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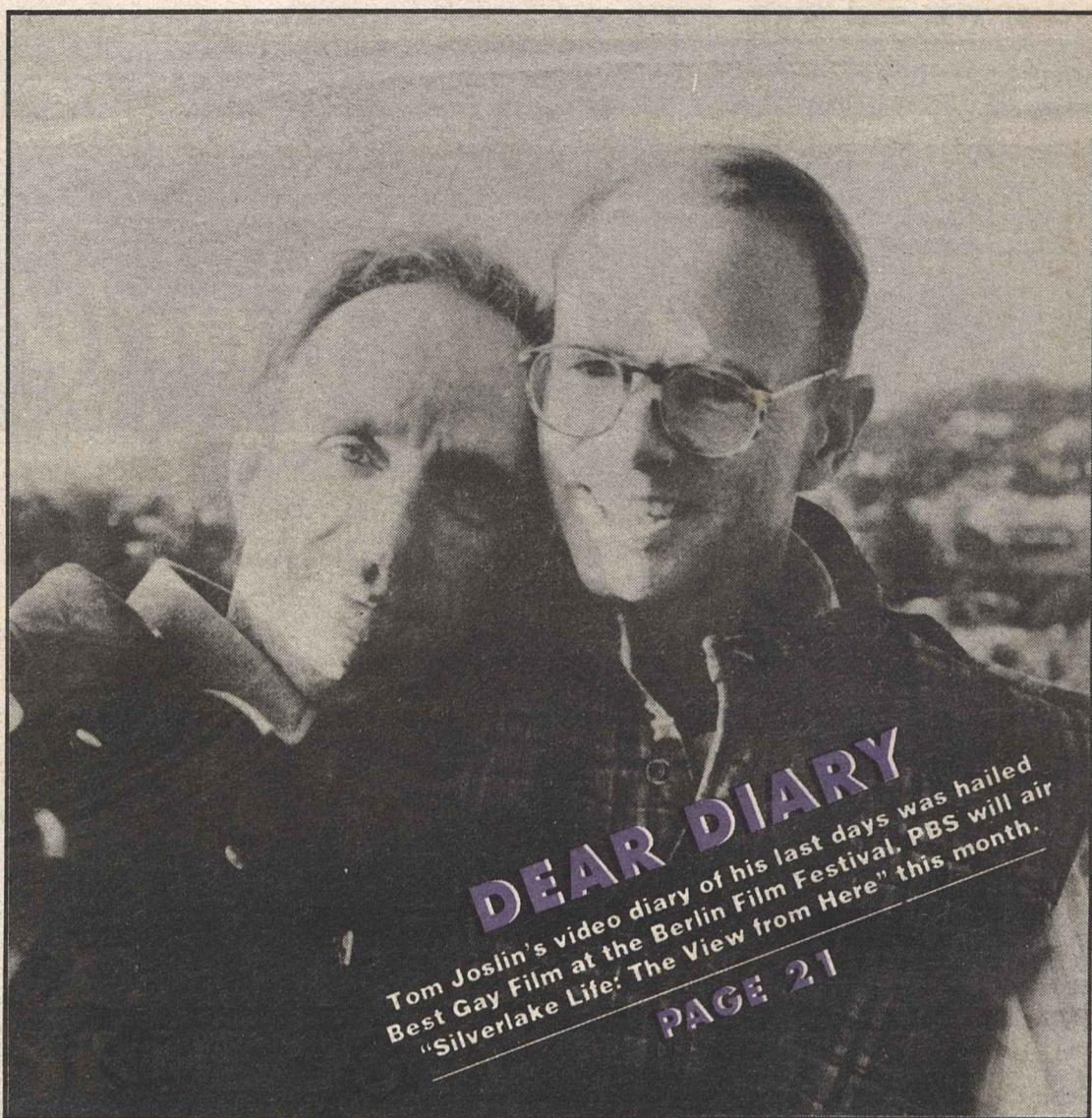
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Partnership On The Way?

Tough fights expected as votes near in Atlanta and Fulton on domestic partnership ordinances.

Atlanta—Will the city of Atlanta and Fulton County be the next governments to enact domestic partnership legislation?

The answer might come as early as this week, when both the city and county could take up ordinances that would allow residents to register as domestic partners and would also provide benefits for registered partners of government employees.

"It feels relatively close, but it's very hard to tell," said Atlanta City Councilwoman Mary Davis, who introduced the domestic partnership benefits ordinance last year and the ordinance providing for a domestic partnership registry for city residents on May 18.

"I feel very upbeat about it all," said Annie Archbold, who is part of a committee that has been working with Davis to drum up support for the measure. "This is not easy. We're having to do some serious work—double checking information provided by the staff, answering questions, and doing the follow-ups we need to be doing."

Down at the Fulton County Government Center, commissioners may vote as early as this Wednesday on a comprehensive domestic partnership package submitted by Chairman Michael Lomax.

"We've given the information to all the commissioners," said Jeff Cheek, Lomax's liaison to the gay and lesbian community, who, along with Lomax, has been lobbying commissioners on the ordinance. "I know we have two votes—the chairman and Commissioner [Nancy] Boxill—but we need four."

Fulton County's ordinance, which also includes a registry, is similar to Atlanta's, differing mainly in a provision that allows blood relatives to register as domestic partners, something the city's proposed ordinance would not allow.

"It was our opinion that if someone wanted to take care of an elderly relative, and include them on their insurance, they should be allowed to do it," Cheek said.

Atlanta's ordinance, like Fulton County's and several others across the country, does not limit domestic partnerships to lesbian and gay couples, and when Davis held a work session last week, some city staff members voiced concerns that an overly broad definition of "domestic partnership" could lead to excessive costs and an abuse of the system. Davis said that she considered the issue carefully before deciding on the broader definition.

"I thought there would be less potential for bias against lesbians and gays if it were broader," she said. "There are also some people in family situations who are not gay or lesbian who need this."

Tonia Poteat, who attended the meeting representing the Coalition for African Descent, said the discussion about additional costs was troubling.

"If it costs less to discriminate, then we'll do that?" she asked. "What kind of basis is that for a society?"

Council members Bill Campbell and C.T. Martin also attended the meeting, and while Campbell said he supports the measure, Martin clearly did not.

"I have questions about the timing of this, in an election year," he said. "I think the issue should be put before the voters. It's their tax dollars."

Martin said that legislating "approval for living together" was in opposition to the "Christian ethic," and he took issue with a comparison of gay rights to the civil rights struggles of African Americans.

"You continue to throw that up whenever a black person is in the room, and I don't buy it," said Martin, who is black. "You can't ever equate slavery with this issue."

Davis, who after introducing the domestic partnership benefits ordinance last year had asked that it be held in committee to allow more time to drum up support, said she hopes to take the ordinances through the committee process this week, with a vote coming possibly on June 7. In the meantime, she said, supporters should "keep calling."

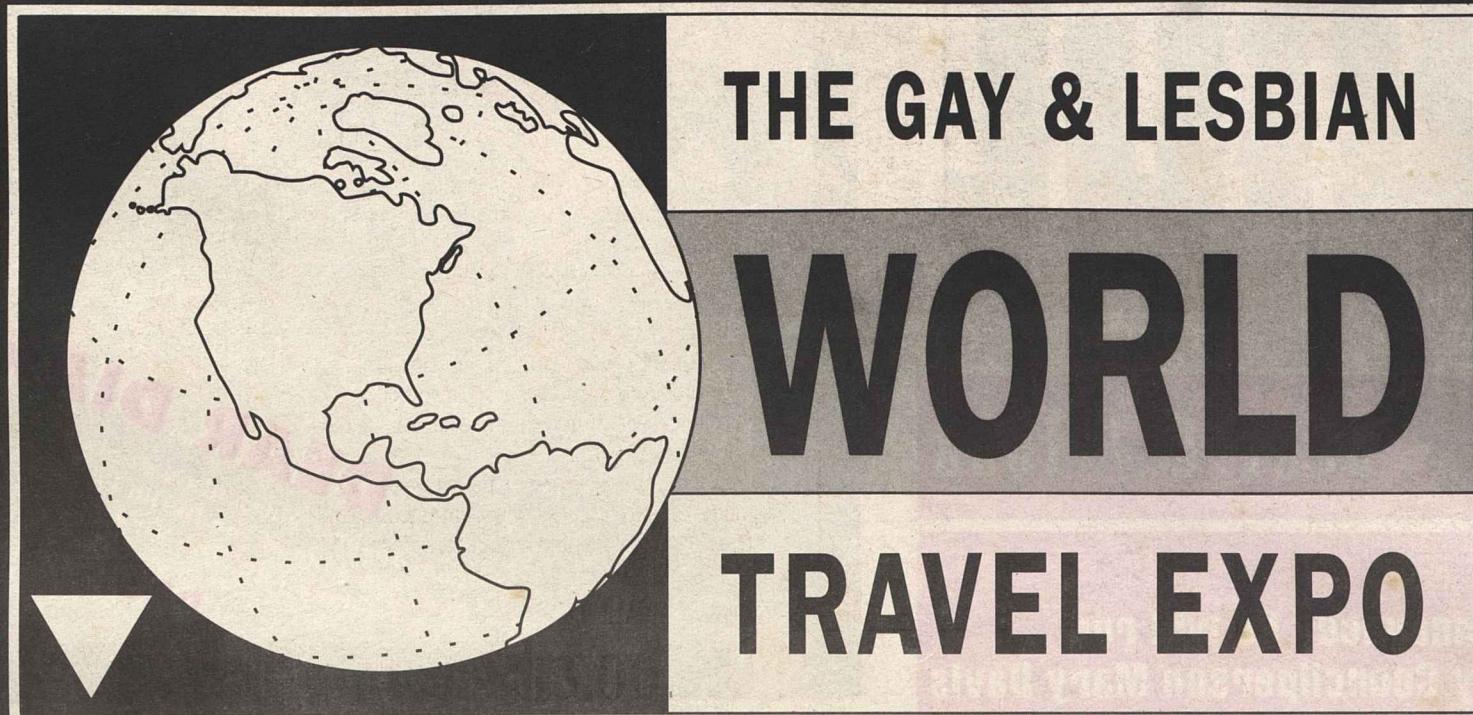
"It's important for people to lobby," she said. "That's the only way elected officials know what the people are thinking."

Both those working with the city and with the county have kept a relatively low profile throughout the process, in part to give the religious right little time to organize opposition. Several anti-gay groups are known to read the lesbian and gay press to apprise themselves of gay and lesbian political activities.

"My personal feeling is that this is an issue that needs to be decided based on the merits of the proposal and not the opinions of the religious right," said Cheek. "I am tired of them setting our agenda. We spend too much of our time putting out fires that they have set. This time, we're taking a proactive stance."

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Georgia Senators split votes on Achtenberg nomination

Paul Coverdell never intended to vote yes, says staff



Roberta Achtenberg, pictured here with partner Mary Morgan, a San Francisco judge, endured attacks from Senators led by Jesse Helms during her confirmation process.

Washington, DC—Georgia's senators split their votes on May 24, as San Francisco Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg was confirmed by the U.S. Senate to be assistant secretary of Housing and Urban Development for fair housing. Achtenberg is the first openly gay or lesbian to be appointed to such a high position in government.

"I'm a little bruised and roughed up but I can walk and talk and do my work and love my family and love my country," Achtenberg said at a farewell news conference May 26 at San Francisco's City Hall. "I didn't fully realize what it would mean to endure that level of indignity but I have to say that people every day endure a lot worse than I was subjected to."

After three days of sometimes ugly debate centering on Achtenberg's lesbianism and activism, the Senate voted 58-31 in favor of Achtenberg's confirmation. Georgia Sen. Sam Nunn voted in favor of Achtenberg, while Republican Sen. Paul Coverdell, whose office had indicated that he was favorable to Achtenberg, voted against.

"We received indications from his office that he would be fine on this vote," said Cathy Woolard, HRCF's acting legislative director, "that he wouldn't vote against her."

But when the votes were counted, Coverdell joined 26 other Republicans and five Democrats opposing Achtenberg's nomination. 13 Republicans and 45 Democrats voted in favor.

Chris Allen, Coverdell's press secretary in Washington, said that the first year senator's vote hinged on "three principles."

"One was the issue of the Boy Scouts.

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coming a lawyer, said he was stirred to run for office by "what has happened to our city."

"I'm disappointed and concerned," Kelly said. "Our city, our neighborhoods, are becoming uninhabitable. We need proactive leadership for this community to preserve and protect what we've fought for."

Kelly, who has lived in the Midtown area since moving to Atlanta from Houston in 1976,

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cites problems at Piedmont Park and the dereliction of Peachtree as main areas of concern.

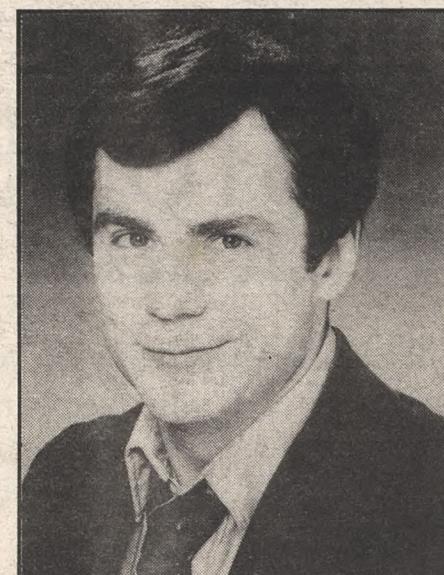
"I have not historically been one of those people who shows up at NPU meetings," he said, "but my eyes have started to turn. What it's all told me is that I have role to play."

Kelly chose to announce his candidacy in Southern Voice because "it's the gay community that was the anchor in our community. In the 60s, when all the prior intown residents escaped to the suburbs, the gay community nurtured the neighborhoods and brought them back to life. Now all that work is at risk."

Kelly, who is married with a 3 year old son, said that he's "gotten over feeling bad" about not being gay.

"It's funny, though," he said, "because of how I've spent most of my professional life—as a dancer—I've been assumed to be gay. I've gotten to understand what it's like to be outnumbered. And I've also absorbed some very very important lessons about discrimination."

"I'm very pleased with the progress we've made on gay issues," he continued. "And there's no way I would permit the gains we've



Joe Kelly will run for City Council District 6 which covers Midtown.

made in civil rights to be at risk. But we have much more to go."

The election is scheduled for November 2.

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Charis Books owners Sherry Emory and Linda Bryant with their awards.

HRCF Dinner earns \$270,000

Atlanta—Just under 1500 gays, lesbians and supporters joined honorary chairman Rep. John Lewis at the annual Human Rights Campaign Fund dinner at the Georgia World Congress Center on May 22. The dinner grossed nearly \$270,000, about \$70,000 more than last year's affair.

"It was a good night for us, and we're very happy about," said local dinner co-chair Pamela Evans. "[For next year] I think 2000 is a good number to strive for. We've doubled the attendance in the last two years, and there's no reason we can't come up with another 500 next year."

Attendees were treated to a show produced by local favorite Robert Ray, and speeches from national HRCF director Tim McFeeley and Joseph Steffan, a midshipman drummed out of the Naval Academy shortly before his graduation because of his sexual orientation.

The local committee's annual awards—the Dan Bradley Humanitarian Award to activist Don George and the Community Service Award to Charis Books' Linda Bryant and Sherry Emory—were also handed out at the dinner.

Attorney will run for City Council against Mary Davis

Atlanta—Local attorney Joe Kelly has announced his candidacy for the District 6 City Council post currently held by Mary Davis. Kelly, who headed the Atlanta Contemporary Dance Company from 1973-1983 before be-

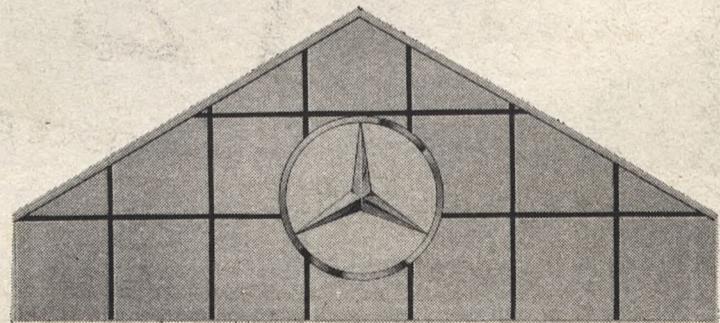
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Amy Peterson leads anti-Nunn protestors in Athens last week.

Nunn gets booed in Athens

Athens, GA—Sen. Sam Nunn probably didn't hear it, but it wasn't for lack of trying on the part of about 30 people gathered outside the Georgia Center on the University of Georgia campus on May 24, protesting Nunn's continued opposition to President Clinton's plan to lift the ban on gays in the military.

Nunn was in the Classic City as part of the annual Richard B. Russell Symposium on U.S. military issues.

"I thought it would be horrible if he came to this campus and nothing was organized," said Amy Peterson, the UGA student who put

together the protest. "It's important that everywhere he goes there is a protest. The mainstream media has presented a slanted view of what's going on, and people need to see that not everybody agrees with his stand."

Carrying signs and chanting "Sam Nunn, no more tricks, you'll be out in '96," the protesters marched up and down their allotted sidewalk area during the two hour symposium, watched by three campus police officers and the campus' police chief. There were no incidents involving the protestors.

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Gay and lesbian centers meet in New Orleans

New Orleans—The Crescent City hosted the first Southern Conference of Lesbian and Gay Community Centers on May 22, with representatives from seven existing centers and three budding ones in attendance.

"It was a very successful day," said Leo Watermeier, co-chair of the Lesbian and Gay Community Center of New Orleans, which organized the conference. "The stimulation of having people together who are doing the same kinds of things—sharing what worked and what didn't—was well worth it. There's so much to learn from each other, instead of all of us trying to reinvent the wheel."

In addition to the New Orleans center, representatives from organizations in Dallas, Houston, Memphis (Tenn.), Montgomery (Ala.), Oklahoma City, and Orlando (Fla.) attended the conference, along with hopeful organizers from Baton Rouge (La.), Kansas City, and Mobile (Ala.). Attendees shared information about their respective organizations and the various programming each supports.

Representatives from the Atlanta Lambda Community Center learned about the conference too late to make plans to attend, but did send information on the organization.

"We thought that we'd find a blueprint for lesbian and gay community centers when we got together," said Watermeier, "but what we found was that each center was different, based on each different community. The Dallas center is a landlord, and subleases space to organizations, and Orlando's center is much more activist oriented. Others are balanced between."

Watermeier said that the groups made plans for a second conference, tentatively scheduled for April 1994 in Houston.

"We hope to make that the first national conference of lesbian and gay centers," he said. "These groups have never gotten together before, and what we can learn from it is invaluable."

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COMING EVENTS

Charlotte, NC The Charlotte Pride Committee will present the 1993 Gay/Lesbian/Bi FAMILY Reunion, a celebration of our Pride, on Saturday June 5, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Van Landingham Estate, 2010 The Plaza in Charlotte. Activities include a picnic, volleyball, horseshoes, an expo of support/information organizations and businesses, music, speakers, and awards. For more information, call (704) 332-7473.

Chattanooga, TN Dykes and Fags Bash Back of Atlanta is arranging for a caravan from Atlanta to the embattled Chattanooga Lesbian and Gay Pride march on June 13. Chattanooga marchers have encountered resistance from City Council members and neighborhood groups in planning their second annual march, and this year anti-gay activists have planned a "straight pride" march to follow the CLGP march. Chattanooga's march will begin at 11:30 a.m. at Warner Park; for information, call (615) 267-2624. For info on DFBB's caravan, call 908-5369.

Montgomery, AL Montgomery's Gay Pride 1993 celebration will feature the city's 2nd annual gay and lesbian rights march on June 13 at 3 p.m., weekly public access television broadcasts by the Metropolitan Community church, and several entertainment events.

The Lambda Triangle Center and MCC-Montgomery are co-sponsoring the march and a political action rally following on the Capitol Steps. Marchers will gather at the Lister Hill Plaza across the street from City hall beginning at 2 p.m.

Gay Pride Week will kick off with a camp drag pageant at Hojohns on June 9 at 10:30 p.m., with an Arm-in-Arm Pep Rally at Thirsties on June 12 at 7 p.m.

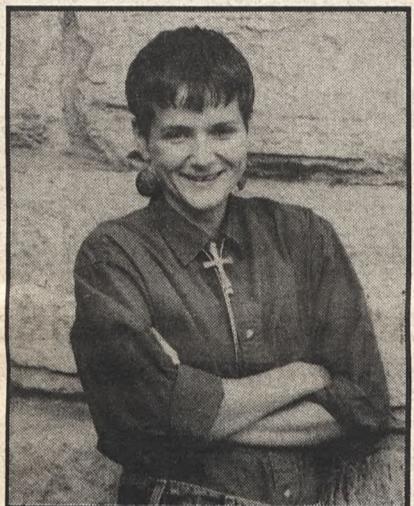
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Dammit Jim And The Faggot Killers: That's the name of a rock band performing in Alaska's Mat-Su Valley Spring Jamboree last weekend. Band leader John Shep, also the festival promoter, said that gays disgust him and he sees no reason to apologize. "I really think someone needs to stand up and say 'Hey, get back in the closet,'" he said. Gay activists are calling for a boycott of the concert, a move that may not be necessary. Shep says that he is using "biker friends" to evict any gays and lesbians from the premises.

White House Talking To Congressman About AIDS Czar Spot: The Clinton administration is talking with Rep. Jim McDermott (D-WA) about leaving Congress to lead the nation's fight against AIDS, according to the Seattle Times. Friends and staff members say that McDermott has not made a decision about the position, but confirmed that he had met with White House officials to discuss the post. McDermott, a psychiatrist, is co-chair of the Congressional Task Force on HIV/AIDS.

Oregon City Passes Gay Rights Ordinance: Ashland, Ore., has become the second city in the state to protect gays and lesbians from discrimination based on sexual orientation. The City Council, with little discussion and no public testimony, voted unanimously last week to add sexual orientation to the city's anti-discrimination policy. "It is a statement about our philosophy as a community," said council member Pat Acklin, adding that the city voted against Oregon's homophobic Measure 9 nearly 3 to 1 last year. The council has also pledged to explore extending city employment benefits to the partners of lesbian and gay employees. Portland is the only other Oregon city to extend protections to its gay and lesbian citizens.

ACT UP/DC Disbands: ACT UP/DC voted to disband on May 8, citing lack of interest, members and money within the gay/AIDS community. "Trying to keep ACT UP afloat has become like rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic to keep it from sinking," said chapter founder Stephen J. Smith. "What happened...with ACT UP/DC is just the tip of the iceberg. I predict that other ACT UP chapters will soon follow suit." Opposition to the disbanding came from a group of ACT UP/Seattle members in the nation's capital to advocate AIDS issues, according to the Washington Blade. "They're taking ACT UP away from the community," said ACT UP/Seattle member Steve Michael. "It's wrong. If you want to leave ACT UP, leave ACT UP."



The St. Louis Post-Dispatch has added a monthly lesbian columnist, Amy Adams Squire Strongheart.

National Center for Lesbian Rights and the ACLU hope the case is instrumental in overturning the Virginia Supreme Court ruling that homosexuality is an adequate reason to deny custody. Such a ruling would also effect similar custody cases in other states.

Dallas Ends Ban Against Gay Police Officers: The Dallas Police Department has announced it will not fight recent court decisions that have held the city's ban on gay officers unconstitutional. The city had banned gay officers based on the state's sodomy law, which has also been declared unconstitutional by the Court of Appeals. The Supreme Court is reviewing that ruling, and the legislature is revising the state penal code and could eliminate the sodomy law.

Gays, Lesbians Are "Expendable," Says Archbishop: Archbishop Thomas V. Dolinay, head of the Pittsburgh Byzantine-Rite Archdiocese within the Roman Catholic Church, believes that gays and lesbians belong on "the list of expendables," and that St. Patrick would "be strongly tempted to lead them over the precipice" into "a dump somewhere far from civilization," as legend has it he rid Ireland of snakes. Dolinay made the comments in a letter about the controversy over a gay Irish group marching in New York's St. Patrick's Day parade. The letter was quoted in a recent issue of National Catholic Reporter.

Discrimination Against Gay Students Banned In Massachusetts: The Massachusetts Board of Education unanimously approved a measure that bans discrimination against the system's gay students, but the measure has no teeth. Local school committees are not required to adopt the policy. "They can choose to ignore it, they can choose to include it, they can choose to modify it," said Robert Antonucci, the state's education commissioner.

Harvard Offers Benefits For Same-Sex Partners: Gay and lesbian partners of Harvard faculty and staff will be eligible for family health insurance coverage as early as November, university President Neil L. Rudenstine said last week. Rudenstine approved the recommendations of a faculty-staff committee that had been examining health coverage for domestic partners since last fall. The benefits will not be extended to unmarried opposite sex domestic partners, the university decided, because they have the legal option to marry.

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Vegetable fats don't increase breast cancer risk, study shows

Washington, DC—Vegetable fats used in cooking oils and in margarine pose no increased risk of breast cancer, a study of body fat in women concludes.

The study, published May 18 in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, contradicts some earlier studies that had suggested a direct connection between fat consumption and breast cancer.

Dr. Stephanie J. London of the University of Southern California said Tuesday that her study used a new technique that measured the ratios of types of fats stored in the body by analyzing tissue samples taken from the buttocks of volunteers.

She said the technique is a superior way of looking for the presence of polyunsaturated fats, such as used in vegetable oils, or for trans fatty acids, which are used in margarine and baked goods.

When comparing levels of these fats among women who had breast cancer and those who did not, London said, "We found no association between these fats and the risk of breast cancer."

Earlier studies linking fats and breast cancer were based on animal research or on the association between the diets in a nation and

the rates of breast cancer in that nation, she said. There also have been studies that show migrating women soon adopted the breast cancer rates of their new country.

London said the results showed that women with elevated levels of the vegetable fats were at no greater risk for either breast cancer or for proliferative benign breast disease, a condition that often precedes breast cancer.

London also said women should not take the study to mean it is healthful to load up on cooking oils or margarine.

"One study should not be the basis for changing one's diet," she said. The researcher also noted that other studies have shown that excess fat, even from vegetable sources, can aggravate heart disease and cause other health problems.

"There are good reasons to cut down on fat intake," said London. "People need to put this into the total picture" of diet and health.

London was the lead author of the study, which also included the work of researchers from Harvard University, Tufts University and several Boston hospitals. The study was financed by the National Cancer Institute.

PAUL RECER

Vanderbilt to begin AIDS vaccine testing

Nashville, TN—Vanderbilt University researchers are concentrating on three possible vaccines to combat AIDS, and a doctor says large-scale testing could be started by the end of 1994. The school is set to start the next step of studies in June on the potential vaccines.

Researchers hope to produce a candidate for testing that would use thousands of volunteers similar to experiments with the polio vaccine in the 1950s.

"We've finished the first wave of testing our first-generation products," said Dr. Barney Graham. "In that wave, we were really just testing the waters of how a vaccine might work. These new studies test a whole new

group of products that apply what we've already learned. I view this as the most exciting time so far in AIDS vaccine research."

Graham wants to recruit 60 healthy adults for the studies over the next three months, a lofty goal since an average of four volunteers a month have signed up each month over the past five years of AIDS research.

"It'll take a year to evaluate our results," Graham said. "The longer it takes to recruit, the longer it'll take to reach the next step. Now that it's in sight, the pressure is on to get there."

The new studies pose no danger of infection with HIV since the vaccines do not contain a live virus. (AP)

OBITUARIES

Thomas Gordon Richter

Thomas Gordon Richter died at his home in Atlanta on Saturday, May 22, 1993 after a courageous fight against AIDS. He was 45.

Originally from Miami, Florida, he completed his B.S. Degree from the University of Florida in 1969, and then went on to earn his M.B.A. in 1971, also from the University of Florida. Mr. Richter was a Senior Vice-President with The Robinson-Humphrey Company, Inc. in Atlanta where he had worked since 1975.

While at Robinson-Humphrey, he achieved the status of Chartered Financial Analyst, and his career flourished as an investment banker and stock analyst specializing in life insurance companies. Forbes Maga-

zine featured Mr. Richter in a 1989 article as one of the top brokers in the country.

He was an active member of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Atlanta.

Mr. Richter is survived by a daughter, Eve Marie Richter, of Atlanta; his father, Robert Paul Richter, of Boynton Beach, Fla.; two sisters, Joyce Ann Richter Titter and Nancy Jane Richter Crisler, both of Miami; a brother, Donald James Richter, also of Miami; and Jeffrey W. Harris, of Atlanta.

His companion requests that any contributions to his memory be made to Project Open Hand or the AIDS foundation of one's choice.

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Red ribbons fall from grace during San Francisco AIDS march

San Francisco—Red ribbons just aren't enough.

That was the message May 23 as thousands of people took part in a San Francisco tradition, a candlelight procession in memory of those killed by AIDS.

With a banner proclaiming "Red Ribbons Won't Save Lives" in the front rank, the 10th annual march started in the Castro District and filled one side of Market Street as it covered 10 blocks to City Hall.

Police placed the number of participants at around 7,000 while Paul Boneberg, who helped found the event in 1983, figured 20,000 participated.

He conceded the police estimate might be more exact "if it only includes those at the assembly point" at City Hall.

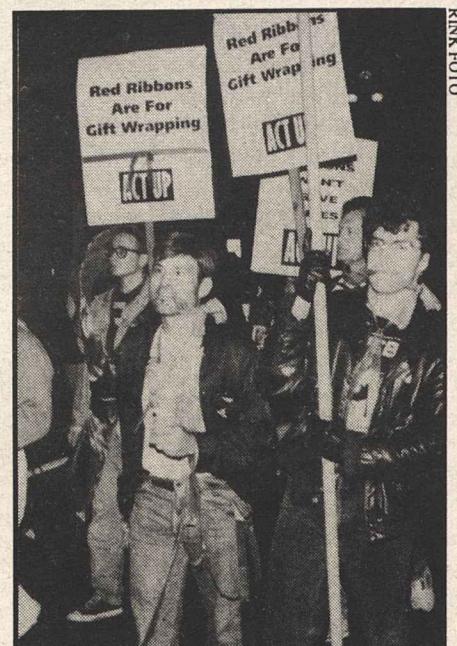
"But I figured in people along the route of march, many who were too sick to take part," he said.

Tom Whitmore, a safety monitor helping Boneberg, estimated 10,000 marchers turned out for the hour-long trek. The 10,000 figure would match the number of people who have died from AIDS in San Francisco.

Several placards bobbing in the march noted that fact. They read "10,000 San Francisco AIDS Deaths and Rising."

Many placards and banners proclaimed that the wearing of red ribbons alone won't defeat the disease. That more than ribbons and talk will be needed was noted by banner dangling from a freeway along the line of march. "AIDS Budget Cuts???? Over Our Dead Bodies," it read.

Some marchers put a red ribbon over the mouth of the statue of Abraham Lincoln that



Some activists carried signs with the message that red ribbons are not enough to fight AIDS during the San Francisco candlelight march.

sits in front of City Hall. "Red Ribbons are for Wrapping," read a sign placed on the likeness of the pensive Civil War President.

The event was one of scores of observances throughout the United States and 49 other countries, according to Mobilization Against AIDS, the San Francisco-based group that organized the event.

JAMES O. CLIFFORD

Gay youth not heeding safe sex messages

San Francisco—The number of AIDS cases among young gays in San Francisco has not budged over the past two years despite aggressive AIDS education campaigns, according to a new study.

The San Francisco Department of Health found that the infection rate among high-risk San Francisco youths aged 17 to 22 was 12 percent in 1992-1993, compared with 12.1 percent in 1990-91.

"They are pretty alarming results that really demand us to rethink how we are attacking this situation," said Health Commissioner Paul Rosenstiel. "Whatever we're doing is obviously not stopping infection."

About 33 percent of the 474 young men surveyed said they had unprotected sex in the last six months, according to the report, which was released May 18.

Many of the young gays may be new to San Francisco, missed the prevention messages or simply fail to take heed to the warnings of unprotected sex, experts said.

"Focused prevention programs have worked in the past and we need to continue to put together programs for a new generation of people at risk," said George Lemp of the city's AIDS office, who led the study.

City officials said they would devote more funding to youth AIDS prevention services, education programs and "youth specific" testing.

About 880 youth, or about 1 percent of the city's youth, aged 12 to 25 are HIV positive, according to the AIDS office. About 17 percent of the HIV positive youth are receiving medical care from the city.

City health workers fanned out across the streets, dance clubs, bars and parks in San Francisco and Berkeley and tested 474 young gay men. The Berkeley Department of Health and Human Services and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention assisted in the survey. (AP)

Liz Taylor raises money for AIDS at Cannes Film Festival

Cannes, France—Elizabeth Taylor appealed to the acting community at the Cannes Film Festival on May 20 to do more to combat AIDS.

"I come before you today not as an actress, but on behalf of all those living with AIDS," she said. "I am the advocate of the dying child in an impoverished nation. I am the voice of the needle-user in the inner city. I am the delegate of the prostitute in the urban street. I simply ask your help for all those who cannot speak."

Taylor hosted a \$2,500-a-plate charity dinner May 20 for actors at the swanky Moulin de Mougins restaurant. The dinner was part of a day devoted to AIDS at Cannes. Proceeds from the benefits will go toward AIDS programs in the Third World, Taylor said at the news conference.

By the year 2000, 30 million people will be infected with the AIDS virus, 12 million will have developed the disease and 6 million will have died from it, she said.

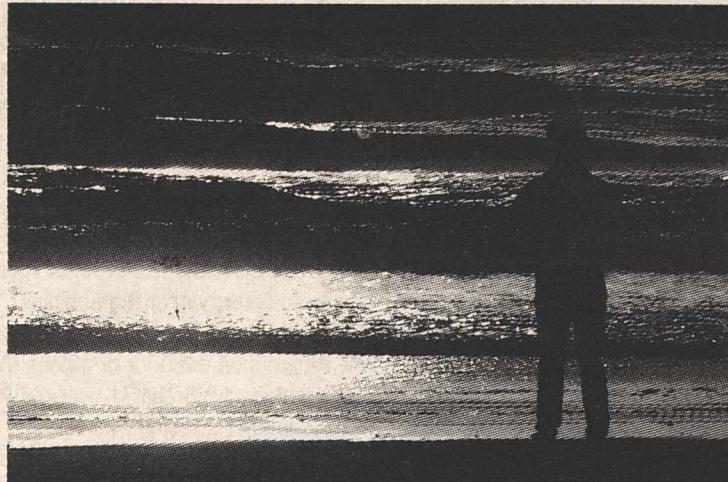
"AIDS, like the language of cinema, knows no boundaries," said Taylor, one of the most active anti-AIDS crusaders in Hollywood. "We who are so privileged have a moral duty to support all those who need our help and protect all those who can be saved."

An excerpt of the film "And the Band Played On," based on the Randy Shilts book, also was shown. AIDS is a central topic of the film, which stars Phil Collins.

Other fund-raising activities included sales of T-shirts and kites bearing photos and signatures of cinema stars present in Cannes for the annual filmfest.

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Julia Pell, president of the Rhode Island Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights.

Senator reveals his daughter is a lesbian, endorses Achtenberg

Washington, DC—Sen. Claiborne Pell walked onto the Senate floor, picked up a button-on microphone and told a hushed chamber that his daughter, Julia, is a lesbian.

The Rhode Island Democrat said May 21 that he wanted to endorse embattled San Francisco supervisor Roberta Achtenberg, the openly lesbian San Francisco Supervisor whose nomination to head the fair housing and equal employment office at the Department of Housing and Urban Development brought vocal opposition from conservative Republicans.

Hardly a cough could be heard among the few senators on the floor or among the tourists in the gallery, when the 74-year-old Pell talked of his daughter's sexual orientation.

"My daughter, Julia, is president of the Rhode Island Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights," he said. "I would not want to see her barred from a government job because of her orientation."

"I have a personal reason for supporting this nomination," Pell said. "I believe we should strive to let simple standards of fairness and equal treatment be our guide in examining all nominees that come before us."

Pell took his listeners by surprise—as had Marine Col. Fred Peck when he disclosed his son's homosexuality to the Senate Armed Services Committee. Pell, however, wanted to argue for allowing gays in the government service, whereas Peck said he believed the military was no place for his son Scott.

Pell's statement was believed to have been the first he has said publicly in the Senate about his daughter's sexual orientation.

Asked for comment, Julia Pell said her father was "very supportive."

"It's not a big deal," she said in Providence in a telephone interview May 21. "It's nice to have a supportive father because most [gay] people aren't in that position...This is why we

need a federal gay civil rights bill."

Sen. Donald Riegle (D-MI) chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, immediately took to the floor to thank Pell for his remarks. Achtenberg's nomination to be an assistant HUD secretary had been approved by Riegle's committee 14-4.

"We can't entertain the notion that people ought to be denied service in our government...by virtue of some test that one or another person might apply, based on their personal orientation or values," Riegle said.

Congress has been embroiled this year—as never before—in a protracted debate on gays and lesbians in America. Until President Clinton nominated Achtenberg, that debate had centered on the president's attempt to lift the military's ban on gays and lesbians.

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Sandy Springs principal leaves valuable lesson to students and parents

Rob Kingston, who died last month of complications from AIDS, told co-workers and students of his fight against HIV infection

Students rally around their principal and raise money for their school in his memory

"The classroom is where it's at," Rob Kingston once told a local newspaper reporter. The most important lesson he ever taught, however, may have come from outside the confines of the traditional academic setting.

Kingston, who died May 15 of an AIDS related illness, had spent 18 of his 43 years as an educator. The last two of those years he served as principal of Sandy Springs Middle School, a position from which he took what was intended to be an extended leave of absence in early January.

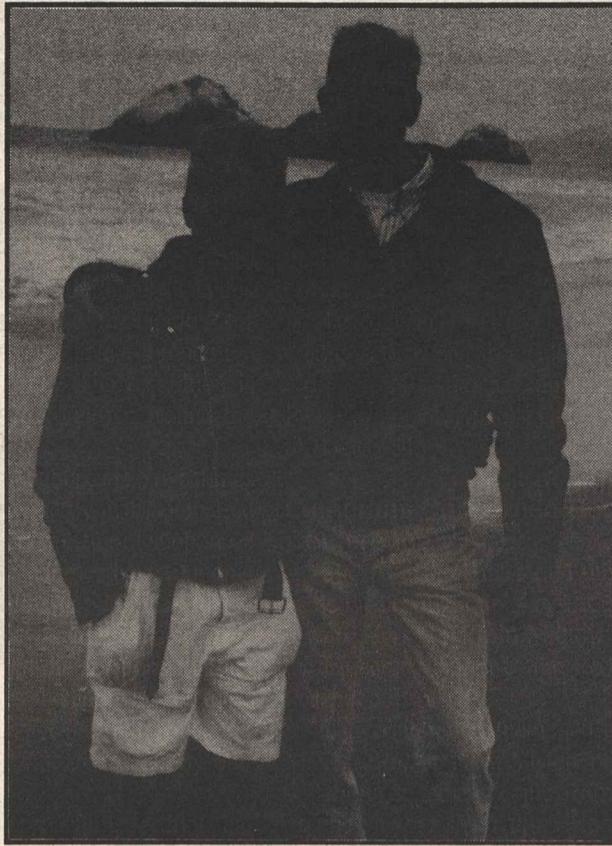
In mid-April, with the effects of a recent bout with pneumonia and months of various opportunistic infections lingering on, Rob Kingston made his dreaded, painful decision.

"I can only imagine how you will react, but I want you to hear it from me," he said in a letter read to the students of the school April 16. "I have AIDS and have been fighting opportunistic infections and my recent bout with pneumonia has convinced me and my doctors that my recovery is unlikely..."

"It was very difficult for him because he didn't want them to be so sad," said Lindy Farley, the Dunwoody mother of three and PTA president who described Kingston as "my dearest friend in the whole world." His body severely weakened by illness, Kingston asked his dear friend to take down his final lesson to the Sandy Springs students earlier that week.

In the letter, Kingston also said, "there have been rumors, and I am writing this to put to rest all those rumors. He concluded the letter saying, "while there is great sadness at this time, there is also great joy that we have been able to share this brief moment."

According to Farley, the reaction to Kingston's letter, and to his illness, has been sad but positive, both at the school and in the surrounding community.



Rob Kingston (right) and his lover Charlie Weltner.

"We didn't hear even one parent who reacted with any kind of concern over their child's being exposed to a person with AIDS or anything like that," said Farley. "Everyone has been great but the kids have been absolutely incredible."

After the letter was read at the school, Kingston received letters, cards, flowers and balloons from students, parents and faculty members who themselves were now dealing with the fact that they had lost their principal and the possibility that they would soon lose their friend.

"I just think that he was such a good teacher and principal

and so well loved by the students and faculty that he may have made a very positive impact on people who otherwise might never have had any contact with a person with AIDS," said Charlie Weltner, Rob's lover. "Writing that letter took a lot of courage but it was something Rob felt very strongly about. Something like that is kind of like coming out to your parents; you don't know if they'll ask you to bring your boyfriend home to meet them or ask you to pack your bags."

After the students learned of Kingston's illness, they immediately began work on what they hoped would be a living tribute to Kingston. On the evening of his death they were holding a bowl-a-thon to raise money to purchase a jukebox to be dedicated to the school in his honor. Those efforts continue through various fund-raising activities, including the sale of donated "Cure AIDS in my lifetime" buttons and red ribbons, both of which have become ubiquitous at the school. Any funds exceeding the cost of the jukebox will go toward sponsorship of student field trips—one of Rob's favorite activities—and a Rob Kingston memorial scholarship fund.

"He wanted to give them one last lesson," said Farley, recalling the April afternoon when Kingston asked her to take a letter to his former students and co-workers. "He wanted them to know that AIDS is something that can affect someone you know and love...He also wanted them to know that AIDS is something that can kill."

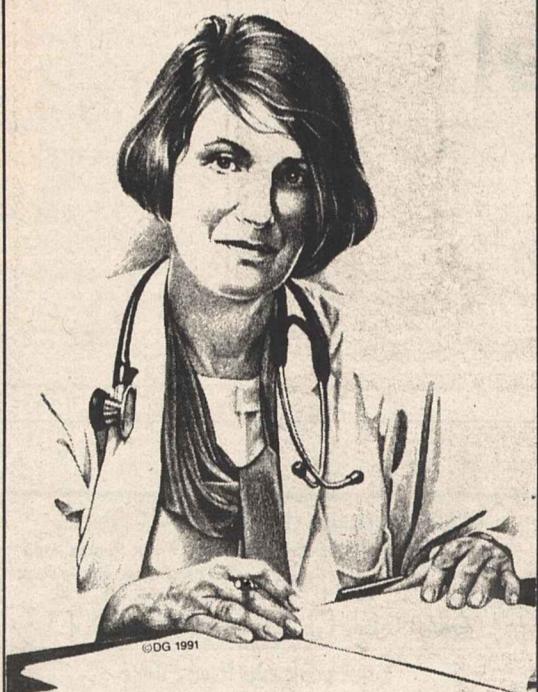
Weltner, who cared for his long-time lover throughout most of his illness, said he hopes another message will also get through to those touched by Rob Kingston. "It's so sad for people who have this disease to feel that they can't come out about it to the people around them," he explained. "Rob's decision to make the details of his condition known at the school enabled the students and everyone there to offer their love and support in a way that would not have been possible if he had kept it a secret."

That support was evident at a May 23 memorial service at which some 500 former students and co-workers paid tribute to Kingston. Farley, who helped organize the memorial, added, "it was a perfect ending to a beautiful life."

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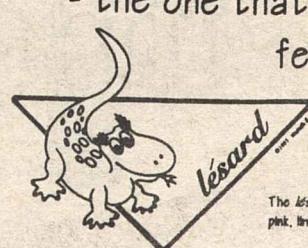
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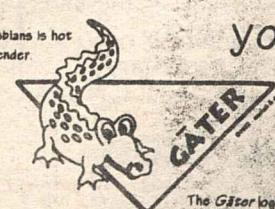
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Give me a gay any day

BY BRUCE MIRKEN

About two years ago, having just reentered single life, I ran an ad in the personals section of one of my local gay rags. It didn't bring me true love, but the experience was fun and even educational.

One of the guys who called was named Doug. After the usual pleasantries and an exchange of physical descriptions, he got right down to the serious stuff:

"Are you straight-acting?" he asked.

I admit I was totally unprepared for this particular query, and whatever ability I have to be diplomatic (precious little, editors tell me) left me on the spot. I said something to the effect that I thought the very question was homophobic.

Silence.

Finally, after a long, long pause, Doug said, "...what?"

It was a short conversation.

After hanging up, I began to wonder: Was I, in fact, "straight-acting"? I truly didn't know. I've had plenty of jobs in heterosexual environments and been mistaken for straight often enough to think that, well, maybe I am "straight-acting."

But then I got to thinking: What happens when I wear my Queer Nation t-shirt, the one that says "We're here, we're queer, get used to it"? Does that automatically make me "gay-acting"? Or, horror of horrors, "queer-acting"? This stuff starts to get complicated.

And what if I'm walking down the street with a guy I like and get the urge to hold his hand? Or kiss him? Or use some term of affection like "honey"? Do I have to stand guard against all of these things, ever-vigilant lest some inadvertent verbal slip or tell-tale drooping of the wrist stain me forever with the taint of being "gay-acting"? Being "straight-acting" seems like an awful lot of work.

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An exaggeration? Sure, but not by much

compared to some of the "straight-acting" ads that show up in the personals all the time. All in all, I can think of no better way to celebrate lesbian and gay pride than for the gay press to banish forever the phrase "straight-acting" from the classified pages. Lose it. Toss it overboard. Drive a stake through its miserable heart and rid ourselves of it once and for all.

Extreme, you say? Maybe. As one who loathes censorship in any form, the idea of banning a word or phrase does not come easily. But think about the assumptions underlying the phrase "straight-acting."

The first is the idea that there is such a thing as "straight-acting" at all, that it's an identifiable concept with some sort of meaning. Like what? Does it mean "not flamboyant" or "not effeminate"? The way it's used

...if being "straight-acting" is a desirable trait, then its opposite, "gay-acting," must by definition be undesirable. Should the gay and lesbian press be a part of perpetuating our own homophobia?

most of the time I tend to think that's what many of its perpetrators intend, but if that's what you mean then why not just say so? Why speak in code?

Anyone who was at the March On Washington saw first-hand that we are as varied and diverse a people as can be imagined. Which of these million shades of our rainbow constitutes "straight-acting" and which do not? The mind reels. Our enemies are in such a hurry to stereotype us, do we really have to join them?

Ron Romanovsky (of Romanovsky and Phillips) summed it up pretty well a few years ago in the song, "Give Me a Homosexual":

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Exactly. Whatever my looks, dress, or mannerisms, the minute I take another man's cock in my mouth I've pretty definitively left the world of the "straight-acting," and to pretend otherwise is just silly.

But what's not silly is the other assumption underlying the way "straight-acting" gets used. After all, if being "straight-acting" is a desirable trait, then its opposite, "gay-acting," must by definition be undesirable. Should the gay and lesbian press be a part of perpetuating our own homophobia?

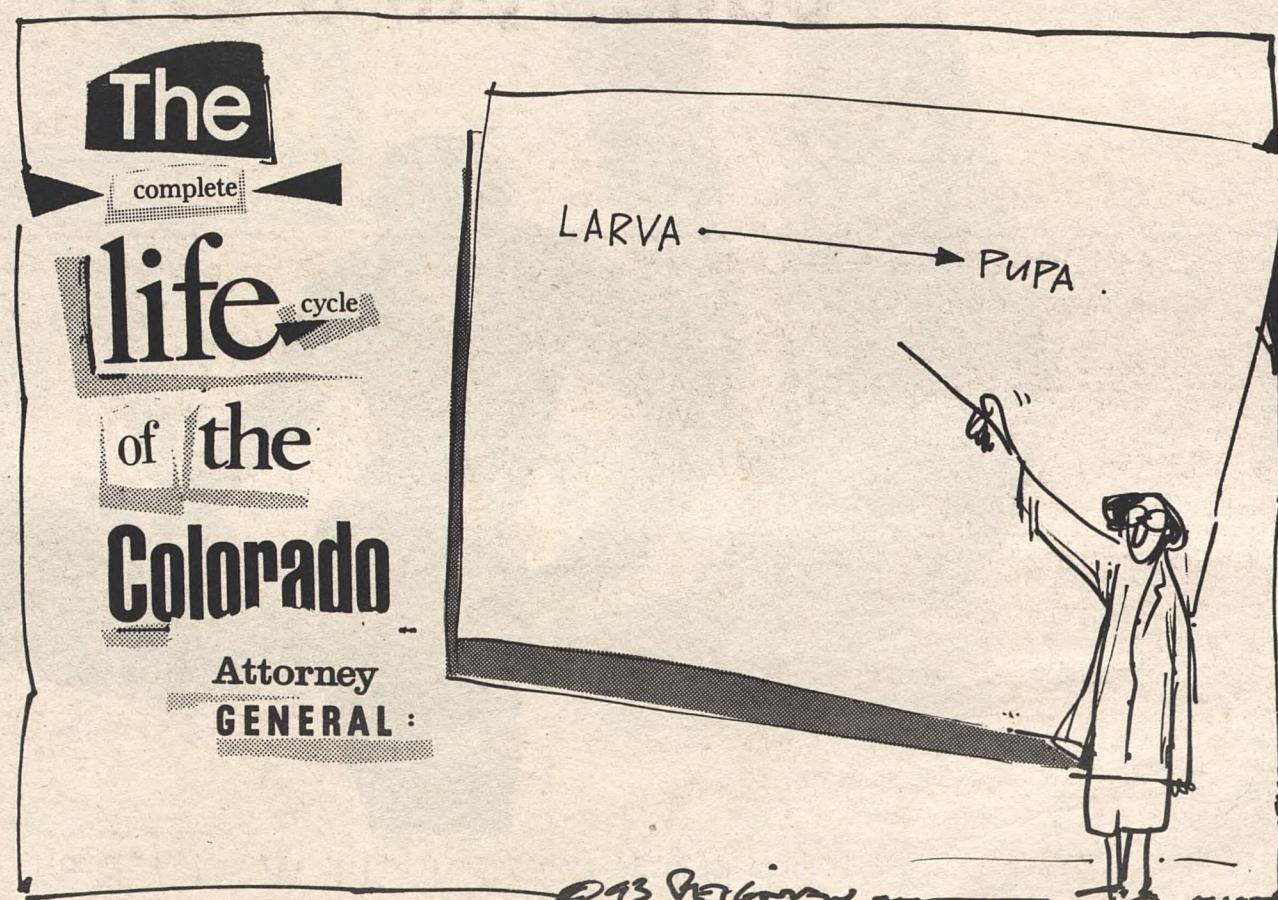
If you don't see why this is so disturbing, let's alter the circumstances just a bit. Imagine that this was a newspaper published by and for the African-American community. What do you think would be the response if it published a personal ad soliciting potential mates who were "white-acting"?

The answer is obvious: There would be howls of outrage. The letters column would be ablaze with screams of unhappiness from readers demanding to know why a black publication was printing such insulting, racist crap, and chances are the advertiser would get plenty of hostile responses as well. And I'd be willing to bet that the ad would quickly either be rewritten or disappear.

So why don't we respond similarly? Because, I'm afraid, we still haven't come nearly as far down the road to liberation as have our brothers and sisters in racial or ethnic minorities. Most of them grasped long ago that the first step toward freedom is taking real pride in exactly who and what you are, and the hell with anybody who can't handle it. When we get to that point there will be no need to ban phrases like "straight-acting" from our publications because no one will even dream of using them.

Happy Lesbian and Gay Pride.

Bruce Mirken is a health and AIDS writer for numerous publications including Southern Voice which, by the way, refuses personal ads that say "straight acting." Mirken lives in West Hollywood, California.



Fear spreads through resort's gay community in wake of beatings

Rehoboth Beach, DE—There's talk of civilian patrols and demonstrations as fear spreads through this popular resort in the aftermath of two anti-gay attacks just before the start of the summer tourist season.

Meanwhile, police plan to saturate the boardwalk with uniformed patrols to curb the hate crimes.

"I don't want this place to be a gay-straight battle zone this summer," Police Chief Creig Doyle said.

The hate crimes have left gays uneasy, and business and city officials concerned about the resort's image as a safe place to vacation.

"The gay community here is on edge. They're scared. They're concerned about their businesses. They're concerned about their customers," Doyle said.

Since the latest attack, there has been talk of forming unarmed citizen patrols. Large-scale protests have been suggested to bring attention to the need for protection for gays and lesbians, said Steve Elkins, general manager of several restaurants and co-founder of Camp Rehoboth, a resource agency and chamber of commerce for the gay community.

"As a business person, I think [protests] would hurt the gay

and lesbian community as much as anybody else," Elkins said.

But if there is a protest, "it will be something like they've never seen here before," he said.

Michael Buck, manager of the Ground Zero restaurant and bar, favors citizen patrols.

"Just the presence of people out there caring should be enough to scare [perpetrators] away," Buck said.

Elkins said Camp Rehoboth plans to pressure city commissioners to pass an ordinance to make hate crimes a punishable offense. Delaware does not have a hate crime statute, but is required by federal law to track such crimes.

"We want everyone to be able to come out of a restaurant without fear of having their face bashed. You shouldn't have to worry about where you're going to walk to," Elkins said.

There are also concerns among heterosexual residents that they may be attacked because the perpetrator assumes they are gay.

Keith Fitzgerald, who is heterosexual, said he has been called "faggot" while riding his bicycle to and from the restaurant where he is a co-owner.

"The people out there doing this, they're just looking for

trouble," Fitzgerald said.

Doyle said he doesn't think the recent series of anti-gay assaults is evidence of a trend. However, he said police plan to stay in close contact with the gay community.

Three hate crimes have been reported so far this year—all targeting gays. On May 13, a man was attacked when he left a restaurant. And on May 16, three men were beaten with bottles and a baseball bat. The most seriously injured victim was listed in improved condition May 20 in the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Unit in Baltimore. One of the attackers is a 14-year-old boy. He was arrested after admitting his role in the attack during a classroom discussion on current events at Milford High School on May 18. School authorities notified police, who arrested the boy on three counts of assault and one of conspiracy, Doyle said.

The arrest of the Lincoln boy has left city police confident that all five participants in the attack were in custody.

In the third hate crime this year, someone called a restaurant, threatening to burn it down and called it a "faggot spot," Doyle said. Last year, nine out of 10 reported hate crimes were anti-gay incidents.

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Gifts from the Sixth House

My dilettante's study of astrology continues to amaze me with its insights about my life. Recently, I relooked at my Sixth House, which deals with issues of selfless service. Related to Virgo (a sign with notoriously bad press), the Sixth House governs areas as diverse as personal health, ownership of pets, and anything you give away—all united by the concept of selflessly caring for something, whether that be yourself, your household, something you bring into your life, your community.

In my chart, that's the location of Saturn, the planet of long journeys, hard work and achievement, suggesting that if I give of myself, I would eventually be rewarded. So far, it's right on the button.

Volunteer-wise, I hadn't done much before I came out. Hamilton Alabama's Methodist Youth Fellowship trick-or-treated for UNICEF once or twice. In school, my extracurriculars were Band and Chorus, with some writing, having edited literary magazines in high school and college. And as my closeted young adulthood progressed, I had little energy to spare for other people, so much of it going toward my own survival.

But after coming out, instinct told me to look for a place that supports other people's coming out, so I showed up at the Atlanta Gay Center—found 'em in the phone book. I worked at the STD clinic reception desk, I stamped library books, I stuffed envelopes, I answered phones. It wasn't until director Jack Carrel started a newspaper that I got excited.

I remember little of what I did at The News—I believe I occasionally wrote articles, delivered papers and typed copy. But I did enough to qualify for the 1985 staff photo, which I recently rediscovered. It pictured me, Jack, Gary Kaupman, Terry Anderson, David O'Shields, Michael Clark, Stebbo Hill and Luther Munda.

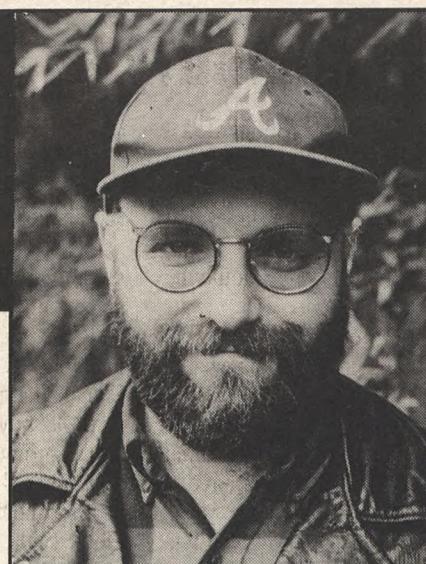
That particular issue also had articles by Gus Galves, Alexander Wallace and Peter Dakutis; the Womyn's Writes page was assembled by Lee Brown and Denise Haskins; the first issue of The Journal of AID Atlanta, edited by Johnny Walsh and Rebecca Ranson, was an insert, featuring Ken South's 1985 Year in Review and an article on the Emory Dental Clinic turning away PWAs.

(An update tells us a lot about what went on in the '80s and how things have changed. Four of the men listed above are dead; at least two others are HIV-positive; four have moved away; and the women in this male-dominated organization were limited to occasional guest appearances.)

When Gay Center control issues caused a staff revolt, a group of us on the newspaper staff got the idea to buy the local gay bookstore Christopher's Kind and use it as a non-profit corporation, containing a literary magazine, cable TV production, an art gallery, maybe even a newspaper. The name, Southeastern Arts, Media and Education Project, Inc., was chosen for its snappy acronym—SAME.

SAME happened, but Christopher's Kind went away, and so Rebecca Ranson was asked to take over the non-profit. My three-year involvement included co-editing (with Rebecca) SAME's literary review Amethyst, and eventually moving to the Board of Directors.

But I still wanted to work on a newspaper. I got excited again when Gary told Chris



Cash to call SAME about this publishing idea she had. Almost two years later, Southern Voice was born. I was disappointed that the name didn't have the G- and L-words in the title, but I was happy to be volunteer typing again.

After a relationship time-out, my typing turned into occasional writing. Then I decided that perhaps I had lived enough as a gay man to talk about what it's like. I wrote sample columns for then-editor Kaupman, and he bit. The money that I got for writing was the first time I ever got paid at any volunteer organization. In money, that is.

The urge to volunteer, whether it is Sixth House-generated or not, is strong for me because of all the unexpected gifts I've received from doing it. To me, it's the concept of Karma in action—promising to return to us whatever we send out into the universe—that underscores how important these efforts are. Had volunteers not founded and funded the Gay Center, how much of the above wouldn't have happened? As for me, personally, who would my friends be? How would I fill my time? Not as pleasantly, I suspect.

Currently, I have two volunteer outlets. I am an organizer of the Celebrating Gay Spirit Visions conference, which annually brings 100 men to Highlands, North Carolina to explore how being gay has shaped us spiritually. And I deliver meals two days a month for Project Open Hand.

The rewards are quite different. We Gay Spriteers are laying a foundation for something we don't yet know the blueprints of. We expect to create something that celebrates our survival as gay men and supports those coming behind us. What form that ultimately will take is at least half the adventure.

As for Open Hand, it's an easy place to volunteer, and I can address some of my AIDS survivor's guilt. Had I come out when I should've, instead of cowering in the closet in Alabama, I could easily be receiving meals instead of delivering them. There is an alternate universe out there where these people are me, and I am them. Karma-wise, I belong here.

Back to the Sixth House—initially, I was surprised that one twelfth of the astrological model of existence is devoted to selfless service. But then I looked around—Catholics are taught to tithe one tenth of their income; a recent series of public service announcements suggests 5% of our money and time go to volunteer work.

These are not random coincidences. We can quibble about the right fraction, but as a society, we've thought for a long time about how people should live, and time and again, we return to the idea that such giving of ourselves is integral to personal growth.

Consider your community, then, as an extension of your friends, and listen to (and learn from) the Flirtations' song "Everything Possible." *When you give your friends the best part of yourself, they will give the same back to you.*

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Once again, the smaller papers of Atlanta, including the one that you are presently enjoying, are being threatened by tactics that can only be described as predatory. As of Thursday, May 20th, the Atlanta Journal Constitution began publishing a weekly "newspaper," CityLife, which has a clear and undisputed target—African Americans. In their own words (surrounded by photos of African Americans) this new weekly is "about you and your community, about your school and your church, and about your voice and your town."

While we are pleased that the AJC is finally recognizing the strength and viability of Atlanta's African American community, we are enraged by their arrogant methods which include setting CityLife's advertising rates at near give away prices. The objective: to undercut the existing African American papers (and other alternative weeklies) and lure away our advertisers.

Make no mistake about it, we believe in the AJC's right to publish whatever it wishes, but we also believe in fair competition. We will happily vie for your readership and your advertising dollar without comment when the playing field is as level as it can be. But when so blatant an attempt is made to create a newspaper monopoly here in Atlanta, we will speak up and speak up loudly.

We will not go the way of the Gwinnett Daily News and the Sun papers. We intend to make our collective voice heard. We appeal to you, our readers, our advertisers, our supporters, to shout with us. Send us your cards and your letters telling us how you feel about the AJC's actions.

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Gay ASF architects deserve credit

To the Editor:

I was pleasantly surprised to read Joseph Litsch's article on the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in the May 27th Voice, and I thought your readers might be interested to know of the important contribution that the gay and lesbian community made to that project.

While you correctly identified the architects of the building as myself and my late business partner, Perry Pittman, I was disappointed that you failed to identify us as gay men. In fact, when the project was designed in the early Eighties (on 7th street in Midtown) over half the people involved were gay men and lesbians. While Perry and I have our names on the building, at least one other gay person deserves special recognition for his contribution to the project, and that is Michael Stauffer, who was a multi-talented and much-loved theater consultant based in Atlanta.

For three years we worked pretty much seven days a week to make that project a success. Our standard schedule was to knock off at 10 or 11 at night and walk around the corner to the Armory for a nightcap and discussion of the day's developments. Our friends and lovers who met us there came to dread those architectural shop talk sessions as "archi-torture" and soon began to develop symptoms of what we diagnosed as "archi-terror"!

It was perhaps fortunate in those heady days that we didn't see the storm clouds on the horizon. Perry was diagnosed with AIDS

a few months after the project ended and died on December 7, 1986, a year to the day after the theater opened. Michael passed away in March, 1988 and thanks to the combined talents of Atlanta's theater community had the most dramatically lighted memorial service I have ever attended.

As the toll mounted it dawned on me that I was not going to be able to fight the epidemic with a tee-square so I made a mid-life career shift. I can honestly say that the time I've spent since then with NAPWA, the Buyers Club and ACT UP has been more personally rewarding and more meaningful than the days when all we were trying to cure the world of cultural deprivation and lousy architecture I highly recommend similar work to any readers who may be looking for an exciting way to spend their time.

The Alabama Shakespeare Festival Theater has been published hundreds of times, not only in this country, but in Japan, Australia, and Europe as well. The recognition of our work has been of only incidental interest to me, but having an article in my hometown gay and lesbian newspaper has brought me great pleasure, and where ever they are, I'm sure Perry and Michael are happy too. I only wish you had credited the gay sensibility that created what the Washington Post called "the most beautiful theater built since World War II."

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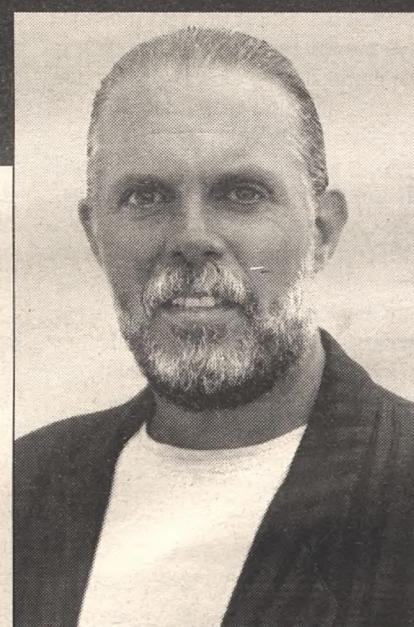
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EYE ON THE MILITARY

A military judge last week accepted the guilty plea of Navy Airman Apprentice **Terry Helvey** thereby avoiding a full trial that would have brought to light details of the homophobic attitudes that brought about the death of gay sailor **Allen Schindler**. Helvey was sentenced to life in prison by a military jury.

Attorneys for Helvey pleaded for a lighter sentence, banking on testimony from friends and relatives that Helvey was a caring, responsible man trying to rise above a troubled childhood. But the 8-officer jury was apparently swayed by testimony from Navy special investigator Kevin Privette, who said that Helvey told him that he hated gays.

"At one point [Helvey] sat back and said, 'I don't regret it. I'd do it again,'" Privette testified.

On the stand during the sentencing hearing on May 26, Helvey testified that "in all honesty I did not attack [Schindler] because he was a homosexual." But documents released by the military on May 28 told how Helvey and three other sailors had seen Schindler walking alone in Sasebo, Japan, where the Naval base is located, and secretly followed him into a nearby park. When Schindler entered a public restroom, Helvey followed, where he began beating Schindler, first crumpling him with a blow to the head and then kicking and stomping him.

Airman Charles Vins, who was with Helvey on the night of October 27 and participated in the beating, told investigators that Helvey talked often of beating up gays, and that Helvey was later "proud that, as he put it, he dropped the guy with one punch."

Vins was given a 4-month sentence and dishonorably discharged in return for testifying against Helvey.

Testimony from other witnesses describing the extent of Schindler's injuries—including Navy Dr. Kilbane, who testified that Schindler's condition after the beating "was similar to a high-speed automobile accident or a low-speed aircraft accident"—also affected the hearing outcome.

Helvey also tearfully read from a letter he'd written to Schindler's mother, Dorothy Hadjys.

"I can't apologize enough for my actions," Helvey said. "I accept full responsibility for my actions. I realize that nothing I can say and do will make up for the loss of your son."

Hadjys, who wept as she listed to Helvey's recitation, whispered "Thank you" when the sentence was read.

Helvey had been charged with premeditated murder in the case, but earlier this month pleaded guilty to assault with intent to commit great bodily injury. He would have faced the death penalty under the original charge. Helvey will now be turned over to federal



Seaman Allen Schindler was brutally murdered by shipmate Terry Helvey. Helvey pleaded guilty last week and has been sentenced to life in prison.

authorities for incarceration. The military said there was no specific date when—or if—he might be eligible for parole.

As the Helvey trial came to its conclusion, police in Kin, Japan, announced that they would soon file formal charges against **Marine Pfc. Christopher A. Glidden**, 18, in the death of Seiyu Yokota, a 33-year-old carpenter. Yokota was beaten to death sometime before dawn on April 11. Masaharu Kinjo, Kin's deputy chief of police, said that Glidden allegedly killed Yokota because he believed the Japanese man had made sexual advances toward him.

A source close to police in Kin, who demanded anonymity, said Glidden told investigators that Yokota put his arm around him while the two were drinking together in a bar near Glidden's base. The source said that what is considered to be a friendly gesture in Japan may have been misinterpreted by the American Marine. Yokota was not known to be gay.

Lt. Col. Robert McLean, spokesman for the Marines in Okinawa, confirmed that Yokota's body was found in an alley near one of several bars where the men had been drinking, but refused to comment on a motive. The case is being processed through Japanese civilian juvenile court, since Glidden is younger than 20, the Japanese age of majority.

Discharges continue

A four person Army panel recommended an honorable discharge last week for **National Guard Capt. Pam Mindt** in St. Paul Minn.

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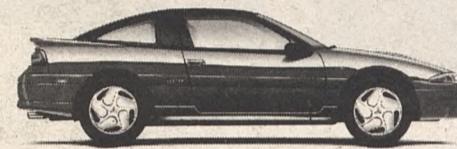
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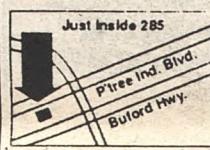


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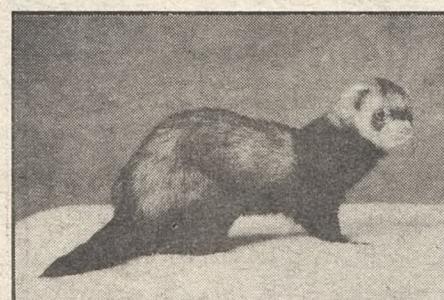
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Colin Quinn & Ron Thomas celebrated their 10th anniversary with a commitment ceremony.

BIRTHDAYS

Dear Ma Bickerson...Happy Belated 39th Birthday. We love you! Your children — Bubba, Big Star, Bass, Beauty, Betty, Baby, BeeBee, Bullet, Bandit, Blowdry, Baker, Broadway, Blank, & Ma.

Happy 29th Birthday to Jonna Riddlebury of Homewood, Alabama. She will be celebrating at Club 21 on June 9. All friends and relatives are invited to attend!

GRADUATION

Congrats to Chance Claar, daughter of Samantha Claar, who graduated from high school on May 28. Welcome to the Big World Chance, we wish you the best of luck in whatever you do.

WEDDING BELLS

Atlanta residents Colin Quinn and Ron Thomas traveled back to their hometown of Toledo, Ohio, to tie the knot on May 15. The ceremony was held at the local Unitarian Congregation with parents, family members and special friends all in attendance. Occasions viewed the photo album (and stole a photo while we were at

it) and it looks like a good time was had by all. Colin shared with us that they have actually been together for 10 years; but Ron would not agree to a wedding ceremony until their 10th anniversary. So...Happy Wedding and Happy Anniversary!

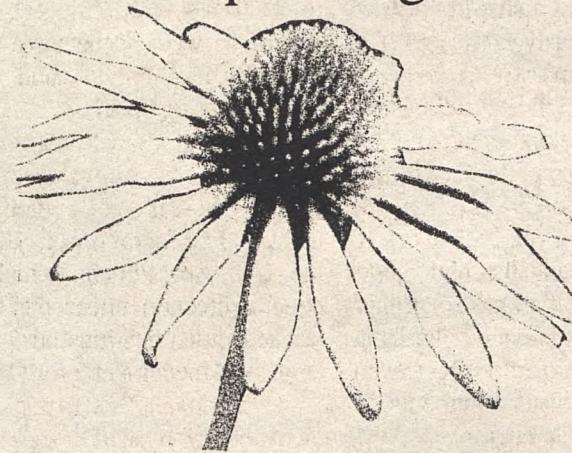
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State of Colorado wants ban against Amendment 2 lifted

Attorney general, in response to injunction which temporarily prevents the anti-gay law from going into effect, says gays have no right to political process

Denver, CO—Colorado's attorney general urged the state Supreme Court on May 24 to lift a temporary ban against Amendment 2, as the court heard oral arguments on an appeal of Denver District Court Judge Jeffrey Bayless's February ruling that the law should not take effect before he hears a lawsuit challenging it in October.

"Amendment 2 can only be used as a shield, not as a sword," attorney general Gale Norton told the court, adding that gays' and lesbians' civil rights would still be protected under federal civil rights laws.

Former Colorado Supreme Court Justice Jean Dubofsky, attorney for the plaintiffs, argued that no federal law grants civil rights to gays and lesbians, and argued that the anti-gay amendment prevents gays "from obtaining any type of relief from any form of discrimination on the basis of [sexual orientation]...from any level of government."

In briefs filed before last week's court hearing, the state argued that gays have no fundamental right as a group to participate in the political process.

"In truth, the plaintiff's newly found 'right' to equally participate in the political process is little more than a prescription for social and political chaos," read part of the 26 page brief. "This court should not be a partner in such a foolhardy exercise."

The Colorado Supreme Court has given the case extraordinarily short deadlines for filing briefs and hearing oral arguments, an indication that resolution of the case is on a fast track. Deadlines for briefs often can stretch out longer than a year.

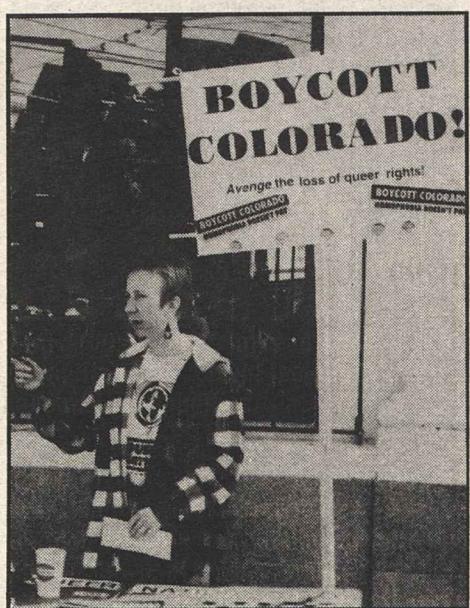
The fast pace means the high court could issue its opinion before its summer recess, which begins in mid-July. And that means the law could go into effect even before a district court hears arguments on its constitutionality in October.

"All Amendment 2 does is repeal state and local protections and require that additional protection [for gays and lesbians] be obtained through a statewide election," said Tim Tymkovich, solicitor general for Norton, last week.

Nine individuals, including tennis star Martina Navratilova, the American Civil Liberties Union and the three cities challenging the law filed written arguments with the state Supreme Court May 3. They claimed Amendment 2 denies gays and lesbians equal access to the political process by denying them protection from discrimination. No other group has such a limitation, the brief argues.

"Far from being neutral legislation, Amendment 2 places unique burdens on the ability of gay men, lesbians and bisexuals to participate in the political process by requiring them, but no other group in Colorado, to amend the state constitution before they could meaningfully petition for...relief from discrimination," the brief said.

The measure, sponsored by a conser-



A Queer Nation member in San Francisco urges continued support of the Colorado boycott.

vative Colorado Springs group, Colorado For Family Values, has been one of the most divisive issues in recent state history.

Opponents called it "mean-spirited" and "hate legislation." Proponents said it would prevent gays from getting special protection not granted other groups and would limit the increasing level of government intrusion on private lives.

Experts were surprised when it passed by a 53 percent-47 percent margin, precipitating a nationwide boycott effort against Colorado and claims that hate crimes against gays and gay businesses increased drastically. Its constitutionality was immediately challenged by gay-rights groups as well as the three cities whose ordinances were invalidated.

In granting the injunction, Bayless said the state cannot sanction a private bias unless it has a compelling reason to do so. He also said there is a good chance the amendment will be found unconstitutional under the 14th Amendment, which guarantees equal protection under the law. Bayless has scheduled hearings on the court challenge of Amendment 2 for October.

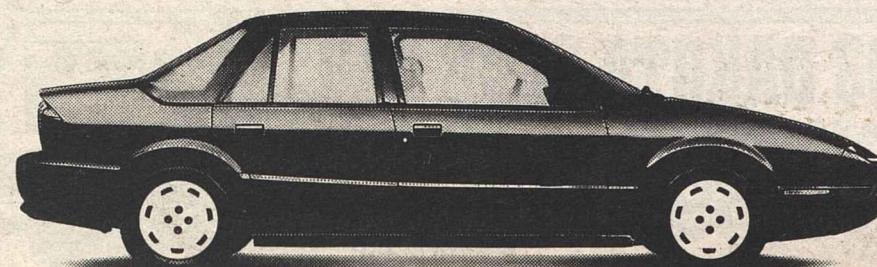
Amendment 2's aftermath has included a boycott effort nearly as ambitious as the one that finally induced Arizona voters to provide a Martin Luther King Day holiday long after the rest of the nation had.

Tourism officials say the state has lost at least \$38 million in official convention business because of Amendment 2. Gay activists in the state put the number much higher.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science, which claims to be the "world's largest general-science organization," was the latest group to join the boycott effort. This week, it announced it was moving its 1999 national convention elsewhere. The association, which has met in Denver four times, took 5,900 people to Baltimore for its 1993 convention.

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Capt. Pam Mindt is the first person in the Minnesota National Guard to be discharged because of sexual orientation. Mindt is a 16-year veteran of the Guard.

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nesota. Mindt is the first Minnesota guard member to receive a discharge recommendation because of her sexual orientation.

"I'm angry," she said. "It's made me more committed to the cause...and I can tell you, I'm not going to go away."

The panel recommendation will be considered by Lt. Gen. James Johnson at First Army headquarters in Fort Meade, Md., and his recommendation will be passed along for final action at the Pentagon and the U.S. attorney general's office. Mindt's attorney, Kris Lockhart, said she expects to file a federal lawsuit challenging any potential discharge.

Reactions to compromise

Kentucky's congressional delegation was quick to oppose Rep. Barney Frank's compromise—open off base, closeted on base—proposal on lifting the ban last week, although some representatives from the Bluegrass State adopted a wait-and-see attitude.

"My big concern is that...any type of compromise would indicate we're validating the lifestyle," said Rep. Scotty Baesler, a Democrat. "Barney Frank's solution is better than lifting the ban...but I don't know that it accomplishes anything." Kentucky congressmen said they have received more mail on this issue than any other, and it has been overwhelmingly against lifting the ban.

Sgt. Jose Zuniga, the 6th Army's soldier of the year recommended for discharge when he came out during the March on Washington, denounced Frank's compromise, as did National Organization for Women president

Patricia Ireland.

"We're against this proposal because it's just an extension of the closet," said Zuniga. "It's telling us that service members should be asexual in the workplace. I've been in the military 3½ years and I know it's impossible and unreasonable to expect service members to keep their sexuality secret."

"Do we want people in uniform to lie?" asked Ireland during a speech at Northeastern University in Boston. "What about a picture on your desk? How about a picture of your friend, your special friend? How about a picture of you and your special friend at the beach?"

Ireland also reminded her audience that despite the almost voyeuristic attention given to gay men on the military issue, women are also involved.

"The issue of gays and lesbians in the military is a women's issue," she said. "And yet, in these hearings, we hear nothing about women. We hear about gay men in the showers. What does that say to us? It says the straight men in the military are afraid of being sexually harassed."

Sen. Sam Nunn rejected Frank's proposal as well in a speech on the Senate floor on May 27, saying that allowing service members to be open off base would provide a "safe haven for homosexual conduct leading to a dramatic liberalization of military standards." Nunn also said that President Clinton "has endorsed the current rules of conduct, which apply on base and off base."

But Clinton's own words on the subject are unclear. During a televised town meeting on CBS News last Thursday morning, Clinton appeared to endorse Frank's proposal. Answering a question from CBS correspondent Paula Zahn about whether "don't ask, don't tell, don't investigate" might be a good policy, Clinton said agreed, "as long as it doesn't lead to a whole range of deliberate outings."

"The issue is a narrow one: should you be able to acknowledge, if asked, that you are homosexual? And if you don't do anything wrong, should you be booted from the military?"

Clinton acknowledged that "we're very close to resolving it here," but troubled many gay activists and advocates when he told a Virginia pastor that "we are trying to work this out so that our country does not...appear to be endorsing a gay lifestyle, but we accept people as people and give them a chance to serve if they play by the rules."

"It was a little gratuitous for him to say he didn't want to endorse my lifestyle," said Frank after the town meeting. "I might want him to endorse my checks. But I don't really need him to endorse my lifestyle."

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For Mauro Montoya, who is one of those pictured, "Living with HIV" is more than a slogan. It has become a way of life since the 34-year-old attorney found out he had the virus.

"When I tested positive, I was very upset at first," Montoya recalled.

"But I have learned to live with HIV," Montoya continued. "I'm alive and I've always wanted to run for political office, so now I'm doing it. I'm doing everything else I always wanted to do."

Montoya has his sights set on a city council at-large seat in Washington, D.C. In addition, he serves on the board of "Food and Friends," a meals on wheels project, and is planning a Washington, D.C. Cable television show on legal issues. Montoya also continues to run his own legal consulting firm.

In the midst of all this, Montoya works with the Burroughs Wellcome Company, not only as part of their "Living with HIV" campaign, but as a speaker with their "HIV Peer Network" effort.

The Peer Network offers AIDS education in the workplace, by providing HIV-positive people who speak to their professional peers. Montoya, for example, has spoken with law firms, public interest law groups and members of the National Bar Association.

In speaking with these groups, Montoya talks out of his own experience. He tells employers to expect that HIV-positive workers will need extra time off for doctor's appointments, for example. He also addresses legal protections, including health insurance, living wills and power of attorney. Among other things he urges HIV-positive mothers to draw up child-custody documents in the event of their death.

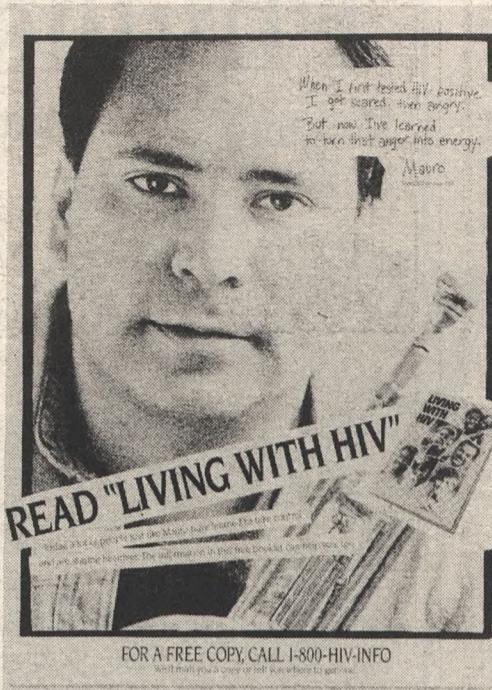
Montoya plans to speak at an upcoming judge's conference.

"I think it's vital that judges have a better grip on this. They're the worst," he said. "There was a federal judge who wouldn't let a man with AIDS have water on the witness stand, even though he was up there for eight hours. She was afraid he would throw the water on her."

"Talking—it helps me deal with HIV," Montoya said. "And helping others helps me to feel better. I'm very blunt with kids. I think they listen, because I'm someone who's going through it."

The Burroughs Wellcome Peer Network is part of a larger, national "Community Outreach Initiative" sponsored by the company. Other aspects of the Outreach Initiative include providing grants to grass-roots HIV projects and seeking the advice of those effected by HIV through a Community Advisory Board.

After Burroughs Wellcome released AZT for use in the treatment of HIV, the company received a lot of heat from the public, acknowledged Burroughs Wellcome Community-Liaison, Dave Durham.



"We want to provide service in addition to new therapies," Durham said. "We've been getting a lot of input from the community about how to do that."

Through community service "we're able to enhance our image, which people thought we needed to do. And a lot of people in the company are committed to making a difference. We have friends and loved ones with HIV, so being able to provide service—it makes us all feel good," Durham explained.

In the last year and a half, Burroughs Wellcome has given grants averaging about \$5,000 each to AID Atlanta, Outreach, Inc. and Project Open Hand, Durham said.

Outreach Founder Sandra McDonald, who started the group because she felt no one was effectively addressing the needs of the African-American community, also serves on the Burroughs Wellcome Advisory Board.

The board aims to help Burroughs Wellcome better understand the needs of the diverse population effected by HIV. Among those represented on the board are youth, substance abusers, women and gay men of color, Durham said.

When Burroughs Wellcome approached McDonald about joining the board, she was skeptical, she said.

"I was reluctant to get involved, given their past history with AZT," McDonald recalled. "But I've been overwhelmingly surprised at the companies' ability to be open minded and have a pretty tough skin about the comments we've made."

"We're pretty much an activist group," McDonald added. "When the company comes to us with suggestions about an HIV educational campaign they have planned, we've said, for example, 'People of Color don't think like that.' For them to tear up their campaign and listen to our ideas—this is not normally what you would expect from corporate America."

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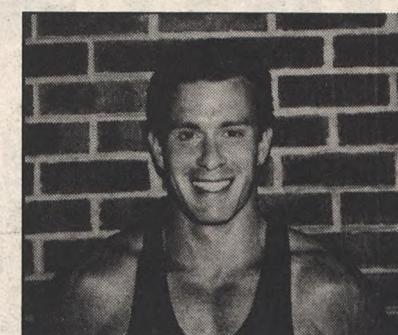
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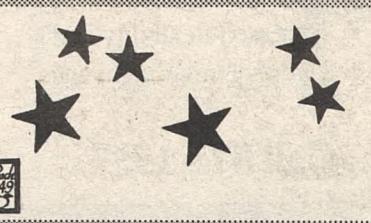
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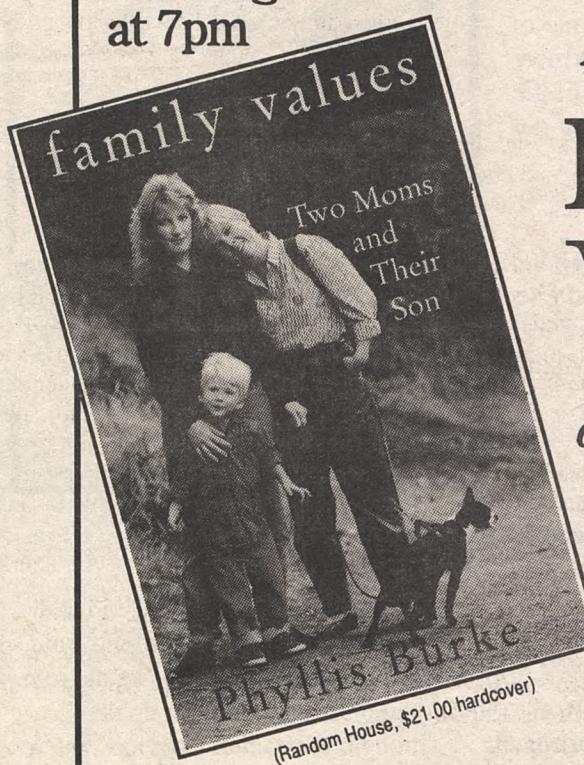
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SILVERLAKE LIFE: THE VIEW FROM HERE

Let's cut to the chase. "Silverlake Life, the View From Here," which will air June 20 on GPTV, Channel 8 at 11:00 here, is an unbelievably powerful film.

When filmmaker and teacher Tom Joslin was diagnosed with AIDS, he decided to make a video diary of his experience. After his death, Joslin's friend and student Peter Friedman finished the project, shooting a few more scenes needed to tie things up and distilling over 40 hours of footage down to feature length. The result is an utterly amazing piece of filmmaking.

Words like "riveting" and "overwhelming"—debased by overuse—don't do justice to this stunning document of life, death, isolation and love. "Silverlake Life" has the primal power of a bloody smashup on the freeway: You can't stand to look, and yet you can't turn away.

Shot on video using pretty basic equipment, the style is stark, spare and direct, without a lot of slick production tricks. Yet the simplicity never equals crudeness. Scenes and moments flow from one to the next with the elegant seamlessness of water, or a life, flowing down a drain.

Two lives, actually. Joslin's lover of 22 years, Mark Massi, has AIDS too, and the love between these two men is what gives "Silverlake Life" much of its resonance and power. Though he got his diagnosis first, Massi is a bit healthier than Joslin, and becomes husband, parent and nurse wrapped into one as the man who is the center of his life weakens.

There is much playfulness and humor between the two. At one point Massi covers Joslin with goodnight kisses and Joslin turns impishly toward the camera, saying, "I bet you people don't get this!" Later, as Massi brings in a load of clothes he's just washed, he puts on a dreadful mock-Swedish accent to announce, "Here I am, Helga with the laundry!"

Intercut with the current footage are several scenes from "Blackstar," a film Joslin made fifteen years before about coming out as a gay man. His parents play a big role, clearly trying to be cooperative with their faggot-son-the-filmmaker, but just as clearly they are none too comfortable with the situation. Interviewed by his son, Joslin's father says he'd prefer that the young man "not even mention it. It doesn't seem quite normal...to the normal people." The sentiments are so crudely expressed that they provoke laughter, but they will also send shivers through anyone who has an uncomprehending parent.

At other moments we see the young Joslin and Massi

talking, dancing playfully, radiating youthful enthusiasm and lust. Friedman wisely doesn't play the contrast between then and now too heavy-handedly; he just lets it hang, aching like a wound that won't heal. "I hurt because I can't stand seeing you sick," Massi says softly at one point. "It scares me."

Little things become major projects. A trip to Thrifty to pick up a few necessities becomes an exhausting ordeal. A stroll through the beautiful Huntington Gardens turns into a test of endurance. Joslin jokes that simply making it to the next park bench before having to sit down is "a feat of physical dynamism." The horror is that the joke is true.

The film spares us nothing. As Joslin's death approaches there is an excruciating moment where Massi, in tears, tells us why he hasn't done any taping for several days: He'd fed his lover something that didn't agree with him and the desperately sick man had been up all night vomiting, left even weaker and more frail by the ordeal. "I'm afraid," Massi explains, almost unable to speak the words, "people will see he's worse."

A few days later it's over, and the camera in Massi's shaking hands shows us Joslin's lifeless body moments after his death. "Tom has just died," he tells us, struggling for coherence. "Isn't he beautiful? He's so beautiful." It is a moment at once nearly unwatchable and utterly mesmerizing.

But sometimes the small things are at least as unnerving as the big ones. About six months after Joslin's death, Massi—looking clearly sicker himself—is interviewed about the adjustments he's had to make. "How long were you two together?" Friedman asks.

"Almost 22 years," he replies.

The camera cuts to a close-up of Joslin's death certificate, focusing on the space marked "marital status." Neatly typed in are the words, "never married," distilling into one awful image all the loneliness, isolation and abuse that gays and lesbians routinely suffer.

But "Silverlake Life" is far more than a catalog of horrors. It is actually a tremendously warm film, at least as much about love and loyalty and connectedness as it is about sickness and death. Humor—much of it, admittedly, of the gallows variety—pops up repeatedly and in unexpected places.

That the film has already won several awards (including Best Documentary at the 1993 Sundance Film Festival) is not surprising, but I suspect that Tom Joslin would be more impressed by the conversation I had with a young film student in the lobby after the screening. She was, she said, "pretty overwhelmed" by the movie. "I have a lot of gay friends," she continued, "but I've never known anyone with AIDS." The look in her eyes made it clear that she will never look at this epidemic the same way again.

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INTERVIEW

PETER FRIEDMAN

When filmmaker and teacher Tom Joslin and his lover Mark Massi were diagnosed with AIDS, Joslin decided to make a video diary of their experience. He asked friend and former student Peter Friedman to complete the project upon his death.

We spoke with director Friedman as he was preparing for the film's March 19 opening in Los Angeles.

SV: Tell me a little about your friendship with Tom Joslin.

PF: Tom Joslin was my first film teacher at Hampshire College in the mid-70s, and he was also the first openly gay man I ever met. As a deeply fearful and closeted 18-year-old it was a really crucial experience for me to have a role model. Tom influenced me a lot in terms of helping me recognize that gay people could function and could have productive, fulfilling lives and overcome self-hatred and social stigma.

SV: Was it difficult emotionally to work with footage of someone you cared about going through such suffering?

PF: It was difficult emotionally to be immersed in this footage, but it wasn't as difficult as it was to watch people I loved in real life get sick and die. And by the time I was immersing myself in this footage Mark and Tom were already gone. It wasn't a pleasant experience but at the same time I was dealing with other people who were sick, so the reality of AIDS had been for several years very present in my day-to-day life.

SV: The scene of Joslin moments after his death has generated a lot of comment. Did you have any hesitation about including that?

PF: I had no hesitation about including the death scene. I knew Mark and Tom very well; I knew that they were quite accustomed to filming themselves in intimate situations. I knew that it was an important enough part of the story of what was going on in their lives that Mark had the presence of mind to film it, and that was an image that was filmed by Mark moments after Tom died. I think the will to keep these things out of sight—and that goes for gay people loving each other as well as people dying from AIDS—is at the root of the inadequate social response to the illness: It's at the root of homophobia, it's at the root of our culture's willful denial of death in general and of AIDS.

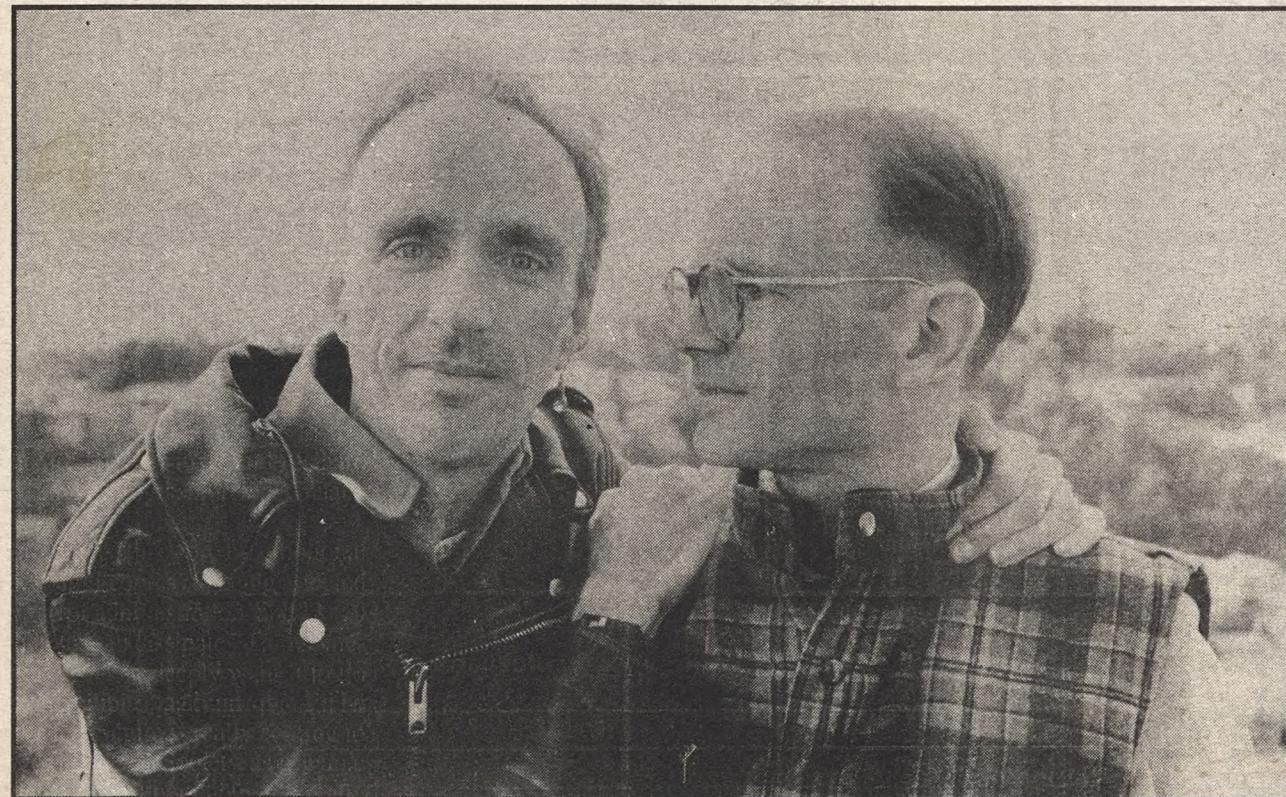
SV: Another moment that stands out is the scene near the end where Mark says that they were together for 22 years, then you cut to a shot of Tom's death certificate which says, "never married."

PF: I thought that in the context of Mark's very conspicuous love for Tom and his care for Tom in the crisis that they shared and the bond that they had, that it would underline the fact their relationship is not recognized by society. I guess I was kind of grandstanding a little bit to make a political point, but I couldn't resist.

SV: Just when we get a President who may want to do something about AIDS, we have Congress voting to ban immigration by people who are HIV-positive, and it's hard to know if we're going to make progress or not. What's your take?

PF: What you go through is this sort of emotional rollercoaster of hope and despair. I confess to being affected by the optimism of the change of administration, and I keep waiting for the moment when that all dissipates. I am somewhat optimistic, but who knows? I so deeply want it to go away. It's a disaster of such incredible magnitude that I'll be satisfied just when I feel like the culture is really coming to grips with it and really recognizing it. Society as a whole doesn't really want to solve it, at least not enough to really commit what's necessary to it.

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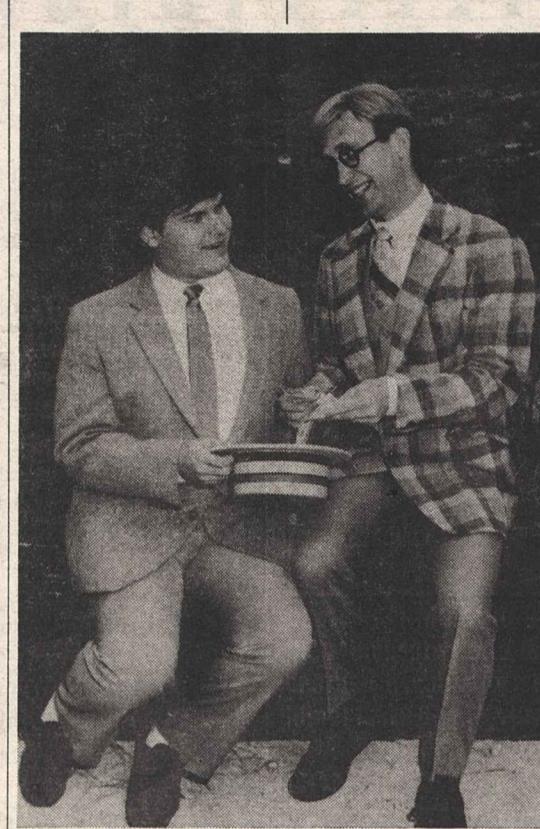
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POWER, POLITICS AND CRISIS.

A new community education class about the impact of AIDS on the Arts in America. 8 week course. Atlanta College of Art. 898-1169.

OUT IN ATLANTA.

Atlanta's local lesbian and gay cable program tonight presents reports on the HRCF Dinner, the results of the Mr. Hotlanta's preliminaries and Wigwood. 10:30p.m. 621-5007 for more info.

ATLANTA LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE MARCH.

June 27. This year's Pride March is expected to be the best ever with 100,000 people expected to attend. Related events will take place the week preceding the March. For info or to volunteer, 662-4533. Watch for the June 17 issue of SoVo which will carry the Official Guide to Pride.

8 TUESDAY**SO LONG ON LONELY STREET.**

The Alliance Theater presents this revival of the 1985 Southern comedy by Atlanta's Sandra Deer that the Alliance sent to Broadway. Through July 3. T-Sat 8 p.m., Sun 2:30 & 7:30. \$18-\$33. 892-2414.

9 WEDNESDAY**RAY CHARLES.**

The Atlanta Symphony's

Classic Chastain series kicks off with this 10-time Grammy award winner, famous for "Georgia on My Mind." 8:30 p.m. Chastain Park. \$16-\$21.50. 817-8700.

POSITIVE LIVING. This locally produced show about people living with AIDS features extensive coverage on Wigwood '93. People TV Ch. 12, 2:30 p.m. and again on Sat., 10:00p.m. It also airs on City Ch. 6, Th. 5:00 p.m.

Pictured:
BELOW: Joyce & Jacque appear at the Homage Cafe on June 4.

LEFT: Ray Charles performs at Chastain Park on June 9.

ABOVE: Leon Schwab and Troy Halverson in "I Hate Hamlet" a play by Paul Rudnick at Neighborhood Playhouse through June 19



TELEVISION

FACE THE HATE

At some point in our lives, all of us have felt hatred either against ourselves, or our own hatred of others because of differences. It is that form of "hate-ism" that is addressed in Face the Hate, a one-hour syndicated show to be aired at 8 p.m. on WATL Channel 36 on June 7th.

"Face the Hate" is hosted by Gabrielle Carteris, who stars as Andrea Zuckerman on Fox's "Beverly Hills 90210."

"It's not just racism or anti-semitism or prejudice against people's sexual orientation, hate-ism is that intolerance within all of us," says Carteris during a phone interview with Southern Voice. "In order to change things we all must deal with the hate inside ourselves."

Carteris felt compelled to speak out on the subject after the L.A. riots.

"I was so appalled that people could hurt each other and feel justified in their violence," she explains in disbelief. "I just got fed up. I feel that now, with the success of 90210, that I am in a good position to speak out."

Included in the special are many gripping images of hate-ism at work. A gay man talks about the pain of prejudice he suffered.

"I was badly beaten two years ago simply because I'm gay, and it really hurts me that so many of the freedoms everyone takes for granted, I'm denied," he said, "like being able to hold my boyfriend's hand in public. I have to face the reality of being beaten or even killed."

When Carteris began on 90210 she told the producers that it would be okay if her character, Andrea, was a lesbian. "But they weren't into that," she says.



Gabrielle Carteris of "Beverly Hills 90210" talks to an audience member of "Face the Hate," a special looking at violence toward ethnic and gay communities.

"I don't think television shows make a big deal out of gay and lesbian relationships. I really want Andrea to be in an interracial relationship, not to have a fuss about it, but to just let it be," she explains. "I would like to see that with a gay relationship, not to be a love relationship of comment, just that it exists. I don't know if my vote counts, but I've put it out there."

The creators of 90210 also are responsible for "Melrose Place," the Fox series that does have a gay character, Matt. But his story has recently been buried with all of the hot hetero action steaming up the screen.

And breaking down stereotypes on television and even in the real world has led to a serious backlash against gays and lesbians. The recently released figures from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force show violence and harassment of gay men, lesbians and bisexuals rose 4% in five surveyed cities last year, and that figure has jumped 172% in the same cities, (San Francisco, Chicago, Boston, New York and Minneapolis/St. Paul) over the past five years.

Still, Carteris is optimistic "Face the Hate" can begin to change those numbers for the better.

"I believe we can reach young people with the message that they can make a difference," she says. "The purpose of this special is to start the dialogue and offer some hope. We deal with the horrific reality of the problem as well as present some solutions. Our goal is for young people to walk away with a stronger sense of their individual power to make a difference."

The program takes the format of a town meeting where activists, victims and perpetrators discuss hate-ism and how it can be stopped. Included on the panel are members of GLAAD, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

In between the discussions are magazine segments that show some overwhelming images of hate, and the communities and people who are working to bring people together to change the face of hate.

Carteris faced her own brand of hatred while filming an interview with Mark Thomas, former Ku Klux Klan leader and current minister of the Christian Identity Faith Religion. In the interview, Carteris, who is Jewish, is called a "kike" and is told she is "slime" because of her religion. Guns were in plain sight, she said, and children gave the Nazi salute.

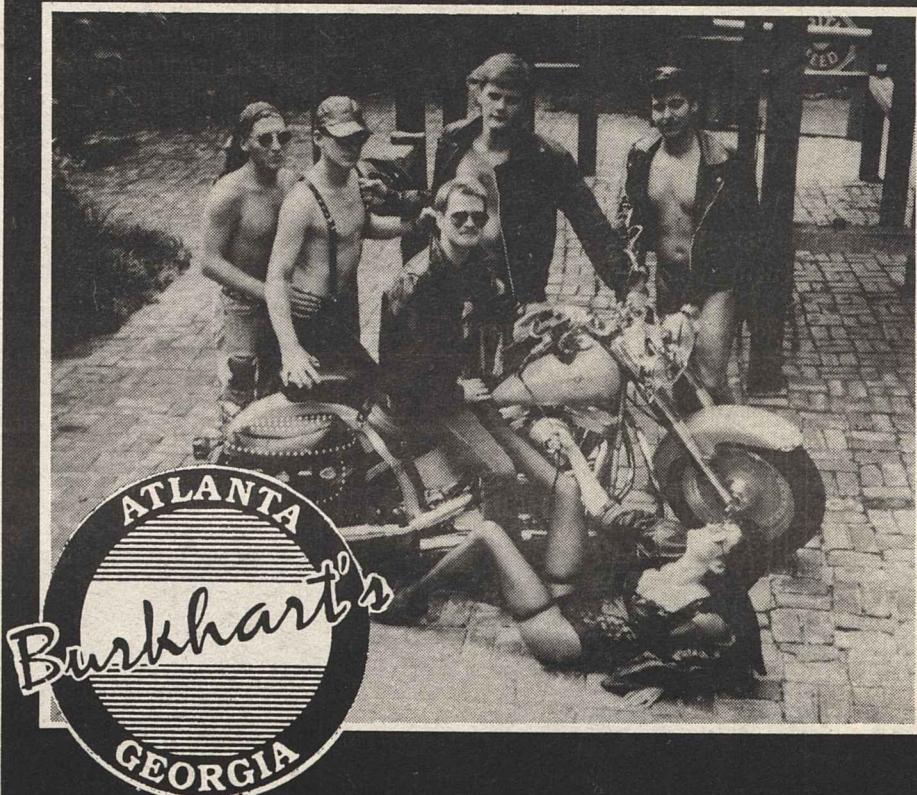
"One man said to me [while I was there] 'You must really be scared,' and in reality I was petrified but I couldn't tell him that. Then he said to me, 'My hands are wringing in anticipation of killing you.' These people were on another planet."

Carteris said two things stuck with her as she left that interview. "First, hate is not an ugly monster, it can be the person right next to you. Also, since some of the people were very nice to me, I realized we are not our potential, we are our deeds."

CANDACE CHELLEW

Face the Hate, hosted by Gabrielle Carteris, will air on June 7th at 8 p.m. on WATL, Channel 36.

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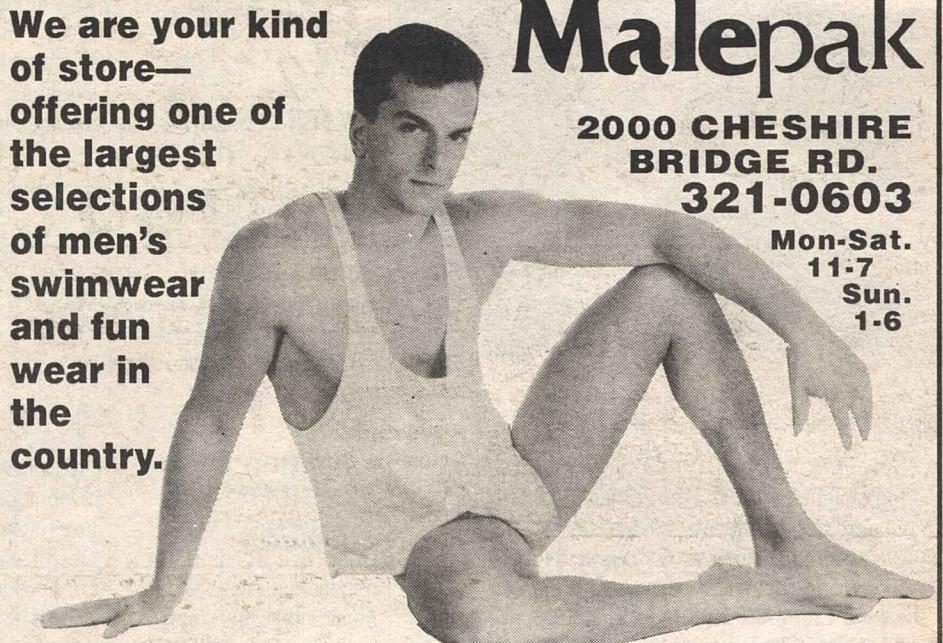
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The spirit of Peace, Love and Wigs was in the balmy May air on a recent Sunday as a crowd of over 1,300 enjoyed the sights and sounds of **Wigwood '93**. An estimated \$7,600 was raised for ACT UP/Atlanta during the all day event which featured a marathon show by Atlanta's most eclectic entertainers, a celebrity wig auction, a Best Wig contest, and numerous periods of spontaneous sashaying and chantéing by the bewigged festival-goers. Held in the parking lot adjacent to The Metro, the area proved perfect for its purpose. There was plenty of room for the stage, for seating, lots of space for socializing (6th Street was closed to traffic), and even a large, two-story "Wig Vault" for the entertainers to dress in.

ACT UP's Mona Love was kept busy all day emceeing portions of the show along with the wonderful Peg Bundy, Trina Saxon and DeAundra Peek. Says Mona of the event, "I just want to thank all 1,300 of my close friends who came out to support us. Everyone had a great time. Wigwood '93 was dedicated to the memory of Wigwood's founder, Dene Greenough."

In case you missed Wigwood, keep an eye out for coverage of the event on both the American Music Show and **Out in Atlanta** on Fulton Cable 12. Out in Atlanta will also present the muscular results of the recent **Mr. Hotlanta** preliminaries, as well as a report on the **Human Rights Campaign Fund Dinner**.

Catch OIA on Mondays at 10 p.m. and Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in Atlanta, also Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. on DeKalb Cable, Channel 6 in Fulton on Wednesday at 9:30 p.m., and at 3:30 p.m. on Thursdays on North DeKalb's Channel 30. The

AFTER HOURS

DANNY ROBLE



JOIN KICKER

The Pat Graney Dance Company presents "FAITH," a look at women throughout history, on June 18 & 19 at Agnes Scott College.

American Music Show is seen in Fulton on Thursday and Friday nights at 11 p.m. on Cable 12.

Several Dancers Core is currently presenting "Next Decade of New Performance" which is their annual event

featuring the work of cutting edge dance companies from around the world. The festival runs from May 27 through June 19 and includes premiere performances, classes and workshops with New York's Nia Love Pointer, Seattle's Pat Graney Company, Berlin's Tanztheater Rubato, Several Dancers Core, and regional Choreographers.

The centerpiece of the festival will be the Pat Graney Company's production of **FAITH**, a full evening piece in four parts on June 18 and 19. The work explores the many ways women have been perceived throughout the course of Western history. Tickets for FAITH are \$10 for the public, \$8 for students and seniors. The performances will take place at 8 p.m. at Agnes Scott College. Call (404) 373-4154 for reservations and tickets.

Workshops in Modern Dance Technique, Improvisation, and Choreography taught by the Pat Graney Company, are planned for June 14-18 at Agnes Scott College. The cost is \$45. Call (404) 373-4154 for more information.

The Alliance Theatre will mark its 25th anniversary on June 10, with a very special gala. The event will combine a performance of Atlanta playwright Sandra Deer's **So Long on Lonely Street** with a dinner and dance afterwards. The benefit gala, called "Heartbreak Hotel" is described as a "casual evening of theatre, wining, dining and dancing as the Woodruff Arts Center is transformed into Atlanta's hippest, hottest nightspot." The rock-around-the-clock will be turned back several decades as guests shake, rattle and roll to an unidentified "groovy dj". Even Elvis is expected to appear. The Hard Rock Cafe is donating door prizes including leather bomber jackets with the Hard Rock logo, lunch/dinner packages, and grand prize of lunch with the "So Long" cast.

"So Long on Lonely Street" opened in 1985 and moved on to Broadway only one year later. Time called it, "A zesty, poignant and fiercely funny comedy." The play is a southern Gothic comedy about the eccentric Vaughn family and the confrontations over the inheritance of Honeysuckle Hill. Tickets for the "Heartbreak Hotel" event are \$60. Tables are available in groups of 8 for \$480 or 10 for \$600. To make early reservations (tables will go fast) call (404) 898-1132.

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BOOKS

THE LESBIAN AND GAY PARENTING HANDBOOK

"It wasn't my goal to be 'the Dr. Spock of the lesbian and gay community' as one review called me," says April Martin, Ph.D., author of "The Lesbian and Gay Parenting Handbook" (Harper Perennial paperback original: \$15). Although the book was published three days after Mother's Day, it's not obsolete. But Dr. Martin finds things changing rapidly, mostly in favor of the ever-growing number of gay men and lesbians choosing to have children—either by adoption or natural means, in addition to those raising their children from heterosexual marriages.

Statistics cited in the book say "there are between 3 and 8 million gay and lesbian parents in the United States, raising between 6 and 14 million children." Martin says the New York support group Center Kids has a mailing list of parents, about 70 percent of them women, but she thinks that figure would be higher nationally: "The gay male baby boom is much newer."

Martin was aware of maternal instincts before lesbian feelings. Until she was 29, she says in the book, she expected to meet the "right man," marry and raise a family. Then she met the right person and fulfilled the rest of the dream—but the right man was a woman.

Her partner, Susan, is working on a graduate degree in library science. She's a freelance copy editor, and for the last 11 years, Susan's done the lioness' share of parenting their children, Emily, 11, and Jesse, 8.

"We share the status equally," Martin explains, "but we don't share the duties equally, diaper for diaper...My son says Thursday is his favorite day in the whole world, because that's the day I get home from this tour," she tells me in San Francisco.



Dr. April Martin, author of "The Lesbian and Gay Parenting Handbook"

A psychologist with a practice in New York, Dr. Martin often counsels same-sex couples who are raising children together or thinking of doing so. Like any major change in a relationship, she says, it requires open communication. The partners don't have to feel exactly the same way about everything, but they have to respect each other's feelings and talk through foreseeable problems before a third life is affected by their decisions. Often things can be resolved through discussion, but "I know more than one couple that split up over that," Martin says, "because one partner had to be a parent and the other had not to be a parent."

While family life is right for her, Martin says she doesn't proselytize on the subject: "Raising children is something to do only if you need to do it. But I do advocate very strongly that lesbians and gay men should have the same options to raise children as everybody else."

In addition to cold, hard facts about getting and raising children, "The Lesbian and Gay Parenting Handbook" features the stories of dozens of lesbians and gay men who have chosen to be parents, telling how they've handled it. Martin says she's been criticized for "making it sound too easy," but "the positive tone comes from the families I've talked to...I've tried not to be unrealistic, including chapters like 'Crisis and Tragedy.'"

While she hasn't encountered any situations as "lurid" as the Woody Allen-Mia Farrow case, Martin does see problem families in her practice. "Some end in court," she says, "and we don't have legal protection for 'original intent.'" This means the partner of a child's natural parent is likely to lose all rights to the child in the case of a messy breakup. Martin urges all couples with children to draw up a "coparenting agreement" (the book includes a sample).

"They can't give you ironclad protection," she says, "but showing intent can sometimes help in a court of law."

One ploy that appears to protect the nonlegal parent is second-parent adoption, which gives equal rights to the gay or lesbian partner of the legal parent. It has a number of advantages, including protection against a partner's family if she or he dies. Second-parent adoption is growing so rapidly that, while the book cites 200 instances where it has been granted, Martin says the total is already over 250.

The author doesn't deny that homophobia exists, but responds "absolutely not!" when asked if children with two mommies or two daddies should learn to fight before they enter school. "Adolescent peers are more uptight about conformity and sexuality. By the time our kids get there, they know the problem isn't in their families, it's out there....If you're not feeling threatened, you can just walk away. One man said he was teaching his daughter, when they say, 'Your daddy's a faggot,' to answer, 'Yeah, so what?' Pick a real issue."

While it strikes me that carrying a copy of "The Lesbian and Gay Parenting Handbook" into a bar would not be a great way to get a date, Martin says one man found the opposite to be true: "It signals that you're caring, nurturing and ready for a relationship...That's one question the straight interviewers don't ask," she adds.

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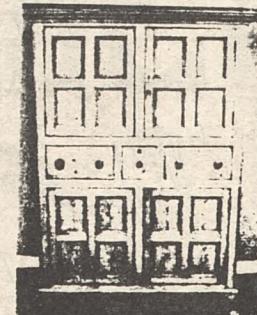
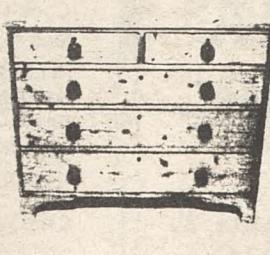
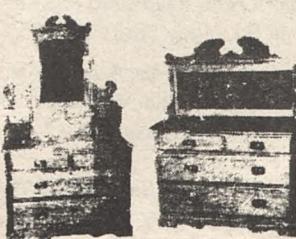
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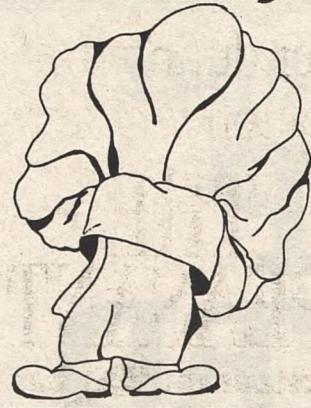
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The room is white, rectangular and plain. Stack chairs surround tables that have seen substantial previous use and abuse. Angst rock and neo-salsa alternate on the sound system, neither at an obnoxiously loud level. The clientele is a mixed lot tending towards the young and pale, though occasional tan and buffed bodies, as well as nuclear families can be found.

The pasta offerings show the most signs of promise in both the price and taste departments. Five kinds of noodles—spaghetti, ziti, fettucine, linguini, and cheese tortellini—are available sauced in five possible ways—pesto, marinara, marinara with peppers and mushrooms, marinara with sausage, and Alfredo.

At a paltry \$2.75, the pesto is remarkable, loaded with garlic and a mite salty, but fresh tasting and as pleasing as any \$8 portion in town. The noodles are nothing special, but totally acceptable. A piece of chewy grilled garlic bread is included in the tariff. \$1.50 will get you a simple salad of green leaf lettuce and tomatoes. Another dollar buys a good sized glass of chianti that's amazingly drinkable.

Certainly one of the most remarkable bargains in town, even if you do have to carry your own tray.

Half a jerk-spiced chicken with good sized servings of black beans and white rice and a small bowl of lackluster slaw sounds similarly appealing. It would also have me jumping for joy were the chicken not overcooked one day and reheated-dry-as-a-bone the next. (A friend who went a couple of nights later found her bird tender and moist.) At \$4.50, the serving size is generous, and the mild jerk spices make great flavors with the wine. But you can spend 50 cents more for a similar deal at La Fonda Latina and feast on truly fabulous chicken. (Then again, you can't get \$1 wine at La Fonda and table service adds a buck to the tab.)

I only tried one veggie offering; the rest of the stuff on the steam table looked a mite dispirited. But a ragout of tomatoes, peppers, onions, raisins and peanuts, while a bit on the outre side—it tastes like a Moosewood take on veggie chili—is, at \$1.85 a serving (over rice or couscous), tasty, filling and cheap.

Think of **EATS** as a mini-Morrison's for the grunge generation. Definitely not every everybody's plate of pasta, but well worth a try when you're in search of a bargain.

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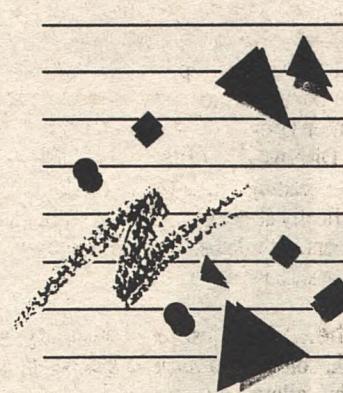
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A FOOD COLUMN BY GARY KAUPMAN

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Bargain Barn?

I was wandering around the office going off about what a bargain the pasta with pesto was at EATS, when a couple of folks asked me if I'd ever tried Three-fifty Pizza & Pasta (3155 E. Ponce de Leon Ave. 378-2828) out past the DeKalb Farmers Market.

"Nay," said I, but the possibility of more bargain noodles sent me scurrying to Scottdale that very night.

The menu in this barn-like place is substantial and varied; pizza and pasta predominate, but there are a bunch of subs, wings, ribs, and combinations galore. Most everything—a variety of pizzas, subs, seven kinds of pasta, pitchers of beer, calzones—costs a mere \$3.50.

Such a deal?

Well, the 10" Greek pizza (could I have ordered anything else?) was covered over with an amazing volume of fresh tomatoes, mozzarella, and spinach. Feta was the only skimpy ingredient, but what's a boy to expect for \$3.50? The crust is soft and slightly yeasty. The combination doesn't yield a whole lot of flavor, but what's there is pleasant enough.

Would that I could say the same about a (\$3.50) plate of cheese ravioli topped with red sauce. The pasta packets are sticky, icky and without significant flavor. But that's not a problem because the person who made the bright red sauce (studded with sawdust-like nuggets of meat) dumped enough dried oregano into it to obliterate what ever taste the pasta might have had. It's hard to imagine that any of the other dishes based on this mess—lasagna, eggplant parmesan, chicken parmesan—would be any better.

A \$3.50 tossed salad is naught but gobs of iceberg lettuce, a few tomato wedges and a cucumber slice or two. No bargain.

Also no value, even at a paltry 3 for 99 cents, are chocolate chip cookies and brownies that taste substantially of cardboard...and little else.

To be fair, the folks who suggested that I try Three-fifty said that the prices were more impressive than the food. Right they were.

Coming to Cable this Fall

I have to admit to not watching much TV. When I do tune in it tends to be on public channels—usually Ch. 8 which has a fair number of (often pretty camp and funny) food oriented programs.

Well, now comes news that this fall will see the inauguration of a 24-hour TV Food Network on your local cable system.

Sounds like everything from the sublime—cooking demos from the likes of Jacques Pepin—to the ridiculous—celebrity eating habits with Robin Leach—will be offered.

Unfortunately, the energy behind all this seems to be related more to money (food and packaged good advertisers spend \$40 million a year on advertising) and market share (only one cable channel, Lifetime, has more women watchers than men) than to a genuine interest in the tummies of America.

Revisionist History: Regular readers know that Dish doesn't have much good to say about the huffing, puffing and Babbit-like promotion of our fair city and the Olympic Games. (If we can't get a job handing out towels in the gymnasts' locker room, we intend to be out of town during those fateful weeks of 1996.) But despite our Olympic ennui we feel it is our duty to report that WHATIZIT plush toys will soon be available. If that's not enough to make you wretch, catch this from the press release announcing this portentous event: "...reaction to the character's unusual appearance sparked WHATIZITmania in Atlanta." Excuse us? More like WHATIZITphobia! Did the person who wrote this press release actually live in Atlanta last summer when WHATIZIT caused such a storm of despair and disgust amongst the general populace? Did (s)he read a newspaper or listen to the radio during that time? Would this person actually spend his/hers hard earned dollars to buy a fuzzy blue sperm with "flexible arms?" Spare us.

Details, Please: Try as they may, the mainstream media just can't seem to get queer news straight. A couple of weeks ago the J/C ran a big ol' story (reprinted from the Washington Post) on the Barney Frank compromise on gays in the military brouhaha. Not a terrible piece, though it gave short shrift to those who think Rep. Frank has sold out to the Democratic hierarchy. But the article really bit the big one in the accompanying "Barney Frank File" where Barney's status under "Family" was listed as "Single." This despite the fact that the main article acknowledges that he has a (male) lover. (His name is Herb.) Truth is in the details, guys.

Shame, Shame, Shame: Then there's the matter of Tom Teepen's editorial "Ease into policy on gays" in the Constitution last week. We always thought that Mr. T was with us through thick or thin, but his comment that "Maybe gays and lesbians should be able to bring their partners to the company picnic and company holiday dance without risking loss." Maybe? Come on Tom, check with some queers out there in the real world and see how many do take same-sex dates and partners to company

June 3 - June 9, 1993

This should be an exciting weekend with a Lunar Eclipse on Friday, Venus into Taurus on Sunday (the birthday of the Dalai Lama) and Saturn retrograde on Wednesday. Several kinds of energy at various frequencies will be moving through all week. Stay calm, cool, relaxed and focused.

ARIES, you may find this is an excellent time to spend some time at home, finishing up spring projects and focusing your attention on personal situations you've been avoiding. Share your thoughts and feelings with those you love. **TAURUS**, are you feeling ungrounded and not very centered? Have you stayed too busy with mental projects? You may need to spend quality time with Mother Earth and soak up her healing, nurturing energy. Happy Birthday **GEMINI**! Jupiter is still in your 5th house, expanding and calling forth your passion, creativity, and your need for play and fun. Do your best to avoid the worries and don't pick on yourself. Enjoy simple pleasures.

CANCER, with your 12th house illumined by the Sun and your 1st house activated by Mercury, you will have excellent opportunities to remember your dreams, to be much more aware of your intuitive flashes while learning more about yourself. **LEO**, Mer-

cury is in your 12th house of dreams, visions and the collective unconscious, providing better than usual access to your dreams and the hidden drives that propel you. Take some quiet time to listen and feel your Inner Spirit. **VIRGO**, remember "early to bed, early to rise, makes us healthy, wealthy and wise." You may think you can burn the candle at both ends, but it will catch up sooner than you think. Being healthy is also more effective and efficient!

LIBRA, if your career track has put you into a situation that has conflict, turmoil, gossip and/or betrayal then you will be much better off in a more harmonious place. Stay as centered as possible until you can move out and into something healthier.

SCORPIO, Venus is bringing its beauty, harmony and sensual energy to your 7th house of close personal relationships and

partnerships enabling you to listen, share, clear the air and get things moving forward with close friends and your significant other. **SAGITTARIUS**, if you are frustrated, upset or angry with the insensitivity, thoughtlessness or just plain ol' rudeness of other people, it may help to remember that these are difficult times for everyone and some folks aren't holding up well at all.

CAPRICORN, if you are running into obstacles with close friends, your significant other or business partner, it could be you are not always sharing your thoughts and ideas with these people who aren't trained as mind readers. **AQUARIUS**, the next week or so could be a bit intense for you, so stay relaxed, centered and aware of your own feelings/needs. You may find a massage helpful and eat lots of fresh fruits and vegetables. **PISCES**, with Saturn in your 1st house of self-awareness, personality and physical characteristics, you may find it easier to set priorities and create a structure in your life that will help you get where you want to be. Not a good idea to worry or fuss at yourself.

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George Watch: Gossip columns are reporting a sighting of (gorgeous) George Stephanopoulos in the company of a woman "who looks a lot like Jennifer Grey" (of "Dirty Dancing" and Matthew Broderick fame). Dish would not mention this were it not for the fact that we are reading M. Signorile's "Queer in America" which talks specifically about how publicists regularly place pieces connecting queers with dates of the opposite sex in gossip columns. Coincidence sure is funny.

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In June 1994, when New York hosts the fourth Gay Games, the Federation of Gay Games will announce the host city for the 1998 games. An effort is under way to make that city Atlanta.

Serving as host to the 1996 Olympic Games has brought Atlanta attention from the international sporting community, and this recognition, along with all of the facilities for the Olympics, will give Atlanta a competitive edge in winning the bid. The federation is considering bids from countries around the world.

Organizations in Atlanta can do two things to assist in the bid, which will be delivered July 1, 1993. First, send a letter of support on your organizational letterhead, stating that your organization fully supports the Atlanta bid for the 1998 Gay Games. Then, have your membership sign the petitions that are circulating. All names and addresses on these petitions are the exclusive use of the bid committee and will not be shared with any outside organizations.

Because of the approaching deadline, bid organizers need these items returned as soon as possible and no later than June 4, 1993. If your organization will not meet between now and then, please have an officer go ahead and send the letter. For more information, call Dan Easton at 876-9490.

First MCC's Lift The Ban Service

A special celebration of worship supporting the lifting of the military ban is scheduled for June 6 at 7:30 p.m. at First Metropolitan Community Church of Atlanta, 800 N. Highland Avenue, N.E. The public is invited to join members and friends of the church in standing together to support lifting the ban.

As a Christian community, MCC members express their outrage at government policies requiring any group of people to hide the reality of themselves in case they offend by their mere presence. On this issue, MCC challenges the "Religious Right," whose views cannot be allowed to represent Christianity as a whole and are completely inconsistent with the good news of Christ.

For more information, contact Karen Dickman, First MCC, P.O. Box 8356, Atlanta, GA 30306-0356 or call (404) 633-9389.

Pride Commitment Ceremony

The Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee, along with co-sponsors Atlanta Couples Together and LazerAge, will host this year's Pride commitment ceremony on Friday, June 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the north end of Winn Park, in Ansley Park directly behind

Colony Square on Westminster Way. Winn Park is physically-impaired accessible.

There will be a brief ceremony at the waterfall grotto, presided over by Rev. Ann Johnston. A reception on the lawn next to the lower pond will immediately follow the ceremony. Early registration by couples assures them a certificate to commemorate the event, provided by LazerAge.

To register for the Commitment Ceremony or to receive more information, please write or call Atlanta Couples Together at P.O. Box 54311, Atlanta, GA 30308-0311 or (404) 365-2455.

Lutherans Concerned Regional Conference

The Atlanta chapter of Lutherans Concerned is hosting a Southeast Regional Conference, June 11-13, in Midtown Atlanta at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 731 Peachtree Street.

The conference theme, "Entering The Mainstream, A New Vision of Ministry," will bring together people from across the Southeast who share the vision of a truly inclusive church. Featured speakers include Lutheran pastors who will shed new light on why Bible verses so often used to oppress gay people have no merit as a basis for discrimination.

Lutherans Concerned/North America is a 19-year-old organization of all sexual orientations. There are 40 chapters in the U.S. and Canada, including groups in Atlanta, Tampa, Columbia, SC, Charlotte and Greensboro-High Point, NC. For more information, call Lutherans Concerned-Atlanta 636-7109.

Lesbian Avengers

An organizational meeting for the Lesbian Avengers will be held June 6 at 6 p.m. at ALFA house. The evening will include a potluck dinner, discussion and video showing. For more information, call the hotline at 621-5016 and leave a message.

Emory Alumni Group

Graduates of Emory University may be interested in a new group that is forming for Emory alumni who are lesbian, gay, or bisexual or consider themselves allies of these communities. One goal of the group is to counter the negative reactions Emory has received from homophobic alums since the Office of Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Life was created. An organizational meeting is being planned for mid-June. For more information, or to get on the mailing list, call 727-0272 or 727-2136 during the day or 622-7441 in the evening.

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OUTLINES

DARLENE DRURY

Age: 36**How long in Atlanta:** 9 years**Relationship status:**

A blissful 3½ years

Last book read: "Possessing the Secret of Joy" by Alice Walker

When a registered dietician invites you out to dinner, you never know exactly what you'll be eating. Imagine my surprise when Darlene Drury suggested we meet at LaFonda for a dinner interview.

"So, is this stuff good for you?" I asked as we dove into our chicken quesadillas.

"Well, they sure do taste good," came the snappy retort.

Yes, they did, and another exciting Outlines interview was underway.

Darlene grew up in North Florida in a small town. She tells me in passing she grew up with "queens in the house," elaborating only after gentle prodding.

"My parents had this habit of taking in strays," she explains. "My second cousin moved in with us and he was going to stay a week or two and he was there for three years. After that, a distant relative was going to stay a couple of weeks, but he was there for 7½ years. No one ever said 'Y'know, they're queens,' but you knew there was a reason neither one was married. So, I grew up with an awareness that probably a lot of people didn't have, and I appreciate that now."

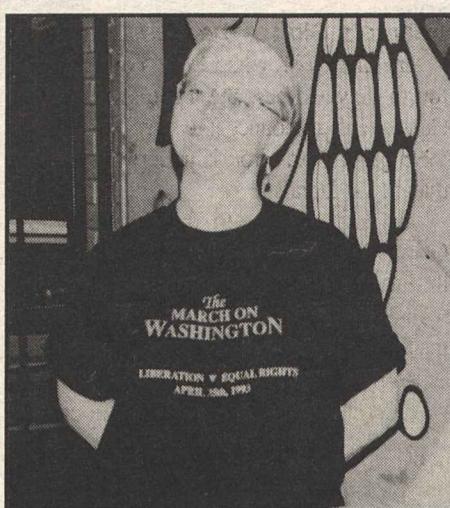
She became aware of her own sexual orientation in the sixth grade when she began to realize that she was not interested in the opposite sex.

"Boys!" she exclaims, "They're from another planet! I always related to the female population better than the male population. But coming out is a gradual process. I'm not really out at work, but I think a lot of straight people are in denial."

After high school, Darlene came to Georgia and attended the University of Georgia in Athens, where she majored in Home Economics.

"Actually, I majored in Home Ec for a silly reason," she laughs, "because I didn't have to take a physics or a foreign language." But it is kind of neat talking to people about what they eat and shouldn't eat," she continues. "Most Americans don't eat what they should because we have television telling us what we should eat and none of that is good for you."

When she's not telling people what to eat, you can probably find Darlene in her garden or hanging out with The Digging Dykes of



Decatur, a group of which she is a founding member

Darlene estimates there are 12 to 16 members in good standing in the DDD, and a lot of DDD wannabees.

So how does one become a member?

"Only by the Grand Czarina's good graces," she smiles. "This is not a democratic organization."

So, how do you win those good graces?

"Chocolates and presents would probably do it," she nods seriously.

But the name of the game of the DDD is to have fun. "One of our bylaws is that we will do a lot of planning, but not too much work," Darlene stresses.

Meetings consist of a lot of chatter, some of it actually about gardening.

"We had one woman quit because she said we didn't talk enough about gardening, all we did was gossip," Darlene says. "The Grand Czarina told her, 'Obviously you've never been to a garden club meeting before.'"

There is a part of her life that Darlene is very serious about. She sits on the Board of Directors at the Women's Resource Center of DeKalb County.

"We are one of the few battered women's programs in the country that has a nondiscrimination policy in its bylaws that includes sexual orientation both in hiring and in providing services," she explains. "We provide lesbian support groups also, so there is at least one place where lesbians can find help."

But for the most part, Darlene seems the embodiment of the sign carried by The Digging Dykes in last year's Pride Parade, which read, "Proving once again that lesbians do have a sense of humor."

"The impression that most people have is that we don't, but we do," she says earnestly. "It's just that there are some things most of us don't find funny, like sexist jokes. If the shoe were on the other foot, I don't think the men would be laughing, either."

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AIDS Organizations

AID Atlanta—872-0600
AIDS Education/Services for Minorities—POB 87277, Atlanta, 30337, 762-6002
AIDS Hotline for Women—888-9991
AIDS Info Line—876-9944 (Atlanta); 1-800-551-2728
AIDS Legal Project—688-5433
AIDS Outreach Sewing Guild—872-2246
AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta (ARCA)—876-2317
Atlanta Buyers Club—(404) 874-4845, or POB 77003, Atl, 30357.
Atlanta Lesbian AIDS Project—250-8177
Childkind—936-9655
First MCC AIDS Ministry—872-2246
Georgia AIDS Therapy Information Network—1-800-551-2728
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The Living AIDS Memorial Park Project—876-0105
National Assoc. of People With AIDS/Atlanta—874-7926
The Names Project/Atlanta—605-7386
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Positive Outlook On Health—872-9954
Project Open Hand Atlanta—525-4620

Arts/Entertainment

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Greater Atlanta Music Ensemble—872-3135
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Buddies Midtown—239 Ponce de Leon, 872-2655
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Club Fetish—(Weds.) 695 North Ave. 577-8178
The Cove—586 Worcester, 875-2477
Crazy Ray's—1492 Piedmont, 873-4655
The Eagle—308 Ponce De Leon, 874-EAGLE
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Direct Action/Political

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ACT UP—874-6782 (O)
Atlanta Greens, Green Party USA, Lesbian-Gay-Bi-Queer Caucus—368-7137
Catalyst—(404) 776-1478
Dykes & Faggots Back—P.O. Box 14531, Atlanta 30324, voice mail 908-5369
Gay/Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation—605-7477
Gay Republicans—Republicans for Individual Freedoms, 2980 Cobb Pkwy, Suite 192-172, Atlanta 30339
GAPAC—Georgia Political Action Committee—872-8095, FAX 874-8628
Human Rights Campaign Fund—Field Committee, 231-5751
LEGAL—605-7476
Lesbian Avengers—621-5016
National Association of People with AIDS Hotline—874-7926
National Organization for Women—875-0176
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Spiritual

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Catholic Gay and Lesbian Outreach—409-0203
Christ Covenant MCC, Stone Mountain—297-0350
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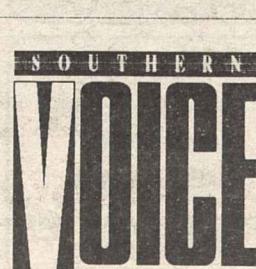
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Service/Support/Social

About Crossdressing—Janet, 624-3770
African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance—239-8184 (voice mail)
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Athens Lesbian Information—write: LSG, POB 7864, Athens, 30604
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Atlanta Couples Together—365-2455
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Atlanta Lambda Community Center—POB 15180, Atlanta 30333, 662-9010
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Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance—POB 5502, Atlanta 30307, phone 378-9769
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Women In Kahoots—(WINK) 438-1421
Women of Wisdom—289-8819, POB 8871, Atlanta 30306
Wordsmith Society—Chris at 498-0137
Young Adult Support Group—876-5372
Zami—908-3356

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Bi, Lesbian & Gay Student Union of West Ga. College—706-834-3569
Emory Lesbian & Gay Organization—727-6692
Gay & Lesbian Student Alliance—Clayton State College—471-4567
Gays & Lesbians United for Equality—Kennesaw Comm. College 423-6246
Georgia Tech Gay Alumni Group—POB 50291, GA Tech Sta., Atlanta 30332; 873-2263
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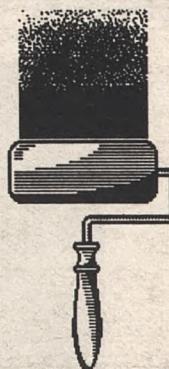
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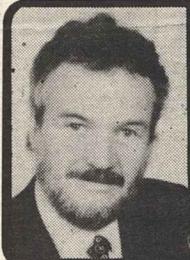
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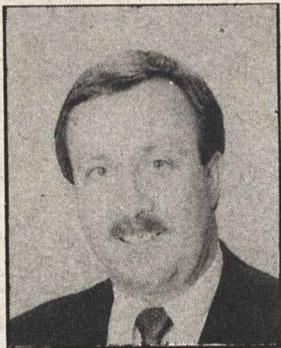
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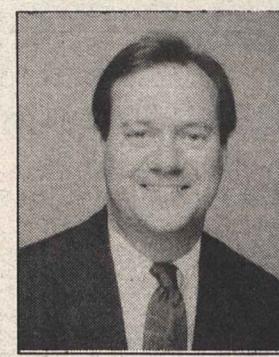
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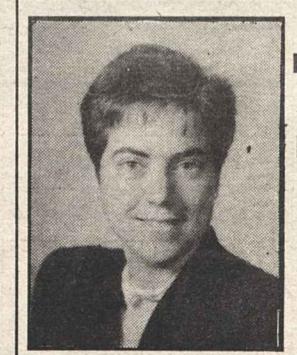
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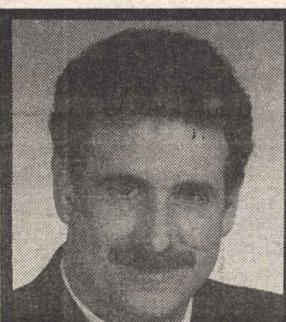
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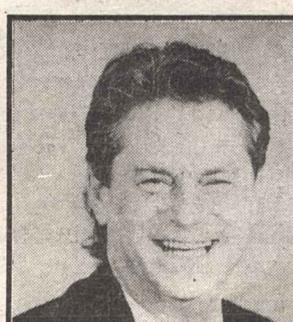
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AIDS HOTLINE FOR WOMEN - 888-9991 - a project of the Feminist Women's Health Ctr. Learn how HIV is transmitted, testing locations, how to clean your "works," how to use condoms, dental dams or anything about HIV and AIDS. Trained phone counselors 5:30-9:30pm Mon-Fri, 10:30am-2pm Saturdays. Caller anonymity assured. To volunteer call Tonia at 874-7551.

HIV+ Narcotics Anonymous (NA) for African Am. Wed. eve., transportation avail; Family support group for loved ones of HIV+ African Am.; "Latex Lovers" sex-posit HIV prevention prog. for GBM (need volunteers also); FREE ANONYMOUS HIV TESTS, counselling, referral (minority cultural sensitivity) begins mid Feb. For confidential info call OUTREACH, INC. 346-3922.

P.O.O.H. - Positive Outlook On Health is a supportive network of HIV+ persons who share positive health attitudes and want to meet similarly oriented people for social and emotional interaction. Call 872-9954.

THE ATLANTA BUYERS CLUB-ABC provides access to optional treatments for the HIV community in the Southeast. Hours are 12-5 PM, Tuesday through Friday. We are located at 44 Twelfth St., NE, with parking in the rear. For more information phone (404) 874-4845, fax (404) 874-9320, or write P.O. Box 77003, Atlanta, GA 30357-7003.

Atlanta Gay Center - Plus groups for HIV-affected people. Fridays, 8:00pm and Sundays, 6:00pm. 63 12th Street. Call 876-5372 for more info. Helpline, 892-0661, for info, counseling and referral. 6:00-11:00pm 365 days a year.

AIDS Information Line / GA Toll-Free AIDS Hotline Free, anonymous information and referral services. In Atlanta: 876-9944; Toll-free: 1-800-551-2728 (voice/TTY)

Announcements

AID Atlanta would like to thank Backstreet employees and other Atlanta bar employees who contributed to the success of the May

12th Turnabout Show! (6.16)

LESBIAN COMING OUT GROUP

A new group is forming in the Lenox area for lesbians. Limited to 8. For more information contact Lisa at 252-7616. (6.16)

ASIAN-PACIFICA GIRLFRIENDS UNITE! Desperately seeking Asian-Pacific lesbians to form social/support/political group for informal discussions, parties, fun. More info, call 378-2719. (6.17)

Do you need an experienced speaker to address your group or organization about AIDS/HIV? Contact AIDS Education Services, Grady Infectious Disease Program. John H. Templeton, 616-6318. (6.17)

DYKE MARCH/ATLANTA - It's happening! June 26, 6:30 p.m. To get involved, call THE PRIDE LINE 662-4533. (6.18)

Lesbian & Gay families w/children, let's march together at Pride. Look for our banner at the assembling point. For more info call Abby at 740-1729. (6.18)

Fridays Are Positive a night for HIV+ and their friends. A place to communicate your sexual needs & fantasies in a way that is fun & hot in an environment which is safe. Every Friday at 9pm at The Heretic. (6.17)

Employment

PART TIME

Local cleaning service needs daytime help. 15-25 hrs/wk. \$5.25 per hr. Please call 294-8590. (6.15)

Legal Assistant? Successful, masculine, trial lawyer - good mentor. Seeks very attractive (professional appearing) WM, 18-25, intelligent, ambitious, full/part-time including personal relationship. Send resume, photo & letter. Prefer college/graduate student, WordPerfect / financial experience. PO Box 55006, Atlanta 30308. (6.15)

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Morningside / Midtown - Dramatic townhome - 2 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 decks, wooded view, garage, skylights, whirlpool, small pet OK, S1100. 876-4927. (6.15)

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GWM grad student looking for summer sublet or room in house in Midtown or Candler Park. 659-2749. (6.15)

Kennesaw - seeking one (\$350) or two (\$600) roommates for new house. Utilities included: W/D, yard. Nice neighborhood. 499-7009. (6.17)

GWF seeks same for roommate to share nice home in Smyrna. Must like cats. \$300/mo. includes util. Deposit. 434-5367. (6.17)

GWF seeking roommate to share 2 BR, 2 BA condo. Avondale Estates. Pool/Tennis. 299-7971. (6.17)

Decatur: Female roommate wanted. Bedroom w/ceiling fan, hardwood floors, quiet neighborhood. \$275 includes util. Available June 1. 377-2994, ask for Sue. (6.15)

2 Lesbian roommates wanted. Large home in Decatur near Farmers' Market. Must love animals (pet negotiable). Cable TV; A/C; util. included. \$300 and \$390 (includes private bathroom and study). Susan 299-7881. (6.15)

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Huntsville Area. Volunteer needed to distribute Southern Voice on a weekly basis. Call Gary (404) 875-1831. (6.15)

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Cute fem GBF, 20, seeks aggressive GF for friendship and perhaps more. Age and race not important. **T 1477**

Do you like movies, conversation, fun, and sex? So do I. If you are interested in participating in all of the above (or at least three out of four not excluding the fourth), take a chance and call. I'm GWF, late 30's, 5'6", slender, attractive. You're 30-45, my height or under, witty, interested in life. **T 1481**

GBF, aggressive, looking for a friendship. Seeking intelligent, career-minded, honest woman, not butch, between 20-30, no drugs. **T 1461**

GBF seeks that special someone between 18-27 for friendship, possible relationship. **T 1455**

DWF, 20s, Bi, curious, happy, funny, intelligent, artistic, drug-free, non-bar personality seeks companion & entry level exercise partner. **T 1446**

Attractive, athletic GBF (30) seeks athletic GWF for that special kinda relationship. Take a chance and call. Please fems-only! **T 1424**

20 aggressive GBF enjoys music, sports, and having a good time. Seeks GBF 18-27 for friendship, possible relationship. **T 1421**

GWF, 25, fem, pleasing plump with daughter, seeking GF for friendship, maybe more. Enjoy music, movies and more. No drugs. **T 1419**

Single 30 year old male seeks lesbian for marriage of mutual convenience. **T 1420**

GWF seeks same age 31-40 emotionally healthy, feminine, communicative, affectionate, thoughtful, no drugs, smokers, for friendship possible relationship. **T 1422**

well of herself, with similar interests. **T 1354**

GWF - Androgynous; likes dancing, music, walks, wine and candlelight, beer and pool. Seeking GWFs with personality, brains, and a life. **T 1349**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Two single GF's looking to expand network of friends. Interests include movies, picnics, etc. Expand your horizons. Call us today. **T 1254**

White collar Asian male, 29, 5'10", seeks guy 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)

Spanish GM 40, 5'9", 160, sincere, passionate bottom seeks dominant masculine, sincere, honest top B/M well-endowed for committed relationship. **T 1463**

GBM, 29, college business grad, professional, blue-suit type, church goer, community involved, seeks brother for more than physical. **T 1475**

GWM, 29, 6'4", 195, tall, dark, handsome, healthy, HIV neg., romantic, masculine, artistic, not into bars, loves outdoors, serious replies. **T 1482**

GWM, 34, 5'8", 160 lbs, G-look, masc, muscular, gymly, laid back, non pretentious, honest, affectionate, romantic seeks same in secure GWM 35-45. **T 1476**

Handsome, passionate, 35, 6'1", 175, healthy WM looking for summer sizzle and workout partner. Jazz lover. **T 1480**

GWM, 32, 5'10", 135#, blk/brown, very French active, ISO laid back, dominant, verbal, WMs to help fulfill my constant cravings. **T 1478**

GWM, 28, 6', 180 lbs, brn/grn, healthy, HIV+, considered attractive with a variety of interests, seeking someone similar. **T 1479**

Long "Married", great relationship, but little sex. Want to help out daytimes? GWM, 37, handsome, good shape, healthy, hairy, bottom. **T 1459**

Submissive WM, 30, 5'10", 165, attractive & fit, seeks training from strict dominant. I'm a novice, but eager to learn! **T 1460**

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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**

African American, Hispanic and Anglo athletes. Handsome, muscular GWM looking for sparring partners. Semi experienced boxer. But can be easy and sexy. **T 1387**

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stable, honest, financially secure, educated, thoughtful, considerate, kind, caring and compassionate person. Seeking GWM, 35-45. Will relocate for right man. I enjoy good exercise at fitness club, nature walk, theaters, concerts. Warm and caring personality is very important for me. Please write to Mr. Okamura, Mail Box 147-291, 6900 San Pedro, San Antonio, TX 78216. Photo appreciated. ARIGATO (6.15)

Looking for love? GWM, 38, 6'2" prof. seeks romance with same 30-40. Hairy chest major plus. Sincere and caring. **T 1447**

GWM, 5'11", brn/brown, 200# prof. seeks young smooth slim bottom GWM for fun times. **T 1445**

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 attractive, have friends yet lonely, likes walks, companionship, seeks similar HIV-, 36-43. #1406, 1189 Virginia Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. (6.15)

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

GWM, 38, 6', 175, smooth, professional, attractive, HIV- seeks discreet younger, submissive, HIV- playmate interested in safe fist action, WS, or spanking. Novice welcome. **T 1444**

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**

WM, 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/possession. **T 1425**

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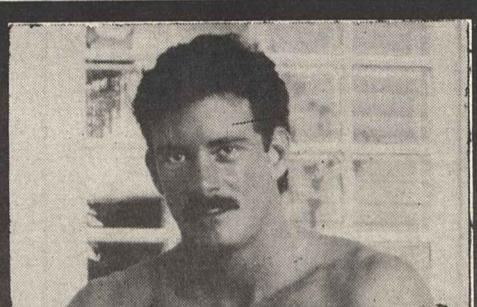
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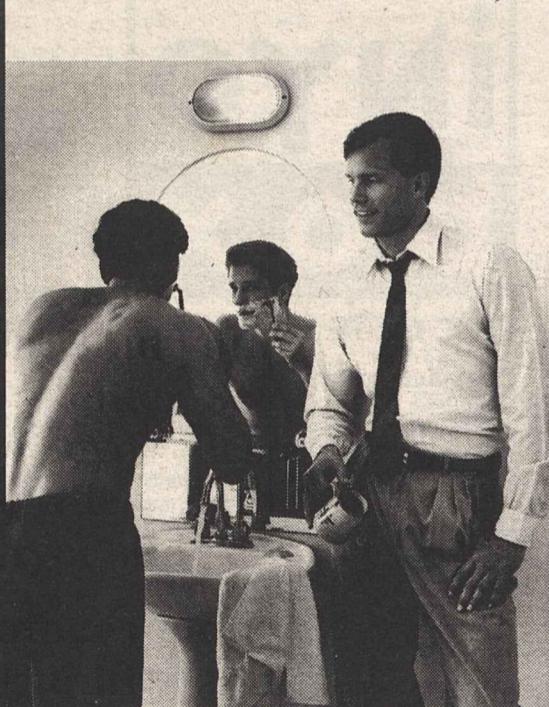
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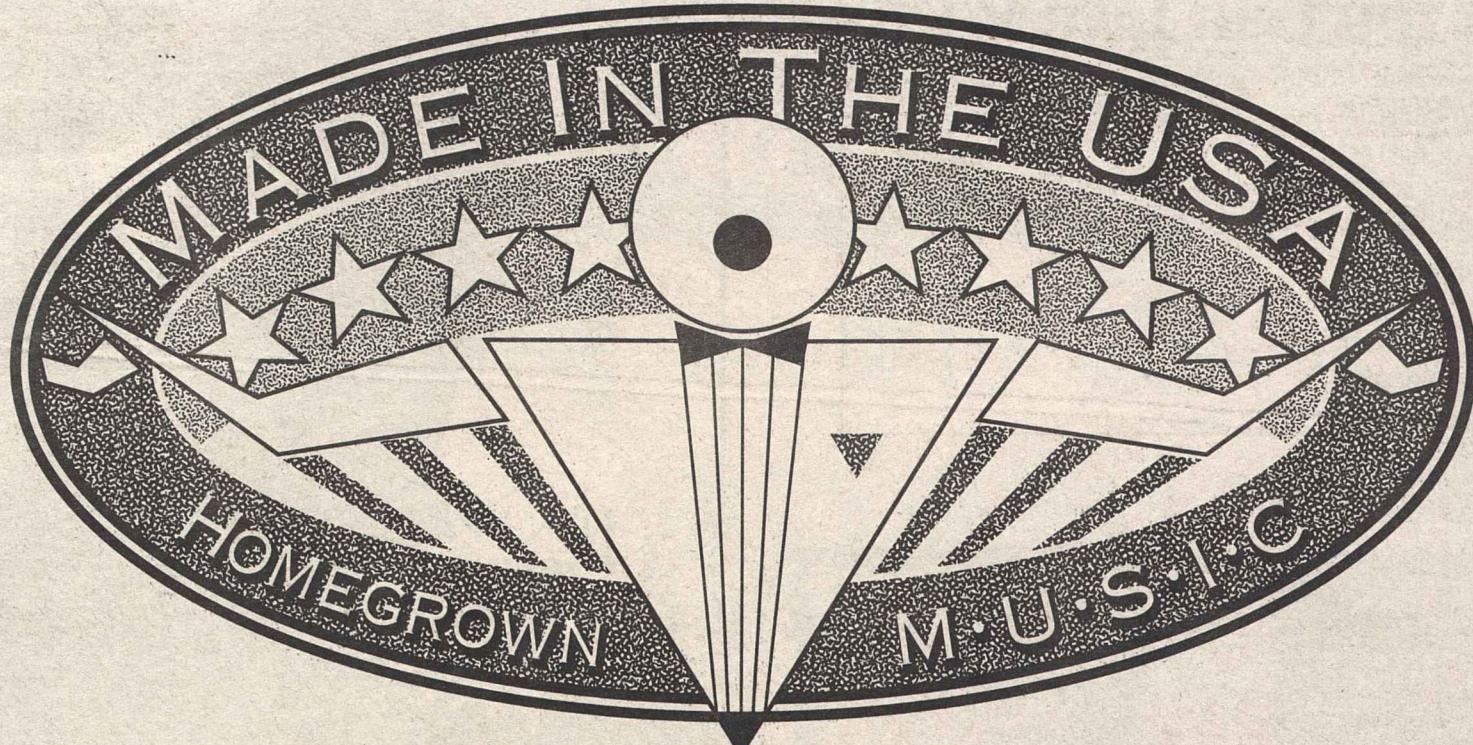
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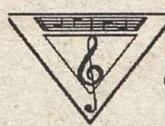
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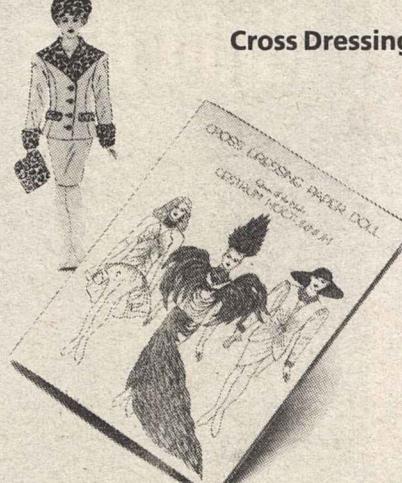
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