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Genora Dancel, left, and Ninia Baehr are one of three same-sex couples who have sued the state of Hawaii after being denied marriage licenses.

Love, Hawaiian Style

50th state in the union is poised to be the first to recognize same-sex marriages

Honolulu, HI—Hawaii is a step closer to becoming the first state in the union to recognize marriages between same sex couples. A recent ruling by the state Supreme Court charged that the state must prove the ban on such marriages constitutional in order to let it stand.

The ban is "presumed to be unconstitutional," wrote Associate Justice Steven Levinson in the majority opinion, adding that the state cannot base its recognition of marriage on the gender of either person involved.

"This is a major breakthrough," William Rubenstein, director of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, told The New York Times. "This is the first court decision to give serious consideration to gay marriages."

The court's 3-2 ruling on May 5 sends the case, brought to court in 1991 by two lesbian couples and one gay male couple, back to Circuit Court.

In the original lawsuit, the three couples charged that the ban on same sex marriages violated their rights of privacy and equal protection. But the Supreme Court invoked the state's Equal Rights Amendment, and ordered the government to prove a "compelling state interest" to maintain the ban.

Justices Yoshimi Hayashi and Walter Heen dissented with the majority, with Heen writing that because the ban effected men and women equally there was no gender discrimination.

But the majority opinion dismissed that argument, citing a 1987 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that lifted the ban on mixed-race marriages. Proponents of that ban had argued that such prohibitions were not racially discriminatory because blacks and whites were affected equally.

Hayashi and Heen also warned that the Court's ruling will have "far-reaching and grave repercussions on the finances and policies of the governments and industry of this state and all other states in the country."

In this part of their opinion, Hayashi and Heen appear to have a point. Because each state recognizes marriages performed in another state, all couples who are married in Hawaii—including lesbians and gay men, if the ban on their marriages is deemed unconstitutional—would be considered married across the country.

To head off such a situation, Hawaii Republican Party chair Jared Jossem has announced that he will call for a constitutional amendment to prevent same-sex marriages in the state.

"Marriage is a special relationship that can only involve partners of the opposite sex," he said, adding that overturning the ban on gay marriages may harm Hawaii's image as a family vacation destination.

Barring a constitutional amendment, Dan Foley, one of the attorneys representing the three couples in the suit, predicted that the Circuit Court would rule in favor of his clients in the next few months, and that gay

marriages will be allowed in Hawaii within two years.

The plaintiffs in the case are anxious to get on with their lives, hopefully with a final ruling in their favor.

Joe Melilio and his partner, Pat Lagon, said they are ready to shop for wedding clothes.

"We didn't do this just for us," said Melilio. "We hope it benefits others."

Ninia Baehr said she and her partner, Genora Dancel, also plaintiffs, plan to marry in a very private ceremony.

"We've had to be very public to win this case," she said. "The victory belongs to the gay community, but the wedding is ours."

Dancel recalled the morning of Dec. 17, 1990 for Island Lifestyle (a gay and lesbian publication) when she and Baehr applied for their marriage license.

"It was a Monday. They were expecting us at the Department of Health," she said. "The press had been alerted and they were there. We were escorted to a room where we filled out the applications."

"A woman who was pretty high up in the department almost gave us the license, but someone stopped her. We didn't expect to get them."

Dancel, 26, said she and her partner, 30, joined the legal challenge because they wanted to fight for the same recognition and legal benefits enjoyed by heterosexual married couples.

Dancel recalled the couple's first incident of discrimination because of their sexual orientation. Early in their relationship, Baehr was faced with sudden health problems and the need for emergency hospitalization. She had no health insurance.

Attempting to cover the medical costs without draining their savings, Dancel, who had medical coverage, tried unsuccessfully to list Baehr as a domestic partner on her policy.

"That was our first encounter with discrimination as a couple," Dancel said. "It's not that I think marriage is the be-all and end-all. It just made me angry that some people have access to marriage and its legal and economic privileges and some don't."

Soon after that experience, Dancel, Baehr, and co-plaintiffs, Patrick Lagon, Joseph Melillo, Tammy Rodrigues and Antoinette Pregil took their first step to gain access to legal marriage.

The Hawaii chapter of the ACLU, which also participated in the couples' legal efforts, has urged the state to drop its efforts to maintain the ban.

"Instead of prolonging the history of intolerance any longer, we believe that the most appropriate response would be to reconcile state policy with the clear language and intent of the court's decision," it said in a statement.

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Thurman resigns from AID Atlanta

Rumored to be on the short list for AIDS czar, the executive director of the largest AIDS service agency in the southeast takes communications post with Task Force for Child Survival and Development

Atlanta—The search is on for a new executive director for AID Atlanta, the southeast's largest AIDS service organization. Sandra Thurman announced last week that she would leave the position, one that she has held for three and a half years, to become director of communications at the Task Force for Child Survival and Development.

"It's hard to leave, but I know it's time," Thurman said. "I love the people, love the work, I'm committed to the issue and I'll remain active. But you reach a point where it's time to move on. And this is that point."

Thurman, who worked closely with the Clinton campaign in Georgia during last fall's presidential election, had been rumored to be on the short list for the Clinton administration's AIDS czar post, which remains unfilled. Thurman says she was surprised to hear her name considered for the position.

"I thought, because of my involvement in the Clinton campaign, I might have an opportunity to go to Washington and do something," she said, "although I didn't anticipate it would be the AIDS czar spot."

Thurman's involvement with AID Atlanta began in 1988 when she joined the agency as its director of public affairs. She was named executive director in October 1989.

"I really feel that after five years in AIDS services, somebody else with a fresh perspective and lots of energy can come in and take what we've done and refine it, to continue to provide quality services to the community," she said.

Under Thurman's leadership, AID Atlanta has quadrupled in size to become the 6th largest AIDS service agency in the nation. The organization now has over 1200 clients on its caseload, providing housing, case management, and other services for people with AIDS/HIV.

The task of managing such an organiza-



Sandra Thurman

tion, said Thurman, takes its toll on whoever is its director.

"I had come to the realization some months ago that I should pursue something different," she said. "I saw some signs of burnout, and I didn't want to wait until that happened to leave. That's not fair to me or the agency."

Thurman's job at the Task Force, which is affiliated administratively with the Carter Center of Emory University, will begin on August 15. But, she said, she is prepared to leave earlier if AID Atlanta finds a replacement for her before then.

"Having an opportunity to work with the Task Force is one I just could not afford to pass up," she said, adding that she hopes to remain affiliated with AID Atlanta "at the very least as a volunteer."

Governor of Maine vetoes gay rights bill

Augusta, ME—But for two votes, the state of Maine would have been the ninth state in the country to enact civil rights protections for its lesbian and gay citizens. That was the story in Augusta on May 6, as the state Senate tried to override Republican governor John R. McKernan's veto of the bill passed by both the Senate and House for the first time in nine attempts since 1976.

"I cannot tell you how frustrating it is to be this close to passing this bill but for the actions of one man," said openly lesbian state Sen. Dale McCormick, referring to McKernan's veto.

Local and state police were called to the scene of a protest rally after the Senate vote, where one man was arrested and others briefly blocked a street next to the governor's mansion after the rally.

"People are extremely upset...there is a lot of anger," said C.T. Lawrence Butler, who said he was the leader of about half a dozen ACT UP members who blocked traffic by standing in traffic lanes and blowing whistles while others stood along the sidewalk and chanted.

James Wise was arrested on a charge of obstructing a public way when he laid down in the street.

The debate in the Senate chamber—"special" rights versus equal rights—was echoed on the streets during the protest, when a man on a bicycle shouted angrily at the demonstrators.

"I just want to know why you people want

more rights than we have," he said.

When one protester suggested that the man's own children might turn out to be gay, he retorted, "If my kids are gay, they ain't kids of mine."

Earlier at the rally, McCormick told the crowd that although the civil rights bill was lost, the work for gay rights was not over in Maine.

"Now it's on to Lewiston, and let's win there," she said.

Lewiston is the next battle to face gays and lesbians in Maine—last year, the Lewiston City Council passed a gay rights ordinance, but the heavily French Canadian community has forced a referendum to repeal the ordinance in November's election.

Rally speakers expressed extreme disappointment at the outcome of the fight for the civil rights bill—and laid the blame for the bill's defeat at the feet of bigotry.

"It's a hard decision and some of our voters are going to be mad. And some of our voters are going to be free," said McCormick, noting that a vote against the bill is a vote to keep discrimination against gays and lesbians legal.

The bill "received the endorsement of almost every recognized mainstream group in the state, with the exception of the religious right," said Maine Civil Liberties Union director Sally Sutton. "Is this where Governor McKernan wants to be?"

Apparently so, Maine gays and lesbians now believe. And the fight is not nearly over. In addition to the Lewiston referendum, a petition drive is underway to put an anti-gay ballot initiative on the statewide ballot.



A demonstrator carrying a sign saying "Jewish, Gay and Proud" is attacked by a man who tried to take away the sign during the May 9 parade in New York marking Israel's 45th anniversary.

Jewish gays and lesbians banned from parade marking 45th anniversary of Israel

New York City—Lesbian and gay Jews held their own celebration of Israel's 45th birthday here after sponsors of the Salute to Israel parade banned them from marching two days before the parade.

Late last month, American Zionist Youth Foundation, the parade sponsor, and Congregation Beth Simchat Torah had reached a compromise that would have allowed the congregation to march with another group, but AZYF chair Rabbi Joseph Sternstein announced on May 7 that the group was banned because an article in last Wednesday's New York Times "had incendiary statements attributed to synagogue members having to do with the attitudes of the Orthodox Jews." Sternstein said part of the agreement with the synagogue was that its members would issue statements only through the foundation.

Congregation Beth Simchat Torah Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum disputed Sternstein's version of the agreement. "We didn't agree to a one-sided gag order," she said.

Instead, Kleinbaum told the Times, her congregation was being excluded because "many people in the Orthodox community didn't want us there."

The participation of gay marchers in the May 9 parade had angered Orthodox Jews, who organized a parade of their own, but rejoined the AZYF parade when Sternstein announced that he was banning the gay synagogue.

Although Congregation Beth Simchat Torah was banned from marching, gay sup-

porters were visible on Fifth Avenue during the parade, and on at least one occasion, were attacked for their support.

One unidentified man carrying a sign reading "Jewish Gay Proud of Israel" was attacked by a spectator who ripped up the sign. The attacker escaped into the crowd, and the man continued with the remnant of his sign. The sign bearer was later stopped and taken into custody by police.

"Elements of the Jewish community want us to remain hidden," Kleinbaum said at the rally the Congregation held a few blocks from the parade. "Neither anti-Semitism nor anti-gay attitudes will render invisible our support for the State of Israel."

Although the controversy was reminiscent of the three-year battle between Irish gays and lesbians and the Ancient Order of Hibernians over participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Congregation Beth Simchat Torah elected not to call for a boycott of the parade marking Israel's 45th birthday.

"We want the focus to be on Israel," said Kleinbaum.

Locally, gay and lesbian Jews said they were disheartened by the turn of events in New York.

"It's another smokescreen billowing from the Orthodox movement—an excuse not to include gay and lesbian Jews in the world Jewish community," said Paul Glickstein, president of Atlanta's predominantly gay and lesbian synagogue, Congregation Bet Haverim. "It saddens me that the Orthodox movement doesn't realize that in an assimilationist society congregations like Beth Simchat Torah help us retain Jews in the fold. They strengthen world Jewry."

"But at some point they'll have to deal with it," he added.

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Another Tennessee county signs on to anti-gay resolution

Activists consider boycott of area home to Dollywood and Gatlinburg

Knoxville, TN—East Tennessee activists are considering calling a boycott against Sevier County—home of popular tourist destinations Dollywood, Pigeon Forge, Gatlinburg and other Great Smoky Mountain spots—after commissioners in that county passed a resolution urging the Tennessee Congressional delegation to oppose the federal gay and lesbian civil rights bill.

"It's obviously going to spread like a disease," Bill Holliday of Knoxville told Tennessee's gay weekly Query. "We've got to get other Tennessee cities geared up to fight this resolution."

Identical resolutions have now passed in four East Tennessee counties. In addition to Sevier, Knox, Blount, and Jefferson County commissions have all signed on to the anti-

gay resolution. Blount County was the first to pass the measure, and it contained a provision ordering the county's executive to distribute it to the state's remaining 94 counties for approval.

The resolution calls the civil rights bill, which would be an amendment to the 1964 Civil Rights Bill if passed by Congress, "morally offensive."

Holliday told Query that the word should be spread across the Volunteer State to stop continued passage of the homophobic resolution.

"It's already scheduled to be considered in Anderson, Roan and Cumberland Counties, and it will come to Chattanooga, Nashville and Memphis," he said. "We've got to stop it."

Sailors acquitted of beating former shipmate

Mobile, AL—A judge ruled there was not enough evidence to convict three sailors of misdemeanor assault charges in an alleged beating of a former shipmate who is gay.

Patrick Marquis, 26, testified he was attacked by the three men while sleeping at his apartment on the night of Jan. 31, a month after completing a four-year stint in the Navy.

Christian Meister, Thomas Alan Hall and Joseph James McIvor, who all serve aboard the training frigate USS Jesse L. Brown at Naval Station Mobile, were visiting a man who lived with Marquis.

After listening to an hour of testimony on May 3, Mobile County District Judge Mike McMaken said the state failed to present enough evidence to convict the three of the misdemeanor charge, which carried a maximum penalty of a year in jail.

"I don't think I've heard the whole story," McMaken said.

Marquis said Meister beat him on the head and said he "didn't like my friends and didn't like my lifestyle." Marquis said he also was struck by Hall and McIvor.

"I don't know if it's a gay issue," Marquis said after the hearing. "To me, the issue is I'm a taxpayer, I'm a citizen and I vote. They have the job to protect U.S. citizens."

The sailors denied hitting Marquis. They said he was asleep when they left the apartment.

Photographs of Marquis' injuries were produced as evidence. He suffered a cut that required six stitches, black eyes and bruises about his head.

"I had my day in court. Like the judge said, something went on," Marquis said. "I'm just glad it's over." (AP)

Ft. Lauderdale sheriff bans bias against gays

Ft. Lauderdale, FL—Broward County's sheriff has banned harassment or hiring discrimination against gays, making his department one of the few—if not the only—to take such action in Florida.

Tom Berlinger, spokesman for the Florida Sheriffs Association, said he was unaware of any other department taking such action, although some city police departments prohibit anti-gay bias.

Broward Sheriff Ron Cochran's staff directive states the department will be an equal opportunity employer without regard to race, religion, sexual orientation, age, creed and other factors.

Dennis Delia, president of GUARD—Gays United to Attack Repression and Discrimination—applauded Cochran for being the first

Florida sheriff to afford gays such protection.

"That statement to us was a beacon of hope in what is otherwise a sad state of affairs in the state of Florida," Delia said.

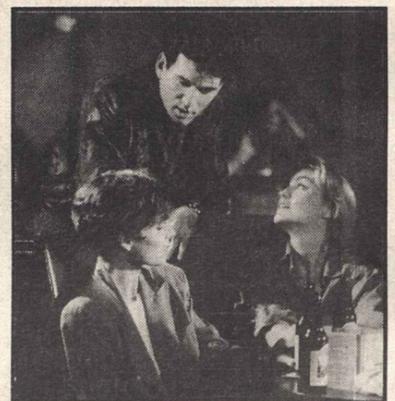
Until now, gay and lesbian employees of the sheriff's office have feared retribution if their sexual orientation became known, Delia said. Now "they don't have to be afraid anymore."

He mentioned a May 1991 event in which Cochran predecessor Nick Navarro had TV cameras and a visiting Russian police chief join him and deputies as they swept into two gay bars to serve four arrest warrants.

Cochran's anti-discrimination and anti-harassment policy comes as his administration responds to allegations that his chief of staff, Charles Barnes, sexually harassed women when he worked in Navarro's administration, and to complaints by several Jewish employees that they were terminated by Cochran because of their religion.

Meanwhile, Cochran has nearly revamped the department's Equal Employment Opportunity office, which tries to resolve internal complaints of discrimination and sexual harassment.

COMING EVENTS



Charlotte Gay & Lesbian Film Series. May 21. "Claire of the Moon" will be shown at 11 pm at the Park Terrace Theater at Park Rd. Shopping Center in Charlotte, NC. \$5. (704) 334-5089.

Ferron May 24. Sponsored by the Southern Appalachian Lesbian/Gay Alliance at Be Here Now in Asheville, NC, at 8 pm. \$10 advance or \$12 at the door. (704) 253-2953.

Kid Sister May 28. Performing at the Exchange in Greensboro, NC. (919) 273-2243.

C.A.M.P. Beauty Pageant May 29. Presented by New Life MCC in Charlotte, the pageant will be held at 234 Sharon Amity at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$6 and proceeds go to New Life's building fund. (704) 343-9070.

Gay Republicans Give Clinton Poor Report Card: Republicans for Individual Freedoms, a gay Republican organization based in Atlanta, has issued a report card on President Bill Clinton's first 100 days, and the grades are low. On gays in the military, RIF gave Clinton his highest mark, a B. But on other issues, including gays in government and communication with gays (a grade of C), the President fared worse. RIF gave the President a D on solidarity with gays, and an F on AIDS czar. "Most gay Republicans still hope he will live up to his campaign promises," said RIF chair Gary Bastian. "Although we recognize his record is better than Bush's—it does not repay the tremendous amount of gay support he received at the polls last November."

Openly Gay Attorney Appointed To Oregon House: The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners has appointed Southeast Portland gay activist George Eighmey to the vacant 14th District Seat in the Oregon House of Representatives, replacing Beverly Stein, who resigned to seek election to another post. Eighmey is the state's second openly gay state representative, joining 12th District Rep. Gail Shibley in the House. Eighmey was sworn in on May 6, the same day that the Oregon Citizens Alliance announced that it has begun collecting signatures for a statewide anti-gay resolution.

School Bans AIDS-Infected Instructor Who Gained Presidential Notice: A man who was recognized by President Clinton for changing stereotypes about AIDS has been banned from the campus of Worcester (Mass.) Academy, where he taught a class on the disease. Michael Quercio, who in January was recognized by President Clinton as one of more than 60 "Faces of Hope," was suspended with pay and will not be rehired, Headmaster John Mackenzie said. Mackenzie said that Quercio has been on unofficial probation since March for insubordination. Quercio contended that some school officials were biased against gays. He said he intends to continue his work as a counselor as well as keep up his speaking engagements.



Martina Navratilova Backs Gay Games: Tennis great Martina Navratilova has joined the Host Committee for Gay Games IV, to be held next year in New York City. "Among lesbian athletes, she's number one," said Jay Hill, Gay Games IV executive director. "She's a role model for young people all over the world, and her visibility with the Gay Games is another reason to look up to her." Navratilova has already committed to host a fundraising event for the Games and will lend her name to a direct-mail effort. "There may be other commitments, but it's too early to say right now," said Navratilova's publicist, Linda Dozoretz.

Boston College Establishes Gay Support Committee: Boston College, the third largest Roman Catholic university in the country, has established a committee to encourage support for gay, lesbian and bisexual students, faculty and

staff. Kevin P. Duffy, vice president of student affairs at BC, said about nine other Catholic colleges or universities recognize gay student groups or have special programs for gay students through campus ministries. "Catholic colleges really haven't figured out how to deal with this," he said. "We're trying to deal with it." The Lesbian Gay Bisexual Community at Boston College hailed the committee's establishment, but said it still was discriminated against because the school has not officially recognized the group.

Univ. Of Idaho Faculty Adopts Ban On Gay Discrimination: The University of Idaho Faculty Council has adopted a ban on discrimination against gays and lesbians in a move that may directly challenge provisions of that state's proposed anti-gay initiative. The ban, added to the Faculty and Staff Handbook, prohibits any practices or regulations that discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in personnel decision, student admission and evaluation, disciplinary actions, housing or access to facilities, classrooms and educational services. The anti-gay initiative being circulated by the Idaho Citizens Alliance would prohibit any policy intended to provide civil rights protections on the basis of sexual orientation.

Gay Doctor Sues Hospital Over Firing: Dr. Frederick Fox, an emergency room physician at California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco, filed a \$5 million suit last week claiming he was fired for his views on reducing medical costs and because he is gay. Fox claims that Emergency Physicians Medical Group, which provides emergency department physicians to 13 hospitals around the western U.S., terminated his contract because they did not want to face the possible costs of providing health insurance to a gay man who might get AIDS, and they feared the possibility of his spreading the virus would expose them to liability. Fox, who worked at the medical center for three years, has declined to reveal his HIV status. The physicians group claims that Fox was "a malcontent."

TX Supreme Court Ruling Forces Dallas PD To Hire Gays And Lesbians: The Texas Supreme Court has refused to hear an appeal by the Dallas Police Department challenging a lower court ruling that the force cannot ban gays and lesbians from employment. Citing the state's 114-year-old sodomy law, the DPD refused to hire Mica England, a lesbian, and England sued. In a separate but related case, the same district court ruled the sodomy law unconstitutional. The state has appealed that case to the Supreme Court, which is still considering it. England greeted the court's decision jubilantly, but said she is unsure whether she will reapply to the Dallas Police Department.

MD State Police Change Hiring Policy On Gays: Maryland state police say they will quit asking applicants about their sexual orientation after a woman filed a lawsuit claiming she was turned down because she's a lesbian. Capt. Johnny Hughes, a state police spokesperson, said the new policy clears up any confusion. "We didn't have a policy against sexual orientation, but we did not have any mention in there," he said. "This kind of makes it very clear." The 25-year-old woman, who wishes to remain anonymous and still wants to be a state trooper, filed her lawsuit after she passed all the tests administered for potential troopers but was denied a job when she admitted being a lesbian during a lie detector test.

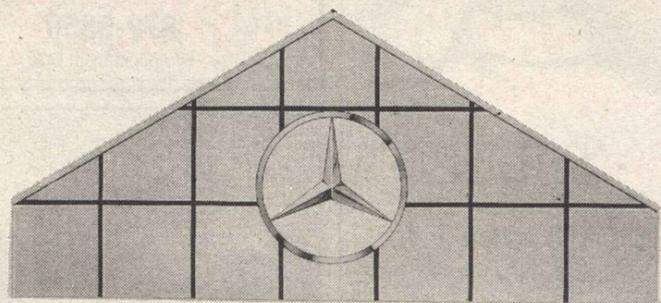
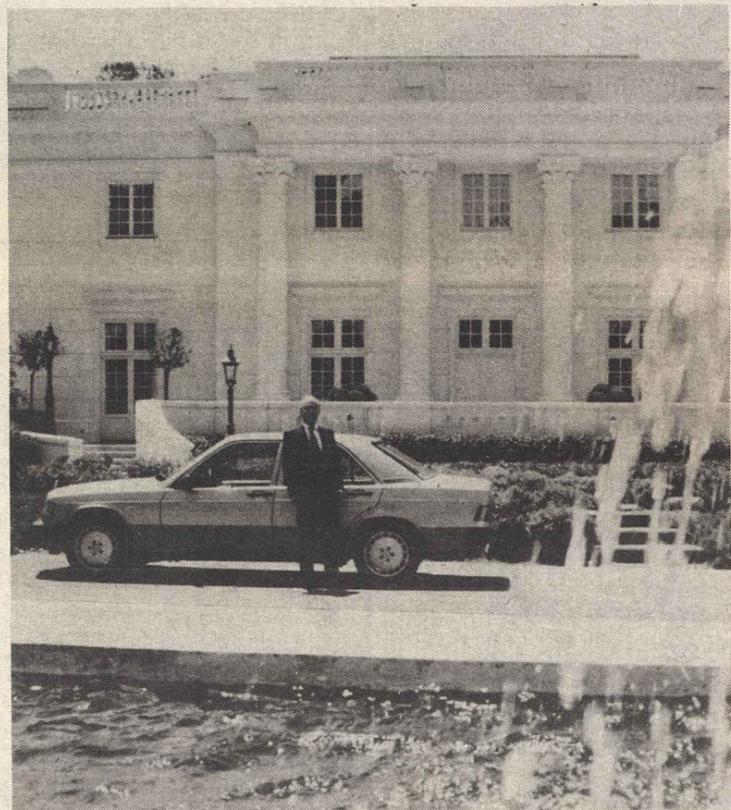
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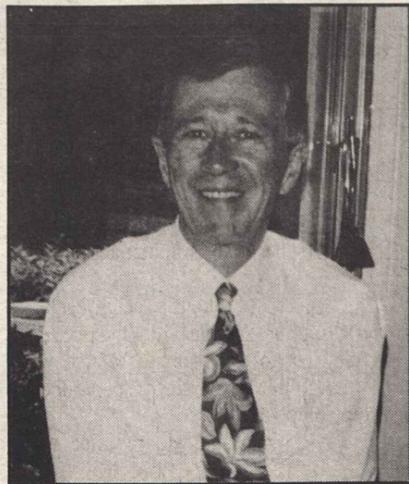
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William J. Richards

William J. "Jim" Richards of Charlotte died of complications of AIDS at his home on April 1, 1993. He was 55. Jim, a Concord, NC native, was a graduate of Davidson College, attended Yale Divinity school and University of North Carolina Law School. He was a volunteer and board member of Metrolina AIDS Project, the Regional HIV/AIDS Consortium, the Regional AIDS Interfaith Network and the Charles Dickens Heritage Foundation.



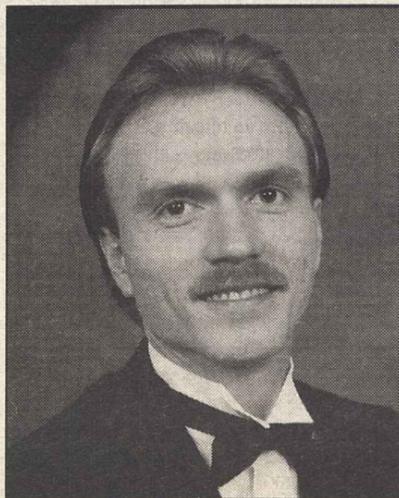
His memorial service was held April 3, 1993 at Myers Park Baptist Church with the Reverend Henry T. Finch and the Reverend Debbie Warren officiating.

Jim's unselfish dedication to the fight against AIDS will be continued through the generous bequest he made to local ASOs and through the example he set for those who knew him.

Those who were privileged to call him friend were enriched beyond measure and will ever celebrate his life while mourning his death.

Phillip Smith

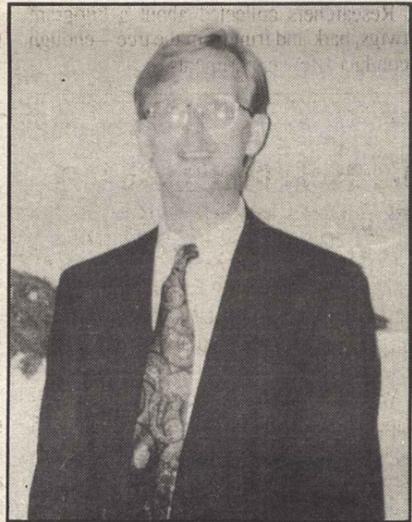
Phillip Smith was a caring person. Up to the time when he was unable, he was there to help when you needed him. He will always be in our minds and in our hearts. We love you, Phillip. God bless Ruby (his mom), at his side till the very end. Phillip died April 17, 1993. Until we meet again my friend, you will be missed.



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Deaths Elsewhere

Thomas J. Aguilar, one of the original cast members of the hit play "A Chorus Line," has died from complications caused by AIDS. He was 41.

Aguilar, who died at his Honolulu home May 7 surrounded by family and friends, had been diagnosed with HIV in 1988.

Aguilar was an actor, singer, dancer, director and choreographer who rose to prominence for his 1976 performance as the lead character Paul in the London and Broadway versions of "A Chorus Line," one of the longest-running and most successful stage productions ever.

He also starred in the plays "Sing America

Sing" and "Rockabye Hamlet," and also appeared on the television show "A Different World" as Manny, and guest-starred on the shows "Fame" and "One Day at a Time."

He directed over 50 plays and musicals, and friends said it was this love of the theatre that kept him going after he was diagnosed with HIV. Aguilar said much the same thing when he told an interviewer last year that "one of the great things about the theatre is that it always saved my life."

Aguilar, who announced in 1991 that he had AIDS, said in that same 1992 interview that of the 17 original men cast in "A Chorus Line," only he and one other still were alive. (AP)

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Researchers are still searching for lost AIDS tree

Washington, DC—Starting with twigs from a Malaysian gum tree, researchers in 1991 isolated a compound that blocked the spread of the HIV-1 virus in human immune cells.

The team sent biologists racing back to Malaysia for more samples from the tree. But when they got to the swamp, the tree was gone. And no tree found since has produced the same compound.

The frustrating saga was revealed in a confidential paper made public May 6 by Rep. Gerry Studds, D-Mass.

"We've jokingly called it 'Medicine Man for Real,'" said Dr. John Cardellina II, a co-author of the paper, referring to the Sean Connery movie in which a doctor tramps through the jungle after finding—and then losing—a cure for cancer.

To be sure, the real-life team was a long way from finding a cure for AIDS. Tests were conducted using human immune system cells in a lab. No tests were conducted on humans.

"We have very good data. It's very promising," Cardellina said. "To say it's definitely going to be a cure is jumping way ahead of the game."

But Cardellina said initial testing indicated the compound could do more than just control the disease. "The emphasis is on eradicating the virus in the patient," he said.

The tree that showed promise was a member of the guttiferaceae family of gum-producing trees. The particular type, known as *Calophyllum lanigerum*, was found in a swamp in the Malaysian island province of Sarawak in Southeast Asia.

Researchers collected about a kilogram of twigs, bark and fruit from the tree—enough to conduct a few experiments.

Back at the National Cancer Institute's research center in Maryland, they reduced sap-like material found in the tree down to a new compound, "calanolide A." They tested it against the HIV-1 virus—the most common virus form in known AIDS cases.

Human cells placed in a test container would normally be killed by the virus within days, according to Cardellina. The team found that the new compound was "100 percent effective" in blocking that process. They said it "completely inhibits the virus' pathological effects on human immune system cells, without causing damage to the human cells."

Results of the study were published last year after peer review by the *Journal of Medicinal Chemistry*.

In the paper released by Studds, the authors say that when their team returned to Malaysia in 1991 looking for more raw material, they found that the tree had been cut down shortly after the first sample was taken in 1987. No other identical tree was found in the immediate area and samples from the same tree species found elsewhere did not yield the calanolide A compound.

Word that the source of the compound had been cut down did not surface until May 6, when Studds released a copy of the tropical plant paper marked "confidential."

Dr. Djaja Soejarto, the team member mainly responsible for collecting test samples from the rain forest, said even if another tree can be found, several tons of plant material would be needed for clinical testing.

"If the compound achieves new drug status, then truly massive amounts of the source plant material may be needed," the team wrote. Because of the diversity of the rain forest, trees rarely grow in solid stands.

JOHN DIAMOND

NC researchers will test HIV drug combination

Chapel Hill, NC—Researchers are hoping that a new drug treatment study for AIDS patients will result in therapy that will delay deterioration of AIDS patients' immune systems.

Within a month, physicians at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Medicine will select 25 people with the AIDS virus to receive a combination of drugs as part of the first study of the drugs' effectiveness and safety.

Also participating in the study are Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro, Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, and the Wake County STD Clinic.

Across the nation, 400 patients at 16 medical centers will be involved in the combined AZT, ddI and nevirapine clinical trial under the supervision of infectious disease specialists. Most patients will be selected in June.

Researchers in Boston published encouraging results of their laboratory studies in the journal *Nature* in February.

"There's already tremendous interest in this study among AIDS patients," said Dr. Joseph Eron, assistant professor of medicine at UNC-CH and a co-author of the *Nature* paper. "Since space is very limited, we thought the only way to be fair would be to hold a lottery among eligible people in the Carolinas who already have expressed a desire to participate."

"The potential that this therapy is going to be a cure is zero, but the potential that it's going to be very effective is high."

The new study will involve giving the drug combination to 200 patients who test positive for HIV and who have CD4 counts below 350 per cubic centimeter. For comparison, the remaining 200 volunteers will receive AZT and ddI without nevirapine.

Doctors will monitor the patients closely for 48 weeks. (AP)

TV spots on AIDS are first to target gay men

Boston—Boston and Springfield, Mass., TV and cable stations are among the first in the country to receive public service messages on AIDS prevention targeted to gay and bisexual men, the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts said May 12.

The four ads show celebrities John Goodman, Liza Minnelli, Natalie Cole, and Miss America 1993 Lanza Cornett each saying, "I have an important message for gay and bisexual men: keep up the good work. Stay informed, stay healthy, stay safe, every time."

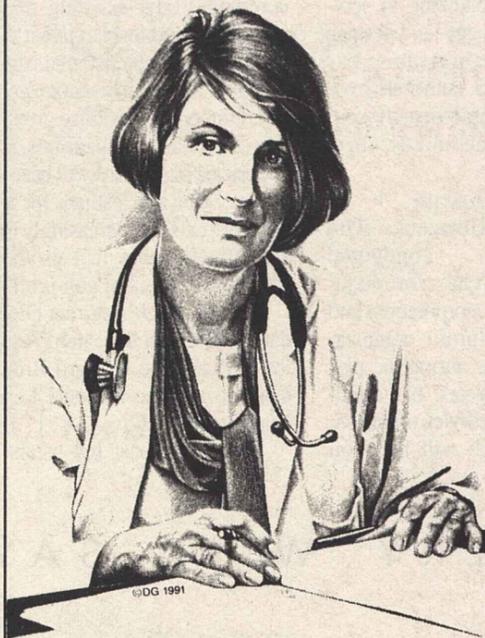
The public service messages are the first for television specifically directed at gay and bisexual men in the epidemic's 12-year history.

The 15-second spots were produced by the AIDS Project Los Angeles and were aired by TV stations in that city and in San Francisco in April. They have been distributed to AIDS organizations across the country, said Tom McNaught, spokesman for the Massachusetts committee.

The messages were created specifically for gay and bisexual men because public health officials and educators say such targeted materials are the most effective in bringing about behavior change, McNaught said.

"For the longest time, both on the national level and locally, most ads have been very generic or aimed at racial minorities, and all have avoided the existence of the gay community or the incredible devastation that AIDS has wrought on the gay community," McNaught said. (AP)

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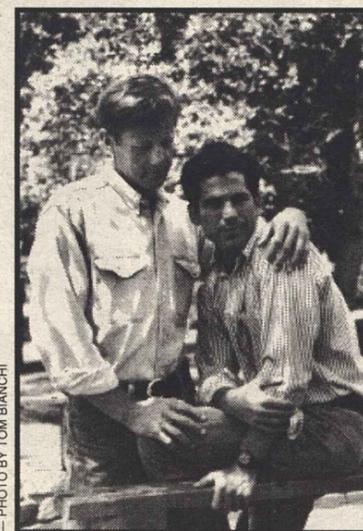


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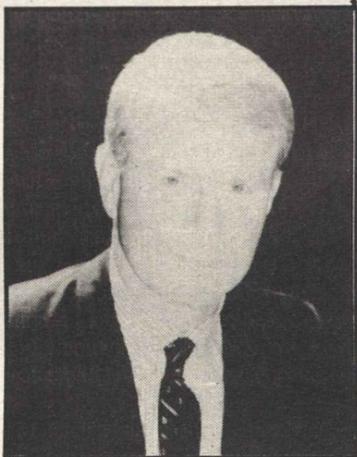
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Los Angeles—The nation's first executive search firm specializing in serving gay and lesbian organizations has been launched by a veteran search consultant in Los Angeles.

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McCormack's expertise and clientele in the AIDS and gay and lesbian community.

He will focus on recruiting needs of the gay and lesbian community and assisting major companies and non-profits recruit gay and lesbian talent.

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McCormack's current clients include the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR), AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA), the Howard Brown Memorial Health Center in Chicago and the National Leadership Coalition on AIDS in Washington, D.C.

"Over the past few years, the AIDS epidemic and the

growing political and social importance of the gay and lesbian community have generated sophisticated, structured non-profit organizations," McCormack said. "They were first run by grassroots community activists and a handful of dedicated professionals but are now in urgent need of experienced, qualified managers who share the organizations' culture and goals and can provide leadership essential for their missions."

McCormack has recruited senior executives and board members for leading financial institutions, health care providers, manufacturing companies and not-for-profit organizations, among them First Interstate Bank Corp., American Express, The Northern Trust Corporation, Fluor Corporation, U.S. Borax, The Walt Disney Company, Hamilton Beach/Proctor Silex, Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital and Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound.

Affirmative action hiring of gay men and lesbians may be a few years down the road, McCormack said. "When the proactive hiring of gay men and lesbians becomes a reality, there will be a large pool of well-educated and experienced professionals to draw from in nearly every discipline."

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spokesperson for Desert Storm, Pete Williams? Because of that, we have, on the record, a Republican Secretary of Defense saying that gays and lesbians' presentation of a security risk is "something of an old chestnut." That's one less argument for Sam Nunn to use.

Signorile pushes lots of buttons on lots of people. Even Random House, publisher of his new book "Queer in America" (\$23, hardback), had to convince its employees that it hadn't lost its mind by publishing it, holding forums between Signorile and skeptical editors and publicists shortly before publication.

They needn't have worried. "Queer in America" is a far cry from the screeds in OutWeek. It is a journalistically sound, well-documented discussion of Signorile's role in outing and its importance to our community. He makes an excellent case that outing is simply the application of the traditional standards of good journalism to the issue of homosexuality in people's lives. And he doesn't rant and hector and scream, and capital letters appear where they should.

Signorile persuasively documents the fact that major media outlets ignore or deliberately not report a person's homosexuality, even when it is an important detail of the story, such as Williams' working for the Department of Defense at its highest levels while the military was discharging gay and lesbian soldiers by the thousands.

An example—under what circumstances should a newspaper invade someone's privacy when people are using personal information to achieve political or societal goals? Signorile points out that when the person is, for instance, Anita Hill, the media saw no need for discretion, and ran her name and unreleased accusations well before she agreed to testify against Clarence Thomas.

For Pete Williams, though, The Washington Post, New York Times, San Francisco Chronicle and many others all initially refused to use Williams' name after The Advocate broke the story. With Malcolm Forbes, the New York Times refused to use his name, *even after his death*.

This refusal to deal candidly with gay issues represents a conspiracy among the three closets of power—the New York media, the Washington governmental machine, and the Hollywood entertainment industry—with each closet reinforcing and perpetuating the others and enable the closet itself to continue to exist. None can exist without the support of the other two.

The Pete Williams outing is "Queer in America's" best

section, but the whole book is full of honest and sensitive storytelling. Signorile speaks movingly of his childhood, and how he learned to beat up other queer kids to prove he wasn't queer himself. His stories about Sheila Kuehl (Zelda Gilroy of "The Adventures of Dobbie Gillis") and Brian Ramey, a soldier who resigned his commission when Williams was outed, are detailed examples of injustice against Queers.

I always objected to Signorile's methods in "Gossip Watch," which seemed entertaining in a "Stop and Watch the Automobile Accident" kind of way. He seemed to be undercutting his message with all the contrived anger (which you discover here is not contrived at all). A classic example from a column on David Geffin, whose company was distributing a homophobic Guns 'N' Roses album:

"GEFFIN, YOU PUG, WE DEMAND THAT YOU IMMEDIATELY STAND UP FOR YOURSELF AND THIS COMMUNITY AND DENOUNCE AND DROP GUNS 'N' ROSES... You slit our throats with one hand and help deaden the pain with the other. You, David Geffin, are the most horrifying kind of nightmare I've come to study in the grotesque mosaic of the media swirl."

But the Signorile of "Queer in America" has a focus and maturity that the Signorile of "Gossip Watch" might not recognize. Scattered throughout the book are signs that he might actually regret some of these tactics. He acknowledges that he might have been too hard on some of the people he ranted at, specifically Jodie Foster, whose offense was appearing in the debatably homophobic "Silence of the Lambs."

There is much irony here—Liz Smith and David Geffin have received awards for their work since Signorile yelled at them in print, and yet understandably don't want to have much to do with him. From Forbes to Foster to Williams to Chastity Bono to Richard Chamberlain to Kristy McNichol to Barry Diller to Anne-Imelda Radice, lots of people have squirmed under Signorile's spotlight. Yet for many, their lives have changed for the better, and in many cases our community is better for knowing of Queer people in positions of power.

As for Signorile, we see how it may be necessary for an invaluable activist on our community's behalf to also be an egotistical pain-in-the-ass. Once past the anger, the bombast, the capital letters and the venom, the substance of what Signorile says is ferociously correct. He speaks to the absolute heart of the

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I was an OutWeek magazine subscriber in 1990 and 1991, when Michelangelo Signorile's "Gossip Watch" column was THE hottest thing in the gay press—outing people left and right, making headlines across the country, and threatening to use up his computer's entire supply of capital letters. I was alternately bemused and horrified at the self-indulgent rantings of this self-appointed judge and jury of people's right to privacy.

But Signorile deserves his due. For someone as reviled as he is in some sections of our community, he has done some remarkable things for us. Where would we be, in the midst of this debate over gays in the military, had he not outed the Pentagon's official



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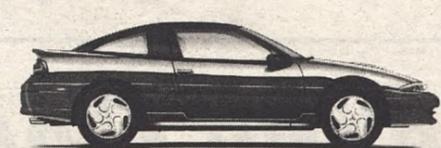
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Mona Love called to wish Jay Neely and George Rogan a Happy 16th Anniversary on May 27. Jay works for Metropolitan Community Church and George is on the board of the Atlanta Lambda Community Center. We wish you two the best!

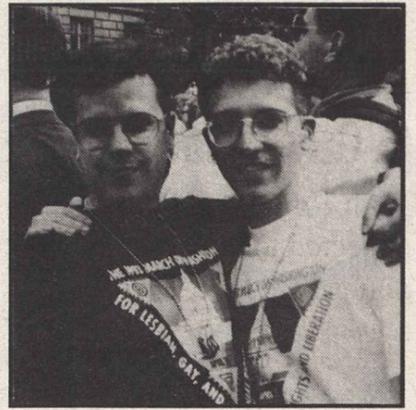
BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday (40) to Ellen (40) on May 24. She's not telling her age (40), but we love her anyway (40). Hope you have a great day (40), Ellen!

Occasions would like to extend a very special Happy B'day to Rick Connor who's turning 21 on May 23. He said all the bars need to be on the look out because he plans to celebrate all night and well into the week. Here's to your new legal status, Rick...and don't forget to pack your wallet with money, condoms, and the number of your favorite cab company.

May 26 will see Brian Hennessey turn 41 while on vacation in sunny Acapulco. Brian hails from Columbia, South Carolina, where he is a dental assistant. We hope that Mexican sun agrees with you.

Happy Belated B'day to Mark Halley who turned 31 on May 11. Rumor has it that Mark's friends Steve, Rick and Larry purchased a fabulous rainbow purse (correct colors, correct sequence, available at Target) for him to use on their upcoming vaca-



Wedding Bells rang for Clay Calhoun and Rob Harlow on April 24 in Washington.

tion to St. Martin. Happy Birthday, Mark! And...what have you got in that purse!?

WEDDING BELLS

Occasions' ears were perked up the other day listening to two of the most energetic voices ever to grace our voice mail. Clay Calhoun and Rob Harlow called to let us know they were married at the Commitment Ceremony at the March On Washington on April 24. They report they are both out at their jobs, keep photos of each other on their desks and hold hands *everywhere* they go! These two cuties met last year at a Queer Nation meeting and it was love at first sight. Now that they're married, the couple will soon reside in Midtown. Congratulations, boys!

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Scott Peck agrees more with his dad than with Queer Nation

Baltimore, MD—Marine Col. Fred Peck says gays have no place in the military, and that includes his son. And while there's no animosity in the family, his son begs to differ.

"I think I have a little more faith in members of the military...they can be counted on to act honorably," Scott Peck said May 12.

Col. Peck, a familiar face to Americans as spokesman for the U.S. military mission in Somalia, jolted a Senate committee hearing on gays in the military May 11 by revealing that his son is gay.

Scott Peck, a 24-year-old senior at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, found himself suddenly thrust into the national spotlight. Although he's relieved his father accepts his sexual orientation, he said he's quickly grown weary of the media scrutiny and needs time to study for final exams.

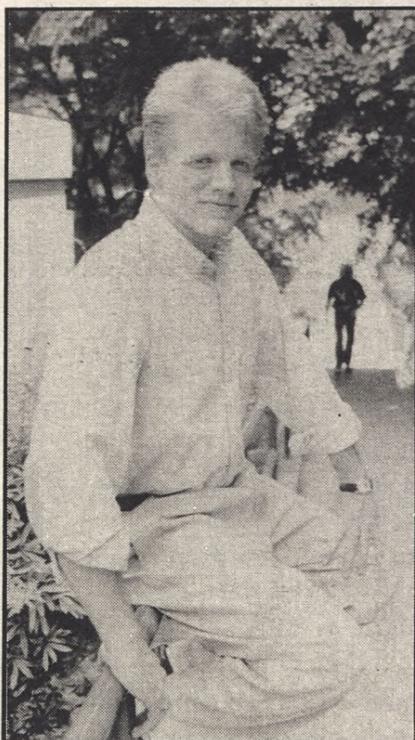
"I really would just like to study. I'm looking forward to life getting back to normal," Peck said. Final exams at the suburban Baltimore campus are being held this week. He's scheduled to graduate next week.

Before the Senate committee, Col. Peck cited concerns about his son's safety in opposing the Clinton administration's proposal to end the military's ban on gays.

In a joint interview with his son on "CBS This Morning," he said his son could be "killed or injured by his own men" if he joined the military and his sexual orientation were known.

In a telephone interview later, his son made it clear that the differences of opinion have not created any animosity between the two.

The younger Peck said he has known since the first grade that he's gay but didn't



CARLOS OSORIO

Scott Peck, son of Marine Col. John Peck, was thrown into the national spotlight last week when his father outed him before a Senate committee, testifying that he would not want his gay son serving in the military.

tell his father until May 9 out of fear he would lose his love. That didn't happen. Peck admits he was surprised—and relieved—by his father's acceptance.

"I complain a lot about stereotypes about gays," he said. "I guess I had some stereotypes of my own about Marine Corps colonels."

Peck's sexual orientation was well-known on campus, where he has written editorials for the school newspaper criti-

cizing some of the tactics of gay rights groups such as Queer Nation.

If his father hadn't mentioned that he was gay, "gay activist groups would have leaked information to the press to embarrass my father," he said. "My family still comes first."

John Stuban, a founder of ACT UP/Baltimore, criticized the younger Peck for suggesting he would have been "outed." "The concept of outing revolves around the idea that people in the closet are hurting gay people," Stuban said. "This guy is of no value to us."

While the Pecks disagree about the appropriateness of gays serving in the military, their differences are not that substantial.

Col. Peck said he could support a plan in which gays and lesbians would be allowed to serve in the military if they don't openly state their sexual orientation.

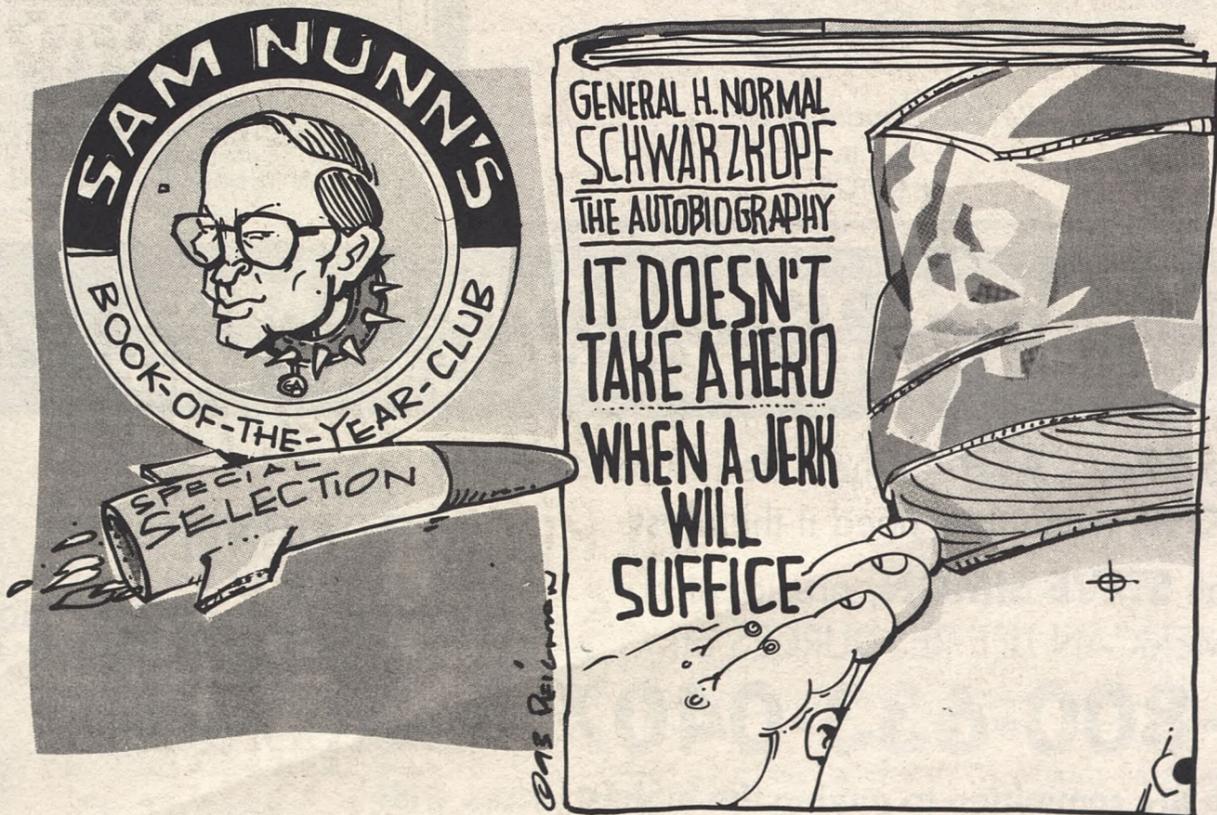
His son said he believes that military service should require both heterosexuals and gays to keep their sexual orientation private. The student added that the plan supported by his father "may be workable in the short term. But eventually the ban will have to be lifted."

Unless the ban is eliminated, military personnel who are "accidentally" discovered to be gay would be forced out, he said.

He also disagreed with his father's contention that his life would be endangered if he joined the military and his sexual orientation became known.

In any case, Peck said he has no intention of following his father into military service. "I would very much like to be a journalist," he said.

JOHN ROLL



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Chicago, Ill.—Just days before leaving for the history-making Washington Gay and Lesbian Rights March at the end of April, five community activists received telephone calls telling them they had won the no-strings Stonewall Awards of \$25,000 “for achievement for gay and lesbian America.”



Ernest Hite, Jr.



Pat Norman

executive director of the California AIDS Intervention Training Center;

- Suzanne Pharr, Little Rock, a community-action strategist who has spent most of the last year working against the Religious Right's anti-gay legislation in Oregon, where the legislation was defeated; and,

- Sharing a prize, Edward Sedarbaum, Queens, New York, founder of Queens Gays and Lesbians United, who heads programs to sensitize police about the gay and lesbian community; and his companion, Howard Cruse,

pioneering gay and underground cartoonist.

The Stonewall Awards, established in 1990, are named for the 1969 Stonewall Rebellion in Greenwich Village, New York City, the first widely recognized act of collective defiance against repression that launched the gay rights movement. They are given by The Anderson Prize Foundation, set up and funded by the late Paul A. Anderson, a futures trader in Chicago. Through the awards, the Foundation promotes education about and awareness of the concerns of the gay and lesbian community.



Edward Sedarbaum



Howard Cruse

A bequest of \$1.25 million from Mr. Anderson's estate to endow the Foundation was announced recently. It is one of the largest



Suzanne Pharr

gifts ever in the gay rights movement. Allen A. Schuh, a Chicago attorney and Mr. Anderson's companion of 13 years, now heads the Foundation.

Stonewall Award winners are selected for their work on behalf of the gay and lesbian community, regardless of their sexual orientation, race, ethnic origin, age, or gender. Anonymous nominators generate a list of potential recipients. An award committee of Foundation directors and previous winners select the honorees, to represent diverse parts of the United States.

Queer in America

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debate and the effort our community is engaged in. A quote from his “Queer Manifesto:”

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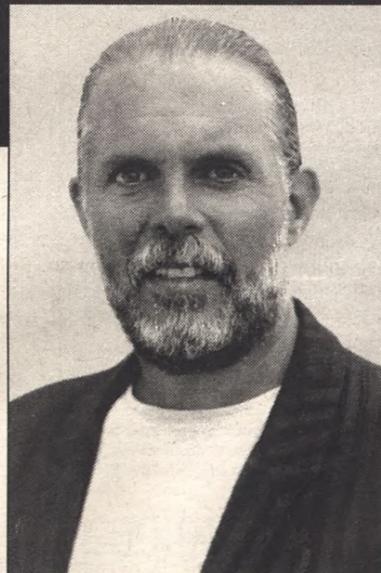
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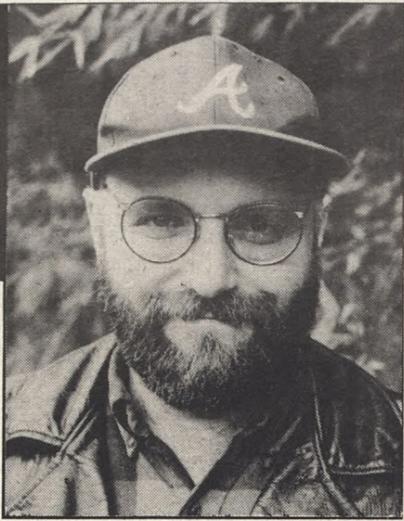
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Having worked in several large offices that have installed new computer systems, I have consistently seen a common trait among people dealing with a serious technological upgrade—the necessity for not just training, but actual education about the new system. There are always some people who resist change, just for the sake of resisting it.

The only thing the 20-year secretary sees when she sees a new computer on her desk is how her life is being disrupted, how she's being threatened to change or else. Many of her skills are now obsolete—years spent learning how to align paper properly in a typewriter to make seamlessly perfect corrections are now useless. The world at work has changed, and she wonders, "Has this damn thing made me obsolete, too?"

Now you may be surprised to hear that this example contains a lesson for gay politics. But Michelangelo Signorile points out in his new book "Queer in America" (see story on page 9) that the connections between the computer industry and the gay community are far stronger than anyone realizes.

The main thesis of Signorile's book is that there are "closets of power"—New York media, Washington government and the Hollywood entertainment industry—and each makes it possible for the others to continue to exist. His last and most original chapter is about a fourth center of power arising to challenge the others—the computer industry of the Silicon Valley. Let me elaborate on some of his insights:

- Computers dare us to figure out new ways to use them, and from the beginning, gay people have been at the forefront of accepting the dare. For instance, had not the Macintosh computer and Quark desktop publishing software been created (both of which gay men played major parts in), you would not be reading this paper. Hundreds of magazines and newsletters, including all of Atlanta's multitude of gay publications, are laid out using Macs.

And had computers not become accessible to the general public, I would not be writing for this paper. My excuse for buying my computer was starting to write regularly at SoVo, and though I now use it for many other things, it remains most valuable to me for making it possible for me to express myself here. I couldn't be here without it.

- Computers offer access to information anonymously. Hundreds of gay computer bulletin boards across the country have created a nationwide electronic queer town hall that anyone with a computer can access from anywhere in the world. People in incredibly remote areas now get information about being gay that they can absorb in complete anonymity, while getting support for their future coming out. I wish I had had access to such a forum ten years ago.

I have followed such exchanges on an Atlanta BBS that downloads messages nationally. One person described in excruciating detail how his wife rejected him. Another faced a similar rejection from his "best friend." Thanks to their computers, instead of facing these rejections alone and perhaps doing something drastic, each person suddenly had 20 new friends supporting him.

- The computer industry itself understands how fraught with gay people it is, with many companies among the most pro-gay in the nation. Lotus, the spreadsheet

software company, made national headlines when it offered its employees benefits to their unmarried partners. Many others have followed, compelled to match benefits or lose good employees to Lotus.

And this is key to Silicon Valley's destruction of the other closets of power. Hollywood, for example, wants to make money from interactive media, offering everything from movies via satellite on demand to home shopping using your TV remote. But the people able to write these programs already work for gay positive computer companies and won't leave that environment to work in homophobic Hollywood. Will Hollywood change its employment practices to access gay computer employees? Does money talk?

And from that, the result will be more "out" people at movie and TV production houses, resulting in more in-house pressure for honest and inclusive gay images coming out of Hollywood, which leads to more understanding and acceptance for gay and lesbian people in the country as a whole and less public support for Washington homophobia. And the house of cards begins to fall.

- Signorile's most fascinating point is that a secretary's computer-phobia is remarkably similar to society's homophobia. An intruder appears, threatening your existence with an uncomfortably large amount of change. "I didn't ask for this, I don't know anything about it, and I just want it to go away," the threatened person thinks, wistful for the old system, powerless to prevent change, but trying anyway.

The preceding paragraph could describe both the homophobic parent and the computer-phobic secretary, or our military, for that matter. And the choices the secretary faces—fight change, adapt to it, or lose your position—pretty well describes the options that gay people are presenting society. A good many people are trying to "Get over it," as Phil Donahue succinctly recommended from the stage in Washington last month, but others aren't ready to trust the unknown force we represent.

The recipe I've seen at work to address computer-phobia is to have someone available to answer questions about whatever the trainee doesn't understand. Then let them spend some time familiarizing themselves with it, and seeing how it really can help them. They eventually come to see its worth.

Does this sound suspiciously like Coming Out? If we talk about our lives, making ourselves available as examples of our own truth, most people will see that we are not trying to destroy their world. And only if they trust us will they listen when we tell them why it needs changing.

A bit utopian, perhaps, but I agree with Signorile that many of the values of our community are embodied in the computer—its flexibility and openness to new things, uses, its goal to educate and inform, its ability to lead gradually toward changes in behavior. It's no coincidence that the decade when computers come of age happens also to be the "Gay '90s."

L E T T E R S

Good job, SoVo

To the Editor:

Many kudos to you and the entire staff on last week's commemorative issue following the March on Washington.

While the weekend was a life-altering experience that is impossible to fully describe, SoVo's words and pictures provide a wonderful sense of the myriad emotions I felt during my three days there.

The issue is already a part of my personal archives. Keep up the great work!

Best regards,
John Burger

Here piggy, piggy

To the Editor,

I am so glad that Sam Nunn is holding hearings on gays in the military because it has made me permanently remember what a disgusting pig he really is.

Let us never forget that Sam Nunn's entire career is based upon racism, nepotism, and political corruption—and that he is one of the major culprits responsible for the increasingly decrepit state of our once-great nation.

Yours truly,
Dick Richards

C A R D O N C O P Y

Senator Sam Nunn
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Nunn:

I received your letter regarding non-heterosexuals in the military and was compelled to respond.

I am a veteran and also non-heterosexual. I served most of my time in Baumholder, Germany, and had a lot of field duty alongside infantry soldiers. This meant that my company spent a lot of time in spartan conditions. Statistically speaking...for every 500 men there was one woman, and so I have first hand experience of living quarters and privacy standards in the military. At least once a week a woman was raped or assaulted. At least four times a year (that I know of) a woman was raped and sadistically murdered. This is seemingly very common behavior for some heterosexual males in the military.

[In the barracks] whenever a certain male sergeant had CQ duty he would come down to the room that the women slept in, unzip his pants and masturbate. We women were not allowed to lock our door because it was a fire hazard. Night after night he was reported. Apparently his behavior was not considered abnormal enough for him to suffer any serious consequences. The women ended up saying the hell with the fire codes and locking the door.

Please note that even with this type of daily infraction against women...heterosexual men are not kicked out of the military! The Tailhook incident was not a rare incident but a "normal" occurrence in military life. The American female soldiers that got raped by American "heterosexual" male soldiers during "Desert Storm" can attest to this normal heterosexual behavior that our military not only tolerates, but breeds. If you are really concerned about how some individuals affect military cohesiveness, please research the fact that women are threatened daily by "heterosexual" male soldiers.

While in the military I was told that there were only two types of women there, whores or lesbians. If we did not submit to pressure and have sex with the men then we were harassed and labeled lesbian. Now they could kick us out of the military unless we proved that we were not lesbian. In order to stay in the service, and to abate the constant pressure, many women had sex with men. It is an awful thing to have sex with men just so they can leave you alone.

What I want to know is why heterosexual "dangerous to women" male behavior is tolerated but that men (non-heterosexual) who would not even think of assaulting women are not! There is something seriously wrong with that. I also want to know why women who do not consent to having sex with men are harassed, while man-made whores are accepted.

I think the military would be more cohesive and effective if heterosexual men were taught to treat fellow soldiers with the de-

centy and respect they have come to expect. I think the caution about allowing homosexuals to serve in the military (without their lives being threatened or their career dissolved) is a prejudicial caution. If there are rules about sexual conduct it should be for everyone and not just non-heterosexuals.

I would like you to know that I am tired of pretending this country stands for freedom and democracy when it does not. I am tired of pretending that elected officials are for all their constituents when they are not.

I am tired of pretending that there is a separation of church and state when there is not. I am tired of pretending that it is safe for women around "heterosexual" men when it is not! And I am tired of elected officials and right wing bigots spreading intolerance, hatred, and violence and naming it "God" and military cohesiveness.

Sincerely,
Donna F. Collier
Veteran

U.S. News & World Report
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To the Editor:

One of the greatest marches for equal rights in the United States occurred Sunday, April 25, 1993 in Washington, DC. Estimates of 300,000 to 1.3 million gays, lesbians, and heterosexual sympathizers participated in a peaceful and exuberant gathering.

It was an historical and remarkable event. Rights which most Americans have taken for granted were being demanded by a group of people whom many have been taught to despise. The huge crowds were, incredibly, orderly, law-abiding citizens. Vital issues were discussed and promoted, and prominent politicians and celebrities participated.

Newspapers and networks reported on the march succinctly. Astonishingly, US News and World Report omitted this tremendous event. An error of this magnitude is incomprehensible, and deliberate omission is reprehensible.

For a major magazine to feverishly cover the inane and gory Branch Davidian debacle so thoroughly, and yet ignore major events promoting tolerance and justice, is irresponsible journalism.

I look forward to any future, favorable reporting on the struggles and triumphs which gays and lesbians are encountering.

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EYE ON THE MILITARY

Georgia Sen. Sam Nunn continued his media parade-masquerading-as-hearings last week, dragging TV cameras on board an aircraft carrier, bringing out a colonel who would not let his gay son serve and retired Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, and even throwing in a couple of booted-out gay and lesbian soldiers for good measure.

Even the Atlanta media has begun to recognize that Nunn's hearings have nothing to do with fairness and equity, as the Democrat has repeatedly promised. Channel 46 anchor Kevin Cofer led a report on the hearings held at Norfolk, Virginia's naval base last week by terming the hearings Nunn's "campaign" to keep the ban. And AJ/C Washington bureau correspondent Mike Christensen wrote in that paper's May 11 issue that "Nunn had arranged the visit [to the naval base]...to back his case that allowing openly homosexual men and women into the armed forces would present problems in cramped living spaces."

Not surprisingly, sailors on board the ships visited by Nunn said they opposed lifting the ban.

Back in Washington, Nunn called to testify Col. Fred Peck, familiar to many Americans as the spokesman for U.S. forces in Somalia, who told the hearings that his 24-year-old son Scott is gay.

"I love him, I love him as much as I do any of my sons but I don't think he should serve in the military," Peck said.

Interestingly, Peck's main arguments against his son's serving appeared to be violence he would experience at the hands of fellow soldiers.

"I know what it would be like for him. It would be hell," he said. "...I would be fearful that his life would be in jeopardy from his own troops."

The younger Peck, Scott, told WJZ-TV in Baltimore that he disagreed with his father's position.

The Campaign for Military Service, an amalgam of groups opposed to the ban, immediately issued a statement saying that prejudice motivated the elder Peck to "sell out his own son to the ignorance and fear."

Schwarzkopf, who commanded U.S. troops during the Persian Gulf War, told the Senate panel that lifting the ban would have a detrimental effect on troop morale.

"In every case that I'm familiar with, and there are many, when it became known in a unit that someone was openly homosexual, polarization occurred, violence sometimes followed, morale broke down and unit effectiveness suffered," he said.

In the afternoon session on May 11, former gay and lesbian service members testified that there was no impact on unit cohesion when their sexual orientation became known, argu-



JOHN DIERCKA

Senator Sam Nunn and General Norman Schwarzkopf chat it up before the hearings on lifting the ban on gays in the military. Schwarzkopf later testified that lifting the ban would hurt troop morale.

ing that strong leadership could overcome barriers of prejudice if the ban were lifted.

"First of all, people need to support the chain of command," said Marine Sgt. Justin Elzie, who is being discharged. "I know [non-commissioned officers] that if the order comes down to lift the ban, they can do it and they will do it regardless of personal feelings."

Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, a chief nurse in the Washington National Guard ousted for being a lesbian, also testified that one of her sons had planned to enlist in the Air Force but decided against it because of the way his mother was separated from the military.

Nunn and other members of the Senate Armed Services Committee have again begun touting the current "interim" policy as a possible alternative to lifting the ban. The policy, termed "don't ask, don't tell," prohibits recruiters from asking recruits about their sexual orientation, but still orders that service members discovered to be gay should be discharged.

That policy still does not address the issue of "witch hunts" against suspected gays and lesbians, activists charge.

"Most gay people are discharged because they become subjects of rumor, innuendo, or investigation—not because they make an unsolicited, personal declaration," said Thomas Stoddard, coordinator of the Campaign for Military Service. "Under the guise of 'don't ask, don't tell,' the ban against gay men and lesbians would still remain in effect, and those currently serving would still live in fear of retribution and loss of their careers if their sexual orientation became known for any reason."

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Randy Shilts relaxes during an interview in his San Francisco home. His latest book, "Conduct Unbecoming," documents discrimination against gays and lesbians in the military.

CONDUCT UNBECOMING

San Francisco—All Leonard Matlovich wanted was to prove he was a man.

What better place, he thought, than in the military?

But instead of helping define his manhood, the military punished him for it.

Author Randy Shilts, in his latest book "Conduct Unbecoming," details the turmoil of soldiers like Matlovich who joined a military that pledged to give men and women the freedom to be all that they could be—as long as it wasn't being gay.

Matlovich, who was fighting feelings he was gay, thought it might be a phase he would outgrow, "and he figured the quickest way to outgrow it, to prove his manhood, was to go to war," Shilts writes.

It didn't work.

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Matlovich received a less than honorable discharge because he was gay—a violation of military rules—despite earning a Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Air Force commendation medal.

"Clearly the way this ban works is very Orwellian," Shilts said during an interview at his San Francisco home. "It's government sanctioned, government mandated discrimination."

"Conduct" (St. Martin's Press, \$27.95) is Shilts' third book and follows his successful "And the Band Played On," which details the history of the AIDS crisis.

Shilts, who is gay, revealed in February that he was diagnosed HIV positive in 1987. He began work on "Conduct" the following year.

"I didn't get sick until the very end" of writing the book, he said. He suffered a collapsed lung in December and has lost a considerable amount of weight since the onset of AIDS.

Documenting gay discrimination in America seemed a natural step following "Band," Shilts said, adding that the military provided the perfect illustration.

"There's nothing in the military in terms of attitudes that don't exist in civilian life," he said.

The U.S. military began gay purges as early as 1778 but official regulations weren't established until 1943.

The most common argument is that the presence of gays "would undermine the 'good order, discipline and morale' of the fighting forces," Shilts writes.

"What is clear is that the military is far less concerned with having no homosexuals in the military than with having people think there are no homosexuals in the military," Shilts writes.

President Clinton's announcement he would repeal the policy rekindled the issue and has the military and nation's conservatives in a uproar.

"This is an issue in which everyone has

opinions and no one has facts," Shilts said. "So far the debate has been dominated by these fantasy images of what gay people in the military are like."

Some of the more common: Gay soldiers are sexual predators, use the military as a dating service and make passes at others in the showers.

But Shilts says he is trying to debunk those myths and show the exploitative nature of the ban.

"It's utterly capricious," he said. "I think people are under the illusion that the military is polite and courteous when they kick people out for being gay. It's a very brutal process."

Shilts says it usually it begins with interrogations, hours and hours of questions so explicit they can't be reprinted here, followed by threats of demotion or discharge if the "suspect" doesn't name other gays.

Lesbians have endured similar treatment, Shilts writes.

"The only way you can enforce this policy is to engage in coercion and rather egregious invasions of privacy. It's not an unfortunate side effect of the policy, it's part and parcel of the policy," Shilts said.

He documented suicides of young soldiers who crumbled under the weight the purges and testimony from parents whom the military pressured into giving false information against their own children.

At other times, the military turned a blind eye to openly gay soldiers because of personnel shortages. One Army medical technician even performed as a female impersonator at USO functions.

But Matlovich's honesty was costly. When his commander asked if he was gay, the decorated airman told the truth.

Matlovich, with 12 years of outstanding service, endured harassment from other GIs. At his military hearing, officials ruled he was "subject to discharge for unfitness."

He fought the discharge, won in a federal court appeal but later accepted a cash settlement on the condition he stay out of the service. Matlovich continued fighting against the ban until his death in 1988.

But Matlovich's efforts weren't in vain, Shilts said, adding that he is confident Clinton will lift the 50-year-old ban in July.

Perhaps, Shilts says, officials have realized the hypocrisy of the ban, summed up in Matlovich's epitaph: "When I was in the military, they gave me a medal for killing two men, and a discharge for loving one."

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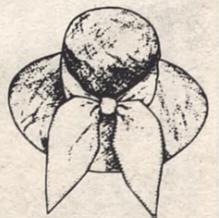
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RIGHT WATCH

The Oregon Citizens Alliance is still at it. The OCA made good on its promise on May 6 to launch a petition drive to put a new statewide measure on the ballot in 1994. The OCA sponsored the draconian Measure 9 last year, which would have amended the state constitution to declare homosexuality "abnormal" and "perverse."

The new measure is based more along the lines of Colorado's Amendment 2 and measures proposed in several other states, including Florida and neighboring Idaho and Washington. The initiative, called the "Minority Status and Child Protection Act," would prohibit teaching that homosexuality is the social equivalent of minorities based on race or religion. OCA chair Lon Mabon predicted that the toned-down language in the new initiative would greatly improve its chances of winning voter approval next year.

"What we have here is the OCA's version of ethnic cleansing," said state Rep. Gail Shibley, an openly lesbian member of the Legislature from Portland.

"The pejorative language is gone, but the intent is still there to take away human rights rather than protecting them," said Ellen Lowe, a lobbyist for Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and a spokesperson for last year's "No on 9" campaign.

The Florida Supreme Court has been asked to rule on elections law in that state, stemming from a challenge to a vote that repealed Tampa's gay rights ordinance last November. Tampa officials are arguing that 462 signatures on the petition that put the issue on the ballot were invalid because they came from a list of people who had not voted in two years.

If the voters in question are disqualified by the high court, that means the organizers of the repeal referendum fell short of the 10% of the city's voters needed to put a issue on the ballot. The court heard oral arguments last week and will rule sometime in the coming months.

A gay rights bill in the Illinois Senate fell one vote short of passing the Senate's Executive Committee last week, killing chances of that bill for the year. Chicago Heights resident Dorothy Hadjys, mother of murdered sailor Allen Schindler said voting against the bill was nothing short of bigotry.

"This country is supposed to be with liberty and justice for all," she said. "I never knew it said liberty and justice for all as long as you're not homosexual."

In Idaho, a new poll indicates that most

Boise residents don't even know about the Idaho Citizens Alliance's anti-gay ballot initiative. The poll results, released last week, show that if an election were held now, 17% of Boiseans familiar with the issue would vote for the initiative and 44% would vote against it. Nearly 40% said they did not know about the initiative.

"It's going to be a long campaign," said ICA founder Kelly Walton, a former Oregon Citizens Alliance member who moved to Idaho to campaign against gay rights there.

Also in Idaho, the Boise State University Faculty Senate and the local American Association of University Professors both passed a resolution against the initiative, claiming that it would infringe upon academic freedom. The initiative would prevent any state agency or institution, including schools, from using public funds to "promote" homosexuality as an "acceptable" lifestyle.

"This could have a chilling effect on the freedom of inquiry," said Bill Wines, a BSU political science professor.

Last week, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force reevaluated its commitment to the economic boycott against Colorado, and decided it should be continued after criticisms were launched from the Colorado-based **Boycott Colorado** and other organizations.

At a news conference in Denver on May 7, NGLTF director Torie Osborne said the boycott was an "unqualified success," but that it may have served its purpose. But on May 11, the organization released a statement reaffirming its commitment to the boycott, saying the group would "continue to take our lead from Colorado activists" on the boycott.

Joining the boycott are 107 New York restaurants who have pledged not to purchase any Colorado products including Celestial Seasonings Tea or Coors beer until Amendment 2 is repealed.

The ugliness of anti-gay hate is still rearing its head in Colorado—a study released on April 29 by Colorado University's Task Force on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues showed that the atmosphere of hate has invaded the CU campus so prolifically that university president Judith Albino had received a death threat over a gay rights speech. The group recommended that the school implement a code imposing sanctions on those found guilty of harassing gay students, faculty or staff.



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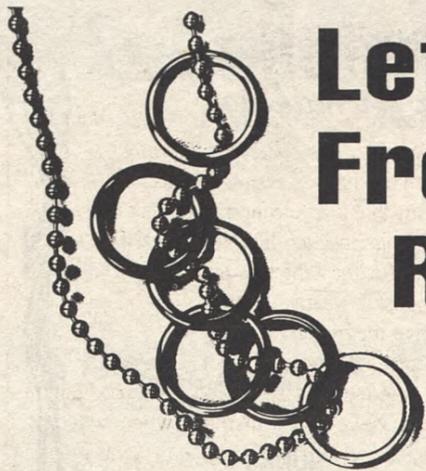
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It's more than a fad, it's a phenomenon. And the wave shows no sign of cresting. Freedom Rings could well be the Add-A-Bead necklace of gay accessories—a craze that puts down roots and stays a while.

Created by New York jewelry designer David Spada, the brightly-colored anodized aluminum rings are turning up everywhere these days. Spada, 30, originally designed the Freedom Rings necklace, six rainbow loops on a chain, to benefit the San Francisco FREEDOM Day Committee in 1991. The wildfire popularity of the rings, though, has spread far beyond the original fund-raising plan.

Over 100,000 Freedom Ring items have been sold nationally, and that doesn't include all the sales during the March On Washington weekend. That figure probably doubled. You couldn't spit in D.C. without hitting someone with Freedom Rings around their neck or on their fingers. The necklace retails for \$12—you do the arithmetic. As a designer, Spada sees the phenomenon as "one of those things that comes along once in a lifetime."

Spada also markets a series of related Freedom Ring products, including suspenders, bracelets, earrings, baseball caps, king rings, and epaulets. In a business where designs rarely find a national market, Spada's rings have been an extremely unusual success. Outside of certain fluky trends like Pop Pearls, puca shells, and the Mood Ring, few jewelry designs hit it big, and almost never with this kind of staying power. Freedom Rings look like they may be passing from the status of sensation to fashion staple. Long after the last Malcolm X baseball cap or tooled leather Ethiopian medallion fades from the earth, Freedom Rings will be going strong, alongside Add-A-Beads and the tennis bracelet.

With the inevitable appearance of knockoff versions, it seems clear that Freedom Rings have arrived. Spada is at a loss to explain the popularity of his design.

"It applies to everyone's situation, the rainbow. Because it's a symbol of hope, and hope is something that everybody's thinking about these days," he says. "And, of course, it relates to the diversity of all of us."

The rainbow symbol has long been associated with Gay Pride, particularly on the West Coast. That's one of the reason Spada took his rings and his fund-raising proposal first to San Francisco. He also says his own sense of pride as a gay man, combined with a love of parades, made him want to create a Pride fund-raiser. With its massive festivi-

ties, the Bay Area seemed a logical place to start.

Word of mouth and transcontinental shopping patterns quickly spread the Freedom Ring trend beyond San Francisco, and now Spada supplies his products to outlets around the country, many of them gay-owned. Pride committees and other gay organizations in many major cities receive a cut of the profits.

Spada says he wanted to benefit pride committees because "they are responsible for celebrating gay life." Although he's raised money for AIDS related causes in the past, Spada believes that other concerns within the community also deserve support.

"Gay Pride is not just an AIDS issue, although that's part of it," he says. "I don't want people to get locked into just those aspects. There are a lot of people who are not sick who are out there, too, and we have to recognize that that's part of gay life."

A Connecticut native, Spada moved to Manhattan at age 17 to enter Parsons School of Design. The anodized aluminum ring was the first thing he learned to make at school. He loved the colors and the simple shape. In a portent of things to come, Spada produced several rings and sold them to other students for \$3. Within a couple of days, he'd made over a hundred dollars.

"I've used the rings in everything I've done since," he said.

After school, Spada began designing jewelry full-time. Three years ago, he opened a store, Casa di Spada, connected to his studio in the East Village, and today his work sells around the country.

Production of Freedom Rings will, of course, continue. Spada says he has no handle on the demographics of his market, but he believes that men and women are buying the rings in equal numbers. Like so many Gay trends, Freedom Rings have recently begun to attract the attention of straight people—waking the sleeping giant, so to speak. Is the straight market expressing solidarity with Gay pride? Spada says it's more likely that heterosexuals buy Freedom Rings "because they're just cool." The rings, not the heterosexuals.

The calls keep coming, though. In fact, just the other day, TV Guide—that cutting-edge arbiter of modern taste—approached Spada for a story.

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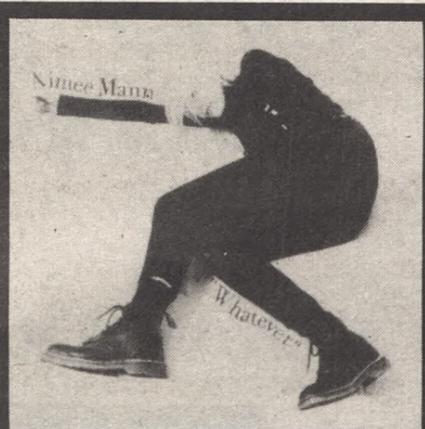
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THEATRE PREVIEW

LIPS TOGETHER, TEETH APART It's impossible to read or hear the title "Lips Together, Teeth Apart" and not silently try closing lips and parting teeth. And the play by Terrence McNally is an equally enticing look at gay life—specifically the Fire Island genre—through the eyes of two straight couples.

"I think McNally has crafted an excellent look at gay people and their lifestyle with these four being the odd men out," said Mike Horne, who is directing the Theatre in the Square production of "Lips Together." "He takes a mainstream perspective on a gay mecca like Fire Island, and by the end of the play these four have undergone changes in their attitudes through exposure to gay people. I hope our audience undergoes the same sort of catharsis."

The action takes place in a Fire Island beach house which was bequeathed to one of the women by her brother

the straight members not to be hit in the face and say 'All they listened to was disco,'" Horne said.

Through the course of the play, we learn that one of the foursome has been diagnosed with cancer, a secret that unintentionally slips out. Two of them are involved in an affair, but all four know it and keep quiet about it. One of the women watches a young man go down to the beach, drop his towel and swim out to his death; she worries about his fate, but does nothing. And the two guys wind up in a shower room conversation without the impetus of gym class or a team sport, and they suddenly feel very awkward. And sister Sally relives her final visit with her dying brother.

To uninformed outsiders a play such as "Lips Together, Teeth Apart" and a small theater located in the heart of Marietta may seem strange bedfellows, but Horne is quick to define TITS (Theatre in the Square) audiences as "really progressive" and "pretty hip. We have a surprisingly sophisticated audience. I think people will be pleasantly surprised."

This audience profile is not something that has come about as a result of this play, or any other particular play.

THEATRE REVIEW

BENT OutProud Theatre takes on ambitious drama with Martin Sherman's "Bent," the harrowing drama about gay men in Nazi concentration camps. This play first brought attention to the fact that gays were persecuted by Hitler's regime, and made the pink triangle a widely-recognized symbol.

Gay men and lesbians in Germany took their culture for granted. The arts were flourishing, and a general sense of permissiveness and diversity pervaded society. But along with this went a growing rage and resentment felt by an impoverished middle class against the privileged and intelligentsia (we see some of this in the play) who were identified in the popular mind with Jews, socialists, and foreigners. Gay rights and feminism were seen as threats. The Nazis rode to power on this rage.

The acting is excellent. Pierre Perea is well cast as Max; he projects the sleaziness and charm, charisma and insecurity of this small-time drug dealer and seducer who cannot verbally commit to love until he loses everything. Christian Mayer makes a gentle, ironic foil to Max as Horst, the gay man Max meets and comes to care for at Dachau.

David Myler looks appropriately repressed as Max's closeted Uncle Freddie. David Barwick as Greta, the drag queen who claims to be straight, does a sleazy turn on a swing, Marlene Dietrich-style. And Michael Brewer, Drew Sissleman, and Dean Taylor, as Nazis, even with their few lines, were scary and convincing.

Robert Putnam's concept for this production comes from the Polish director Jerzy Grotowski's Environmental/Poor theatre. Grotowski's idea emphasizes the basics of theatre—the actor and the audience. Actors use their voices for sound effects of bells clanging or wires crackling, and the action happens around the audience, at close quarters. I usually hate audience participation theatre. But it can be effective, and is in this production.

When, at the end of the first act, Nazis ordered the audience to move their chairs and leave, we experienced how it feels to be suddenly assaulted by arbitrary, threatening authority. It was frightening to see how quickly and meekly we all picked up our chairs, moved them, and exited.

One negative: the actors do not always listen to each other. In the second act, Horst coughs incessantly, even when Max is talking, and Max talks right over the coughing so that the audience cannot hear their lines. And a small detail: would the guards have allowed Max and Horst to carry their rocks in *opposite* directions at the same time? The rock-carrying exercise is an orderly, methodical insanity—like German Nazism itself.

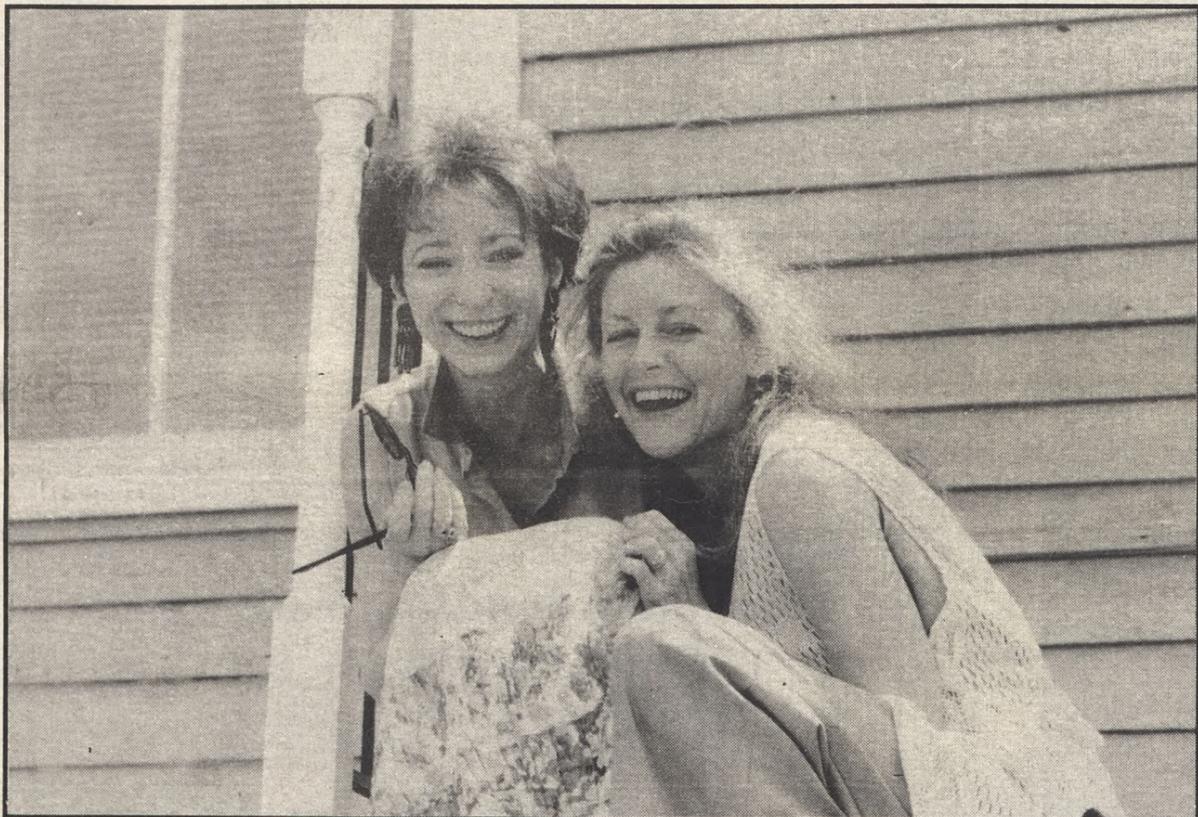
Theatre has always been an effective way of telling people about the past, and plays like "Bent" make sure that we do not forget what did and can happen when people take their rights and safety for granted.

Theater like "Bent" needs to be seen, even though it harrows us, and does not exactly provide a relaxing evening of entertainment. Gay theatre needs to take more risks, and confront us with harsh and unpalatable truths. We need to be aware of our history.

A friend who saw the play with me asked, "But what happened to lesbians?" I too would like to know. There's another play we need to see.

CHARLENE BALL

Bent runs through May 30. Call 609-9590 for reservations.



Pamella O'Connor and Ruth Reid play sisters-in-law in "Lips Together, Teeth Apart," a look at gay life through the eyes of two straight couples.

who recently died of AIDS. Here, Horne is quick to point out that the focus of the play is "not just the issue of AIDS. It's about lifestyles as well."

Sally Truman (Ruth Reed), the surviving sister of the deceased David, and her husband Sam (Barry Stoltze) invite his sister Chloe Haddock (Pamela O'Connor) and her husband John (David deVries) for the Fourth of July weekend at the beach house. What ensues is an emotional roller coaster for the quartet. Private problems, fears and feelings are slowly bared and dealt with as best they can.

McNally has snuggled the beach house between two higher cottages which are peopled with unseen and unheard characters who obviously had enjoyed an open and cordial relationship with David and his black lover. We hear the sound of the sea. We hear the music from the two opposite sides. And we hear half the conversations the foursome have with the guys next door.

Horne admits to having enjoyed something of a trip down musical memory lane while selecting music for the play. "I really wanted audiences to get a sense of the times past through the music, and we have come up with some fabulous songs. Bette Midler, Liza, the Weather Girls, George Jones—not everyone was a disco queen. There will also be classical music. The music will make you want to dance and be frivolous, and it will make you want to be quiet and think. Everyone has different moods.

"We want the gay members of our audience to totally enjoy themselves and feel the gay flavor, but we also want

This open-mindedness dates to the second play TITS presented back in 1982, "Beyond Therapy."

"We opened with 'On Golden Pond,' which was a safe play," recalled Horne, "but we followed that with 'Beyond Therapy,' a play with one gay man and one bisexual man. And two men kissed onstage. That was a big step 11 years ago, but that's small potatoes compared to 'M. Butterfly,' which we did last season."

Of course, the TITS mainstay has been "The 1940s Radio Hour," which has become the theater's annual Christmas to its audience. "I can't explain the popularity of that show except that it's totally enjoyable," said Horne. "And it certainly has paid the bills."

Only once has the willingness to be on the Marietta cutting edge, so to speak, actually caused any slack. "When we did 'M. Butterfly' we got about 10 letters and 8 of them came from one church group where the preacher had encouraged people to write," said Horne.

But the effect was minimal. TITS averages 170 patrons nightly with approximately 4,100 season subscribers and roughly 55,000 yearly visitors. "I really think people [from inside Atlanta] will really be pleasantly surprised," said Horne, "and there's no ignoring us now."

JOSEPH LITSCH

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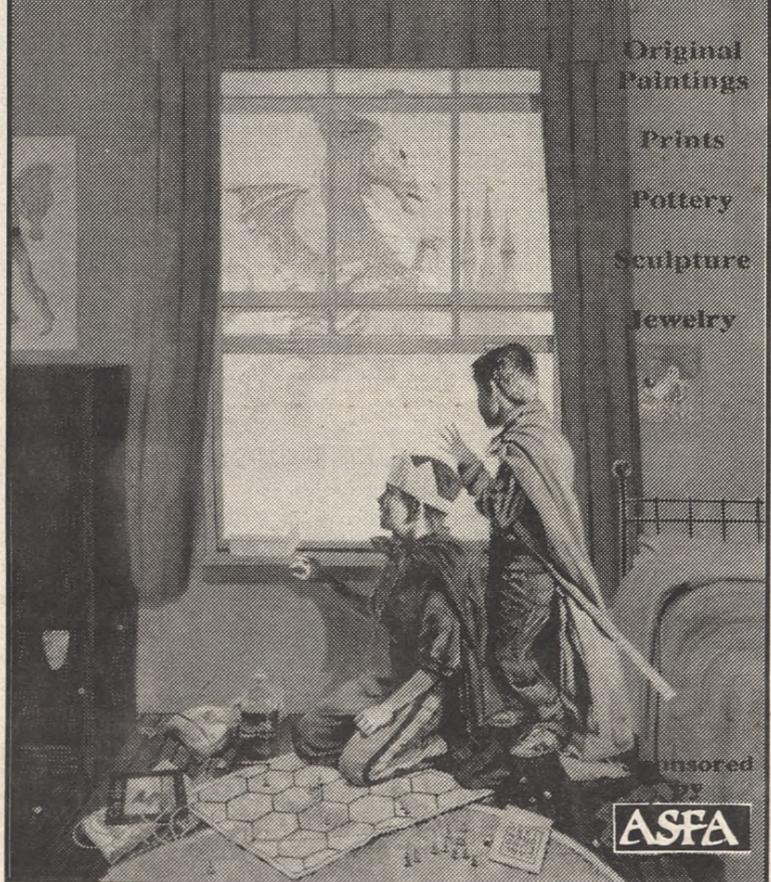
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Pictured: ABOVE: Ken Busbin and D. Patton White in "Peace Piece," presented by Beacon Dance Company on May 22. Photo by Ben Smith. BELOW: Thornton Dial's "Discrimination and Electricity," part of an exhibit on African-American Visionary Art at the High Museum at Georgia Pacific Center May 24-August 27. LEFT: Mona Love will be amongst the bewigged celebs at the Metro for Wigwood, a festival of love, peace and wigs on May 23.

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MUSIC PREVIEW

*Are we holding back
Or are we willing for connection,
While knowing what we hold most dear
Must eventually surrender to its own direction.*

FERRON

In those words from her 1990 song, "Harmless Love," Canadian singer-songwriter Ferron expressed what she's come to know about life and love.

Knowing that, as she moves into middle age, Ferron said this is a time to "go after what we want...to reach out without hurting...to let go of what we can't get."

She will likely bring that philosophy to the stage when she performs in Atlanta on May 20.

Talking by phone from her island-home off Vancouver, Ferron said, "Performing is a meditation...I'm anxious and excited to encounter the audience, if I'm lucky...we get to have a conversation."

Those who have listened to Ferron's music through the years know that the willingness to engage comes from someone who has known pain—and the joy that comes from taking risks. Both the pain and the joy are in her songs.

Ferron grew up outside Vancouver, the eldest of seven children in a working-class family. They had no television, but listened to country music.

Ferron's parents fought and she was treated harshly. In the middle of all this, an 11-year-old girl picked up her mother's guitar. She began putting music to her own lyrics.

In her 1990 song, "The Shady Gate," Ferron sings of her childhood, "He left my mom when I was 10. She said she didn't give a damn...they woke me up one night in the middle of an awful fight and I heard him yell, 'What about my needs?' and her hiss back 'Why don't you wake up all the neighbors too but please just leave me be, another kid would finish me' and in the



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morning while I ate my cereal he left..."

By the age of 15, Ferron left too. She worked a series of blue-collar jobs, while continuing to write music.

Then, performing at a Vancouver coffee house in the late 70s, she met Gayle Scott, who became her manager and lover. On the \$27,000 they raised, the women produced Ferron's first album. It sold, and was followed by the critically-acclaimed, "Shadows on a Dime."

In the title track from that album, Ferron sang about factory life and the saving grace of her music. "An old old woman ran the gears/She couldn't move/They said she'd been there forty years...I think that's rude.../Cause forty years is forty years"

It's that poetry in her songs, her introspective nature and her folk-guitar arrangements that have led many critics to compare her, at various times, to Bob Dylan, Van Morrison and Leonard Cohen.

But Ferron speaks in a distinctly female voice. She joked about that recently while talking about her upcoming CD.

"It's 10 good songs—written by a woman." She laughed light and easy. "So the songs have that kind of WOMAN thing in them...about big and small both being there at the same time."

When she comes to Atlanta this week, Ferron said she plans to perform four of the new songs. One of them is called "Girl on a Road." It's a description of the day Ferron left home—with nowhere to go. But the song is definitely about hope. "It's very tender and it zooms up to now - to the music and how it is that you can do something that works for you," Ferron said.

Talking more about life as a middle-aged lesbian, "beginning to feel something in my joints," Ferron said she is the same person she's always been, but she's different.

She lives life more deliberately now at the age of 41. She used to throw all the paint at the canvas, but now she wonders what kind of courage it would take to just use blue, she explained.

Through the years, Ferron (which means iron and rust) has been in Jungian psychoanalysis.

"This refined thing—this working on self—most of the culture is not doing this," she added. "Lesbians are really in there." She laughed. "Trust lesbians to say, 'Let's look at the width of this hair.'"

Ferron's most recent releases include a live, solo album, "Not a Still Life," and the instrumental "Resting with the Question: Volume I of the Speechless Series."

In releasing the live album, Ferron said she got to conquer the anxiety of "you're never enough."

"Resting with the Question" contains music created on computers. Reflecting on it, Ferron said, "It was recorded in the privacy of my own home and my own mind...It's very peaceful and very haunting...a lot about coming to terms with that unspeakable..."

For the last year, Ferron has toured with guitarist Shelley Jennings, who will play with her in Atlanta. Talking about the duo, Ferron said, "There's something very nice that goes on there."

And speaking of Thursday night's performance in Atlanta, Ferron said, "We'll be there in full colors."

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Ferron performs at the Variety Playhouse, located in Little Five Points, Thursday, May 20, at 8:30 p.m. Tickets (\$12) are available at the theatre and at all Ticketmaster outlets. To obtain Ferron's albums, write her at: Cherrywood Station, Box 871, Vashon Island, Washington 98070.

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Differing from the first two productions, "The Foreigner" does not involve Sears and Williams in quick changes of costumes and characters. Only Sears continues the Tuna tradition of being in drag, and he is as familiar and lovable as a favorite aunt in his role of Betty Meeks, who runs a North Georgia inn.

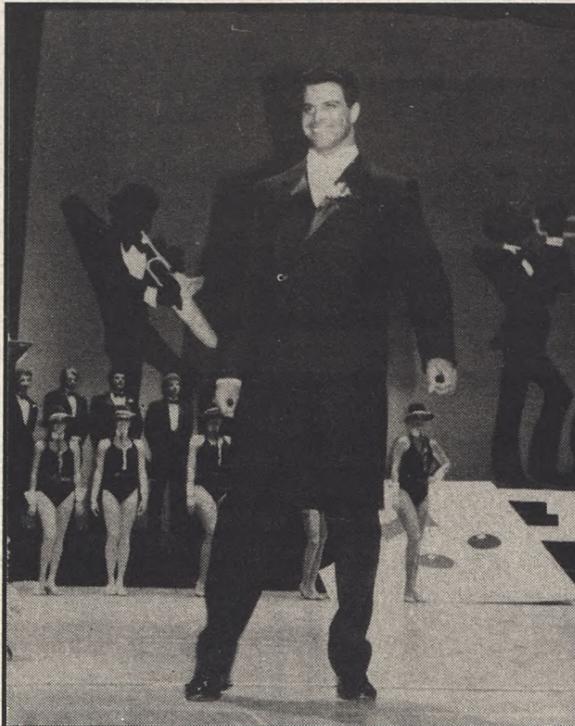
Williams gives a tour de farce performance as Charlie, an Englishman brought to the inn by his soldier friend Froggy (Jonathan Lutz). Charlie is saddened by the illness of his less than faithful wife and crippled by his tongue-tying shyness. Froggy concocts a plan which he thinks will spare Charlie the burden of conversation with Betty and the other guests; he says that Charlie is from an undisclosed country, here on top secret military business and speaks only two words of English, "thank you." This thrills Betty, who is intrigued to have a real foreigner, with a strange language and customs under her roof. Charlie is appalled at the ruse and intends to confess the truth, until he overhears a very personal conversation between a young engaged couple and avoids further trouble by comprehending none of the language.

The play is a charming tale of how the presence of this uncomprehending stranger affects the lives of the other people in and around the inn. The plot involves the attempts of the Klan (in the guise of redneck buffoon Owen) to take over the inn and turn it into a "Christian Men's Hunt Club." Owen is played to perfection by Corky Williams. In a dramatic switch from the lighthearted first half of the play, the second half features a raid on the inn by Owen and his white robed cohorts. The surprise ending is a tremendous delight.

Catch the play Tuesday the 18th through Saturday the 22nd at 8:00 pm and at 7:30 on Sunday. There is also a matinee on the weekend at 2:30 pm. Call 892-2414 for more information.

AFTER HOURS

D A N N Y R O B L E



Atlanta men will compete on May 23 to determine the city's top candidate for the Mr. Hotlanta contest to be held during Hotlanta River Expo in August. Pictured is last year's winner, Victor McHain of Atlantic City.

May 23rd is the date for the Atlanta preliminary to the national competition of Mr. Hotlanta to be held in August over the Hotlanta Raft Race Weekend. The preliminary will

be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Colony Square Hotel. Doors open at 6:00 pm with the action beginning promptly at 7:00. Comic Danny Williams (of RSVP Cruises fame) will co-emcee along with Atlanta's own Tina DeVore. Smart hunk-fans will buy their tickets early and pay only \$5.00 at Poster Hut, MalePak, Boy Next Door or Brushstrokes. Tickets at the door will be \$7.00.

The Metro was the scene on a recent Sunday for a celebration of the birthday of ARGE, young artist about town. Many movers and shakers were on hand to offer best wishes as well as to see ARGE's new collection of stickers for Spring '93. Among the well-wishers was Rosser Shymanski, Hal Gresham, Trina Saxxon, Dick Richards, and Terry Hardy, who was promptly sent home and told to bring back the madcap Disfunksha. Earlier I was floored by the searing heat of the men of Metro's Sextacy Sunday. All were hot but one really had it going ON. His name is Paris and Paris isn't burning—he is sizzling. Blessed with everything you would want in a dancer, Paris is also wonderfully uninhibited. I'll take my camera next time and share the results.

Don't forget the Atlanta Human Rights Campaign Fund Dinner set for this Saturday night. Much more than just an evening of dull political preaching to the converted, this annual fe(a)st has become the place to be seen for those of you who care about such things. The food is above average for a fundraising event and the entertainment is always intriguing. Last year Robert Ray's "Dream Girls" number was booed and hissed (in private of course) by some, but just as many loved it going as far as holding up lighters for encores. Sort of an A-gay, Woodstock in drag thing. Anyway, rest assured you will not be bored with so many egos and politicians in the room. And of course the money raised goes to lobby our friends and foes in Congress. Speaking of Congress, the May 22nd event will be at the World Congress Center in the Tom ("no sodomy for me") Murphy Ballroom. Festivites get under way at 6:30 with a silent auction featuring over \$50,000 worth of items. Dinner is at 8:00 with a cocktail hour before for people watching and networking. Tickets are stiff at \$175 but well worth it. Call 662-4280 for more info and tickets.

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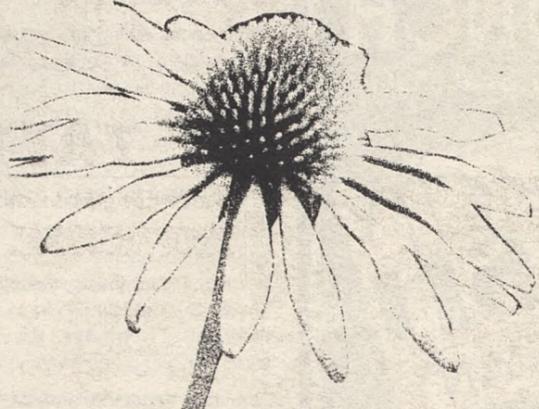
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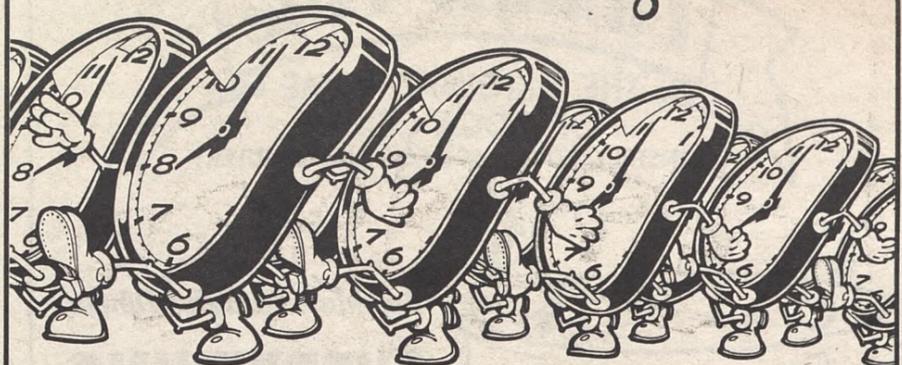


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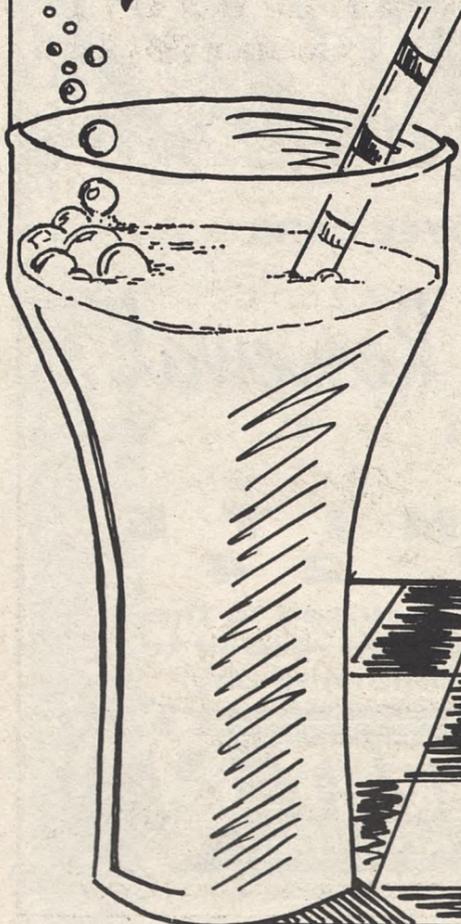
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Pow. Zap. Wow. Paul Luna's hip, hot Luna Sí (1931 Peachtree Rd. 355-5993) has burst into the shopping strip across from Piedmont Hospital with eye-popping style and energy.

Luna, you may remember, was the much praised chef at the super-luxe Bice in Midtown. But the creative chef and the Italian chain's bean counters didn't see eye to eye and he left (as hyper-chefs often do) in search of greener pastures. If the crowd and the response during Luna Sí's first few days of operation are any indication, he's found them.

Located in a simple square storefront, Luna Sí's decor is minimalist to the max. White walls scattered here and there with black paint; white paper table clothes; and chef's aprons for slip covers on the chairs. Spotlights gelled in a variety of pastels are the one concession to theatricality, and do a fair job of creating semi-private spaces in a room devoid of any physical divisions. Waitrons wear Home Depot nail aprons. Slices of delicious, chewy French bread are piled in the center of the table surrounding a plate of butter. Very urban.

Music tends towards Latin (though Elvis and other blasts from the past wander in on occasion) and is usually too loud, especially when the acoustically bright room fills with folks who are oohing and aahing about the food. The staff will lower the volume on request, but it doesn't stay that way for long.

Luna's formula for good food is simple: buy the best and freshest ingredients, combine them artfully, and cook just to the point of releasing all their flavors. The formula is, almost without exception, a resounding success.

The menu is ultra simple: three appetizers; two pastas; three entrees (one meat, one chicken, one fish); and two desserts the night I was there. There will, of course, be changes based on availability, the chef's whim d'jour, and perhaps the moon's state of wax or wane. It's possible to order ala carte, but there's a price break based on ordering various predetermined combinations of courses. The possibilities look confusing at first, but the idea comes to make sense pretty quickly.

Regular readers will remember my snit fit a few weeks ago about the onion tart and smoked salmon appetizer at Resto des Amis. Luna's variation on that theme—a tiny triangle of potato cake served alongside three curls of evanescent raw salmon and garnished with lemon thyme—proves my point. The crisp, warm potato triangle is packed with deep earthy flavor; the cool, sweet salmon glistens as though it has been brushed with some magic potion. Several leaves of red oak lettuce moistened with a superb vinaigrette add a bit of bite. I had a really hard time sharing it with my table mates.

So did the friend who ordered a creamless carrot soup garnished with grilled scallops and thin scallops of carrot. The creamy sweetness of the carrots and the salty-sweet scallops are an amazing combination absolutely packed with flavor.

A salad of mixed field greens is pristinely fresh and topped with a sparkling dressing of jerez vinegar and an extra fruity olive oil. A small crouton spread with goat cheese and a lusty, garlicky black olive spread does yeoman duty accompanying the greens.

My one brush with disappointment arrived as a plate of fresh spaghetti topped with wild mushrooms and moistened with rose-

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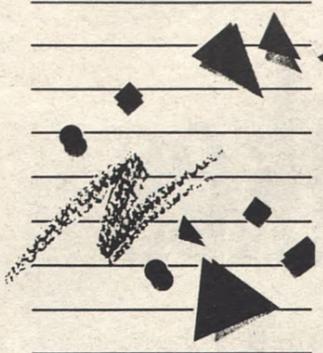
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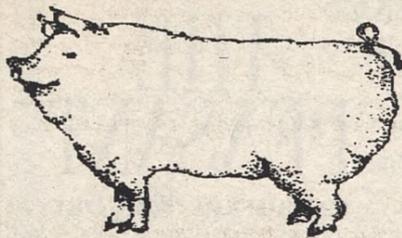
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mary-infused broth. The noodles were al dente and delicious, the mushrooms, lush, fresh and cooked just to the point of releasing their juices but retaining their texture. Problem is the rosemary was virtually non-detectable and the whole dish winds up about three octaves higher than I want it to be. A bit of salt helped, but the combo still lacks gumption. It works okay as the pasta course of a larger meal, or as the entrée at lunch, but I can't recommend it as a dinner main course.

On the other hand, the same fine pasta, cut into fettuccine noodles, sautéed with spinach and curry oil and presented beside a small of pile grilled scallops, is close to heaven. The scallops, well browned outside, moist and sweet inside, rank right up there with the best I have ever eaten. The slightly spicy curry oil and the earthy spinach offer fine counterpoints. Yum!

Good as all this sounds, it almost pales in comparison to a slab of Atlantic salmon topped with a ginger crust and swimming in an astounding cucumber and citrus coulis. The presentation—a fat round pink salmon cake topped with a beautiful tan crust in a rich yellow-green sauce presented on a big glass platter—is stunning, but seems bland when compared to the onslaught of flavors and textures lurking here. The tart ginger and citrus play perfectly off the sweet salty fish. The crust is crisp, the fish tender and cooked to just-warm perfection. Luna will have one hard time rotating this masterpiece off his menu.

After the scallops and salmon, the two desserts we sampled were a bit of a let down. Wedges of intensely flavored cinnamon ice cream swimming in a strawberry consomme definitely diddles with the taste buds. But there's way more strawberry goo than ice cream. A garnish of fresh thyme looks pretty but adds nothing to the combination of flavors. A crisp shortbread or butter cookie would offer some relief from the soft textures of the ice cream and strawberry puree. Better yet, how about bowl of the superb ice cream, with a cookie or two, and hold the red goo?

Luna has a sense of humor that shows up all over his restaurant, but nowhere better than in a slab of "chocolate, almond coconut joy"—which tastes exactly like a really excellent Almond Joy bar. Funny and good, but I'd rather have another plate of scallops, thank you.

Service is a bit edgy and paced too fast for my taste, but the servers are affable and willing to accommodate requests with good humor. This is a very young restaurant that will surely mellow with age, but don't ever expect the sort of smarmy bowing and scraping that usually comes with food this fine. Some of the dishes may be on a par with the Ritz Buckhead, but a stuffy hotel this ain't.

Special note should be made of wine prices—which are merely double retail rather than the usual three or four times what you'd pay at the corner store. A \$12 bottle of St. Suprey sauvignon blanc made us happy in more ways than one. On the down side, only two wines were available by the glass. Hopefully that will expand with time.

We spent \$25 a head for a cocktail each, two and a half courses and a bottle of wine. Not quite Shoney's, but amazingly reasonable for food of this quality.

Luna Si is open for lunch and dinner. Reservations are accepted, though given the small size of the place, I'd expect some difficulty getting a quick seat during peak hours.



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Remaining survival training courses in 1993:

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BIRMINGHAM PRIDE '93

Birmingham's Gay Pride Coalition is meeting every Thursday night as it gears up for the 1993 March on Birmingham. The organizational committee is planning fundraisers and other events for Family Pride '93 as well as laying the foundation for Pride '94. Michael's in Tuscaloosa is holding a benefit June 4, and the annual Mr/Ms/Miss Pride Pageant will be held at Birmingham's Club 21 on June 18. Bill's Club in Birmingham will hold a Pride benefit on June 25. Pride

'93 meetings are held every Thursday at 7 PM in the Swann Building at 205 32nd St. For more information call David White at (205) 595-6315.

ATLANTA LESBIAN & GAY PRIDE

On Saturday, June 26, 1993, in conjunction with Pride '93—It's Time To Tell America, the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee will hold "Our Thousand Points of Love: A Celebration Honoring the Heroes of Our Community."

"Our Thousand Points of Love" is a night in honor of those in our community that have been affected by the presence of HIV/AIDS. It is a night that will honor those living with HIV/AIDS, as well as those who have lost their lives to AIDS, their friends, families, and caregivers.

The night will begin at 8:00 PM in John Howell Park where the celebration will include speakers, singers and conclude with a slide show.

The slide show will consist of photographs mailed in by those who would like to honor someone special to them. If you would like to participate in the slide show by sending in a photograph, please mail your photographs (no larger than 5"x7") to the Pride Committee at:

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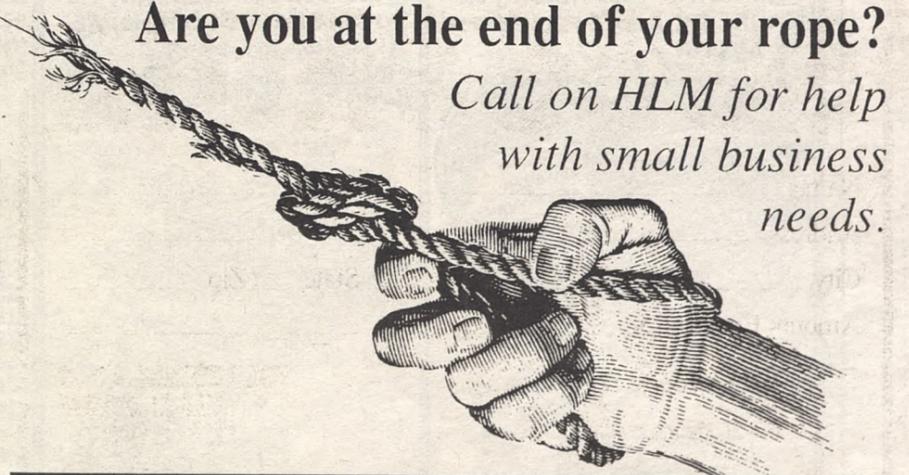
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JOY PETERMAN

Age: 30

How long in Atlanta: 6½ years

Relationship status: 6 months

Last book read: "An Unknown Woman" by Alice Koller

Pet peeve: intolerance of differences

Joy Peterman is a woman in search of a place, a niche, a purpose in life. She hasn't found it yet, although it's safe to say she has been looking high and low, east and west, for it.

Last July the Louisiana native quit her job, packed up her dog and her van and went on a cross-country camping trip to find herself.

"When I got back two months later, I didn't know exactly what I wanted to do," she explains as she stretches out on her futon with her dog Yogi, "and here it is almost a year later and I'm still not sure. So, my girlfriend and I think the best idea is to do it again."

Joy has spent most of her life in the South—growing up in Louisiana near New Orleans and in Mississippi. She attended Loyola where she majored in music and minored in business. The youngest of four, she came out with her best friend when she was 14 years old.

"It was her idea, I didn't have anything to do with it," she exclaims. "I thought it was a great idea, however. She's straight now, so I don't know exactly what I did wrong."

Relaxing in her Little Five Points apartment, you can see what a fun spirit Joy has. On the mantle is an 8x10 framed picture of her beloved companion... Yogi. The dog spent the entire interview curled up near Joy. Her girlfriend was in the other room reading. Not an intended slight, jokes Joy, but there are no pictures of her partner on the mantle.

"Who else is so happy to see you every day but your dog?" she asks, half seriously. "No matter what you do they love you. Humans should be like that."

In her 6½ years in Atlanta, she has been the accompanist for the Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus, a job she says she will give up this year.

"I've enjoyed playing with AFWC," she



smiles. "They have performed a couple of my pieces and I have arranged some songs for them."

Joy began her musical journey at age 8 when she took up the piano. That led to percussion and various marching bands, orchestras and ensembles. She even did some time in musician hell as a hotel lounge piano player.

"I got very tired of playing 'New York, New York' and 'Feelings,'" she says. "So that didn't last long."

Her music is very important to her, and it's where she wants to spend her life.

"I see music as a way to transform people. I see it as a way of healing," she says, her soft voice filling with obvious passion. "I want to be able to facilitate something like that with music. I feel like there is a place for me in music and that's what this trip is all about, finding my niche."

To that end, she and her girlfriend will pack up again and hit the road in July. Reactions from family and friends have ranged from envy to charges that they are crazy. Joy takes it all in stride.

"I was born two weeks late, so I'm late wherever I go," she explains with a laugh. "I'm almost 31 and I don't know what I want to do. So what? I'm just late again."

Put me squarely in the "envious" category. Spending a little time with Joy makes you want to pack all your troubles in your old kit bag and head for the sunny side of the street.

And that, to me, is beautiful music.

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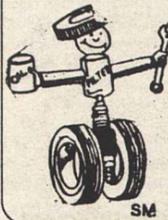
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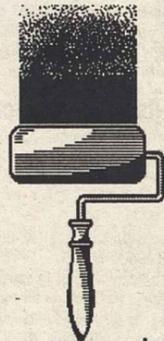
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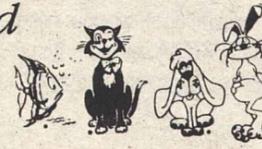


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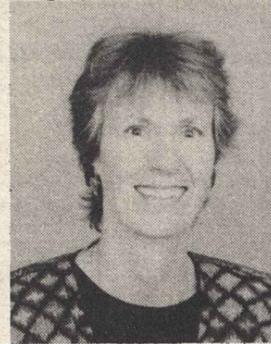
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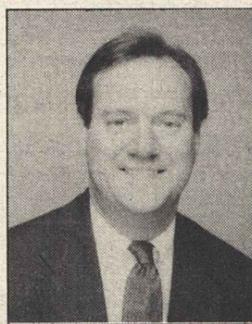
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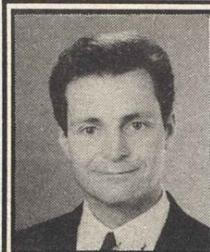
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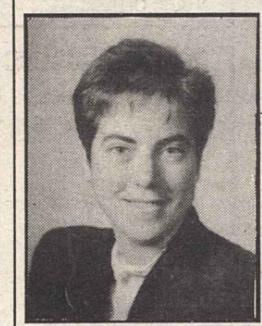
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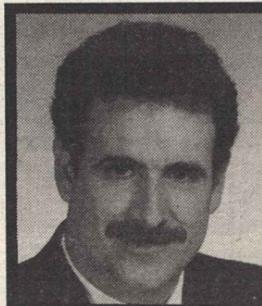
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John H. of Lithia Springs - Washington Post interview - You are not so "isolated" out here. Drop us a not. BEEJ. c/o Boxholder, PO Box 972, Lithia Springs, GA 30057 (6.13)

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

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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. T 1253

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

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

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

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

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

Progressive-GWF looking for other progres-

sive women for friendship or possible relationship. T 1235

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

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MEN

GWM, 29, Br/Br, 5'8" 150 lbs. Interests: spirituality, sci-fi and fun. Seeks 19-35, HIV- into same for friendship and more. T 1457

White collar Asian male, 29, 5'10", seeks gay 20-35 for friendship. You like massage when watching TV. T 1454

WM, 31, 5'8", prof., attr, fit, smooth. HIV-, rel. oriented. Seeks WM 30-45, prof., attr., tall, hairy. T 1453

Executive Top, 6', 185 lbs, blk/grn, seeks young bottom, toys, enemas. Tom, POB 13063, Savannah, GA 31416. (6.16)

GWM, 55, wise, artsy, affectionate, seeks Top down to earth same for relationship. T 1450

Masculine, affectionate, witty, trim, clean-cut, non-smoking, non-drugged GWM, 34, seeks similar, 32-36, for relationship based on communication, growth, and fun. T 1452

GWM, 30, handsome, athletic, HIV+ but healthy, seeks masculine GBM, 25-40 for friendship and more. I live out-of-town and visit Atlanta often. T 1451

Black Male, 23, very masculine, athletic, tall, healthy, in good shape, with varied interests, seeks Black Male with similar qualities. T 1425

Successful GWM, 40s, masculine, professional. Seeks very attractive wholesome WM under 24 for relationship / work / school. T 1456

GWM, 35, 5'8", 130 lbs. Brown/blue seeks WM top for monogamous relationship. No bar flies. Love to cuddle. T 1448

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GBM, 5'10", 200 lbs, average looks, occasional drag, 22 seeks BM 190+, 25+, for friend, looks not important. Not into bars. T 1444

GWM, 38, homebody, smoker, fairly attrac-

tive, have friends yet lonely, likes walks, companionship, seeks similar HIV-, 36-43. #1406, 1189 Virginia Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306.

GWM, 32, 5'9", brown hair, brown eyes, masculine, attractive seeks GWM 18-39 for friendship, companionship. T 1422

GWM, 6', 175, smooth, professional, attractive, HIV- seeks discreet younger, submissive, HIV- playmate interested in safe fist action, WS, or spanking. Novice welcome. T 1449

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WM, attr., slim, HIV-, versatile, seeks healthy, well-endowed BM for no strings fun/good times. Note to: POB 13586, Atlanta 30324-1586 (6.14)

Black Prince—where RU? I: gwm, 36, 260#, handsome, masculine, N2 fitness. You: athletic, confident, masc., trim. Please hurry, buddy. T 1412

GWM, 36, healthy, HIV, 5'11", 180, good-looking, muscular, seeks top. You: GWM, masculine, 32-45, good shape. T 1411

GWM, 29, 5'7", 160, br/br. Masculine, intelligent, affectionate top seeks masculine, intelligent, affectionate bottom to share life and love. T 1415

Attractive, masculine BM, 30, seeking well endowed masculine BM for no strings fun. T 1418

GWM, 30, 6', 185#, masculine, nice looking - seeks same - no bars/drugs - for relationship. P.O. box 7211, Marietta, GA 30065. (6.13)

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GWMC seeks young (18-25), goodlooking GWM for house boy / slave. Private room / bath in exchange for house work / personal services. Call for details. T 1388

Novice and frisky GWM, 19, 130 lbs, seeks GM 18-35 HIV- for sticky encounters. Must like long wet kisses and steamy showers. Tell me your fantasy. 1575 Hwy 29, Suite L-126, Lawrenceville, GA 30245 (6.13)

GWM, 37, 5'6", 160#, blk/grn, hairy, moustache, healthy, non-smoker, professional, NW area. Seeking similar GWM, 35-40's for possible relationship. T 1407

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

WM, 29, 6 ft, 175 lbs, reeding Willis type, country boy, boots, jeans, conservative, CLOSETED, seeks same for LONG friendship. Rockdale area. T 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. T 1385

Attractive GWM 40 seeks attractive GWM 25-40 who is sincere, romantic and affectionate. POB 11606, Atlanta 30355. T 1379

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GWM, 35, 5'5", 137, Br/Bl, bearded/hairy, HIV+, seeks attractive submissive boy for cuddling/kink, possible relationship. No smokers. T 1375

Mr. Right seeks Mr. Ready. Handsome top seeks bottom for loving relationship. T 1376

Handsome WM, 35, 6'2", 185, Brown hair / eyes, moustache. Runner, swimmer, well-educated, professional, seeking similar WM 30+. T 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. T 1378

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GWM seeks fine GBMs 18-28 for hot, safe fun in Orlando, Fla area. Cum, be with me! T 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. T 1355

Athletic GBM, 25, 6'2", 190, seeks bigger stronger GWM to help me gain extra muscle.

You'll get friendship, maybe more. T 1353

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

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

Playful anal GWM, 45, 5'10", 150#, seek/share higher anal erotic states. Taoist erotic massage, HIV-, status no barrier. T 1350

BM, 29, 5'5", 160#, seeks BM 21-35, caring and sincere for friendship and discreet encounters. Call me, let's talk. T 1348

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Attractive GWM, 30, 5'5", 132, Brn/brn, hairy, seeking tall, handsome, sincere, non-smoker, GWM for romantic permanent relationship - no barriers. T 1318

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GWM, 35, TEDDYBEAR, 5'10", 275 lb.+ seeks hunk w/mind, for conversation and adventurous safe sex. Let's talk! T 1250

GWM, tall, smooth, slim - would like to meet aggressive, hairy, stocky, masculine man - 40 to 50. Bald a plus. I'm HIV+, healthy, friendly, good looking. T 1246

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

Gdkg GWM, 32, rdsh br/gr., clean-shaven, 5'10 1/2", 189#, healthy, good stocky build, collegiate/professional type, sks collegiate/professional type, 22-42, with ticklish feet for hot tickle sessions. "Bottoms" only. Sane, sensual, safe fun. Live in Birmingham but can travel. T 1241

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

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

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

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

BM seeks masculine BM to become ? buddies. T 1236

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

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

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

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

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

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Hot Top: Cleancut, boyish, 38, blue eyes, safe. Sks cute bottom for hot fun. T 1118

French passive seeks buddy. Dominant white professional wants aggressive French active companion. Affectionate man for hungry partner. Let's start something! T 1119

MB 25, 6', 170 lbs, new to town seeks other males 21-35 for friendship. Interested? Leave msg. T 1112

Latino GWM, 24, 6', sincere, good personality, seeks secure male for friendship—possible relationship, race unimportant. Healthy, no fems please. T 1108

GWM, 35, 6', 165, versatile, seeks single masculine hairy GWM over 6' for friendship & poss. relationship. No head games. T 1110

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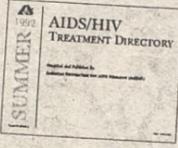
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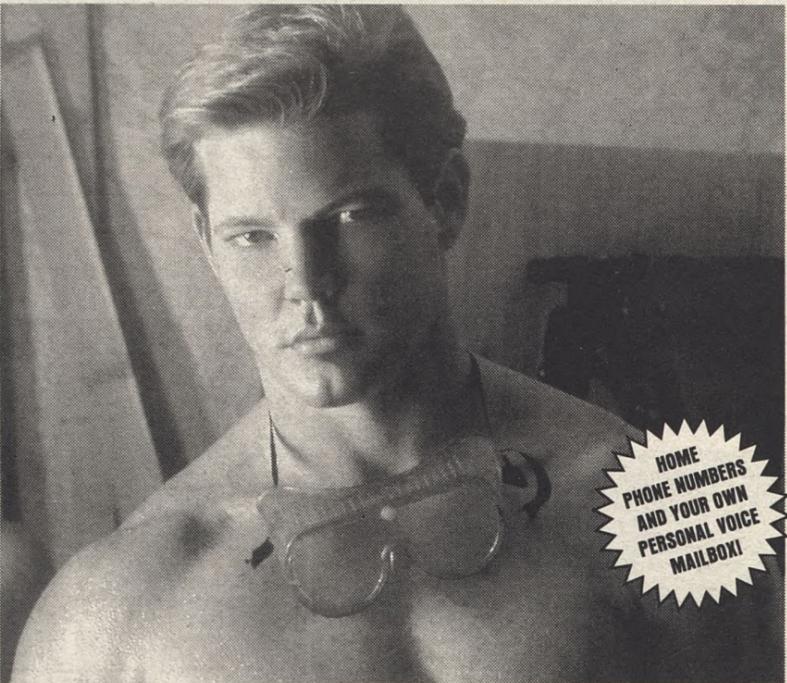
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