as nicely as he should have. There were lots of times that all of us kids—especially my brother—were disciplined for minor things. Little things like getting into the cabinets or spilling something. My dad would get real harsh with him. Sometimes it would lead to beatings.

JH: Did your dad physically abuse you as children?

TH: Yes, I would say so.

JH: Do you think that the things that happened during his—and your—childhood are what made him go into such an extreme behavior?

TH: Yes. I do remember that he was always an "attention-getter." He would do anything he could to get people to pay attention to him. I think that when he got involved in the church and saw that people were paying attention to him—because he was very good at interpreting the Bible—that it may have sparked something inside of him to go further. I think he's more interested in being in control. He likes everybody bowing down to him, like he's in total control. He has always been that way.

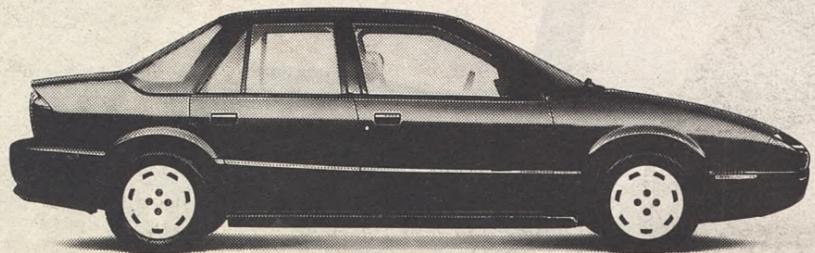
JH: Do you think that if you called him that he would talk to you now?

TH: No, he wouldn't talk to anybody at this point, not even my dad. It's hard to say. He's really in his own world.

JH: Are you ashamed of your brother?

TH: Yes, I am. When I was told about it, I was pretty ashamed. I don't want people to know that he's my brother. It's very embarrassing that he's my brother.

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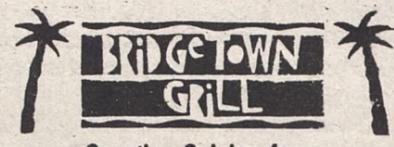
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ANGELS IN AMERICA

It's been an exhilarating, exhausting year for playwright Tony Kushner—and his work "Millennium Approaches," the first half of his seven-hour "Angels in America" hasn't even opened yet on Broadway.

Kushner was rehearsing his play about AIDS, greed, love and hypocrisy in the Reagan era when he learned it had won the 1993 Pulitzer Prize for drama. While his dramatic theme mixed the deadly serious with the wildly comedic, he succumbed to sublime giddiness when he heard the news.

"FAAAAAAAAAAABULOUS!" he said in a prepared statement. He also apologized for issuing a statement rather than speaking in person, saying he needed "to concentrate my energies" in the rehearsal.

"I'm overjoyed at the news about the Pulitzer," the statement said. "I write that, and it feels unreal to me—like a line a character might speak but not something I'd have the opportunity to say."

On a more somber note, Kushner added that he shared his award with "my gay sisters and brothers and with everyone fighting the war against AIDS, bigotry and injustice."

Kushner's play officially opens at the Walter Kerr Theatre on April 29, but talk about it began last June at the Tony Awards when openly gay actor Sir Ian McKellen lauded the London production and predicted the play would sweep this year's Tonys. The 36-year-old playwright, who was born in New York City and grew up in Lake Charles, La., dismissed such optimism.

"I thought, 'Well, it's very sweet of him, but he doesn't understand the American theater. He doesn't know that you have to be on Broadway to be nominated for a Tony Award, and this play will never, ever be on Broadway,'" Kushner recalled in a recent interview with the AP.

He wondered aloud about the sanity of opening an epic work on Broadway and ticked off reasons why HE should not.

"It's about things that Broadway plays are not usually about," Kushner said. "It's very political. It's about gay people. It's about AIDS. It's about Ronald Reagan, or the Reagan era, at any rate. And it's long—two evenings long and that presents a whole host of problems."

Those problems have not stopped a small army of producers from raising \$2.2 million to bring both parts of "Angels in America" to Broadway.

The work's full title is "Angels in America: A Gay Fantasia on National Themes." It consists of two full-length plays meant to stand on their own: "Millennium Approaches" and "Perestroika."

Producers fell over each other to bring the work to New York once the reviews were in from London, where "Millennium Approaches" was staged last year at the Royal National Theatre, and from Los Angeles, where the Mark Taper Forum did both plays.

"Angels in America" follows two relationships—one gay; the other between a wife and her secretly gay husband. It also tracks the career of lawyer and power broker Roy Cohn—played by Ron Leibman—who died of AIDS in 1986.

"Millennium Approaches" opens first on Broadway; "Perestroika" follows in October.

"Hopefully, the next thing that I write will be a much more manageable affair," Kushner said. "I don't think there ever will be anything in my career like this again. I hope I'll have successes, but I don't want to have another 'Angels in America.' One is quite enough."

His previous works have been performed in regional theaters. They include "A Bright Room Called Day" and "The Illusion," an adaptation of the play by Pierre Corneille.

Other winners included David McCullough for his biography of President Harry Truman.

"I had my fingers crossed and everybody kept telling me this book should win the Pulitzer Prize," McCullough, the author of "Truman," said from his home in Martha's Vineyard, Mass. "I didn't want them to be saying that, because I'm superstitious."

The fiction prize went to "A Good Scent from a Strange



Ellen McLaughlin in "Perestroika," Part Two of Tony Kushner's two-part Pulitzer Prize winning play, "Angels in America," which opens on Broadway on April 29.

Mountain," by Robert Olen Butler, a creative writing teacher at McNeese State University in Lake Charles, La.

In journalism, the Washington Post won three Pulitzers, including one for coverage of candidate Bill Clinton. The Miami Herald won two, including the public service gold medal for reporting on Hurricane Andrew's devastation.

Garry Wills, a widely published columnist and commentator on American culture, received the Pulitzer for general non-fiction for "Lincoln at Gettysburg: The Words That Remade America." In February, he won the 1992 National Book Critics Circle award for criticism for the same book.

The award for poetry went to Louise Gluck for "The Wild Iris," her fifth collection of poetry.

"The Radicalism of the American Revolution" by Gordon S. Wood won the Pulitzer for history. Wood is a professor of history at Brown University.

The music award went to "Trombone Concerto" by Christopher Rouse, a Baltimore composer who doubles as a rock music historian.

Tales of human suffering inspired several of this year's journalism awards: bloodshed in the former Yugoslavia, the devastating Hurricane Andrew in Miami, the Los Angeles riots.

The 1993 Pulitzer for spot news reporting was awarded to the Los Angeles Times for "balanced, comprehensive, penetrating coverage" under deadline pressure of the second and most destructive day of last year's riots.

Also winning for international reporting was John F. Burns of The New York Times for his coverage of the destruction of Sarajevo and war atrocities in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The staff of The Associated Press won the photography feature prize for images of the 1992 presidential campaign. It was the third year in a row the AP has won a Pulitzer in photography.

In the public service category, The Miami Herald was cited "for coverage that not only helped readers cope with Hurricane Andrew's devastation but also showed how lax zoning, inspection and building codes had contributed to the destruction."

The Miami Herald also won the commentary prize: Liz Balmaseda was cited for reports on turmoil in Haiti and Cuban-Americans in Miami.

A personal tragedy led to a feature writing prize for George Lardner Jr. of The Washington Post. He examined

his daughter's murder by a man who slipped through the criminal justice system.

The Post won two other awards: the national reporting prize for David Maraniss' articles on the life and political record of candidate Bill Clinton, and the criticism prize for Michael Dirda's book reviews.

Paul Ingrassia and Joseph B. White of The Wall Street Journal won the Pulitzer for beat reporting for their coverage of management turmoil at General Motors.

Jeff Brazil and Steve Berry of The Orlando Sentinel won the investigative reporting prize for exposing the unjust seizure of millions of dollars from motorists by a sheriff's drug squad.

The prize for explanatory journalism went to Mike Toner of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution for "When Bugs Fight Back," a series on the diminishing effectiveness of antibiotics and pesticides.

The editorial cartooning prize went to Stephen R. Benson of The Arizona Republic.

No prize was given this year for editorial writing. It was the seventh time that no prize was awarded in that category.

The winners were announced by Columbia University, which administers the Pulitzer competition. Each award carries a cash prize of \$3,000 except the public service award, which comes with a gold medal.

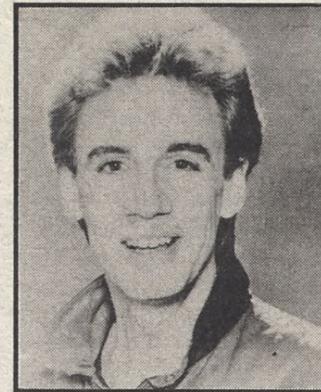
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Robert Ray

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The cast of 60 up and coming local singers and dancers will open the show with an original

overture, "Freedom Flight" by Christopher Cannon. They will utilize the music of Paula Abdul, Jennifer Holiday, Peabo Bryson and Garth Brooks, whose "We Shall Be Free" will be an evening highlight.

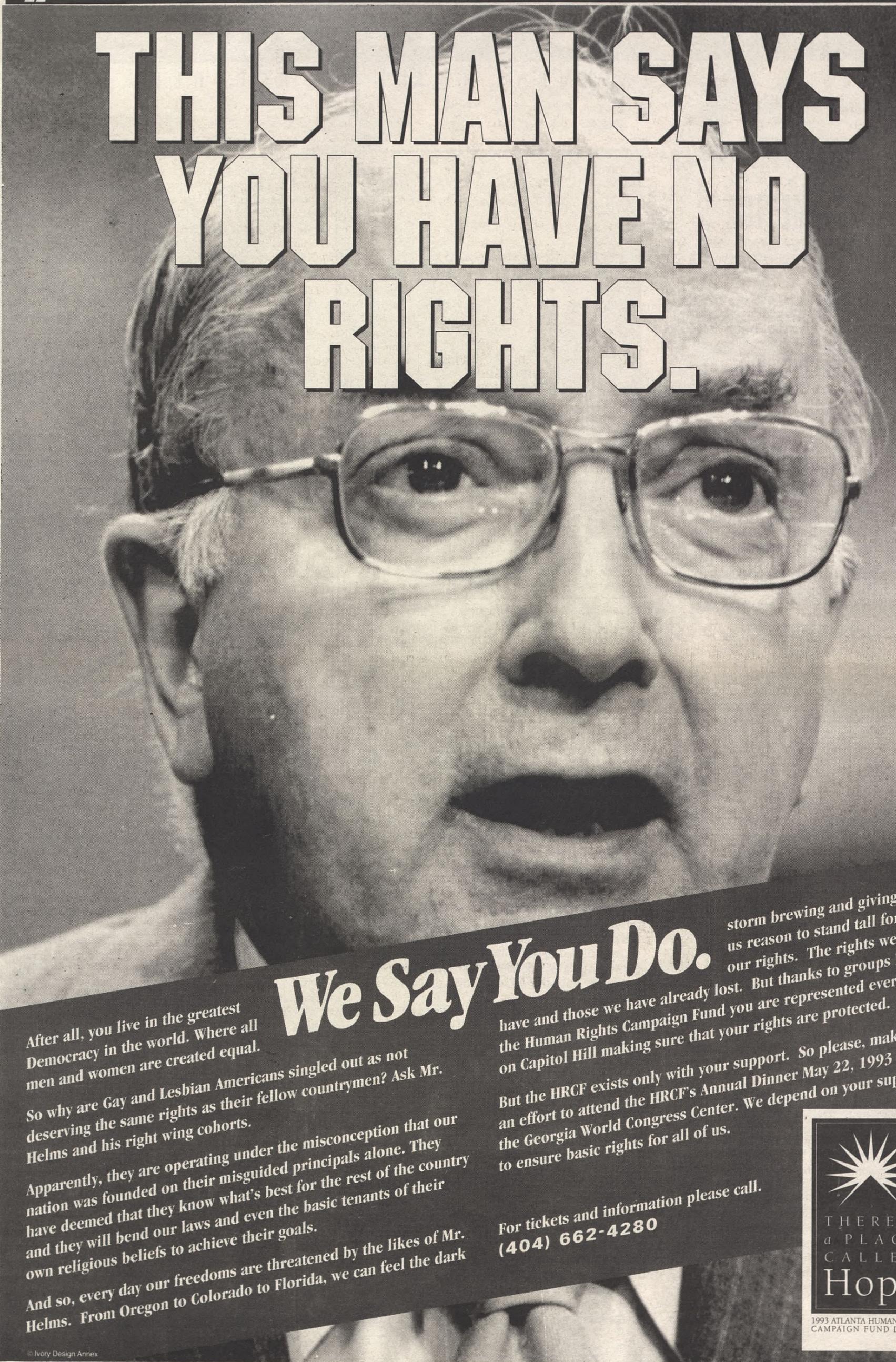
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29 THURSDAY

THE BRIDGE TO WHOLENESS. Charis Books and More is pleased to present Dr. Joan Raffa, public speaker and author of "The Bridge To Wholeness: A Feminine Alternative To The Hero Myth." 7:30 p.m. at Charis Books and More, 419 Moreland Ave. in L5P. 524-0304.

STUFFED PUPPET THEATRE. Holland's celebrated adult puppet theatre presents "Manipulator" and "Underdog," two short plays in which power is used and abused with hilarious and shocking consequences, at 7 Stages in L5P. 523-7647.

SURFACE DESIGN IN PHOTOGRAPHY.

Exhibit features work of Mark Ross and Teresa Valenti. Ross's work focuses on landscape around Atlanta while Valenti's work is an heirloom series of photographic images transferred onto cloth. Spruill Center for the Arts-Hallway Gallery.

394-3447. Thru June 12. **DON HENRY.** The singer/songwriter performs at Eddie's Attic tonight. Funny and thought-provoking. 515 McDonough St, Decatur. 377-4976.

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

30 FRIDAY

ARTSFEST 93. Thru May 2. In a benefit for Project Open Hand, Burkhardt's Pub presents a weekend of art, entertainment and food. Works from several of the major galleries in the Atlanta area will be featured in auctions throughout the weekend. 872-4403

UNCORK A CURE. A wine tasting to help raise support for AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta. Come taste Italian wines and cuisine. Guest passes available by calling 876-4103. Tax deductible donation of \$35 per person is requested. 6:30 to 8:30

p.m., GLG Tower in Midtown, 28th floor.

A CHORUS LINE. Broadway comes to Atlanta as Theatre of the Stars presents this musical at the Fox Theatre through May 2. Tues-Sat at 8:00 and Sat-Sun at 2:00. 817-8700.

SEEKING THE SELF. The Dorothy McRae Gallery presents figurative sculpture by Arlene Becker, Mimi Holmes and Thomas Scoon through May 28. 3193 Roswell Road. 266-2363.

ROSWELL ARTISTS' TOUR. See a variety of guest artists juried in a show celebrating the Roswell Artists' Tour's fifth season through May 2. 10AM til 6PM. Refreshments will be served and the general public is invited. 977-7998.

HIGH MUSEUM TEACHER TRAINING will offer "Art at the Edge III: Alison Saar" from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Workshop will include discussion of her work and artistic vision, video of Ms. Saar's work, and studio activity focusing

on genealogy. 892-3600 **TWILIGHT DANCE modern dance concert at Orme Park today and tomorrow at 8:15 p.m., Brookridge Drive, Atlanta. Choreography by Heitzso and Company, music by Robb Chapman. Free, but donations will be appreciated. 892-5853.**

1 SATURDAY

LESBIAN COUPLE ENRICHMENT WORKSHOP for lesbian couples committed to nurturing and replenishing their relationships. \$100 per couple includes lunch. Call Susan or Ruth (404) 294-6601 to register or for more information.

WHAT'S A PWARTY? A social gathering for "HIV-friendly" people. 8PM til ??? at Atlanta NAPWA, 44 12th Street. 874-7926.

DANCE, DANCE, DANCE to benefit Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus 8 to 11:30 PM at First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Drive. \$5 advance from chorus members or Charis Books & More; \$7 at the door. DJ Lenny Lasater. Refreshments available. Handicap accessible. 378-5570.

CHAPPSTICK AND THE CARS will host its second annual fundraising at Intown YWCA on N. Highland Ave. 7PM. Come see Jim and Cherie rehearse new works-in-progress. Reception following rehearsal for \$10 donation. 874-8710.

HIV UPDATE. The syndicated cable TV show airs every Sat at 6:00 p.m. on Channel 12. This month's program

focuses on how the medical community deals with death and suicide by people with HIV/AIDS.

HERBAL EDUCATION. Presented by the Chattahoochee Unit of the Herb Society of America from 9AM to 3PM in Day Hall, Atlanta Botanical Garden.

LA DOLCE VITA, the last in a series of Italian films featuring premier actor Marcello Mastroianni. Restored 35mm print. 8PM, High Museum's Rich Auditorium. Italian with English subtitles. 892-HIGH.

INSANE JANE in concert to promote new album at Variety Playhouse, 1099 Euclid Avenue in L5P. 9PM, \$6 at box office (hours Mon-Fri, Noon to 6PM), or TicketMaster outlets.

2 SUNDAY

GEORGIA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. A cast of thousands entertains visitors and hundreds of craft shops present their wares for demonstration and sale in this recreation of an English country fair. The 30-acre 16th century village is located 10 miles past Hartsfield on I-85 at Exit 12. Sat & Sun through June 13. 964-8575

SONGS & MIRAGES, presented by Atlanta Chamber Players featuring Southeastern premiere of Mirage by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Shulamit Ran. Georgia State University Recital Hall (corner Gilmer and Peachtree Center Avenue). 651-1228.

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3 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, People TV. 11 p.m.

4 TUESDAY

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5 WEDNESDAY

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 Ch. 6 at 5:00 p.m. on Thurs.

Pictured: ABOVE: "Fear of Being Stone Blind and Rock Bound" by Mimi Holmes, part of the Dorothy McRae Gallery's Seeking the Self exhibit April 30-May 29. BELOW: Marcello Mastroianni stars in Fellini's "La Dolce Vita," Saturday, May 1 at the High Museum's Rich Auditorium. LEFT: It's the last weekend to see "A Chorus Line," presented by Theatre of the Stars through May 2 at the Fox Theatre.



O N G O I

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.

BESSIE'S BLUES. Through May 2. Jomandi presents Bernardine Mitchell and Atlanta's hottest musical talents in this affirmation of life as a celebration. Hear the blues at 14th St. Playhouse. Wed-Sat at 8:00 p.m. and Sun at 3:00 p.m.

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873-1099. **SECOND SAMUEL.** Through May 22. 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. Mercer Fine Arts Auditorium. 378-8646.

JULIUS CAESAR. Through May 15. The

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

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

DIRTY HARRIET-MAGNUM FORCE. Through July 21. This parody of the classic 70s

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tough-guy detective story follows inspector Harriet as she tracks down a homicidal maniac. Agatha's, Atlanta's Mystery Dinner Theatre. Tue-Sat at 7:30. 875-1610.

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



Insane Jane is no mellow yellow band

Her onstage singing style has been described as serene and luxurious one minute, raw and powerful the next. Her offstage personality seems much the same.

Her name is Yellow. She's the lead singer for Insane Jane, a punk band in the midst of its transformation to a rock group.

Asked if she loves being a musician, Yellow says, "Music is my business. My fiancé is my love. My music is the toilet of the rest of my life. Everything comes out in it."

On the other hand, during performances Yellow likes to "make as many spiritual and political statements as I can get away with. I think people need to be fed as much positive information as possible. The things I say—they're about acceptance, loving, caring..."

In between songs, when she's not talking, Yellow's likely to french kiss members of the audience—male or female. If that doesn't keep her fans revved up, she and drummer Tim Campion might fake having sex with each other.

Yellow has been described as one of the boys. She doesn't like the word feminism, because "it's old school. Women have made a point. Everyone knows women and men are equal. The word feminist separates me from men."

She adds, "I like to think of myself as a humanist."

While she decries the feminist label, reviewers have described Yellow as empowering women. Asked about this, she seems surprised, but lead guitarist Tom Branch says it's probably because Yellow's an aggressor. She jumps her drummer's bones onstage, Branch says.

Yellow thinks about what Branch says and then adds, "Maybe it's because of things like



Yellow and the rest of the guys of Insane Jane

the song "Daisy." It's about a stripper who masturbates on stage. She's laughing at them, because they can't have it."

"Daisy" is one of the songs on the group's latest release. Set for play on the air waves in the end of April, "Each Finger" is a compilation of rock and ballads. It differs from Insane Jane's first CD, "A Green Little Pill," released in 1991. With this recording, the band sheds its punk style, Branch says.

The song "Each Finger" was selected for the current title track because of the artwork on the CD cover, Yellow and Branch say. A close look reveals a woman's breasts covered by fingers.

"The woman's not credited, just her photographer," says Yellow. "I wish her name was

on there. She does have beautiful breasts."

Lest anyone get the wrong impression, Yellow is straight. But the band is pleased to have lesbians and gays in their audience, and on "I Won't Stand," Yellow criticizes the "hypocritical God followers" who say, "Love your brother, but don't love a black man or a gay."

While Branch says he and the rest of the band are less outrageous than Yellow and "don't make as big of an impact" onstage, Yellow remembers when the drummer caught her by surprise.

"He came in drag. I didn't recognize him at first," Yellow recalls. "He was so beautiful. The most beautiful drag queen I'd ever seen. He had on this real soft pink lipstick..."

On May 1, the local band returns to the

Variety Playhouse to celebrate their release of "Each Finger." Talking about the process that went into the CD, Branch and Yellow say it got complicated.

The creation of the tunes went smoothly. As with the group's first CD, Branch wrote the music and the band recorded it.

"Then we give it to Yellow. She goes off on her own and listens to it. If she likes it, if it moves her, she writes lyrics to it," says Branch.

Talking about how she develops the concept for a song, Yellow explains, "I begin to hum the melody and then I see what pops up." As she continues, free association develops into a story, she says.

The band never disagrees with Yellow's lyrics, she notes. "It's just me being picky. I'm inflexible, but fortunately they're flexible, so it works out."

After the band created the music for "Each Finger," the hard part began, with producers and band members all trying to reach agreement on things like the artwork.

Branch and Yellow look forward to once again performing in Atlanta and the Southeast. They haven't played much outside the region, but hope "Each Finger" will change that. They'd also like to get picked up by a larger record label. "Each Finger," produced by Georgia's Sky Records, is only out on CD and cassette tape. Yellow and Branch would love to see it made into an album. Says Yellow, "I love vinyl. I love the sound of the needle on vinyl. That scratching when the record's old..."

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Atlanta is alive with the color of spring. Many-hued azaleas, pink and white dogwoods, and tulips in masses of red and yellow line the streets of Atlanta. Midtown is especially attractive at this time of year...from the flower-filled courtyard of the NationsBank Tower to the tree lined residential streets such as Myrtle and Penn, the color is astounding. But on the final weekend of April, I abandoned my home neighborhood for another—Inman Park. (No, I could not get to the March on Washington and I don't want to talk about it).

The last weekend of the month (April 24 and 25) is reserved for the **Inman Park Festival**, where the oldest neighborhood in Atlanta puts its best face forward for thousands of visitors to see. And what a face it is...winding streets overshadowed by ancient trees and lined with a succession of beautifully restored homes from the Victorian period. These homes surround the main avenue of the festival (Euclid), which is closed to traffic and taken over by an open air market offering something for everyone, including arts and crafts, antiques, jewelry, ceramics, colorful imported hammocks, and even massage.

The portion of the street above the valley of Springdale Park was covered by a huge tent where tables and chairs offered festival goers a place to sit and enjoy food from a variety of vendors while being entertained by a number of bands. There was also a parade down Edgewood Avenue which can only be described as eclectic, with contingents as diverse as the Marching Abominables Band to the Hare Krishnas.

The highlight of the weekend for me though was the Inman Park Tour of Homes, which allowed ticketholders to inspect the interiors of some of the beautiful homes in the neighborhood. From the grandest mansions to the slimmest shotgun house—the work and money put into restoring these homes is incredible.

Here's a great thing to do the weekend you lucky folks get back from the March. Burkhart's (voted Most Community Minded Bar by SoVo readers last weekend) presents **Art Fest '93** on Friday, April 30. All proceeds benefit

AFTER HOURS
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Alison Saar's "Bain Froid" is on view at the High Museum beginning May 1 as part of her exhibition exploring the relationship of African-Americans to the Southern landscape.

Project Open Hand (voted Most Effective AIDS Organization by SoVo readers). Last year the event raised \$8,000, and Burkhart's is hoping for \$10,000 this year. Major art

galleries throughout the city are donating pieces to be auctioned, and booths will also be set up by local artists and galleries displaying additional items. A percentage of the proceeds from those sales also go to POH. So make plans to be there. Call 872-4403 for more info.

The wonderfully warm weather we have been having of late makes last month's blizzard seem like a half remembered dream. Here is news of yet another casualty of that storm. Originally planned for March 13, the women of the Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus had to do their dancing at home but you can help support them on the new date. Come on out and **Dance, Dance, Dance!** to Lenny Lasater's beat at the First Existentialist Church on Candler Park Drive on Saturday, May 1 at 8:00pm. Pick up a \$5.00 ticket at Charis Books in Little Five Points or pay \$7.00 at the door.

The High Museum of Art continues its exhibition series **Art on the Edge** beginning on May 1 with Allison Saar's "Fertile Ground." Saar's sculptures are akin to totems, constructed from wood, found objects and scavenged materials including ceiling tin, broken glass and linoleum. The subjects of the works are drawn from African-American history, folklore and popular culture and reflect her interest in folk art. The "Art on the Edge" series is designed to focus attention on living artists, especially women and artists of color. The Saar exhibit runs through June 27.

It has been over 10 years since I saw a production of the play **Bent** in the early 80s. The play concerns the inhuman way the Nazis treated gay men during WWII. OutProud Theatre is presenting "Bent" beginning on May 6 and running through May 30. The Nazis were as fanatically homophobic as they were racist, crushing the once flourishing gay culture that was pre-war Berlin and sending thousands of suspected homosexuals to their deaths in concentration camps. To distinguish them from Jews, who wore yellow Stars of David, gays had to wear pink triangles to make their "crime" apparent to all. "Bent" is about the struggle of young gay men in this turbulent era. Call 609-9590 for ticket info.

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I have to admit a bias about the space occupied by Inman's. Long ago and far away (in a previous life even) I owned a restaurant there. The experience was one of the most exciting and horrifying of my adult life, including combat in Viet Nam. Full blown manic depression looks like smooth sailing in comparison.

Thus when I eat at Inman's, I keep wanting to jump up, serve the customers, fiddle with the recipes, and generally mess with things. Fact of the matter is, this place is far too laid back for that kind of frenzy. Service at lunch is from the counter; at night there are waitrons, but don't expect to be treated like you are at Pano's and Paul's. Sandwiches come in paper carry-out trays, though soups, pastas and salads come on good, heavy china. The idea here is quick, easy, and reasonable.

The menu is simple: soup, two dozen or so deli sandwiches, a few salads and a half-dozen or so pastas.

The \$1.60 soup du jour is invariably well-spiced, hearty and pleasing to both tongue and tummy. I'm especially enamored of a curried veggie combo that, along with a grilled cheese sandwich, makes a very soothing lunch. Friends tell me that the vegetarian chili (gone for the summer) is also major comfort food.

My standard warm-weather lunch here is either a tofu Reuben or an almost gargantuan Greek salad. The former lets me rationalize low-fat, because it's meatless, but it is also layered with melted Swiss and slathered with creamy Russian dressing. Forget the fat and congratulate yourself for the more PC reasons not to eat meat.

The big Greek salad isn't exactly low fat either, but the tart feta, odiferous black olives, and scattered artichoke hearts make it yummy for the tummy and only \$3.65 to boot.

For those more serious about fat and fiber there are a number of composed salads—fruit, pasta, chick pea, slaw and carrot—likely to make you happy.

If you're hungry, pasta is the way to go. Almost anything with red sauce—sausage, peppers, meatballs—is likely to be well constructed and well spiced. Sop up the goo with a slab of buttery, grilled garlic bread and grin from ear to ear.

Oil based sauces are less consistent. Plain old garlic and olive oil is heavier on the oil than on the garlic, not much fun. Better, but still wanting some kick, is a collection of veggies (including peppers, black olives and artichoke hearts) sauteed with olive oil.

More successful is a pile of noodles mixed with steamed veggies and sauced with a sesame-soy combo. Mild and substantial, but not at all heavy.

But the best of the pasta dishes is what Inman's calls linguini with pesto, but which is actually Alfredo with a mite of parsley

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and basil added. It's creamy, rich, well balanced—as good as many similar versions around town offered at twice the \$4.95 price.

Several kinds of cakes (and cheese cakes) made by a reliable local bakery are offered for dessert. Like the rest of the food they are generally tasty.

Inman's is no gourmet extravaganza, but it's well worth the price and your patronage.

Bad Memories

I wish I could muster some kind of enthusiasm for the latest addition to the L5P food scene, but Good ol' Days (401 Moreland Ave. 688-1006) is no fun at all. Well, that's not totally true. We were relatively well attended to by a precious and adorable waitron, but all the charm in the world can't make up for sloppy management and dismal food.

The biggest problem with the grub here is that it's the same stuff that G. O. Days got famous serving in Buckhead back before Jimmy Carter was President. Save for a \$5 salad of decent but unassuming veggies, there is little on the menu that is not fried or covered in cheese—wall to wall with saturated fat and not very tasty at that.

Sandwiches still come on "famous flowerpot bread" a slightly sweet, essentially tasteless mess baked in small clay pots. Fillings are equally retro—chicken, cream cheese, olives and sherry or a sloppy joe-like mess that tastes as if it came straight from a two decade old can.

Potatoes, mashed, and then fed from a pastry tube into a deep fryer are called "wonderful" on the menu, but "boxed" and "boring" would be more like it. Baked beans are even less exciting, but what would you expect from a restaurant that offers a Snickers Bar as a side dish?

Good ol' Days may be a blast from the past for some, but for not for me.

Nasty Habits

A Louis Harris poll released a couple of weeks ago suggests why places like Good ol' Days may be doing so well. The healthier eating habits that we were headed towards during the 80s (you'd forgotten that there was *anything* decent about that decade hadn't you?) seem to be headed down the tubes.

In 1983 more than 55 percent of the folks surveyed said they avoided fat in their diets; nine years later that had dropped to 51 percent. No surprise then that the number of folks who said they were overweight went from 58 to 66 percent.

All this is confusing when viewed in the context of other measures of how well we seem to be taking care of ourselves as a nation: seat belt usage is up dramatically; alcohol consumption is down; the folks who drink and drive has declined by 15 points.

Part of the problem here is economic; fats and sugar are the easiest and cheapest ways to make food taste good. But part of the problem is the unwillingness of established businesses like Good ol' Days or Burger King or Pizza Hut to muster much energy around anything but their bottom lines.

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Nice Ice: Dish is not exactly enamored of rap and hip hop (though we gotta admit it sure does make us want to move our body in new and exciting ways). Rapper Ice-T (who got in more than a little warm water with his "Cop Killer") seems to have worked through his homophobia pretty well, thank you. Check this from an interview in People: "As far as gay people go, where I stand now, I'm not getting anything out of disrespecting them. That's their way of life. I really got no problem with it... I don't even like using the word *straight* now because that insinuates that they are crooked, you know?" Ice goes on to explain that getting out of the ghetto and into the world is what has allowed him to get over his fear of homos.

Pearls From Pearl: A little closer to home, local playwright, poet, and one tough woman Pearl Cleage recently penned a guest editorial in the Atlanta Constitution decrying the recent homophobia on the Morehouse campus. Check these words to black gay and lesbian students: "You are doing necessary and revolutionary work by struggling to ensure your rightful place on these campuses. Agreeing to be invisible is the first step towards madness and self-hate. Talk as loud as you want and don't be intimidated. You're beautiful when you're angry in defense of your right to be yourselves." Atlanta's black queers have waited far too long for this kind of public support from well-known members of their community. Let's hope that Ms. Cleage's words won't be the last of their kind.

Is This Legal...or Moral?: Several weeks ago we reported that Sen. Sam Nunn has a home in Colony Square and questioned where he got the bucks to pay for three houses. Well, a caller informs us that Mr. Nunn's house in Midtown is paid for by a "friendly constituent." Dish thinks that Sen. Sam is far too smart to have such an arrangement that does not comply with the letter of the law. But we sure do wonder what sort of favors he must perform for this benefactor in order to make the payments on such a home seem like a good investment. Last

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



Dish wonders why the folks at Banana Republic placed this queer-pleasing "My Chosen Family" spread in Vanity Fair, and a high-hetero-content ad in queer mag Out.

time we checked, just the monthly condo fees at Colony Square were in excess of \$500. Sure reminds us of Herman Talmadge and his infamous overcoat stuffed with dollars.

Oops: Several weeks ago we mentioned that the Roslyn and Cicely episode of "Northern Exposure" had won a Peabody award. We neglected to mention that another (though less attractively) gay-themed show (HBO's "Citizen Cohn") also copped a Peabody. We really are everywhere.

Long Island Lesbo?: Not likely to win any Peabody awards is the recent story (aired on "A Current Affair") that a 26-year-old former inmate at the Nassau County Correctional Center says that she had a romance with Amy Fisher, but they never "went all the way." Yvette Cole (who says she is a lesbian) gave TV producers what she claims are letters from the Long Island Lolita containing all kinds of sweet nothings. Our fave? "For the first time in my life, I fell in love and there was no sex involved. It was beautiful." Welcome to lesbian love, Amy!

Outta' Sight: Dish continues to be pleased, confounded, confused and pissed off by Out magazine. We guess that means that the publishers are doing their job pretty well. The cover of the May '93 issue gives us hives because it looks like it was art directed by someone with a long history of doing tobacco ads. Not one of the subjects is a model, yet they all look like the just escaped from the Ford Agency. On the positive side, there's a really good piece on "What do Gay Men & Lesbians Want?" (just about everything you could imagine from more money to hotter sex to equality under the law.) A fascinating article about Hollywood's "Lavender Mafia." Several photo spreads that make Dish wet with anticipation and a piece about relationship contracts that dishes some real dirt on Robert Rauschenberg and his (ex) lover Terry Van Brunt.

Homo Fair: One of the things that confuses us about the latest issue of Out is that Banana Republic's double page ad is about as generic and hetero as we've ever seen. Meanwhile, over in Vanity Fair B.R. is running a six page spread titled "My Chosen Family" that's chock full o' homoerotic imagery. Dish is confused, albeit pleased.

April 29-May 5, 1993

It's May! The lusty, wonderful, vibrant, sensual month of May is here with the Full Moon arriving on the 5th. If you haven't gotten yourself outside, this is the time to do it. Soak up all the healing, nurturing Mother Earth energy you can and enjoy every minute of Spring!

ARIES, now that Mercury and Venus are moving forward in your 1st house of personality and physical energy, you should feel more like your own self and ready to take on the world. Take it easy with folks higher on the totem pole. Happy Birthday, **TAURUS!** As Mercury moves into your 1st house of personal concerns and identity, you may find it easier to express some of your intimate feelings. Don't mind if someone doesn't seem to understand, speak up. **GEMINI**, with Venus and Jupiter going back and forth in your 11th house of community activity and your 5th house of creativity and fun, you may have difficulty deciding between a social cause or a weekend affair. One at a time will do. **CANCER**, you may feel a bit more centered now that assertive and physically energizing Mars has moved out of your 1st house. If you actually did start exercising regularly, keep it up, you'll be

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glad you did. **LEO**, with Mars in your 1st house it is very important for you to exercise regularly and not just during weekend social activities. Any kind of sport is a good outlet for assertive and physically active Mars energy. **VIRGO**, how are things going at work? Is someone on your case recently, even though you are doing your best? Are you carrying more than your share, again? If so, back off a little and do some reorganizing. **LIBRA**, this is an excellent time to take an interior inventory and make adjustments to your priorities which may have shifted around over the past year or so. **SCORPIO**, if you are feeling romantically inclined and are interested in someone special, take things as easy and gently as you possibly can. If the relationship gets too serious too fast, it can spoil all the fun. **SAGITTARIUS**,

with all the changes still going on in your 2nd house of financial and material resources, you need to stay grounded in your decisions and daily use of money. You can make it grow or watch it go, so pay attention.

CAPRICORN, how are your close, personal relationships? Moving too fast, too slow or not at all? If you are perplexed, not to worry, you are not alone. All our relationships may feel like a roller-coaster ride as we adjust to the 90s. **AQUARIUS**, have you figured out all your priorities for the next few years? If you have, good for you—but don't plan to rest on your efforts. You may have to rearrange things, but do hang on to your basic direction. **PISCES**, are you feeling overwhelmed by all the emotions you are picking up from the rest of the world? Turn off the TV and maybe give up the newspaper for a few weeks. Give yourself time to sort out your own feelings.

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Dykes To Watch Out For



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But Page doesn't assume all the credit for Replacements' growth and development over the years. He attributes his continued success to the tracking down of missing pieces by his network of 1,000 buyers nationwide who've helped to maintain the "like-new" condition required by Replacements. As Page says, "No chips, cracks, crazing, scratching, stains or trim wear allowed."

Additionally, Replacements has become completely computerized so that they have the ability to constantly monitor and calculate the supply and demand for each piece in their vast inventory. Even prices become impacted by their inventory numbers.

"If we have too many plates and not enough cups in a particular pattern, we can lower the price we pay for plates and raise the price for cups," explains Page.

Prices are wide-ranging from a few rare antique patterns valued at over \$1,600 a place setting to some typical prices for treasured pieces such as \$32 for a 1940s era piece of stemware; \$99 for a 50-year old Wedgwood cup and saucer, and \$26 for a Towle teaspoon.

What's the most frequently requested pattern for Replacements? Ironically enough, it's Blue Garland by Johann Haviland



Fostoria's "American" is the pattern most in demand at Replacements. The diamond-shaped pattern, discontinued in 1986, now commands hefty prices.

China Corporation that was literally a "grocery-store premium" sold from 1970 to 1990.

"Many times when people call us about this pattern, they haven't a clue as to what it's called. They just say that they want a Haviland pattern with light blue flowers and platinum trim. I know what it is immediately," says Donna Moore, Replacement's customer service manager.

Originally designed and produced for Haviland by the German manufacturer Rosenthal, Blue Garland was also made by Traditions Fine China of Thailand for a brief time.

A basic Blue Garland five-piece place setting costs \$47, a round-covered vegetable dish is \$84, and a coffee pot currently sells for \$50.

Other china patterns on the ten most requested list include, in order of popularity: Weatherly by Lenox, Appleblossom by Haviland, Ivy by Franciscan, Lace by Castleton, Rosalinde by Haviland (New York backstamp), Patrician by Wedgwood, Desert Rose by Franciscan (USA backstamp), Savannah by Noritake

(platinum trim) and Margaux by Mikasa.

"Since many patterns are family heirlooms that have been passed down from generation to generation, most customers are sentimental about broken or missing pattern pieces. It's a wonderful feeling to help them," admits Page.

Worried about not knowing anything about your family heirlooms? Replacements employs a staff of five full-time researchers to make identifications.

"For unidentified china, send a clear photo or photocopy of the front and back of a dinner plate. For unidentified crystal, wrap a piece of lightweight tissue paper around a water goblet and make a rubbing with a soft-lead pencil. For unidentified flatware, send a photocopy of the front of a fork or spoon. Make notations about the trademark or company name printed on the back of the piece," Page recommends.

Nor surprisingly, Fostoria's "American" pattern is the most in-demand pattern at Replacements. The diamond-shaped pattern, discontinued in 1986 by Fostoria, originally sold for just a few dollars, now commands some hefty prices.

"A large covered wedding bowl that sold for \$8.50 thirty years ago, now sells for \$750. A shrimp and dip bowl originally priced at \$9, now retails for \$300 and the rarest (hence most expensive piece) is a washbowl and pitcher set valued and sold at \$3,000," Page said.

However, he's quick to point out that much of the pattern is still reasonable with water goblets at \$24 each and ice tea tumblers at \$20 each. While these prices are fairly typical of about two-thirds of Fostoria's "American" pattern, the rarer pieces, originally produced in limited quantities during the first 20 to 30 years, have skyrocketed in value due to the strong collector interest today.

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EARTHSHAKIN' OBSERVATIONS

By the time you read this, many will have returned from Washington full of energy and desire to effect change. Surely some of that can be channelled into the garden, for a healthy balance of the political/personal mixture.

Late April-early May is one of the busiest, most labor-intensive times in the garden. Especially if you've procrastinated up until now...

In fact, a number of things need doing. There's weeding of course. Pull those suckers out before they spread millions (literally) of seeds! Some propagate via underground runners, thus requiring massive digging. I say, burn those bastards out.

I have a small household torch with a flaming desire for the damn catbrier. Surely, if there is a King Weed from Hell, this thorned vine vies for the top slot.

The thorns even grow below the soil; and the roots reach straight down into the netherworld. You can dig for days and not uproot this villain.

Since I refuse to poison the earth with dangerous and lingering chems such as Roundup, a flamethrower seems a viable alternative. Not possessing that (although small ones are now available for the home garden), I carefully use my torch. Beware setting leaf mulch on fire, as well as injuring nearby growing things, wooden fences, etc. I assure you that surveying the scorched remnants is downright therapeutic.

Then there are the early pests. Yes folks, it's Aphid Horror Time again. Ants 'dairy-farm' these sap-suckers, much as our species does cows. Aphid can suck the life out of many things if they become numerous enough.

DON'T spray chems; there's simply no need. Try the old soapy water trick (especially an all-vegetable product such as Murphy's Oil Soap): splash or spray it down the branches, fans, leaves, etc. to render aphid footholds impossibly slippery. This works quite well.

But I personally prefer the vacuum cleaner. I have an old, underpowered (2 amps) apartment-style vac, which lives on for its aphid moments. Twice in the Spring, it sucks up and removes aphids from my irises and roses.

I know the neighbors talk about the crazy woman, vacuuming her plants. Hell, sometimes they stand across the street and point. I don't care. Careful (so as not to damage plant tissue) vacuuming works well; and no one is poisoned.

Slugs? Those snails without shells? Beer, and more beer. If you put out small dishes with 'good' sides (2" high or more)—slugs can crawl in, but not out. They drown in the liquid, thus altering again the cultural context for the phrase "Miller Time."

I suspect there are a myriad of unpleasant ways to die; drowning in a lake of beer doesn't seem so bad.

Feeding plants takes more than beer, although I do put water in freshly-emptied beer bottles, and pour this out on the plants. Use those nutrients. But then, I drink real beer, not pasteurized, homogenized, 'litened,' cold piss.

I use well-rotted manure and liquid seaweed for most things, with supplements of bone meal, lime, etc. as needed. Don't lime for the sake of liming. Check your soil's PH level and determine what's required. The inexpensive Extension Service bag test I've lauded many times in this space does the job here.

At any rate, feed the early bloomers before the big heat of summer comes on. You can prune and fertilize flowering shrubs after blooming is completely through. Feed the roses now, too. Some folks may want to plant new roses; I prefer late Fall, so a good root system can develop before Summer's stresses.

You can still plant out summer bulbs. Just work their beds well with manure and bone meal before sticking them in.

And, as we know, proper orientation is vital. You want them to grow UP.

Set out transplants of all types now. Directly sow all kinds of summer fare; tomatoes, squash, corn, nasturtiums, zinnias, watermelon, beans, basil, etc.

It's time not only to multiply, but to divide. Like us, the spring bloomers do not flourish when crowded. Dig up clumps with a spading fork. The fans—iris leaves which emanate outward from one part of the root—will be attached to thick rhizomes.

These tough, fleshy roots anchor the plant, and store her food. So when you split an iris off from her sisters, give her a little basic support by not over-trimming the rhizome.

Trim the fans back by at least 1/3—some say to a third, some to 4". The trimming is so that the now-smaller rhizome will not have to support a larger fan with water and nutrients.

Loosen soil to 6", working in lots of well-aged organic matter. The trick is to not plant the rhizome too deeply; the Iris Borer, root rot, etc. seem to prefer that. Go easy on the mulch for the same reasons. Of course, Elizabeth Lawrence would roll over in her grave if she knew you were doing this in April instead of October. However, I've had success at this and most other times of the year with iris transplanting. Just don't dry them out completely, nor get too soggy.

Day Lilies have a similar process in terms of breaking up clumps, as do cana lilies, ginger flowers, etc. Cut the foliage back to 8-10". Plant it like a miniature tree—well-dug out hole, soil worked to a least a foot down, lots of organic matter. Make a mound of soil in the middle of the hole to set the roots out on, allowing them to trail downward. She should be planted as deeply as she originally grew.

How do you know what the depth was? Look at the white leaf base. To be safe, you want roots and foliage to meet no more than 1" below the soil line. Tamp the soil, but don't pack it; you want moisture to penetrate there. Mulch and water, and you could have perfect lilies in months. Or, like irises, the new transplant may wait a year before displaying her wondrous glories.

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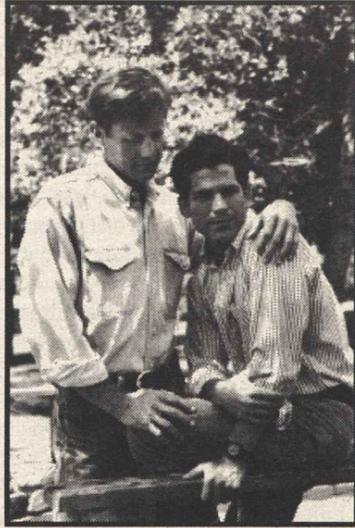


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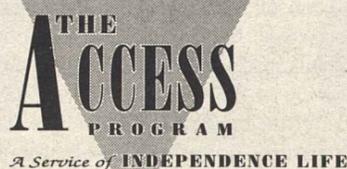
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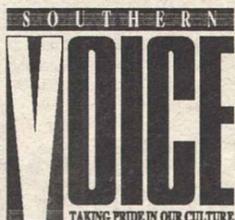
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COMMUNITY NEWS

The Lesbian and Gay Public Safety Task Force

The Lesbian and Gay Public Safety Task Force formed by Atlanta's City Council is beginning its second year of organization. The Lesbian and Gay Public Safety Task Force is a part of the Council's Public Safety Committee. The Purpose of the Task Force is to hear all concerns, complaints and recommendations of the lesbian and gay community of Atlanta on public safety matters. In addition, the Task Force investigates concerns the lesbian and gay community has with Atlanta public safety agencies and makes the results and recommendations known to the Public Safety Committee and the heads of the affected agencies.

The Task Force meets the third Tuesday of every month at Atlanta City Hall. Everyone wishing to attend a Task Force meeting is welcome. Any public safety concerns may be raised in person at these meetings or can be forwarded to the Task Force by calling 330-6504 or writing to The Lesbian and Gay Public Safety Task Force, 55 Trinity Avenue SW, Suite 2900, Atlanta, Georgia 30335.

All anonymity concerns will be respected.

Currently, there are a few vacant positions on the Lesbian and Gay Public Safety Task Force. The Task Force strongly encourages those members of the physically challenged and persons of color segments of the lesbian and gay community to submit resumes. Anyone from the lesbian and gay community can apply. All positions are voluntary. Anyone interested in serving on the Task Force should send a letter of intent and a resume to the above listed address of The Lesbian and Gay Public Safety Task Force or call 330-6504.

Write to the Task Force at the above address or call 330-6532 with any public safety concerns or for Task Force meeting information.

Atlanta NAPWA offers free peer counseling for people with HIV

The Atlanta Chapter of the National Association of People with AIDS offers free peer counseling for people affected by HIV, the virus believed to cause AIDS. Peer counselors are people living with HIV

who are fully trained to provide peer counseling. Peer counseling is available from noon to 5 PM, Monday through Friday, by phone at 874-7926 and on a drop-in basis at the NAPWA office, 44 Twelfth Street, in Midtown. Your confidentiality is assured.

If you are HIV positive and need to talk, there are people who have been there and understand what you are going through. Call 874-7926 or stop by the NAPWA office at 44 Twelfth Street in Midtown.

Art ideas wanted

Team Atlanta is now accepting Art-work for T-Shirt designs to be part of the uniform that Team Atlanta will wear at the Gay Games in New York in June of '94. Team Atlanta is expecting to carry over 300 athletes to the Games and would appreciate your ideas. Contact Richy Howard (872-7494) for details and deadlines.

The Atlanta Committee for the Gay Games is putting together a bid to send to the Federation of Gay Games for Atlanta to host the Games in '98. Part of that bid will be a logo of some type. This will be used along the same lines as what ACOG used in presenting their bid. (This logo will not be the same as what Team Atlanta wears to the Games in '94.) If you have ideas for a logo to be part of this bid, please contact Richy Howard (872-7494) for details and deadlines.

Film and Video Festival to spotlight AIDS films

Image Film and Video Center will present five works on living with and protecting yourself from AIDS during the 17th Annual Atlanta Film and Video Festival. The five films, collectively shown under the title "Humanizing the Disease," will be shown on Sunday, May 16 at 4pm.

The films are: "Belinda" by Anne Lewis Johnson; "My Body Is My Business" by Vivian Kleiman; "Grid-lock: Women and the Politics of AIDS" by Beth Wichterich; "My Elbows Collapsed" by Andrew Printer; and "Victims R Us" by Carl Henri Verna and Gregory D. Endy.

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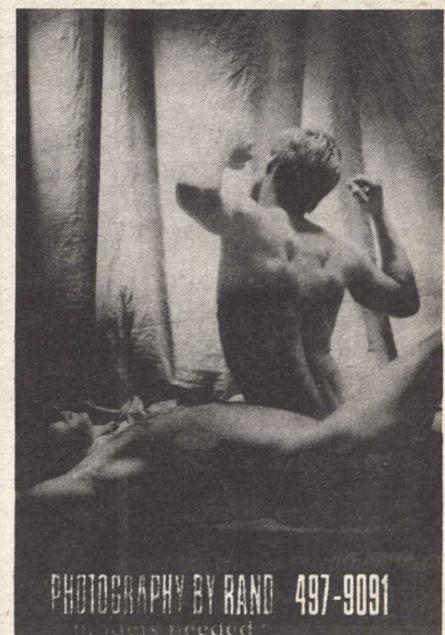
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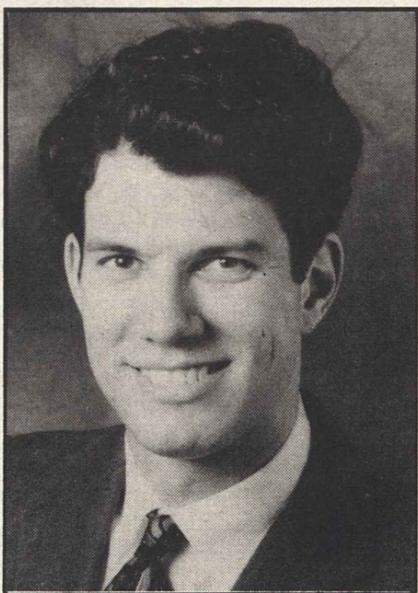


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OUTLINE

CARL LANGE

Age: 30
Relationship status: happily single
How long in Atlanta: 6 years
Last book read: "The Discoverers" by Daniel J. Boorstin
Pet peeve: People's inability to listen



Carl Lange doesn't fit your stereotype of someone from "Joisey." He doesn't have an accent or an attitude and he prefers a small town to the city. Currently he is Executive Director of GLAAD of Atlanta (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) and he prefers educating people to confronting them, Jersey-style.

But the fracas over the Atlanta Journal and Constitution's decision to approve, then yank, and then approve again its decision to print announcements for same-sex commitment ceremonies caught Carl off-guard. "We have a good working relationship with the editor," Carl explains, "and he was absolutely behind his decision 100 percent, and told us the ruling to print would stick. Yet all the press from CNN to the New York Times picked up on the negative aspects of the story, and my phone didn't stop ringing for days!"

Carl's involvement with GLAAD began with an innocent phone call from a fraternity brother, asking for help with a graphic design problem GLAAD was having.

"Before I knew it I was on the board and now I'm executive director. Since I'm not an in-your-face kind of activist, this kind of behind the scenes work that GLAAD does—providing accurate portrayals of gays and lesbians in the media—suits me."

Carl's natural talents for organizing people are contributing to the planning of the first National meeting of GLAAD chapters to be held this May in Atlanta. More volunteers are needed, he states, as the prominence of GLAAD chapters nationwide grows.

During his college years, Carl wasn't the out gay man that he is now. On a trip home to see his parents, his mother set up a meeting with their Unitarian Minister.

"He asked me if I was gay. I felt like shrinking back into my chair, but I realized that there wasn't anywhere to go and I said, 'yes.' He explained that being gay was a wonderful thing and he actually told me to seek out others. But it was several years later until I actually came out, and only after someone dragged me to a bar on a trip to Atlanta. The moment I saw two men dancing with each other I could hear the lock click in my mind as it unlocked everything." Now Carl is very out to his family and friends. His grandfather even sends him news-

paper clippings of stories concerning gay and lesbian issues.

Carl left New Jersey after high school to attend Auburn University and to get as far away from the city as possible. He decided to pursue a difficult double major in Architecture and Industrial Design.

In a maverick move not usually associated with being gay, Carl joined a fraternity. Jokingly, he says he thought it would be a good excuse "to be around a bunch of men." Carl speaks of his fraternity and fraternity brothers with a fond reverence. "This wasn't 'Animal House.' It was a fascinating group of people. You learned how to get along with different personalities, and it definitely had, with all its rituals, a spiritual quality."

In fact when it came time to build a new house because the fraternity was growing, Carl was chosen as the liaison between the architect and the fraternity. "The original design, was this hideous, Southern neo-Gothic horror with columns." Through gentle persuasion and his own instinct for what would be better, Carl was able to mold the design into something much more human in scope.

After seven years of school and co-opting, Carl made the move to Atlanta. He has been adding clients to his own design consulting business here in Atlanta by stressing his eclectic abilities. "I've done everything...so I consider myself a generalist because I feel I could walk into any business situation and take charge." With Carl's tall, lanky good looks and friendly demeanor it seems surprising that he is unattached. He does, however, share his roomy Midtown apartment with his cute, lap-dog, Margaret.

As far as hobbies, Carl concludes, "I'm so involved with GLAAD that right now, social reform is my hobby."

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ORGANIZATIONS

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
- AIDSCHALM—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

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- 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
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- Burkhart's—Ansley Square, 872-4403
- Club Fetish—(Weds.) 695 North Ave., 577-8178
- The Cove—586 Worcester, 875-2477
- Crazy Ray's—1492 Piedmont, 873-4655
- The Eagle—308 Ponce De Leon, 87EAGLE
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- Gallus Bar & Restaurant—49 6th St. 892-8983
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- Incognito—857 Collier Rd. 355-5189
- Loretta's—708 Spring St. 874-8125
- The Metro—48 6th Street, 874-9869
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- Peppers by Frank Powell—980 Piedmont Ave. NE 872-4000
- Petrus—1150 Peachtree St. 873-6700
- Phoenix—567 Ponce De Leon, 892-7871
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- 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—P.O. Box 14531, Atlanta 30324, voice mail 908-5369
- 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

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- Bar Owner's Assn—POB 15114, Atlanta 30333-0114
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- LEAGUE (Employees of AT&T)—404/872-2359
- Nat'l Federaton 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

- Hosanna African Unity Life Center—872-9055
- 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

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- Atlanta Venture Sports—242-4899
- Atlanta Women's Social Tennis—662-GAME
- Front Runners/Atlanta—621-5007
- Greater Atlanta Nativist 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
- Luring Lesbians (fishing club)—218 Indian Branch Way, Lawrenceville 30243, 963-1329 or 256-6959
- 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
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Service/Support/Social

- About Crossdressing—Janet, 624-3770
- African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance—239-8184 (voice mail)
- Amazon Salon Young Feminist Network—223-3718
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- Athens Lesbian Information—write: LSG, POB 7864, Athens, 30604
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- 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
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- 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

- Agnes Scott Lesbian & Bisexual Alliance—Box 501, Decatur 30030; 373-1632
- Bi, Lesbian & Gay Student Union of West Ga. College—706-834-3569
- Emory Lesbian & Gay Organization—727-6692
- Gay & Lesbian Student Alliance—Clayton State College—471-4567
- Gays & Lesbians United for Equality—Kennesaw Comm. College 426-8160
- Georgia Tech Gay Alumni Group—POB 50291, GA Tech Sta., Atlanta 30332; 873-2263
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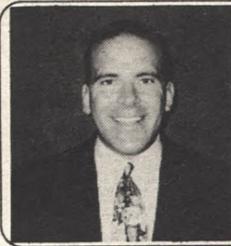
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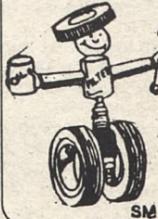
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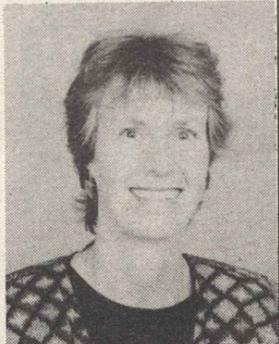
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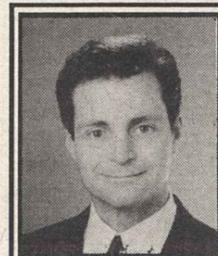
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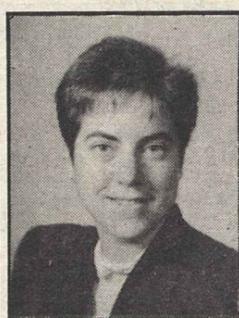
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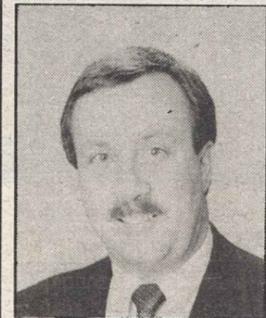
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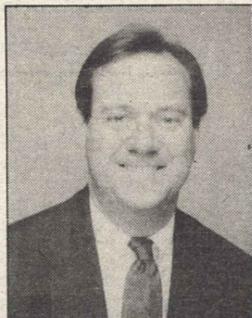
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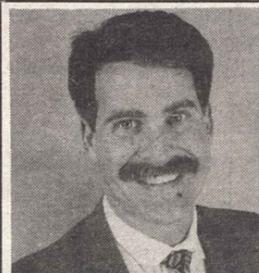


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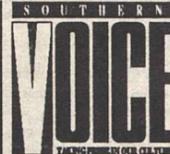
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GWF - Androgynous; likes dancing, music, walks, wine and candlelight, beer and pool. Seeking GWFs with personality,

brains, and a life. ☎ 1349

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lonely GBF, 35, attractive, professional, seeks attractive, feminine woman for one-on-one relationship. No Butch/Bi's. ☎ 1249

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WF, 26, 5'11", 140 lbs, br/br, looking for gay/bi female for fun, friendship, and who knows. Femmie, no butches, 21-35. Fit & no drugs. ☎ 1126

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

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

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

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

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GWM, 37, 5'6", 160#, blk/grn, hairy, moustache, healthy, non-smoker, professional, NW area. Seeking similar GWM, 35-40's for possible relationship. ☎ 1407

GWM, 49, attractive. Fit, swimmer, HIV-, seeks boyfriend 25-45, prefer slender, fem., literary / artistic interests important. Any race. ☎ 1408

WM, 29, 6 ft, 175 lbs, receding Willis type, country boy, boots, jeans, conservative, CLOSETED, seeks same for LONG friendship. Rockdale area. ☎ 1384

Bottom seeks muscular Top, 25 to 40 who gives safe Greek, spankings, WS, TT, obedience training, verbal humiliation; and likes to receive body worship, rimming, boot service and other safe S&M. ☎ 1385

GWM, 55, 6'2", 180, romantic bottom, secure professional, seeks tall slender top. No fems. Age, race unimportant. Box 347147, Atlanta 30334. (6.12)

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Handsome WM, 35, 6'2", 185, Brown hair / eyes, moustache. Runner, swimmer, well-educated, professional, seeking similar WM 30+. ☎ 1377

GWM - 23, 6'1", Br/Bl, versatile, HIV-. Sks out-doorsey 25-30 GWM for pos relationship. No fems. PO Box 1354, Cornelia, GA 30531. ☎ 1378

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WM, 240 lbs, 6'4", masc. Looking for strong minded black male, discreet and into sports. ☎ 1334

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

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

GBM 24, 6', 215, good-looking, masculine, intelligent, sincere, with varying interests seeks similar in GWM for possible long-term relationship. ☎ 1338

Teddy bear type attractive WM, 5'9", 245 lbs, clean, healthy, happy, seeking masculine, healthy BM (Top) for friendship/possible relationship. ☎ 1340

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

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

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

relationship. ☎ 1325

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adolescent Florida Executive, 6 ft., 170 lbs. Blond. ISO spontaneous, artsy, skinny, young companion for dinner, romance here,

sailing, diving, vacations there. ☎ 1240

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

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

BM seeks masculine BM to become ? buddies. ☎ 1236

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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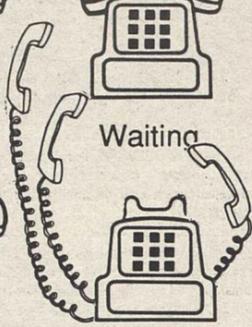
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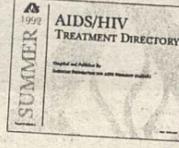
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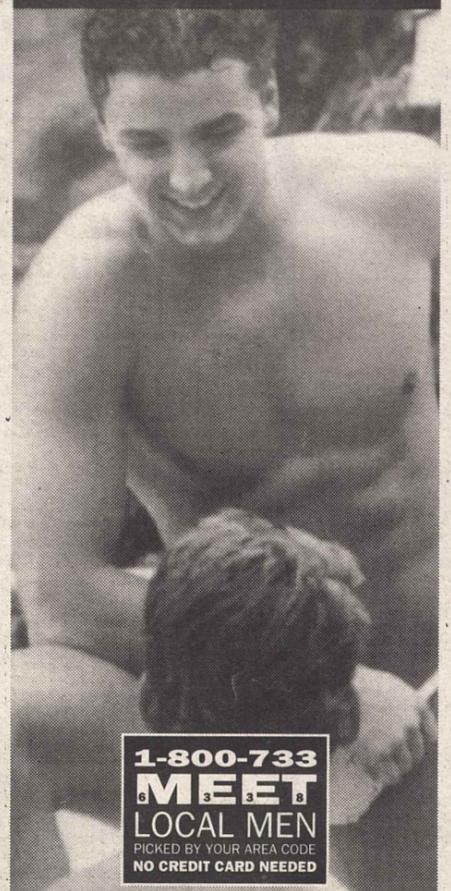
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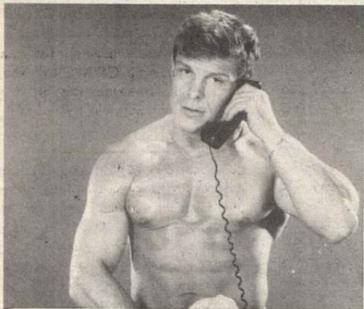
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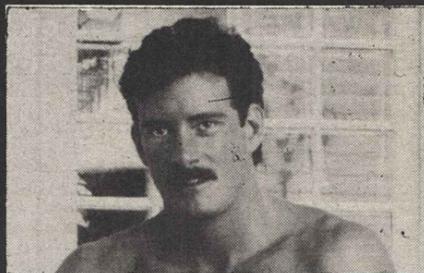
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and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew.
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and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist.
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and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant.
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