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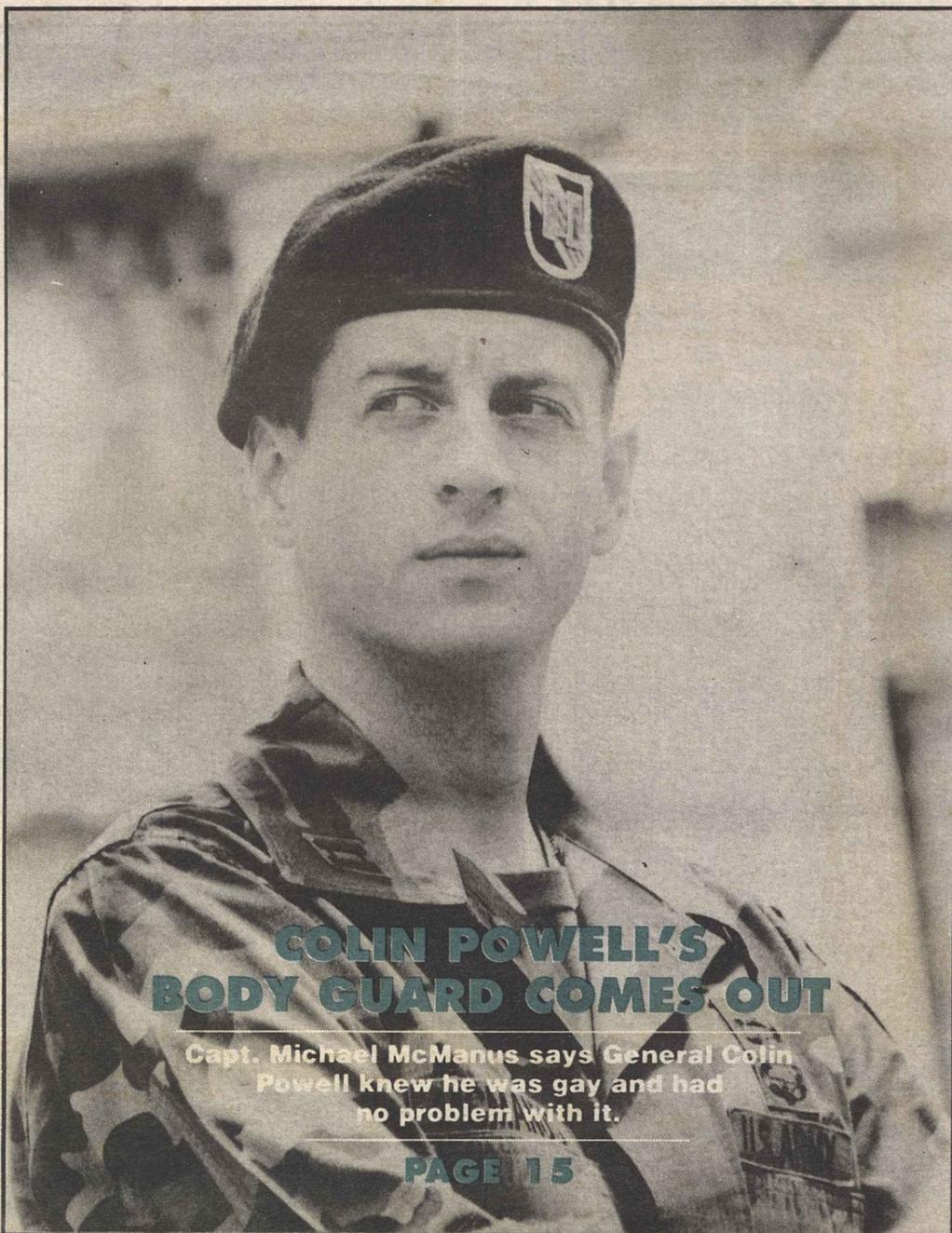
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# CYCLE OF PAIN

*Domestic violence doesn't just happen to straight people.*

by C. MITCHELL

The violence began shortly after the two men became involved. During the year they were together, Ted said his lover battered him seven or eight times.

The last time it happened, Ted's lover grabbed a butcher knife and started beating him with it. He sliced Ted's head open a few times. Ted (not his real name) lost a fingertip when he threw his hands up to protect his head.

Neighbors heard the screaming and called the police.

"When they came, my lover said, 'Oh, baby, why are you doing this?' The police said, 'He's not doing it. We are. You're under arrest,'" Ted recalled.

The lover got 180 days for aggravated assault. He's now in jail, but Ted feels like his days are numbered.

"If I had more people I could talk with, it would really help. I can't sleep for fear of what will happen when he gets out," said Ted. He is not alone.

Those who work in the field of domestic violence estimate that 40 to 50 percent of lesbians and gay men have experienced physical or verbal abuse by a lover. This estimate is based on the assumption that lesbians and gays are abused in about the same proportion as heterosexuals, according to Virginia Brimmer, director of the Women's Resource Center of DeKalb County, Inc. She also said that an informal survey, done at the Michigan Women's Music Festival a couple years ago, supported these numbers.

According to the authors of the book, "Men Who Beat the Men Who Love Them," 1987 was the first year during which statistics were kept on domestic violence in the gay community. In that year, San Francisco police responded to no fewer than 100 calls each month involving lesbians and gays. Extrapolating to the country at large, the books' authors estimated that 500,000 gay men are victims of domestic violence each year.

In a chilling note from closer to home, Gus Kaufman, co-founder of Atlanta's Men Stopping Violence,

said, "I knew a doctor who had a mainly gay practice on North Highland Avenue. He said the most common work he did was stitching up lovers after a fight."

Ted said his lover strangled him, left gashes on his forehead and blackened his eyes. "It was not just a slap on the face," he said.

The 29-year-old added, "One thing I would tell other people. If it happens once, know it will happen again. Get out before it gets too deep."

Ted said he was afraid to leave, because his former lover threatened to kill him if he did. Organizers of an upcoming lesbian and gay domestic violence forum hope that people like Ted will come and tell their story.

The idea for the forum came after Atlanta's lesbian and gay community was rocked recently by a murder-suicide. That crime occurred on March 2, after well-known community activist, Venus Landin, left her lover.

Bisa Niambi shot Landin, then turned the gun on herself. Many friends of both women were caught by surprise.

Sherry Siclair knew Landin. Both were members of the Lesbian and Gay Public Safety Task Force, which is sponsoring the June 15 forum.

"The purpose of the meeting is to get folks in our community talking about this, because otherwise we're living in denial and we're going to see more tragic endings like Venus," said Siclair.

Landin and Siclair saw each other the day of the crime. "Venus told me she had gotten out of this crazy relationship, but it didn't register with me," Siclair recalled.

She and others noted that denial of domestic violence runs rampant in the lesbian and gay community.

"We've been operating under this false idea that it doesn't happen," Siclair said. "Even those who have been in abusive relationships, or seen others who are, still operate in denial."

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## Bally's Lenox club removes lesbian/gay race flyers

Atlanta—A Lenox area health club with a large gay clientele angered some members by refusing to display flyers in its foyer promoting a gay and lesbian road race.

Front Runners/Atlanta ran into problems at the Bally's Holiday Fitness Center located across from Lenox Square. The group is sponsoring the third-annual Gay and Lesbian 5K Run/Walk, which will be held June 26, during pride weekend.

According to Front Runners president Jim Kane, a longtime member of Bally's, the center allowed flyers for other events to be posted at the front desk of its Lenox location. So on April 19, after first approaching an employee who told him that he would have to check with a supervisor, Kane brought in the applications and was told by the receptionist that there should be no problem. But a phone call from another Bally's member told him otherwise.

Bobby Duda, on his first visit to the Lenox location after moving to Buckhead from Sandy Springs, said he was waiting in the foyer and saw the club manager, Sharon Newsome, remove the Front Runners flyers.

"She flew out of the office, went straight to the flyers and said 'This is repulsive in here.' She told the receptionist that she didn't ever want to see anything like that in here," Duda said.

He called Front Runners and then Bally's corporate headquarters, where he was told by another club manager that the company does not allow any flyers of any kind at the front desk.

"That is purely bunk," Duda said. "There has rarely been a time that I have not seen flyers and other advertisements up there."

After being alerted by Duda about the flyers' removal, Kane contacted Newsome, who said that she had been instructed by her supervisor to remove the flyers. Kane asked to speak to the supervisor, and Newsome promised to have him call. The call never materialized, so Kane located Chris Raley on his own, reaching him by phone near the end of April.

"[Raley's] response was that they only put up information on events benefitting a charity," said Kane, adding that Raley was completely unaware that the race benefits Project

Open Hand. "Then I asked him why he would not consider putting a brochure out that would benefit a large portion of his membership. He said he doubted it could be documented that many of his members were gay."

Kane and Raley eventually negotiated a compromise—that the flyers would be put up on a bulletin board elsewhere in the club. But on at least three occasions, the flyers were torn down and thrown away.

Raley and the new manager at the Lenox club, John Cheeks, told Kane that members were throwing away the flyers and that there was nothing they could do about it, but later, said Kane, an assistant manager admitted that he had been the first to throw away the flyers before being told they were allowed to stay.

Sharon Newsome, who has since been transferred twice, could not be reached for comment on the incidents, and a corporate public relations official did not return a phone call. But Cheeks said that he "hated" the controversy.

"I don't like anything to go on in my club negatively," he said. "But what can I do [about the destruction of the flyers]? Am I going to put a patrol up for a flyer?"

Cheeks also told Southern Voice that the club does not allow flyers at the front desk, but added that he thinks he "has leeway on that" as the club manager.

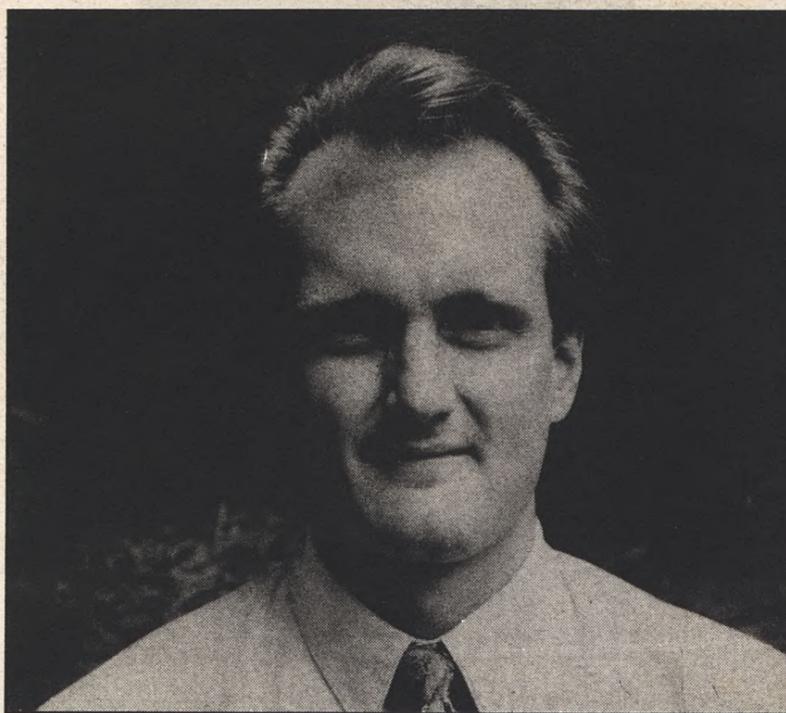
"To cover my behind, I'd have to talk to my boss," he said.

"We don't allow anything on the front counter unless it's something we've sponsored in the past," said Cheeks' boss, Chris Raley, who said that all other flyers have now been removed from that area.

Given the problems he encountered over the issue, Kane says he is ready to give up his seven-year membership in Bally's, which operates nine clubs in metro Atlanta.

"Everybody pointed the finger at everybody else, usually at the membership, and nobody took any responsibility," he said. "Chris Raley also told me on two occasions that this was a private club and they could do what they want. But they have an extremely high gay clientele, and they need to think about that."

KC WILDMOON



## Shumate named editor of Southern Voice

Atlanta—After a two-and-a-half-month search, Southern Voice has appointed former Atlanta magazine senior writer Richard Shumate as the paper's new editor.

Shumate replaces Christina Cash, who steps up to the newly-created position of executive editor, where she will concentrate on the paper's expansion.

"As a result of Richard being here, and my being able to focus on other things, we're going to be able to provide a much better service to the community," Cash said. "Richard brings the kind of professionalism and experience Southern Voice needs to become the type of publication the community can be proud of. It puts us in a position to become the top lesbian and gay newspaper in the country."

Shumate, 29, a native of Rock Springs, Wyoming, moved to Atlanta in 1990 from Gainesville, Ga., where he had been a reporter with The (Gainesville) Times since coming to Georgia in 1987. In Atlanta, Shumate served as news editor at Creative Loafing before becoming a senior writer at Atlanta Magazine in 1991.

"I've always been impressed by how strong a newspaper Southern Voice is," he

said. "My goal in becoming the editor is to continue that and make it even better—to improve the basic things people look for in a newspaper."

About his decision to make the jump from mainstream journalism to a position in the gay press, Shumate said that "Pat Buchanan really pissed me off."

"When I sat there and watched a serious candidate [for president] from a major political party stand up on national television and spew forth what he spewed forth [at the Republican National Convention], it made me realize how vulnerable we all are and how we need protection from the Pat Buchanans of the world," he said.

"I got to thinking that the reason anybody becomes a journalist is because they really want to help implement changes in society to make it better," Shumate continued. "I think this is a good way to get involved in that, in terms of the struggle for gay and lesbian civil rights. And that was something I wanted to do."

Shumate began his tenure at Southern Voice on June 1.

KC WILDMOON

## Partnership ordinances stall in City Council committees

Atlanta—Thanks to what some supporters say are "roadblocks" and "smokescreens" thrown up by some City Hall staff members, domestic partnership legislation is not likely to reach the City Council this week.

A measure that would provide benefits to the domestic partners of city employees passed favorably out of City Council's executive com-

mittee last week. But the ordinance stalled in the finance committee when the finance department presented a cost analysis that those promoting the legislation say is "ridiculously" high.

"We redid their figures and discovered that they were basically playing games," said Annie Archbold, a member of the ad hoc committee working with the sponsor of the ordinance, Councilwoman Mary Davis. "They were presenting the full budget as if it were the increase. It seems like certain city employees are hell bent on not having this legislation."

Lynn Pasqualetti, a local accountant also working with Davis, said that the finance department used figures not based in reality to come up with their analysis.

"A staff member told me that they had asked their insurance company what numbers to use," said Pasqualetti. "And naturally, those numbers were high."

The finance department figured that 9 percent of city employees would participate in the program, despite statistics from other municipalities providing domestic partnership benefits that show an average of less than 1 percent participation. Only Berkeley, Calif. has a participation rate higher than 5 percent.

Council members at last week's finance committee meeting ordered the department staff to work with the committee to revise the figures, and the measure was tabled for two weeks.

The city's chief fiscal officer, Michael Bell, refused to comment when contacted by Southern Voice. The chairman of the finance committee, Councilwoman Myrtle Davis, who is planning a run for mayor, could not be reached.

An ordinance calling for the creation of a domestic partnership registry for city residents is also on hold, waiting for a joint session of the human resources and executive committees. That meeting could come as early as Monday morning, but a time had not been set as Southern Voice went to press.

Although the going was rough last week, proponents of the domestic partnership legislation were pleased with the support from council members.

"I think that the obstructions being placed in the way are being countered effectively," said Marcia Okula, Mayor Maynard Jackson's liaison to the lesbian and gay community. "And while a lot of people do believe that money should not be a consideration in this—in the interest of fairness—the work being done on the money issue is going to take away the smokescreen. That's why it's important to address the money issue and

show it's not a problem, so that they can't use that tactic."

Some supporters of the measure think that a word from the mayor would help push the legislation through, and Okula agreed.

"Our problem is what has always been a problem—scheduling," she said. "We haven't been able to sit down with him and go over the legislation."

Jackson has said on several occasions, most recently at a May 6 reception with lesbian and gay leaders, that he supports domestic partnership in concept, but Okula said the mayor wants to know the specifics before making a statement.

A vote on domestic partnership legislation in Fulton County Commission has also been delayed until June 17 because Chairman Michael Lomax and his lesbian and gay liaison, Jeff Check, did not have the time to thoroughly brief all the county commissioners.

Check and supporters of the city measures urged lesbians and gays to call their council members and commissioners in support of the legislation.

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The domestic partnership bill sponsored by City Councilwoman Mary Davis (left) has hit a roadblock in the committee chaired by Councilwoman (and mayor wannabe) Myrtle Davis (right).



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Gays and lesbians poured into Pensacola in record numbers Memorial Day weekend despite—or maybe because of—anti-gay remarks by city officials.

## Beach Brouhaha Backfires on Bigots

*Pensacola, FL*—Despite a barrage of homophobic commentary from city officials, the annual Memorial Day trek of gay men and lesbians to the sands of northwest Florida went off with little controversy and few problems.

In fact, Andy Anderson, president of a Pensacola gay and lesbian group, Christopher Street South, says she may thank those very officials, whose anti-gay comments helped spark a record turnout estimated at 37,000 people.

"I've never seen so many people having such a good time," says Anderson, who has lived in Pensacola for 19 years. "We had a better turnout than we've ever had."

Gays and lesbians who came to Pensacola, nearly half of whom came from Atlanta, crowded a strip of the Gulf Islands National Seashore east of the city that has become well-known throughout the Southeast as a gay-friendly gathering place. At one point, the line of cars stretched 13 miles on both sides of the highway, Anderson says. While nails were spread over a road into the seashore on Saturday, causing some drivers to suffer flat tires, and some cars were egged, overall the weekend went off with few glitches.

The Escambia County Sheriff's Depart-

ment received about a dozen complaints from people who objected to gays kissing or holding hands. While the sheriff's department reported no arrests, Pensacola police did make a small number of arrests for drug possession and what was described as lewd behavior.

Even though gays and lesbians have been going to Pensacola for more than 25 years, this year was the first time that media attention about the magnitude of the event brought it to the attention of Pensacola's conservative politicians. After a local television station ran a story noting the city's status as a gay-friendly resort, City Councilman Doug Proffitt fired off a letter saying that gays and lesbians were not welcome in the city and went as far as to insinuate that gay visitors might molest or murder children. Mayor Jerry Maygarden then fueled the fire by endorsing what Proffitt said.

Those comments angered many in the Pensacola business community, who reap a financial windfall from Memorial Day and feared that the attacks by Maygarden and Proffitt could discourage gay tourism. Anderson says many of those businesses flew rainbow flags during Memorial Day weekend.

RICHARD SHUMATE

## COMING EVENTS

### Southeastern Premiere Of 'Falsettos' In Columbia

*Columbia, SC*—Trustus Theatre will present the Southeastern premiere of the 1993 Tony award winning musical "Falsettos" on June 11. The show will run June 11, 12, 16-19, 23-26, 30 and July 1-3. All performances begin at 8 p.m. with the bar and box office opening nightly at 7 p.m. Tickets go on sale June 7 and are \$15 for swivel rocking chairs and \$7.50 for bleachers. For reservations, call (803) 254-9732 between 1pm and 6 pm Mon-Sat.

### S.C. Pride Set For June 19

*Columbia, SC*—The 4th annual South Carolina Gay and Lesbian Pride March, with the theme "Victory Through Pride," will kick off from the corner of Calhoun and Assembly Streets in Columbia at noon on June 19. Speakers for the rally after the march, to be held on the Capitol steps, include HRCF's Mandy Carter and Methodist minister Tom Summers, founder of Clergy and Friends for Gay and Lesbian Rights. The Charlotte Gay Men's Chorus will also perform.

Following the rally, the annual Gala Celebration will be held at Township Auditorium. Headlining the show will be Romanovsky and Phillips. Call (803) 790-GAYS for information.

### Chattanooga Commissioners Take Aim at Gay-Positive Children's Book

*Chattanooga, TN*—Some Hamilton County Commissioners say a book about a gay father and his child should not be displayed in the children's section of the public library, making Chattanooga but the latest battleground over Alyson Publications' "Daddy's Roommate."

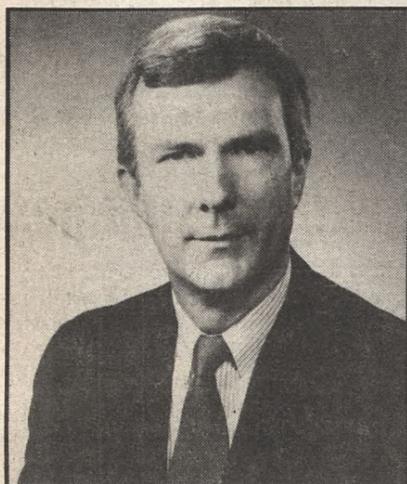
"It disturbs me that we would place something as controversial as this in the children's section. This is the Bible Belt," said Commissioner Harold Coker.

Jane McFarland, director of the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Bicentennial Library, was asked about the book, written by Michael Willhoite, during budget hearings last week. McFarland said the book was written on a child's level and was not sexually explicit. She said some children in the county are in the same situation as the book's character and reading it could help them.

"Would you put something out there like 'Daddy's in the Penitentiary' or 'Mother Works the Red Light District' or 'Brother's an Ax Murderer?'" asked Commissioner Paul Nolan. "I don't say we should go to the library and censor all the books and throw them out and burn them. What I'm saying is why can't we choose some wholesome books?"

**Lesbian Avengers Invade Texas House:** Blaring horns and paper airplanes interrupted the last day of the Texas legislative session last week, as opponents of the state's sodomy law staged a protest in the gallery of the Texas House. Ten members of the Austin chapter of Lesbian Avengers spread throughout the public gallery overlooking the House chamber, blew horns and unfurled banners reading "Legalize Lesbian Sex" and "Homophobia Stinks." The protestors were then arrested. While the Senate voted earlier in the session to repeal the sodomy law, House members insisted that gay sex remain a crime. The Texas Supreme Court is considering the law's constitutionality.

**Iowa Parents Complain 4-H Is Advocating Homosexuality:** Parents who think two workshops at this year's Iowa Youth and 4-H Conference advocate a gay lifestyle are complaining. The seminars, part of a day long diversity workshop to be held during the June 29 to July 1 conference, are titled "One in Ten" and "What Difference Does It Make?" They are among 30 workshops on diversity issues. All are optional, and conference attendees may choose to attend up to three. "What I tell people [who call to complain] is 4-H doesn't advocate any lifestyle," said Cheryl Jensen, director of university relations at Iowa State University. "We teach critical thinking skills so people can make their own decisions."



Frohnmayer takes on right

**Bush NEA Director Blasts Anti-Gay Measures:** Debating a leader of the Christian right over public funding of the arts, former National Endowment for the Arts director John Frohnmayer said that anti-gay measures facing Oregon voters would "take away the civil rights of people in our society because of their sexual orientation," which he said would be a "scourge to our society." "And to do that in the name of Christ is to so miscast what I believe to be the love and expansion and the breadth of religion as to not deserve the name Christian," he said. Frohnmayer was debating Christian Coalition director Ralph E. Reed, Jr. at Southern Oregon State College.

**Indiana Official Comes Out To Head Gay Men's Health Crisis:** When Indiana's social services secretary, Jeff Richardson, left

that post to become head of New York's Gay Men's Health Crisis on June 2, he also left the closet. In an interview with the Indianapolis Star, Richardson acknowledged that he is gay, becoming the first policy-maker in Gov. Evan Bayh's administration to come out. "It never was an issue with Evan Bayh or anyone I worked with or who worked for me," Richardson said. "We were always more focused—as it should be—on the job that had to be done."

**Condoms-For-Extra-Credit Plan Gets Wash. Teacher Suspended:** Larry Wagle, who gave his students extra credit for buying condoms, has been suspended for 10 days by a school board in Washington state, although he was also praised for his passion in focusing more attention on AIDS, teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted disease and condoms. "I lost the battle, but I won the war," said Wagle, a salty tongued former sailor. "I have no complaints, no regrets." Students in his program were required to get written permission from their parents, some of whom complained to school officials.

**Legal Gay Sex Passes Nevada Senate:** Rejecting efforts by conservative lawmakers to water the bill down, the state senate has voted to legalize gay sex in Nevada, where "unnatural" acts by members of the same sex have been felonies for 72 years. "The issue here isn't gay rights. It isn't morality. It isn't criminal law. It's freedom," said Sen. Mark James, R-Las Vegas. But other Senate Republicans tried to amend the bill by making willful transmission of AIDS a felony and gay prostitution illegal, which were rejected.

**Russia Drops Anti-Gay Law:** Male homosexuality is no longer a crime in Russia, and gay activists hope a decree repealing the Soviet-era law, which took effect last week, will improve Russia's ability to combat AIDS. The repeal did not address lesbians since lesbianism was not acknowledged by previous Soviet governments. Dr. Irina Eramova, an epidemiologist at the country's primary AIDS center, said the law discouraged gay men from seeking medical help for sexually-transmitted diseases and forced them to seek anonymous sexual contacts, which contributed to the spread of AIDS.

**Okla. Human Rights Watchdogs Say 'No Dyke' Sign Isn't Their Business:** The Norman Human Rights Commission has dismissed a discrimination complaint against a bar owner who posted a "No Dykes" sign in her establishment. Commission members said that the complaints were not covered under the city ordinance on discrimination. "They decided these complaints involved matters of sexual preference and therefore are not covered by our human rights ordinance," said city attorney Jeff Raley. Bar owner Cola Rankin, in addition to posting the sign, had called police to remove lesbians she said were "misbehaving" by slow dancing on the dance floor.

**Gay Harasser's Graduation Speech Sparks Anger at Penn. College:** A group of students at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Penn., are unhappy that a senior once suspended for harassing a gay student will be speaking at graduation. Members of the school's Women's Action Group told college President Arthur Taylor last week that they have collected the signatures of nearly 150 graduates—40 percent of the senior class—who object to J. Christopher Bernat's selection as this year's speaker. Three years ago, Bernat was suspended for a year for phoning another student and threatening him because he is gay. Taylor said that he would not prevent Bernat, selected by a student committee, from addressing the commencement audience.

**Iowa Court Says Mother's Orientation Not Relevant to Child Support:** A physics professor's attempt to avoid child support for two children because of their mother's sexual orientation has been shot down by the Iowa Court of Appeals. Constantine Stassis claimed that Janet Hartman "knowingly and intentionally" became pregnant and sought financial support to raise the children in a gay home. The court rejected Stassis' arguments, saying that paternity determinations are scientific and decisions about child support are based on public policy to aid children. Stassis has been ordered to pay \$1200 per month.

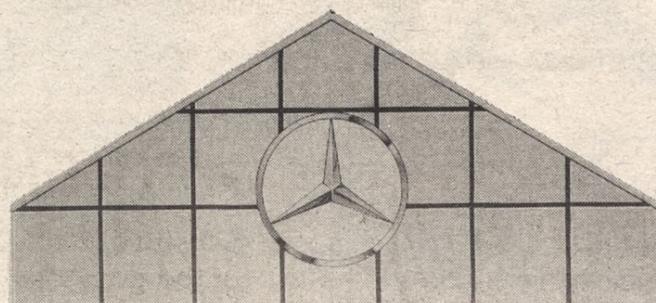
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# AIDS

## AT THE CROSSROADS

by Bruce Mirken



### Lessons of AZT

The release this spring of preliminary results from the British/French Concorde study, showing no apparent benefit from early use of AZT in asymptomatic HIV-positive patients, set off a round of teeth-gnashing almost unprecedented in the sorry history of the AIDS epidemic. The "AZT is poison" crowd went on a binge of I-told-you-so's while AZT manufacturer Burroughs-Wellcome cranked up its publicity machine with a ferocity that unintentionally communicated the company's terror over the study.

With due respect to the true believers on both sides, I think they've all missed the point. The real significance of Concorde has little to do with the relative merits of AZT.

In the real world the jury has been in on AZT for some time. By any reasonable reckoning, it is at best a mediocre drug, with limited benefits that rarely last more than two years or so (often less) coupled with significant toxicities. As a single-drug therapy, it's on the way to being obsolete already, and if the drug has any significant future at all, it will be as an ingredient in combination regimens. One can only hope that new and better drugs or drug combinations will eclipse it entirely before too long.

In other words, AZT's tide is already starting to ebb, and all Concorde will do—if the full results, when released, hold up under scrutiny—is hasten the process a bit.

But Concorde raises larger questions about the drug development process. If we are to have truly effective anti-HIV treatments in time to save the lives of the 14 million people worldwide who are now infected, and if we are to have a clear idea if those new drugs really work over the long haul, we'd better start answering them now.

In a plague such as AIDS, the natural and correct impulse has been to try to speed promising treatments through the development pipeline as quickly as possible. That, of course, didn't happen overnight. It took a great deal of pressure from the AIDS activist movement to get the lead out of the scientific-government-drug company bureaucracy. That effort, while by no means fully realized, has made major progress.

The urge to speed development naturally leads to drug trials designed to produce relatively quick results. When long-term studies are done, it adds to the impetus to end a trial early if a drug seems to be helping, so that all can share in its benefits, as happened with the major American AZT trials. Of course, trials where a clear benefit was demonstrated by the drug under study were halted early long before AIDS,

but there's no denying that the horror of a deadly, incurable disease adds urgency to the impulse to do so.

Unfortunately, the downside has been that in the case of AZT, Concorde represents the *only* controlled information we have on the stuff that follows patients taking it for more than about a year and a half—this for a drug that has been taken by many tens of thousands of people since 1987, all of whom it is presumed will need life-time therapy. Concorde generated so much hoopla because when it comes to long-term results, it's the only game in town.

And that's the problem. It's imperative to get useful results rapidly into the hands of PWAs whose lives hang in the balance, but it's just as imperative to develop reliable information on the long-term effects of anti-retroviral drugs.

One answer is to go back to the excruciatingly slow drug approval process of the bad old days, adding years to the time it will take new anti-HIV drugs to get on the market. Some are hoping that Concorde will lead to exactly that. Homophobic, conservative syndicated columnist Tom Bethell wrote a piece recently bashing AZT and holding up Concorde as an example of the damage "gay activists" have done by "politicizing" the drug approval process (amazingly, the column was reprinted by the gay New York Native, which seems to have no scruples about where they'll stoop to dredge up anti-AZT material). And some traditional researchers, still not accustomed to the changed environment of the 90s, would love an excuse to go back to the old ways.

Such a step, which would amount to a death sentence for hundreds of thousands and possibly millions of HIV-infected people, is not acceptable. Period. But AIDS activists need to think long and hard about the urgency of getting reliable long-term data on AIDS treatments and about ways to build the accumulation of such data into the earliest stages of the drug-development process. There's no reason it can't be done, given a bit of creativity and drive, but no one should imagine that the scientific-government-drug company establishment that has failed so miserably in every other aspect of the AIDS crisis will do it for us. We need to take the lead.

The alternative could be a trip back to the way things were done in the grim days of the mid-80s.

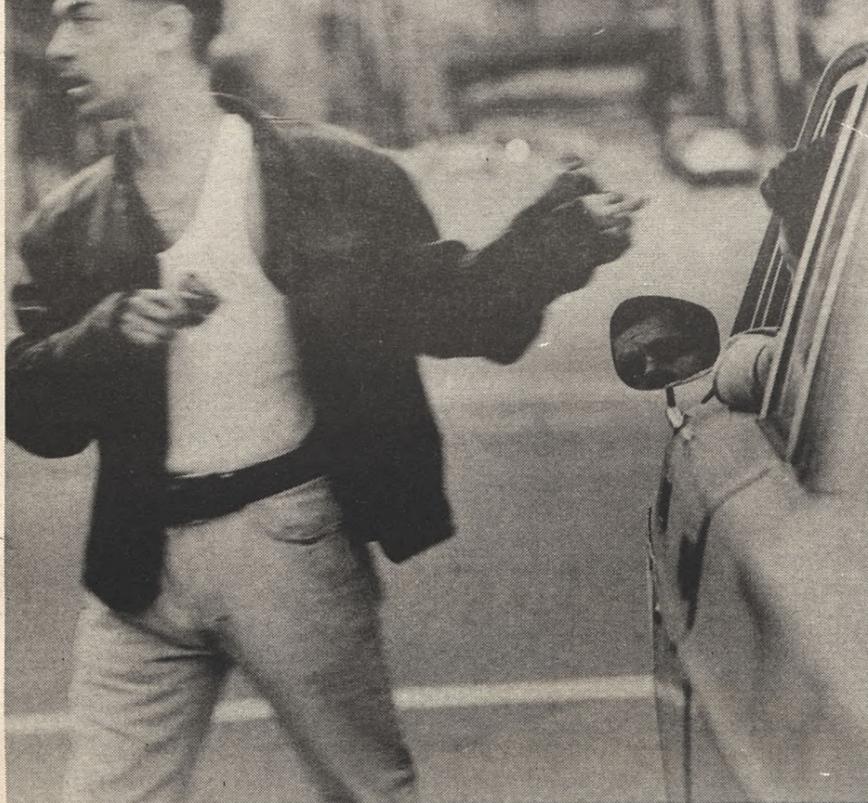
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## San Francisco AIDS Foundation targets street hustlers

The San Francisco AIDS Foundation last week unveiled a new HIV prevention campaign featuring 25 Polk area bus shelter posters aimed at street youths engaged in survival sex for pay. It is the first campaign in the nation to recognize the responsibility of "johns" in the reduction of the spread of HIV/AIDS.

The threat of AIDS is ever-present in the lives of the boys and young men who work on Polk Street. "Some of them engage in sex with johns, or 'dates' who pay extra to have unprotected sex with them," says Elliot Ramos, S.F. AIDS Foundation youth campaign development coordinator. "That puts both partners at risk for HIV. Our campaign is not about judging the hustlers' or the johns' behavior. It's about saving lives."

The young men who wind up working on Polk Street often have come to San Francisco to flee abusive families and school conflicts,

or to explore their sexuality. Instead of relief from those problems, they discover an imbroglio of threatening street conditions: drugs, hunger, lack of health care, poverty, homelessness, and the threat of HIV infection. Some young men prostitute themselves to survive; others do it to establish their place in the world.

In the past few years, surveys conducted at Larkin Street Youth Center have shown that, with repeated prevention education, condom usage increases—resulting in a decrease in the HIV infection rate among this population.

"But street life isn't pretty or fun," says the AIDS Foundation's Ramos. "That's why this campaign takes a proactive approach, through repetitious educational prevention measures, to encourage hustlers and their clients to protect themselves from the threat of HIV infection."

## Trust fund would bolster money for medical research

Washington, DC—The Human Rights Campaign Fund has endorsed a proposal to enhance funding for medical research through the creation of a special trust fund as a part of the reformed health care system. The Medical Research Trust Fund proposal was announced at a recent press conference by Senators Tom Harkin (D-IA) and Mark Hatfield (R-OR) and a coalition of health care, aging, cancer, AIDS and other organizations.

"The Medical Research Trust Fund pro-

vides a real opportunity for progress and a vital lifeline to members of the lesbian and gay community who live with serious and life-threatening diseases," said Terry Beswick, HRCF's AIDS Research Policy Analyst. "We hope the administration embraces the Senators' leadership on this issue, and includes this proposal in their health care reform package."

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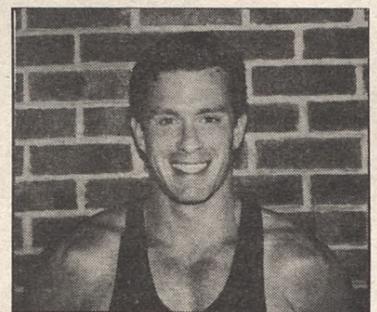


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## Vaccine in monkeys stops HIV infection

### Testing on humans is next step

Birmingham, AL—Scientists say a time-release vaccine that protects female monkeys from contracting HIV may be tested on human beings in as soon as two or three years.

In an experiment that mimics the sexual transmission of AIDS, researchers show that female monkeys are protected from infection when using the vaccine.

"This is the first demonstration that we can derive a vaccine procedure that can prevent the heterosexual spread of AIDS," said John H. Eldridge, a researcher at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. An actual human vaccine is at least five years away, if tests are successful.

Dr. Preston A. Marx of the New Mexico Regional Primate Research Laboratory reported in the journal *Science* that five of six female monkeys were protected against vaginal exposure to a simian AIDS after inoculations with slowly dissolving beads coated with the virus.

"The idea with this vaccine is to neutralize the virus at the point of contact," Marx said in an interview. "Our feeling is that once the virus enters the bloodstream that the vaccine will be far less effective."

The vaccine was developed by a team of researchers from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Southern Research Institute in Birmingham, New Mexico State University's primate research laboratory and Emory University in Atlanta.

The study with macaque monkeys used a virus called simian immunodeficiency virus, or SIV, that is closely akin

to HIV. SIV causes AIDS in monkeys.

Marx said the goal of the vaccine was to cause the female monkeys to develop SIV antibodies in the mucous membrane that lines the vagina.

Although the majority of AIDS cases in the U.S. are among gay men, the disease worldwide is most commonly spread through heterosexual intercourse. On a global basis, the majority of AIDS patients are heterosexual.

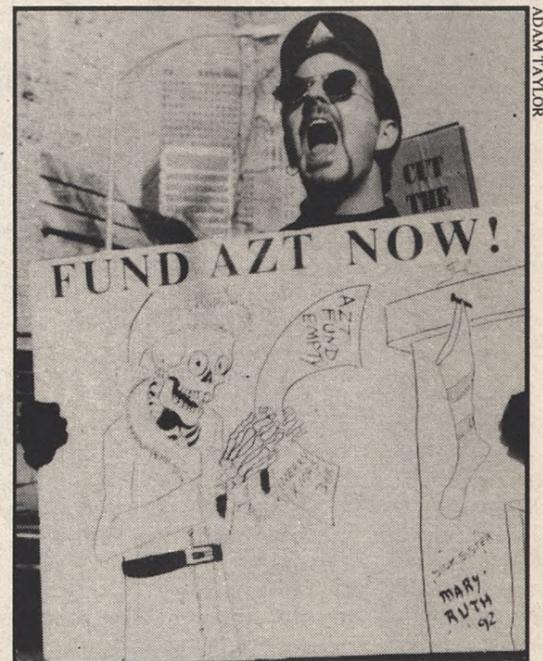
For this reason, researchers believe a successful AIDS vaccine will have to trigger formation of antibodies in the mucous membrane of the vagina and no experimental vaccine has been shown to be protective against virus spread by heterosexual contact.

Marx said that often experimental vaccines given only by injection do not produce vaginal antibodies. For this reason, he used a vaccine that is introduced into the body by a slowly dissolving, microscopic bead developed at UAB.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases, the federal government's lead AIDS research agency, said the monkey study "was a step in the right direction" but said "it is not a breakthrough."

Marx said finding a practical application for the AIDS vaccine is his next research goal. He said his lab now will test to determine if a high level of disease protection in monkeys can be produced by using boosters that are taken orally.

"If we can find a way to give equal protection with oral boosting, then we will go that route because it seems the most practical," said Marx. (AP)



Jeff Graham of ACT UP/Atlanta says the local chapter is far from dead.

## Atlanta's ACT UP won't die like D.C.'s

Atlanta—When the ACT UP group in Washington, DC voted recently to disband, one of its founders, Stephen J. Smith, predicted that the other ACT UP chapters might soon follow. But that prediction isn't being given much credence here in Atlanta.

"I couldn't disagree more," says Jeff Graham, of ACT UP/Atlanta. "I think the identity of ACT UP locally is very different than the identity of ACT UP nationally."

The direct action group, made up of loosely-connected chapters which spread across the country after the 1987 March On Washington, has frequently been in the limelight for its colorful and controversial protests. But some observers credit that in-their-faces stridency for finally forcing politicians, federal agencies and drug companies to take stronger action in fighting AIDS.

Graham says the difference between ACT UP/DC and ACT UP/Atlanta is that while the Washington group was involved in lobbying on national issues, the Atlanta group has remained focused on local issues, such as full funding for the state AZT program, pushing for a center for HIV+ homeless men and an expansion of the infectious disease clinic at Grady Memorial Hospital, as well as distributing condoms at local proms.

The DC chapter recently proposed that the rest of the chapters send money to the Washington group so that it could operate a lobbying operation on Capitol Hill, an idea which Graham says was overwhelmingly rejected. "That is just not what ACT UP is supposed to be doing."

Each ACT UP chapter operates independently, and within each chapter there is little formal organization or hierarchy. The Atlanta chapter now has about 15 active members, Graham says. And while some people here view Atlanta's ACT UP members as "the most outrageous people they have ever seen, we pale in comparison to people in some of their other chapters."

The demise of ACT UP/DC ironically came just weeks after it organized the highly-successful Hands Around The Capitol demonstration during the March On Washington, which was billed as the largest ACT UP demonstration in history.

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## Homophobic Helms featured in video promoting Gay Pride in San Francisco

San Francisco—Homophobic Sen. Jesse Helms is getting a taste of his own medicine in San Francisco—organizers of that city's Freedom Day Parade are using a video clip of the North Carolina Republican—speaking at Roberta Achtenberg's recently concluded confirmation hearings in the U.S. Senate—to promote the huge Pride parade. Helms has complained that the promotional spots twist his words.

"That gay pride parade—I wish every American could have seen it," Helms is shown saying in the 15-second spot.

His statement is followed by text urging viewers to attend the June 27 parade.

"They're not going to fool anybody with that," Helms said in a telephone interview. "The people know what I said... Taking it out of context just demonstrates how far out of context these lesbians and gays are."

President Clinton nominated Achtenberg, a San Francisco supervisor, to be assistant secretary for fair housing and equal opportunity. The Senate voted 58-31 to confirm the nomination, despite the sometimes vicious opposition led by Helms and Mississippi Republican Trent Lott.

Helms said he was criticizing Achtenberg for taking part in the parade with her partner, San Francisco judge Mary Morgan.

"They were not just appearing. They were the marshals of that parade," Helms said. "They were sitting on the back of a convertible hugging and kissing..."

Excerpts of San Francisco's pride celebration showing leather-clad, whip-toting marchers often have been used to galvanize opposition to gay civil rights, and parade organizers said it is poetic justice to use Helms' own words to promote the parade.

"Jesse Helms has promoted an agenda of

hate and bigotry by crafting together a montage of video images which he misrepresents," said parade committee co-chair Ggreg Taylor. "This, however, is in context..."

"It's the first time I've agreed with Jesse Helms," Taylor said.

"We want to invite everybody to see our parade and see it in totality, not just the little segments that the religious right pull out," added co-chair Marsha Levine. "This is the year of the Queer. Lesbian and gay issues are in the forefront of American politics right now"

According to Levine, there is another video also making news these days. Jerry Falwell is advertising on his religious channel that they sent undercover photographers to the March On Washington to compile video footage to show the people "what really happened there that the mainstream media won't show you." She said "for \$35 he will send you a video and the money will be used to pay off the debts of their Bible college. He is creating this to prey on the fear of people who were taught that homosexuals are something to be afraid of."

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## Gay civil rights win in Kansas City

Kansas City, MO—Last week, the City Council in Kansas City added protection for gays and lesbians to its civil rights laws, banning discrimination in housing and employment.

About 100 people who attended the meeting cheered, whistled and gave the eight council



Marsha Levine and Ggreg Taylor, co-chairs of the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day March, view the video clip featuring Jesse Helms being used to promote the parade.

members on hand, all of whom supported the measure, a standing ovation after the vote, according to an account of the proceedings in the Kansas City Star. Five other council members were not in the chamber when the vote was taken.

A group of opponents stood silently in the back of the council chamber. Prior to the vote, both proponents of the ordinance and those who were against it rallied outside City Hall. Opponents of gay civil rights have already sued the city over a previous civil rights ordinance, and last week's vote is expected to complicate that case.

Kansas City became the third city in Missouri to grant civil rights protection to gays and

lesbians. The other two cities are St. Louis and Columbia.

"The legislation that was passed today brings Kansas City into the position of putting a stop to the oppression, discrimination and violence against lesbians, gays and bisexuals," David Weeds, a local gay rights activist, told the Star.

Jennifer McCartney of Kansas City, who carried a sign that read, "I'm a lesbian and I vote," got in a brief shouting match with a minister who said "homosexuality is an abomination before God."

McCartney said, "People are judging us because of a different lifestyle. If it's a choice, it is whether to be happy or not."

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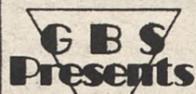
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**BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to Nina Colman who'll be turning 26 on June 9th. Nina sent out hip creative invitations, featuring her own art work, to her celebratory party on the 5th. We know the grill was a-smokin' and the blender a-hummin' Saturday night. We hope you have a fabulous year Nina.

A Happy THIRTIETH Birthday goes out to law student Suzie Kezh on June 11. In true Kezbian fasion, the invitations to Suzie's party featured a photo of former First Lady Martha Washington unable to keep her hands off Suzie's soon-to-be-30 posterior. Lucky Suzie gets a trip to beautiful Cumberland Island for her birthday, but has to carry her partner Laurie's pack—we're not sure why. On a side note, congratulations go to Suzie who will be interning for U.S. Rep. John Lewis this summer.

June 16 will be the fifth birthday of Toulouse Fischer, who has spent all five of her years working at The Boy Next Door. She and her "father," Lane, will be spending the day (as usual) at work checking out all the customers. Happy Birthday, Girl!

June 12 is the "observed" birthday of Queen Elizabeth II (the real one in En-



Toulouse Fischer of The Boy Next Door turns 5 on June 16.

gland). Let us all partake in a moment of silence on that day to remember she who has served us so well as both a matronly role model and as the subject of numerous jokes. Happy Birthday, Queen!

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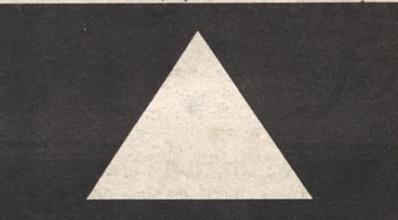
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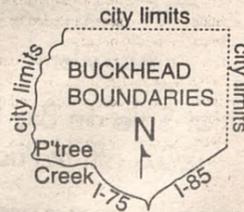
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## More than just a day in the park

by JOE O'BRIEN

With hot days of summer upon us, a young man's fancy turns to outdoor fun, and, perhaps, clandestine meetings in the park. But in Cobb County, a romp in the park, in addition to its inherent risks to one's person and health, could also lead to an expensive trip to jail.

The most popular parks in Cobb County are Al Burris and Wildwood parks, followed closely by the federally-owned parks along the Chattahoochee River. The popularity of these parks with gay and straight men is well known by law enforcement officials, and many times during warm weather, the Marietta and Cobb County police send undercover officers into the park to rid them of the men looking for quick and anonymous sex. An arrest can result in any one of a number of charges, ranging from public indecency to sexual battery (both misdemeanor charges) to aggravated sodomy (a felony in Georgia).

Now, let's be fair. Undercover work is a legitimate part of police work, and, after all, sex in a public park is illegal. By default therefore, undercover work in the park is part of the job. The problem in Cobb County, however, is that undercover officers may be enticing men into sexually-compromising positions only to arrest and humiliate the gay offender.

The scenario goes something like this:

A sunny, warm day, usually in the morning or late afternoon, the police undercover team arrives in unmarked vehicles. If the stakeout is at Al Burris or Wildwood parks, the police will park on nearby property owned by Dobbins Air Force Base. The undercover team will disperse into the park individually but usually well within earshot of other officers on the team. The officers are often times dressed in long pants and bulky, loose-fitting shirts, which cover all manner of arrest equipment including handcuffs, a weapon and a

communication device. In other words, while most gay men are "undressed to the nines," these guys are a bit overdressed for the occasion.

The undercover officers might approach and ask, "What do you want?" or "What are you looking for?" In one case last September, the officer was asked three times by the gay man to "go somewhere private, not in the park." The officer as-

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How many of these men would have preferred to go out of the park, only to be unfairly enticed into sexual action by the undercover officer and then arrested?

The police know this is a sure bust, and probably won't be contested. Many of the men arrested are married men who won't fight the arrest, or gay men who are very private or still closeted. After all, who is a Cobb County jury going to believe, the upstanding police officers just doing their jobs or the queer in the park looking for anonymous sex?

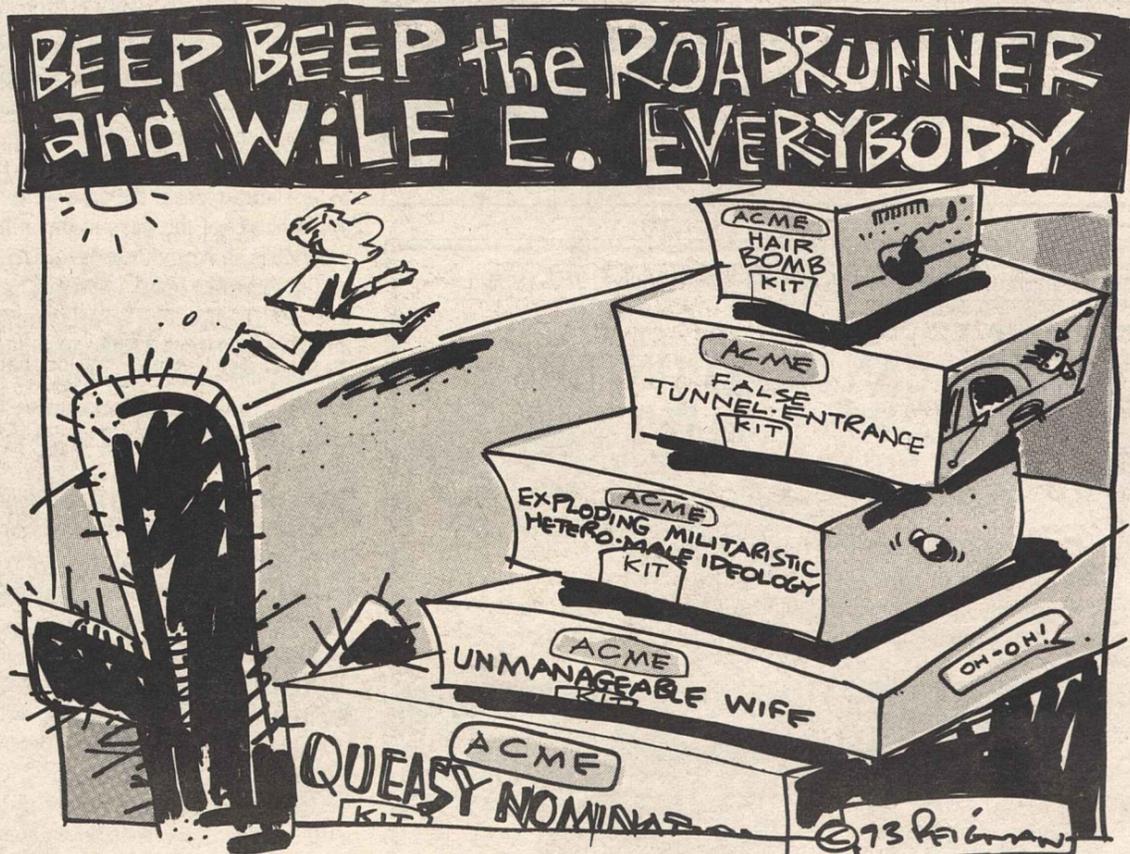
The objection here is not that the police are wrong (sex in the park is illegal and stupid) but that their methods go too far if they persuade men to do something they otherwise wouldn't.

The county and the undercover agents know a successful bust will net almost \$1,000 for the county coffers because most of the men arrested plead guilty and receive up to a \$1,000 fine, probation and pay the court costs. (Assuming this, Cobb County made \$27,000 last September for their undercover efforts during September alone). This isn't so bad an amount with budget cutbacks and other financial shortfalls.

Sex in the park is illegal and stupid. If you want to be arrested and "donate" your money to Cobb County, go through the humiliation of finding someone to bail you out of jail (another \$1,500), and have an arrest record, just hang out at the parks.

Let's be smart this summer, gentlemen, and think with our "brains." The straight media has enough fodder with the right-wing trash being published and broadcast. Let's not give them more ammunition to use against us.

*Joe O'Brien lives in Cobb County.*



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## Homosexuality = Rape, Say Defenders of Military Ban

*Jacksonville rape cases being used to argue that gays can't control themselves sexually*

Opponents of allowing openly gay men and lesbians to serve in the military, including the Atlanta Journal-Constitution's compo column, Lewis Grizzard, have begun using a new disinformation tactic—saying the recent rape convictions of two male sailors, whose victims were other men, should be considered when deciding whether to lift the ban.

And some pro-ban leaders are even going so far as to insinuate that the rape cases demonstrate that gay people can't control themselves sexually, even though the Army's own figures show most rapes in the military involve straight service personnel.

The head of a group of Navy retirees told the New York Times that the convictions, stemming from separate incidents in Jacksonville, Fla., show "homosexuals cannot be expected to remain celibate while in active duty in the military." John Dalrymple, a retired admiral who is the executive director of the Navy League of the United States, maintained that lifting the ban on gays and lesbians in the military would lead to more cases of rape.

"Faced with the threat of court-martial or being expelled from the service, homosexuals still do this. With legalization, I believe there would be even more cases like this," the admiral said.

On May 20, Petty Officer Albert Ruggiero, 32, was convicted of sexually assaulting an 18-year-old sailor last December in a trailer near the Cecil Field Naval Air Station outside of Jacksonville. Because the assault occurred off base, Ruggiero was tried in a Florida civilian court instead of in a military court-martial.

The Florida prosecutor in the case, W. Marc Hardesty, said the case went "directly to the heart" of the gays-in-the-military debate. He is an Army Reserve officer.

In the other case, Airman Apprentice Michael Thompson, 21, was convicted by a military court of sexually assaulting a 20-year-old shipmate aboard the USS Saratoga when it was docked in Jacksonville last February. He was sentenced to 30 months in prison.

The AJ/C's Grizzard got in on the act in a recent column, saying the rape stories were "germane" to the debate over gays in the military. He accused the news media of burying coverage of the trials because of their liberal bias.

"Wouldn't that be like ignoring the Tailhook Scandal in light of the issues concerning sexual harassment of women and the women-in-the-military debate?" Grizzard wrote. He went on to cite some of the most lurid details from news stories about the tri-

als, including testimony by Ruggiero's victim that Ruggiero said, "You're going to like this," and that he "kept trying to get [the victim] to drink more, then slapped him, bent his arm behind him and removed his trousers." He also saw the need to tell readers that doctors who examined the victim found "rectal lacerations."

However, Grizzard—whose critics frequently complain that his column is fraught with thinly-veiled (and sometimes downright overt) homophobia, misogyny and racism—denied that his purpose in bringing up the cases was to insinuate that openly gay men and women in the military will pose a threat to their comrades.

"I'm not trying to say, 'Look what can happen if you allow gays in the military,'" Grizzard wrote. "What I am trying to say is, 'Look, there's a pretty good news story that's a natural tie-in with the gays-in-the-military debate and why isn't it getting bigger coverage?'"

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Grizzard, in the same column, said he thought U.S. Senator Sam Nunn's hearings on the military ban issue were "fruitful" and bashed President Clinton's military experience, which he said amounted to watching episodes of the TV show "Combat" while a boy in Arkansas.

Lt. Col. Robert Maginnis, an investigator in the office of the Inspector General of the Army, told the New York Times that a study of 100

Army courts-martial for sodomy between 1989 and 1992 found that 39 were for non-consensual sodomy between people of the same sex. Of 360 sodomy cases investigated in 1992, 37 involved same-sex rape.

Despite the fact that those figures show that a majority of sodomy courts-martial and a vast majority of sodomy complaints do not involve two people of the same sex, Maginnis still concluded that such incidents occur "a lot more often than we are generally willing to acknowledge."

Thomas Stoddard, coordinator of the Campaign for Military Service, which is working to lift the ban, said that the use of the rape cases by ban supporters amounts to "pandering and distorting" the real issues.

"The most remarkable aspect of the service over the years of lesbians and gay men in the military is the virtual absence of incidents of this kind, not their presence," Stoddard said.

And Gregory King, spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, told the Times that "our argument consistently has been that the standard should be conduct and not status."

RICHARD SHUMATE

## Cleaning Out My Closet

by SHELLY ROBERTS



### Fashion Statements

This is one of those stories that starts "...in New York City, there is..." that makes everybody who isn't in New York City want to shout "...who gives a ship!" But it starts there, so that's where it'll have to start. But don't worry. It gets out of town soon enough. Anyway.

In New York City, there is a woman who regularly works a particular subway platform on the E line heading up and down the West Side, somewhere before the tracks tuck themselves east at the top of the mid-fifties. (For those of you who aren't from around there, the mid-fifties are street numbers, not the decade.) There is, of course, no way to tell just how long this encrusted soul has inhabited the area inside the turnstiles. Underneath the soot gray complexion, a subway shade Max Factor never sanctioned, age is impossible to ask or answer.

This stop lies under a gentrifying neighborhood, one in current rotation for vogue, as previous neighborhoods reach maximum rent tolerance. So the morning crushhour is filled with safely-suited, assistant executives in corporate disguises and briefcase armor.

Any given weekday morning, she's assaults them, regularly, screaming: "F-k you, give me money."

Now, I have to tell you, that always seemed to me to be a very, very strange way to get people to give you money.

So now we're at the March On Washington. Sunday morning on the Ellipse, an uncountable number grumbling into assembly. The most surprising thing is that they aren't particularly surprising. They look like a company picnic. The casual attire on the multiple-thousand men looks like it came from drawers that also harbor starched, pastel-banded, Oxford cloth button-downs. Chinos and Dockers and Levi's, oh my. Certainly a sufficiency of emblazoned T's. But even those have the give-away slogans that inform even the stupid that they were purchased last night from a pile on a folding table around the Circle at Dupont Metro. But, for most, polos with plackets were the dress order of the day.

The women were a little looser, understandably. Our acceptable-office and real-life costumes diverge more drastically. We wore Levi's and our older T's. Because we already had them in the drawer with our best thoughts, wants and wishes spelled across our chests. Because a mere march wasn't going to cause us to need a new voice. And because we didn't want to spend any more money than we had to. We wore uniform dyke-drag. Not offensive, because we're not good at it yet. But not so carefully casual as our brother-counterparts.

It was apparent that nearly everybody in the throng had gotten the same memo. The one that read, "We're going to Washington on business." So we were shorn, and pressed, and laundered and dry cleaned into mass respectability, a presentable press of petitioners. Our manner and demeanor brought whole new definition to the "civil" part of our rights demonstration.

So? So what?

So, most of us have been to the pride parties we throw ourselves annually. We've seen our outer limits. We've been part of the public binge of expression-freedom we

accord ourselves every June. Only this time, for the most part, we left our chains at home. We left our feather boas behind. No gender wore high heels.

Except.

As he pranced through the crowd, absorbing attention, you could feel the attitudes torquing. He was a glitter jamboree in American paint. Red torso. White and blue body make-up and skin tight tights. Perhaps a cape? Memory blurs. Clearly he was not dressed for work unless he worked in a Halloween factory. What else holds clear is the apparent, but unvoiced animosity, in enormous subtlety. It was the politest outrage. Not from Mr. In-Costume, but from Mr.'s In-Calvin Klein.

If you moved at all in the mingle around him, you could hear the murmurs.

"Doesn't he get it?"

"Oh, no. There goes the cover of Time Magazine."

"Why doesn't someone tell him to go back to his room and get dressed."

Amazingly, no one did.

No one told the drag wedding to save it till later and take it off of the mall. Nothing was uttered to the entire gang of "Outrageous Perverts" camping rhythmically in full regalia along Pennsylvania Avenue. Not one voice raised from the crowd to tell the dozen or so women out of a million to "put your shirt back on."

And, sure enough, when the call came in from Dayton the following week, from the aunt who wants with all her soul to be supportive, it centered on the blatant boobs. And the editorial in the New York Times that went out on the AP wire and was carried in Omaha and everywhere, found its focus on the arrogance of the "size 100 Double D's." The dozen of us I heard from immediately, who stayed home, said later that they watched the March on television—meaning they watched the stage show on C-span—and once again we were just another freak show.

I was there, and I felt the waves of anger and discomfort in the crowd when we passed the few of us who went to Washington to play dress up. And I didn't say, "Go home and put your clothes on" either.

I was torn, like everybody else. Filled with the apprehensive self-conflict between Freedom-Of-Expression, Political-Correction, and The-Purpose-Of-Showing-Up. Some would have said it was to be counted in aerial photos. Some, to show America that we really weren't evilly out after their sons and daughters, but rather that we were their sons and daughters.

And apparently, some way too small number, who, unfortunately, loomed way too large in the media, and will no doubt star in future religious home videos, believed that showing off for the cameras and the assembled by "dressing for the occasion" was the necessary statement.

I want to be fair. I want to be politically correct. I don't want to be a diversity-denying Neanderthal who stifles meaningful expressions for multi-oppressed sub-minorities.

But, it seems to me, I have to tell you, that standing up and screaming, "F-k you, give me respect," is a very, very ineffective way to get people to give it to you.

## LETTERS

### Balance Askew

To The Editor:

Even with the most heartfelt goodwill and best of intentions, commenting on the Human Rights Campaign Fund Dinner creates a formidable internal struggle for me.

To know 1500 persons came together to celebrate themselves in the name of a cause so worthy of support predisposes me to reflect on all the positive elements. However, riding into the parking garage at the World Congress Center among car, after car, after car unembellished with any overt symbol of self-confident homosexual expression immediately dampened the spirit of "identity." How does solidarity in the face of oppression balance with despair at the apparent closeting of so many individuals?

Entering the hall to encounter throngs of men and women joined together, proud of their appearance and purpose is exhilarating. However, observing the same hall reflecting that exhilaration in fewer than 10 people of color is damnably frightening. How does fighting society's rejection based on one's sexual identity balance with the acceptance of discriminating reality, in any manifestation?

So it went for me all evening Saturday, May 22. My perceptions were, and remain, clouded. How do expectations, hopes, confidences and desires ever balance with fears, disappointments, resentments and human weakness?

While a number of important themes were addressed by speakers during the festivities (festivities they undoubtedly were for the participants), perhaps the best solution to my

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The Atlanta Constitution

To the Editor:

After reading your article in May 21's Washington section, I wonder if anyone bothered to ask whether Representative Barney Frank considers himself single before designating his family status as "single." I suspect that he does not. Though his legal status is most likely "single," he and his lover, Herb Moses, have been together for as many years as many legally married couples. Because gay and lesbian couples cannot legally marry, many of us currently settle for various designations that indicate our commitment as couples.

As Deb Price of the Detroit News has written in her column, finding the words to describe our relationships can be difficult. My lover and I are much more than lovers, but to call her my "partner" sounds like we

dilemma in evaluating the evening was voiced time and again from the podium when our first priority was repeatedly identified as "taking personal responsibility" and coming out to life as oneself, complete and whole. I can only trust that process was indeed underway for many that Saturday night.

Richard Fitzpatrick

### No Money For Nunn

To the Editor:

It has come to my attention that contributions made to the Democratic Party of Georgia are used to fund the election campaign of all major candidates. This includes U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn. I hope that the readers of Southern Voice share my feelings of outrage against this man. The hearings he recently conducted showed no sense of fairness. He produced a side show that would make P.T. Barnum proud. His witness selection showed a complete bias. I understand that he refused to let former U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater and Admiral Crowe testify at the hearings. Both of the gentlemen are in favor of lifting the ban.

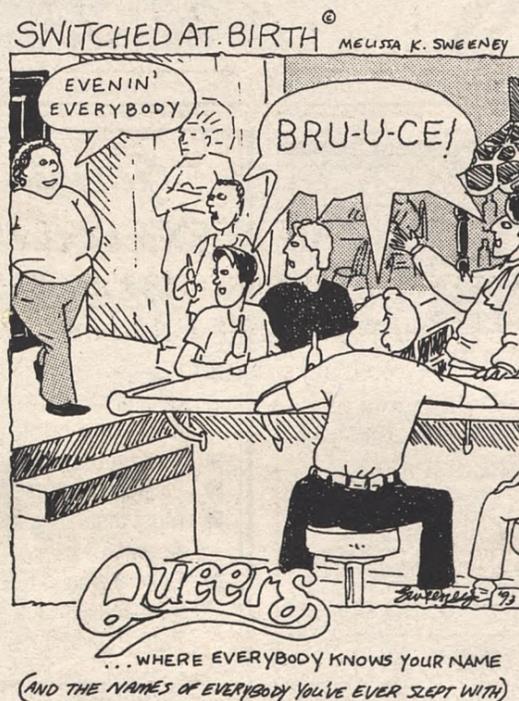
The purpose of this letter is to inform your readers that they should not contribute to the Democratic Party but rather to select their candidate and contribute to them as individuals. Significant amounts of money contributed to the Democratic Party of Georgia will be used to fund Sen. Nunn's campaign in 1996. Our community should not be a part in helping to re-elect this man.

A Concerned Reader

have a business relationship. Every time I check the box on a legal document that says single, I think of the woman that I hope to spend the rest of my life with. I realize that our chosen family is not recognized by the laws of the country, and that makes me sad. It also makes me angry. My lover, Joan, and I have a family. We love and support each other in the way of families, and members of my birth family realize this and treat her as my spouse.

One of the basic civil rights I am struggling for is the recognition of my family. I am not asking for anyone to change their own moral or religious beliefs. But I do demand the right to my own moral choice to form a family with my lover and not be presumed to be single.

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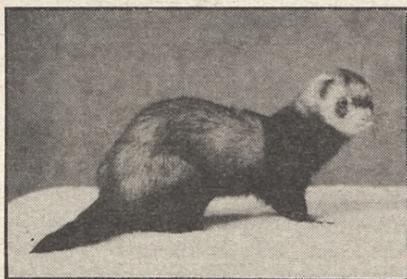


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**EYE ON THE MILITARY**

Gays and lesbians aren't the only ones affected by the military's belief that they can't serve their country: heterosexuals are sometimes summarily dismissed on suspicion of being gay. Such is the case of Robert Farley, a 28-year-old Delaware native who was kicked out of the Marines in 1984 after his drill instructor said he should be "checked for homosexual tendencies."

Farley, who was denied a job as a policeman twice because of his discharge, says he will join gay rights groups in demanding that the military change its discriminatory

policy by cheers as he stepped off his flight at San Antonio International Airport.

He said he plans to travel across the country in the next several months to speak on behalf of gay rights in the military and to try to "blast the door right off the closet."

**Nunn. v. Frank**

Sen. Sam Nunn and openly gay Rep. Barney Frank have engaged in a war of words over Frank's "don't ask, don't tell, don't investigate, don't listen" compromise



MARK WILSON

Army Sgt. Joe Zuniga, discharged when he came out during the National March On Washington, was greeted with cheers when he returned to his hometown of San Antonio during Memorial Day weekend.

proposal.

"In 1983, I would've said, 'Not my problem,'" Farley said. "But now, I've been treated like they've been treated and I can't ignore it."

Farley said he told the boot camp instructor that he was not gay, but was ordered to see a chaplain for counseling. He added that he tried to talk with other superior officers to no avail.

"I was interrupted and humiliated when I tried to talk," he said.

Farley finally agreed to an entry level separation from the Marines. 1984 documents state that he was "disrespectful and belligerent toward his superiors and adamant in his refusal to cooperate." The Marines have announced that they will review Farley's records to determine if the case was handled properly.

"Before, I probably would have sat on the sidelines and said that homosexuals in the military shouldn't complain," Farley said. "But I learned that this shouldn't happen to anyone, gay or not. People need to know...it can happen to anybody."

proposal. Nunn, the chair of the Senate's Armed Services Committee who opposes lifting the ban, charged that Frank's proposal, which makes a distinction between on-base and off-base conduct in considering gays in the military, "would reverse everything about the code of military justice." Frank countered that if gays are not to be allowed to serve, they should not be required to register for the selective service.

On NBC's "Meet the Press" last week, Nunn also responded to remarks in interviews in which Frank accused the conservative Democrat of being "obsessed with sex."

"I appreciate Rep. Frank trying to enhance my dull image," he said, "but in terms of the obsession with sex, I'm not in Barney's league."

Mainstream news sources attributed Nunn's comments to a reference to Frank's 1985 relationship with gay prostitute Stephen Gobie, but gays and lesbians took offense at Nunn's remarks, claiming that they reinforced often-repeated misinformation that gay men are overly promiscuous.

Also during his "Meet the Press" interview, Nunn for the first time said that he does not favor investigations of suspected gays.

"Should we have sex squads going out and looking for adultery, or, for that matter, homosexual conduct that is done between consenting adults in private? Absolutely not," he said, without acknowledging that such investigations currently occur. "The military has got too much to do to get involved in that kind of investigating technique."

The Georgia Senator also disputed charges that his support for the ban is based on bigotry.

"It seems there are some people in the gay and lesbian movement who believe that when you are losing the argument you simply start calling people names," he said. "I'm not going to engage in that."

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# Powell Aide Comes Out

San Francisco, CA—A former bodyguard and interpreter for Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman Gen. Colin Powell has come out publicly as a gay man, and Capt. Michael McManus says that Powell knew he was gay and said it did not matter.

Gen. Powell has been one of the foremost opponents of President Bill Clinton's plan to end the ban that keeps openly gay men and lesbians from serving in the United States military service.

"I came out because I can no longer be part of an organization that supports such blatant discrimination," McManus told Southern Voice. According to McManus, his identity as a gay man did not come up on the job. "It was not an issue. I did my job and I did it well and that's all they really care about."

Surprising the crowd, the captain came out over Memorial Day weekend at a requiem service in San Francisco for gay men, lesbians and bisexuals who died in the service of their country. The service was sponsored by a number of organizations, including the Alexander Hamilton American Legion Post, the only American Legion post in the country founded by gay and lesbian veterans.

McManus served as driver, bodyguard and German and French interpreter for Powell, who at the time was the commander of the U.S. Army Fifth Corps in Frankfurt, Germany. During the time he was Powell's aide, McManus said he told the general that he was gay, and, according to McManus, Powell replied, "What do you want me to do about it? As long as you are doing your job well, that does not matter to me. And you are doing an excellent job."

Powell subsequently became chairman of the Joint Chiefs, the nation's highest-career military position. When Clinton announced in the early days of his administration that he was planning to lift the military's ban on openly gay and lesbian service personnel, the general came out strongly against the idea, saying it would hurt morale and discipline. He even hinted at one point that officers who disagreed with the president might have to resign.

McManus expects that coming out will force him to resign his commission. He is currently serving in the U.S. Army Reserves as part of the Special Operation Forces Command and holds a top secret security clearance. But, he said, "It is time for people to realize that sexual orientation is a fundamen-



JUDI PARKS

P-FLAG president Mitzi Henderson says the memory of military gays and lesbians is "held hostage" by the fears and ignorance of our military and civilian leaders.

tal part of a person's identity, just as much as being Asian or African American."

After the ceremony, veterans greeted Capt. McManus, offering him their support. He said he plans to be very active in the struggle to remove the ban. Secretary of Defense Les Aspin is supposed to unveil a final decision on how to alter the military ban by July 15.

During the requiem ceremony on Saturday morning, Mitzi Henderson, national president of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, told those present for the ceremony, "We remember today our gay sons and lesbian daughters, who in the service of their country, died incognito. As gay men and lesbian women, their memory is desecrated by the official anonymity forced upon them. For them a further sacrifice was required—the sacrifice of their integrity, the sacrifice of their identity, the sacrifice of the full understanding and respect they were due from their country."

"They are still held hostage, not to our enemies, but to the fears and ignorance of our military and civilian leaders. Our gay and lesbian service personnel honorable and effectively protect our security, but personally they have no security."

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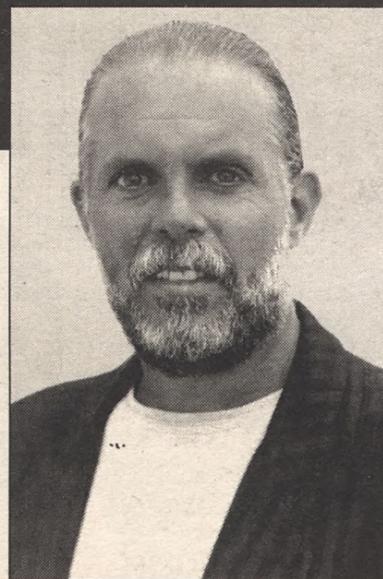
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## Cycle of Pain

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Joanne DeMark, who is involved in providing some upcoming domestic violence training to shelters, helpers and the lesbian community, agreed with Siclair. "Fifteen years ago in Gainesville, I knew three lesbian couples, in my network, who had batterers among them. I didn't confront it. I was in denial."

"It goes along with that lesbian myth—our relationships are better than heterosexuals. Denial of abuse—it's the same thing in an institutional way," said DeMark.

Kerry Lobel, who wrote the groundbreaking, "Naming the Violence," in the late 1980s, said of lesbian battering, "We still have an investment in saying there are no problems in our community. We don't want society to know. Another myth is that our relationships are equal and abuse can't happen."

Brimmer said, "Many believe women are not capable of this behavior—women don't hurt women."

In the gay men's community, Kaufman said, "People make jokes about it. They think it's S&M. They say, 'he enjoyed it or he's stupid—he keeps going back, so he deserves it.' You hear the same things they said about [straight] women."

Kaufman stressed, "It's criminal behavior and it's not okay. It's not just fighting and it's not just lover's quarrels. It's dangerous. People get maimed and killed and there's self-esteem destroyed."

Kaufman and others noted that power and control are the key issues in domestic violence. Batterers want to have control and power over others. They use abuse as a way to accomplish this.

Lobel, who works with the Arkansas Women's Project in Little Rock, said that group thinks in terms of the "Power and Control Wheel" developed by the Minnesota Women's Project. The spokes of the wheel can include threats, intimidation, isolation and emotional, sexual and economic abuse.

"The rim of the wheel is physical abuse. It's the enforcer," she said.

She added, "The best self-help model anyone can use is this model. They can look at it and say, 'Is any of this true?' We make a big mistake when we think domestic violence is only physical abuse. Then we think it appears out of the blue. It doesn't."

Kaufman, who will be on a panel at the June 15 forum, said he will hand out a checklist that provides the warning signs of an abusive relationship. He and Lobel said cues include: a jealous lover, someone who is abusive to animals, a person who berates you and a partner who is interested in every move and calls you 50 times a day.

"We think some of this behavior is really exciting in the first stages of a partnership. These things may be signs of someone who is possessive and controlling," said Lobel. "If you find yourself changing your behavior to please your partner, you could be in trouble down the road."

Kaufman noted it's important not to fault the battered person for not leaving as soon as the abuse begins.

He said, "It's hard to believe it's happening. The other person says it won't happen again and they apologize." For example, Ted's lover would bandage him up afterwards, with what Ted now calls "false affection."

Brimmer said lots of things play into a person staying with an abusive partner. "Most of us think when we select someone for life, it's that—for life. Something's wrong with you if you're not in a couple. There's pressure from the church and the lesbian community to stay together."

She added that when there's so much denial that abuse exists, it makes it even harder to leave. In addition, people often need two incomes to make it financially, Brimmer noted.

Lobel explained, "By the time there is physical abuse, the trap is already set. The person has been told they're worthless. By the time it gets

physical, they're going to perceive they have fewer options, and in fact, that's probably true. Their lover, over time, has isolated them from family, friends and work."

As Siclair put it, the safety net has been destroyed. By the time they realize they need to get out, abused people have nowhere to turn.

It is hard to draw up a profile of the man or woman who will get battered, said Brimmer, Kaufman, and Carolyn Lea, herself a formerly-abused lesbian. They base that statement on studies that found that the battered person may or may not have been abused as a child.

On the other hand, about half of heterosexual batterers were abused as children or saw abuse between their parents, Kaufman noted.

"Where does the other half learn it?" Kaufman asked. "From prevailing societal norms about how to resolve difficulties. We see it on the playgrounds and in the movies."

Looking back on her abuse, Lea said she wondered what she was doing that made her lover criticize her and put her down. She also excused her lover's behavior, "because she'd had a bad childhood."

Lea and others said the abuser is charming. They know how to manipulate their lover, to "pull you in and keep you there," Lea said. The cycle of abuse begins with a honeymoon phase, followed by a build-up of tension, a blow-up and then the cycle is repeated again and again, Lea said.

Her lover criticized everything. Lea couldn't fold the clothes right, cook right or clean right. Lea was never physically abused, but the verbal abuse continued until she left the relationship.

When his lover first started battering him, Gary (not his real name) thought things would work out. His lover said it wouldn't happen again and Gary believed him.

But the physical abuse continued. The couple broke up, but they continued to live together until the violence escalated to the point where Gary thought his life was in danger.

"At Christmas, he called me at work and accused me of burning the turkey," Gary recalled. "Just before this, he'd had his hands around my neck and was choking me, so I knew I wasn't safe. I changed the locks."

But Gary said leaving the relationship was hard.

"You always think it will work out and be wonderful," he said. And there usually are enough wonderful times, but even if the abuse is intermittent, eventually you have to decide that what's going on is not appropriate."

Barbara (not her real name) identifies herself as a former abuser. She agreed that control and power are the key issues.

Although she never got physically abusive, Barbara said she began to recognize a pattern. Her lovers and friends feared her anger. Even though she knew she would never get physical, the threat of it hung in the air, she said.

Barbara agreed there is a cycle. She said she would know she should treat her lover better, she would swear it would never happen again, but she didn't have the skills to handle her anger differently, so the cycle continued. As a child, Barbara was verbally and physically abused, so "I didn't have modelling for what was appropriate."

"But I don't blame my mother or father," she said. "There is no reason that someone should be hit or verbally abused. I don't care if someone is taunting you in your face. You have the choice—the responsibility—to walk away."

Barbara has not been in a relationship for two years and she continues to work to change. She also said while there is no support group in Atlanta for batterers, women should keep their eyes open, because one is hopefully in the works.

Those who have worked in the area of domestic violence see support groups as one of the keys to helping both the battered person and the batterer.

They also emphasized that battered men and women have the answers to what is needed. The answer will be different in each case, Lobel

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Lesbian co-parents Janet Seldon and Shari Cohen want their 4-year-old son, Jordan, to be proud of his moms. But gay rights opponents oppose sending children gay-positive messages.

## What's Right for the Children

*Religious groups use fears about gays and kids to push against civil rights.*

Janet Seldon and Shari Cohen, lesbian partners in San Francisco, hope a more tolerant society will keep Jordan, their 4-year-old son, from feeling outcast. Jordan is proud of his two moms, and Seldon wants to keep it that way.

"Sex has nothing to do with it," she said. "What kids care about is feeling safe and feeling loved, and everything stems from that."

But what those against gay and lesbian civil rights often do is link their opposition with children. For example, whenever the debate grows tedious, gay-rights opponent Lon Mabon knows talking about children is a sure way to fire people up again.

"It cuts it right to the bone," said Mabon, the architect of an anti-gay rights initiative rejected last year by Oregon voters. "You're saying, 'Do I want my children influenced toward homosexuality? Do I want it taught to them?' All the peripheral arguments start to fade, as the reality of the right and wrong of it hits again."

Of course, gay activists differ with Mabon over the right and wrong of it, but on this much they agree: Beneath nearly every gay-rights issue lurks the volatile question of "What about the children?"

When gay activists urge an end to the military ban on gays, their conservative Christian opponents ask whether the Boy Scouts will be next. When gay civil-rights protections are proposed, opponents argue that schools and day care centers may be forced to hire homosexual pedophiles.

Often the debate is no further than the local school board, as a growing number of communities wrangle over what to say about gays and lesbians in school programs on sex education, AIDS prevention and multiculturalism.

Gay activists say putting an end to gay-bashing requires teaching tolerance as early as elementary school. But efforts to do that have

provoked a backlash from the religious right, which says "tolerance" is code for attempts to recruit children into homosexuality.

A confrontation is building. Religious-right groups nationwide have begun focusing on grassroots politics, often starting at local school boards, and opposition to gay rights has become one of their biggest rallying cries.

Gay and lesbian activists, meanwhile, are starting to fight back despite widespread uneasiness, among both straight and gay populations, when children and sexuality are mentioned in the same sentence.

"Lesbians and gay men must develop the courage to confront this artificially-constructed taboo head-on by taking responsible positions that put us openly in association with children and youth," said Suzanne Pharr, a gay-rights organizer for The Arkansas Women's Project in Little Rock, Ark.

The debate erupted recently in New York City, where May 4 school-board elections continued a controversy begun last fall by a proposed "Children of the Rainbow" curriculum.

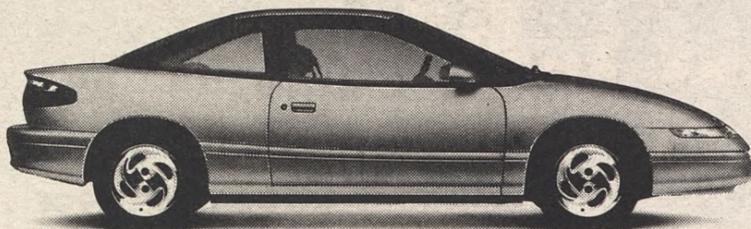
The curriculum, championed by New York City schools' Chancellor Joseph Fernandez to promote multiculturalism, required that tolerance of gays and lesbians be taught as early as first grade.

One passage told teachers not to assume someone's sexual orientation or to speak of lesbians and gays as "they" or the "other." The curriculum's optional reading list included "Daddy's Roommate" and "Heather Has Two Mommies," children's books that have been the subject of censorship battles in at least five other cities because they depict gay parents.

When a neighborhood school board in Queens rejected the curriculum, Fernandez suspended the entire board. Parents nearly came to

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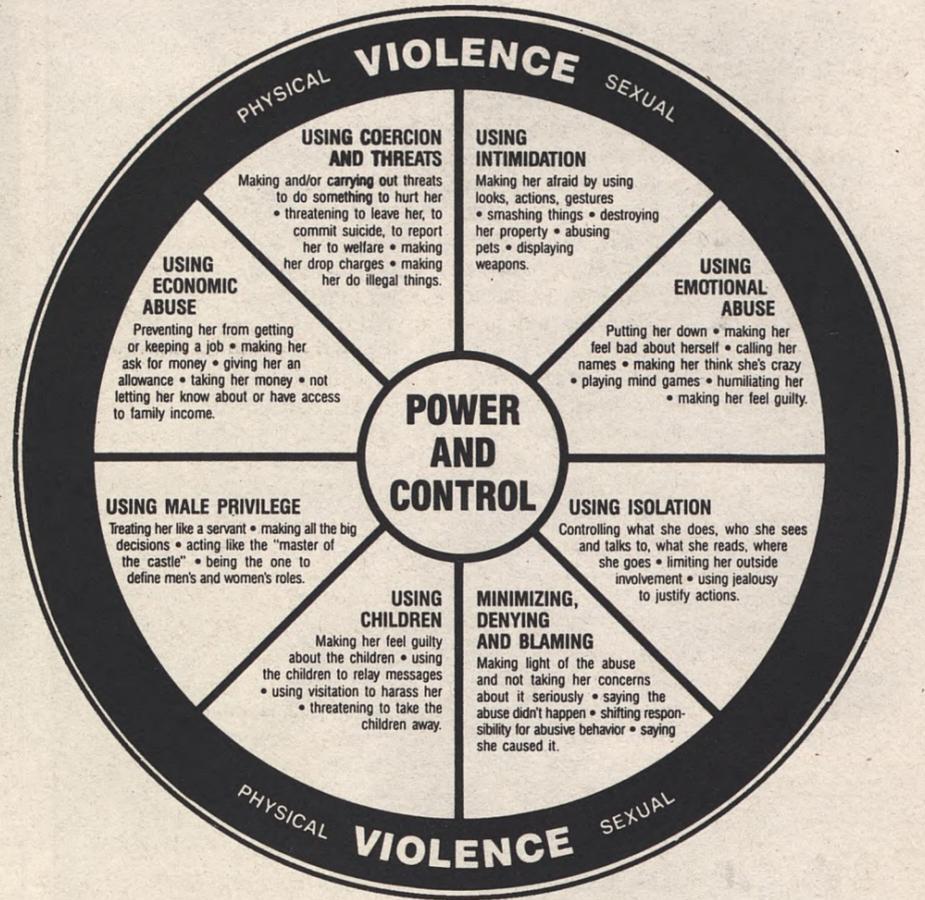
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stressed. In some situations, it may be appropriate to call the police or take out a warrant, but in other cases it may not be, Lobel said.

In a homophobic society, battered lesbians and gays need to consider the consequences of alerting the public to their homosexuality, before deciding which course to take. Declaring oneself a lesbian could create child-custody problems later, for example, Lobel said. In addition, she noted that individual police officers may or may not be homophobic.

Lea, Brimmer, Lobel and Siclair all agreed that there needs to be a safety net for lesbians or gays who find themselves in an abusive situation. That net could include family and friends who provide a home to the battered woman or man when they face danger. The net might also include a battered women's shelter, although Lea cautions that in the metropolitan Atlanta area, only the Women's Resource Center of DeKalb and The YWCA Battered Women's Program in Cobb County seem to be free enough of homophobia.

Robin Gross, with the Atlanta Council on Battered Women, said the organization serves all women, regardless of sexual orientation. If counselors hear of a heterosexual, battered woman making homophobic remarks, that woman will be written up and the third write-up will lead to expulsion, she said.

However, Lea said the Council on Battered Women has turned down an offer to receive training on homophobia and providing services to battered lesbians.

Ted praised the way the DeKalb County police and prosecutors handled his case. Gary said he got a good response from the police one out of two times. The first time police told his lover to leave and removed him from the apartment. But later, an older policeman told Gary and his lover to "work it out like gentleman." He then drove away.

The Atlanta Police Department provides domestic-violence training to its officers through a Domestic Crisis Intervention Unit. DCI Director Jack Mallory, whose group only provides training to new police officers, said he believes it would be useful to offer police ongoing sensitivity training about lesbian and gay domestic violence.

Mallory estimated that about five to ten percent of the domestic-violence calls his unit services come from the lesbian and gay community. The DCI visits homes after referrals from the police.

Mallory said an arrest is a good thing to do because it interrupts the situation, but he said police cannot always make an arrest. There must be at least "soft signs" that indicate someone has hit another person before police can arrest that individual, Mallory noted.

When police cannot make an arrest, they can refer cases to the DCI. If the DCI can arrive on the scene soon enough, it may help get the victim to a shelter or it may help the person in obtaining warrants.

The DCI may urge the couple to get counseling together or that the individuals seek separate counseling, especially in cases where it is clear the victim is not going to leave the batterer, Mallory said. However, he says the unit would not suggest counseling in a chronic situation. And Kaufman believes counseling is never an appropriate intervention in cases where there is physical abuse and that psychotherapists and other helpers need to be aware of this.

Lea is the current coordinator of a support group for battered lesbians, called "Name the Violence." Lea said the group has empowered her, by providing a place where she could begin to voice what was happening to her. She realized she was not "too sensitive" and the abuse wasn't her fault. Lea, who stayed with her lover for eight months after joining the group, said membership does not depend on leaving the abusive partner.

While Ted said, "I really wish there was a support group available for battered men," Kaufman noted he hopes such a group will develop out of the June 15 forum.

Currently, there are no support groups for gay batterers, but Kaufman said they are welcome at Men Stopping Violence. For years, the organization has provided peer counseling to heterosexual batterers. Kaufman said he has received calls from gay batterers, but no one has followed through and joined the group.

He thinks that won't happen until there is fear of prosecution and community pressure on batterers. Both he and Lobel stressed that until

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society eliminates hierarchies and dominance based on race and sex, battering will continue.

Sicclair, Brimmer, Lobel and Lea all agree the lesbian and gay community should hold batterers accountable.

If a battered woman says she has been abused and she doesn't want her ex-lover at social functions, including parties, church and concerts, the community should support her in that, they believe. Instead, what now tends to happen is that the abused person fears seeing her former lover, so she drops out of the community, Lobel said.

"The only real answer is for the community to confront the batterer," Sicclair said. "There are no sanctions now. We don't want to interfere. We wouldn't want a rapist eating with us, so why do we accept this?"

After Gary forced his ex-lover to move out, he had his tires slashed four times.

Gary felt a warrant would not keep his ex-lover away, so he moved to a new apartment. For a long time, he took the subway to work, fearing his ex-lover might recognize his car. Now, because Gary goes to the bars the couple once frequented, he took another action.

He told others about the battering. Because his friends know, Gary said he feels safe when his ex-lover comes into a bar. He doubts the ex-lover would try anything with other people around.

Ultimately, the answer to the problem of

domestic violence will take lots of work from the lesbian and gay community. The upcoming forum is just a start, Lobel noted.

"Don't stop with the initial dialogue," she urged. "People's expectations get raised and then there's nothing there for them."

The forum, "Abuse in Lesbian and Gay Relationships" will be held June 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Intown YWCA at 957 N. Highland Ave. N.E. For further information, call 330-6504.

The following is a list of some local resources for people confronted with domestic violence. These groups also have information on how to file warrants against abusers or obtain protective orders:

**Name the Violence Support Group for Battered Lesbians, 822-9570.**

**Men Stopping Violence, 688-1376.**

**Women's Resource Center of DeKalb, 688-9436.**

**The YWCA's Battered Women's Program (Cobb County), 427-3390.**

**Atlanta Council for Battered Women, 873-1766.**

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To be involved in community action, call the Georgia Advocates for Battered Women and Children Lesbian Task Force at 524-3847. The group will soon be offering training to shelters, helpers and the lesbian community.

Right for the Children

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blows, and Fernandez received death threats. Opponents of the curriculum mailed thousands of letters to parents warning that first-graders would be taught about the "homosexual lifestyle, including oral and anal sex."

The curriculum was withdrawn for revision, and Fernandez' contract, due to expire in June, was not renewed.

But the controversy lived on in a raucous campaign for the city's neighborhood school boards. Of 543 candidates for 288 seats, at least 50 were backed by conservative Christian groups, school officials estimated. Five openly gay or lesbian candidates also ran.

Jill Harris, a public-defense attorney, was one of those lesbian candidates, and one of 3 openly gay candidates to win. During the campaign, she tried to play down her sexual orientation, saying she ran for school board because she feared the religious right was going to take it over.

"I care about what happens to the kids in this city. The fact that I'm a lesbian is just one thing that's true about me," she said.

By gaining public office, gays and lesbians can erase stereotypes and ease people's fears, she said. "We do the work. We're not there to push some homosexual agenda."

Dolores Ayling disputed that. As executive director of the Brooklyn-based Concerned Parents for Educational Accountability, she helped several conservative Christian school-board candidates.

Ayling considers the Rainbow curriculum an effort to persuade society not just to tolerate homosexuality but to condone it. And that, she says, tramples the rights of parents who want to teach their children that being gay or lesbian is wrong.

"Taking over my child's mind is not a civil right," she said. "Am I supposed to say 'OK, anything goes, teach whatever you want?' There's got to be a line drawn somewhere."

One of the religious right's arguments—that gays try to recruit children—draws a quick rebuttal from gay activists. They cite studies showing that the most common sexual abusers of children are heterosexual men. Pedophiles, even those who molest boys, are rarely homosexual in their adult relationships.

But even if parents get past the fear that their child will be molested or seduced by a gay adult, divisive questions remain:

Can children (not to mention adults) learn to be tolerant even if they don't approve of gays and lesbians? Or would society's greater tolerance of gays and lesbians be interpreted by children as tacit approval, and would that in turn encourage more youths to become gay?

More to the point for parents, would it encourage their child to become gay?

"I don't think there's a parent alive who wants their child to be gay," said Arthur Kropp, director of People For The American Way, a liberal constitutional watchdog group. "Why would you want your child to be somebody that so many people hate, because of nothing more than sexual orientation?"

Gay-rights opponents key in on such parental concerns, despite scientific evidence that being gay or lesbian may be at least partly determined by genetics.

Mabon's group, the Oregon Citizens Alliance, plans to try again in November 1994 with another ballot initiative called the "Minority Status and Child Protection Act."

The extreme language of last year's failed initiative—requiring Oregon schools to teach that being gay or lesbian is "abnormal, wrong, unnatural, and perverse"—has been toned down. The new measure would prohibit teaching that being gay or lesbian is the social equivalent of minorities based on race or religion.

What hasn't changed, Mabon said, is his concern for the minds and bodies of children. He considers the nurture-vs-nature question irrelevant.

"Some folks are born with a predisposition toward alcoholism, but if a person doesn't drink, there's no chance of becoming an alcoholic. If someone has a predisposition to homosexuality, that doesn't mean they have to give in to it," Mabon said.

"If you started at the kindergarten level teaching that homosexuality is normal, good and acceptable... then later, once the sex drive starts to kick in and most kids are experimenting with sex, more kids will become homosexual."

Gay activists see it differently. Yes, a more tolerant society would produce more openly gay teen-agers and adults, said Robert Bray, spokesman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. But he stressed the word "openly," saying tolerance would not make more people gay—it would only make life easier for those who already are.

"More would come out of the closet, because they'd be liberated," he said.

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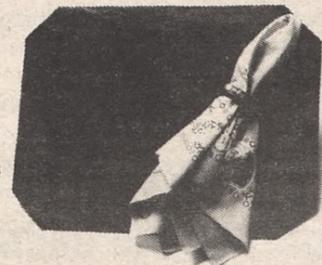
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Making a "lesbian sensibility" work in the American mainstream has been the special reserve of only a very chosen few. Sandra Bernhard has been one of the more visible standouts, boldly expressing her sexuality and artistry from "Roseanne" to Playboy magazine, and k.d. lang, Michelle Shocked and Melissa Etheridge have provided a distinctly womanist flavor to the rock-filled men's-only club of modern music. But live theater has been left wide open.

Continuously successful lesbian-influenced, lesbian-run theater rarely survives—with the exception of Consenting Adults Theatre Company of Washington, D.C. Much of the credit for its survival can be traced to playwright Christi Stewart-Brown, whom the Washington Post referred to as "D.C.'s avant-garde answer to Joyce Carol Oates who seems to pop out a play bubbling with fresh and rude ideas every month."

The casual and quirky Stewart-Brown creates a new, bright place in the spotlight, challenging the dry, mainstream theater which placates an otherwise docile, business-suited crowd. Notoriously stuffy, D.C. is certainly one of the last places one would expect to see cutting-edge, standing-room-only live performance created by lesbians. But it's here, it works and it brings wildly divergent crowds flocking to each new production to sample Brown's witty sarcasm, as in this excerpt from "Sweet Land of Liberty:"

WEISS: I really can't wait for someone to have my baby. You're a lucky man, Henry...

HENRY: Yes, sir.

WEISS: I was engaged once, but my fiance had an accident with a razor blade. She was shaving her arms one day—I find body hair on women revolting—and she hit a vein. No one was home and that was that. It was quite a mess. I felt bad for her mother, watching her clean it all up.

HENRY: That's sad.

WEISS: Plenty of fish in the sea, Henry.

And while the killer lesbians from "Basic Instinct" capped off a pretty scary year of negative homosexual images in the media in 1992, Brown's "Morticians in Love" took this crazed, pansexual being one dangerous step beyond the pale. As one reviewer described it, "Lydia and St. John are morticians who have much more fun with their charges than we would normally consider sanitary."

[LYDIA looks around, nervous and unsure as to what to do with the bodies. She covers Monika's face with the sheet, then uncovers it, covers, uncovers—she can't resist looking at her...]

LYDIA: What a beautiful dress, Monika. You look stunning.

[She touches Monika]

Absolutely ravishing.

[She opens and closes Monika's mouth a few times]

Tempress! No. No, I can't...I...can't...I...

[She kisses Monika]

...You are probably the most perfect specimen I have ever seen.

[She gets on top of the body]

...You would never have given me the time of day while you were alive, but now...now you'll give me anything I want..."

Even though "Morticians" portrayed necrophilia as a rational, if unsightly, lesbian choice, it was still a hell of a lot of fun. The Washington Post noted, "You could strain yourself searching for some redeeming social value here, of course—the extremes people go to for a little human contact—but instead relish the skewed slapstick and casually gruesome sight gags."

"As a kid, I wanted to be a writer," says Stewart-Brown, 30, the un-military "military brat" daughter of a three-star general. "All of my tests showed my verbal skills way at the



LARRY SHEA

Playwright Christi Stewart-Brown and her collaborator, Delia Taylor, have taken D.C. by storm with their very un-p.c., but definitely lesbian, productions at Consenting Adults Theatre Company.

bottom. So when you get the results about what I should do for a living, I was definitely not supposed to be doing this."

Stewart-Brown lives with Delia Taylor, 27, who produces, directs, and acts for Consenting Adults. Taylor, an expressive, fiery woman, who fervently believes in their artistic mission, says, "We're Aquarians, supposedly 'people' people who are feelers instead of thinkers."

They have earned a great measure of their success through their own conscientious and carefully targeted efforts, making Consenting Adults the toast of D.C. "The way we go about creating theater is very in-house," states Taylor, some-time director, actor and business manager. Indeed, for Stewart-Brown the process of writing a play is cooperative as well. "I have to show it to Delia. She'll then make comments. I cycle it through her all the time."

"Like with 'Do Not Use If Seal Is Broken,' I just said to a group of actors, 'What is a role that no one would ever cast you in that you want to play?' Carla was like, 'I want to play a terrorist with amnesia.' Gavin always wanted to play a lounge singer. Delia always wanted to play the bitch in stilettos. A play was born."

"Ensemble is one of our key goals," she says. "We try to stay away from that theater hierarchy—he is the director, you are the actor and I am the boss." For Stewart-Brown a lesbian sensibility starts with knowing her profession and knowing her art form. Effectively incorporating her lesbian perspective in her art is never a matter of simply "adding homosexual characters, queeny fag jokes and the dyke jokes."

Stewart-Brown finds particular resonance in "Do Not Use" when Kikki, the sexy blonde, teaches Margot, the terrorist with amnesia, how to love:

MARGOT: No, I have never had earth-shaking, transcendental, all-knowing sex.

KIKKI: ...When you learn how bodies work, then you know the meaning of life.

MARGOT: I know how bodies work. I got an "A" in anatomy.

KIKKI: Not how they function, how they work, what they need. Understand?

MARGOT: No.

KIKKI: I'm not surprised. Stand up. Come over here. Close your eyes. Put that stupid gun down!

Then, as Stewart-Brown describes it, "Side-by-side they sit, they move their hands in unison over imaginary ideal body types rediscovering what turns them on. It doesn't become a sex scene between Margot and Kikki, but it's a beautiful moment where this cold, lost woman learns what it is to touch and feel again."

Is this a new "lesbian sensibility?" If there ever was an old lesbian sensibility it was most clearly defined by playwright Jane Chambers' "A Late Show" and "Last Summer at Blue Fish Cove," the music of Meg Christian, and films like "Lianna" and "Desert Hearts." It's first generation lesbian work, the stuff that gave so many women a strong feeling of connectedness to other women, especially if they didn't live in major urban centers. But Stewart-Brown believes the older generation's work isn't always speaking to a younger generation of women.

"Blue Fish Cove" is just soap opera shit. It's bad. I guess it served a purpose, but what purpose it serves today, I don't know. It may be useful for those people just coming out, but it's not necessarily art or good theater."

Taylor explains their philosophy this way, "When I look at all of our posters on the wall here, there is a unifying thread. We do responsible theater—not necessarily politically correct theater. A lot of lesbians won't find our work p.c. I mean, for years lesbians have just created their own Elks Club. But I keep coming back to the word 'responsibility' and taking responsibility for your work. OK, this may not be a p.c. message, but we're going to do it in such a way that you may or may not find it palatable, but perhaps you'll understand what we're trying to say."

Consenting Adults attracts considerable attention, and they have a steady stream of actors, directors and playwrights knocking on their door. "There are people who come up to us and say, 'I really want to work with you,'" boasts Stewart-Brown. "We like to work with people who don't have that big ego problem. We're working with people who really want to work with our ensemble. They're not going to get a lot of monetary benefits, so they'd better be having a good time."

A production of "Morticians" will run this summer at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

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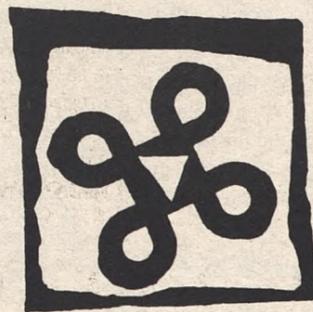
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11 FRIDAY

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**RAINBOW NIGHT.** The LSP Community

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**HIV UPDATE.** The syndicated cable TV show airs every Sat at 6:00 p.m. on Channel 12. This month's program focuses on coping with grief and loss, and cytokines and HIV management.

13 SUNDAY

**HAIR CARES: A BENEFIT FOR AIDS.** For \$20, the staff of Flicks Salon will cut your hair for Hair Cares, a non-profit organization that helps hair care professionals with AIDS/HIV manage the expenses of everyday life. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 316 Hammond Dr., Sandy Springs. No appointments necessary. 250-9651.

**GARDEN CONCERTS ON THE GREAT LAWN.** Tonight, Marcia Ball, an award-winning New Orleans R&B artist, who has been described as a female Jerry Lee Lewis. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Atlanta Botanical Garden. \$17. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 817-8700.

**ATLANTA LEATHER PRIDE WEEK.** The week-long celebration of the leather community begins with events happening nightly at The

Eagle and The Heretic, culminating next weekend with the Southeastern Drummerboy and Drummer Contest. The Eagle. 87-EAGLE. The Heretic 325-3061.

**EMORY ALUMNA/US MEETING.** Here's a chance to meet other gay, lesbian, bi or supportive Emory alumnae/i in a meeting dedicated to organizing a new Emory group. 6-8 p.m. Emory University, Dobbs University Center, Faculty Dining Room. 727-2136(d)/622-7441(n).

14 MONDAY

**OPERA WEEK.** As if Leather Week isn't enough, it's also the first official Opera Week in Georgia. A variety of events will take place designed to raise awareness and the appeal of Opera, beginning with Opera Dinner Night tonight at the Occidental Grand Hotel and Romano's Macaroni Grill.

**THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS AND OTHER CHILLING TALES OF THE SEA.** The Theatrical Outfit presents this original show full of traditional songs and ghost stories of the ocean. W-Sat 8 p.m., Sun 3 p.m. 1012 Peachtree St. \$12-\$16. 872-0665.

**OUT IN ATLANTA.** Atlanta's local lesbian and gay cable program tonight presents reports on the HRCF Dinner, the results of the Mr. Hotlanta preliminaries and Wigwood. 10:30p.m. and again, Wed. 5:30 p.m. Cable Ch. 12.

**GAY USA.** A gay and lesbian news show produced in New York includes national and



international coverage. Cable Ch. 12, People TV. 11 p.m.

15 TUESDAY

**LE NOZZE DI FIGARO.** The Capitol City Opera Company creates a dinner theater presentation of Mozart's famous Italian comedy. 6:30 p.m. San Gennaro Restaurant. \$39.50. 633-2848.

**THE ART OF COMING OUT.** The Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Arts Festival needs volunteers to help organize, fundraise and promote AGLAF '93, set for Oct. 8-17. Meetings 3rd Tues. 7 p.m. Common Ground, corner of 11th St. and Juniper. 874-8710.

16 WEDNESDAY

**6TH ANNUAL GAY PRIDE SHOW.** The Southeastern Arts, Media and Education (SAME) organization's Gay Pride show at the TULA Arts Complex is sure to be something you won't

want to miss. A singing and dancing celebration of the gay and lesbian life. Through June 20. 8 p.m. M-F. 75 Bennett St. 609-9590

**PEABO BRYSON.** Atlanta's own Peabo Bryson, whose song "A Whole New World" from the movie "Aladdin" topped the charts and won Best Song at the 1993 Academy Awards, joins the Atlanta Symphony for an evening of incredible romance. Chastain Park. \$16-\$36.50. 892-2414/817-8700.

**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.



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

**LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS.** Through June 26. Onstage Atlanta presents this famous musical comedy about a singing, seven-foot plant with a craving for blood. Thur-Sat 8 p.m., Sun 2:30. 420 Courtland St. \$14-\$17. 897-1802.

**I HATE HAMLET.** Through June 19. Neighborhood Playhouse presents the 1991 comedy farce about a TV actor

who reluctantly agrees to play Hamlet while inspired by the ghost of the greatest Hamlet, John Barrymore. Thur-Sat 8:00p.m., Sat & Sun 2:00p.m. 430 W. Trinity Place. \$12-\$7. 377-3714.

**LIPS TOGETHER, TEETH APART.** Through June 26. An award-winning comedy drama about two hetero couples spending a weekend on Fire Island unraveling the secrets of their relationships when not gawking at the escapades of their gay neighbors. 8p.m. T-Sat., 3 & 7 p.m. Sun. Theater in the Square. Tickets \$10-\$22. 422-8369.

**THE GOOD TIMES ARE KILLING ME.** Through June 27. Cartoonist Lynda Barry's upbeat comedy with music makes its south-

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eastern premiere. Two young girls, one black and one white, form an unforgettable friendship sparked by their passion for popular music. Horizon Theatre. Little 5 Points Community Center. 584-7450.

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

**THE PRINCESS AND THE PEA.** Through July 3. The Center for the Puppetry Arts presents this adaptation of the Hans-Christian Anderson classic tale of a lonely Prince searching for his Princess bride. M-Sat. 2

p.m. \$2-\$3. 873-3391.

**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.

**ATLANTA LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE.** June 26 & 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. Look for next week's issue of Southern Voice for a copy of the Pride Guide.

**PWAarty.** A social gathering for "HIV-friendly" people sponsored by NAPWA. 1st, 3rd Sat. 8 p.m. 44 12th St. 874-7926.



Pictured: LEFT: Peabo Bryson performs at Chastain Park on June 16. Photo by E.J. Camp. ABOVE: Atlanta Opera Week kicks off on June 14. Photo by Keiko Guest. BELOW: Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus present "Made in the USA: Homegrown Music," on Saturday, June 12.

## THEATRE

## A TALE OF TWO HAMLETS IN DECATUR

Neighborhood Playhouse in Decatur is now presenting "I Hate Hamlet," a sophisticated comedy in the tradition of "Blithe Spirit" and "Topper," by openly gay playwright Paul Rudnick. Rudnick was the screenwriter for "The Addams Family" and "Sister Act," and his play "Jeffrey," about an HIV-positive character, is now on Broadway.

Andrew Rally (Donny Guercio), a TV actor who plays doctors on soaps and does cereal commercials with chipmunk puppets, has, at the urging of his agent, reluctantly agreed to play Hamlet for New York's Shakespeare In The Park. Then he gets cold feet, realizing that he has no idea how to approach the role.

He rents a Gothic-looking apartment thrust upon him by Felicia, a psychic real estate agent (Janice Baskin, doing a Carol Channing turn). The apartment turns out to have been the retreat of John Barrymore, flamboyant matinee idol/movie star of the 20s and 30s famed for his portrayal of Hamlet. Felicia insists on holding a seance to contact the ghost of Barrymore (Darrell Wofford). Barrymore obligingly appears to the startled Andrew, explaining that every new actor about to play Hamlet may call upon an actor who has previously played the role for help.

The different approaches Andrew and Barrymore take toward acting give a satiric look at the 20th Century acting techniques. Andrew "prepares" by huffing and puffing, stretching out and loudly vocalizing, to the amusement of the cynical Barrymore. There's a point here—maybe the old-style bombastic, robust approach to theater had a vitality and emotional



Darrell Wofford, as the ghost of John Barrymore, and Donny Guercio, as a struggling actor who calls on the late actor for Hamlet help, practice their swordplay in "I Hate Hamlet."

power that the more subdued, naturalistic approach of today lacks.

The script is delightful, full of memorable one-liners. Playwright Rudnick has handled this gossamer material with a deft hand, as though the ghost of Noel Coward were whis-

pering ideas and bon mots at his elbow.

Donny Guercio is well suited to the role of Andrew. Darrell Wofford makes a creditable attempt at the role of Barrymore, but he is just too young, clean-cut and healthy-looking to be convincing, although he handles Barrymore's heightened language with ease (not to mention the fine figure he cuts in tights). But this is a bombastic, plummy role. It needs an actor able to veer from the grandiose to the ridiculous to the simply grand, all in a few moments.

Michael Stacio, as Gary, a manic TV producer, gives the best supporting performance and spouts some of the play's funniest lines. Laurie Skaggs plays Deirdre, Andrew's idealistic fiancée, with appealing effervescence, as though she had wandered off the set of a revival of "The Fantasticks." And Karen McCrea as Lillian, Andrew's agent, who is suffering from an unspecified ailment, gets a bittersweet romantic moment with Barrymore, with whom she once had a romantic tryst.

An enjoyable high point is the fight scene, when Barrymore challenges Andrew to a duel and the two cavort about the set movie-style, swords clanging (Good job by Anthony Rodriguez, the show's fight director).

Nonetheless, despite its fun moments, the production disappointed me. I would like to say, "Get thee to this show," unreservedly. But the show does not realize the gently ironic potential of the script. It keeps our interest, but does not quite hit the mark. Possibilities lie littered about the stage that could have been picked up and polished to a fine glow.

The script has that hard-to-define quality, "gay sensibility." It suggests a sense of laughter at heartbreak, graceful acquiescence to disappointment and loss. This may be an aesthetic of the closet, and perhaps it will fade when artists like Rudnick and Barrymore (who was bisexual) can be openly out. Or maybe not—the closet may not always be with us, but death and disappointment will. And wisely comic playwrights like Rudnick, and of course Shakespeare, will always be needed to help us meet them with grace.

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# Atlanta Lesbian Writer Takes Prestigious Lammy

Nicola Griffith's tale about the adventures of a woman discovering her inner self in a world forever altered by a mysterious, fictional virus has taken one of the top awards offered to writers of gay and lesbian literature.

"Ammonite" won the Lambda Literary Award, known as the Lammy, for best lesbian science fiction or fantasy book. The 1992 Lammys, sponsored by the Lambda Book Report, were handed out in Miami on May 28.

Despite the fact that her book came out just three days before the end of the year, Griffith's book was still nominated for the honor by a poll of Lambda Book Report readers.

"One of the things that pleased me most was that when my award was announced, there were hoots and cheers and clapping from all around the room, not just from the table where my friends were sitting" says Griffith. And now that she's won the Lammy, she says, "my publishers are kind of getting on my back" as to when she'll finish her next book, about a woman in the near future in Europe who loses her life of privilege. Griffith expects it to come out in late 1994.

Other Lammy winners included **Judith Katz**, whose novel, "Running Fiercely Toward a High Thin Sound," who won for lesbian fiction. Her book details a life both lesbian and Jewish.

**Randall Kenan**, who has been called the new James Baldwin, took the gay men's fiction award. In "Let the Dead Bury Their Dead," Kenan enters into more than one consciousness: a poor white gay Southerner and an over-educated white Confederate aristocrat, a black woman school teacher descending into madness and a successful black accountant itemizing his own private hell.

Katz and Kenan are, however, but representative of a stellar year in lesbian and gay letters. Gay men's nonfiction winner **Paul Monette's** "Becoming a Man" had already been graced with a National Book Award. The late **Audre Lorde**, winner for lesbian poetry, left in "Undersong" a testament to a will and a discipline and an integrity sorely needed. **Blanche Wiesen Cook**, winner for lesbian nonfiction, reclaimed a legendary figure in her biography, "Eleanor Roosevelt."

Humor winner **Alison Bechdel** compressed a whole cosmos into a laugh. **Joan Nestle**, in editing the lesbian anthology winning "The Persistent Desire," has explored the archetypes of our community made flesh, while **John Preston**, no stranger to the flesh, has brought together in the gay men's anthology winner, "Member of the Family," compelling evidence that gay lives do not live solely in some magic circle of the gay ghetto but spring from and



Nicola Griffith, author of "Ammonite," 1992 Lammy winner for Lesbian Science Fiction/Fantasy

continually interact with the families that are our first homes. **Edward Field's** "Counting Myself Lucky" won in the gay men's poetry category and **David Wojnarowicz's** "Memories that Smell Like Gasoline" won the small press award.

The publisher's service award honored **Craig Rodwell**, founder of The Oscar Wilde Memorial Bookshop in 1967. And the Editor's Choice Award went to **Richard Mohr's** "Gay Ideas," a book so provocative that nine publishers rejected it before Beacon Press took on the project.

Lammy winners were selected from 75 finalists by 15 panels of judges. The finalists were chosen by a committee of lesbian and gay book professionals out of over 200 books nominated by Lambda Book Report readers and others. Nominations for the 1994 literary awards will open Dec. 1, 1993, with the deadline for nomination Feb. 9, 1994.

## Also honored...

Gay Men's Science Fiction/Fantasy: "China Mountain Zhang" by Maureen F. McHugh (TOR Books).

Lesbian Mystery (tie): "Two Bit Tango" by Elizabeth Pincus (Spinsters Book Company) and "Crazy for Loving" by Jaye Maiman (Naiad Press).

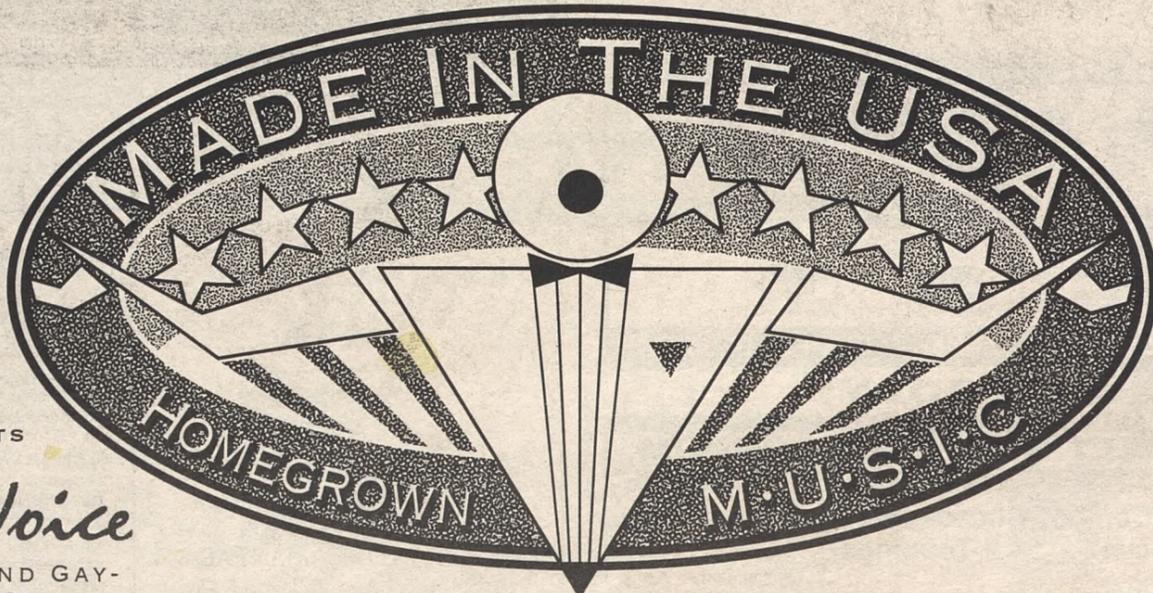
Gay Men's Mystery: "The Hidden Law" by Michael Nava (HarperCollins).

Children's/Young Adult Literature: "When Heroes Die" by Penny Raife Durant (Atheneum).

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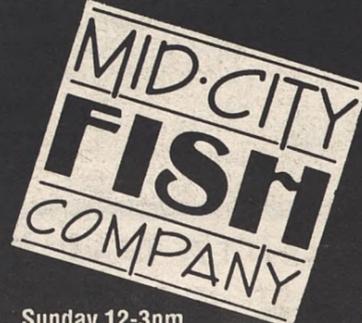
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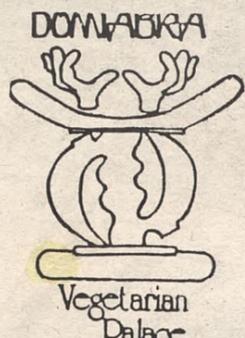
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## EAT

A FOOD COLUMN BY GARY KAUPMAN

It's been years since I've marched into a bar, locked eyes with some incredibly attractive man, danced the mating dance, and headed off with him for what promised (but too often did not turn out) to be a night of sensual bliss. After dinner last week at **South City Kitchen** (1144 Crescent Ave. 873-7358) I was flooded with memories of why I no longer pursue such illusive pleasures.

Like that mythical handsome man, South City is a joy to look at. The two-story Victorian that was previously home to Cafe Aviva and Gianni's has been spiffed and shined into the archetypal urban eatery for the 90s. Cream yellow walls, matching wooden floors and chairs, heavy white table clothes, heavier stainless cutlery, low voltage pin spots, intimate multi-level dinning rooms—you name it, South City's done it to a T.

*This guy knows how to dress.*

Then there's the menu: printed on parchment-like paper, neatly tied to a sexy black tablet that's decorated with a single dogwood bloom and three tiny holes that repeat the pattern in the back of the chairs. And how about the prospect of Southern fried chicken fritters with whipped parsnip potatoes? Or grilled seafood sausage with caper peach butter? And grilled dolphin marinated in onion pablano vinaigrette with fruit chutney?

*No wonder looking makes me lust.*

Foreplay is okay too. Edisto crab cakes are thick, tender, and griddle cooked to a beautiful crisp tan. Not much flavor, but the presentation—atop a butter sauce flecked with roasted corn and red peppers—is elegant and arresting.

*Not everybody likes aggressive flavors.*

Things continue to look up when a big bowl of mussels bathed in vermouth and a spicy relish arrives. Heavy on onions and cilantro it's not quite like any mussel dish I've ever had before, but good enough to get my heart beating and my tongue twitching.

*Could we be ready to break a pattern here? Could there actually be some substance behind these incredible good looks?*

There is the problem of the bread, beautifully presented in a handmade sawgrass basket. The biscuits are fat, fluffy and fun, but the corn muffins are dry and brittle. Worse still, the sweet citrus butter makes them seem more like post- rather than pre-coital pleasures. And neither bread is worth a hoot when it comes to sopping up the vermouth used to steam the mussels.

Things take a more distinct turn for the worse with the arrival of a Caesar salad adorned with "Calabash" oysters. The (corn) breading on the mollusks is thick, tough, and burdened by too much spice. The oysters themselves are flat, dry, and devoid of the briny character that usually makes them such an aphrodisiac. The greens are crisp and fresh, but their dressing is thin and vinegary. When dressing and the oysters embrace,

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the result is downright nasty.

*We are no longer having fun.*

Going all the way with an entree (\$10-\$18) seems risky at this point, so I opt for something safer: sandwiches.

Fried potato rounds (nicely salty and greasy) served with sun-dried tomato relish raise hopes that this adventure will turn out okay, after all. The combination is unusual but pleasing—at least in small doses.

And a club combo with layers of grilled chicken breast, sauteed onions, and smoked gouda exhibits some promise. But it's so sloppily assembled and difficult to eat that we stop before we finish, bogged down in the simple mechanics of the process.

*Should we try again?*

Grilled dolphin with thyme mayo and tomato salsa on a roll should be a little easier, no? Sorry. Once again the flavor is only fair and the physics difficult—just not worth the trouble that it takes to get past your tonsils.

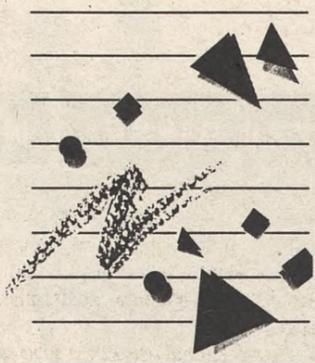
But the waiter is friendly, fun, and helpful to the max, so we go with his suggestion for some marble cheesecake. The serving is substantial and it's plenty sweet, but there's still not much substance.

*Well, at least he stayed for coffee.*

Okay, lets get serious. South City is a slick, well-financed operation run by folks who seem to know what they're doing—except in the kitchen. My complaints (and those of the other critic who has reviewed the place) notwithstanding, the place is doing a land office business with a very trendoid clientele. I heard only one complaint at the table near us—the offending dish was replaced in a flash. If style rates higher than substance in your book, you might actually have a good time. Plan to spend \$15-25 a head if you do go.

On a far more serious note. When my (male) dinner date and I approached the front door, the manager (?) told the host "put them upstairs." It felt a little like being sent to Siberia, but as the room filled up (with a fair number of other male-male couples) I got less grumpy. That is until I noticed that *all* the male-male couples in the restaurant were seated upstairs—not visible from the street.

I'd like to think I'm just being paranoid; several of the waiters are obviously gay and this is, after all, Midtown. But I've never experienced anything quite like this in any restaurant—especially in Midtown—and it really made me uncomfortable.



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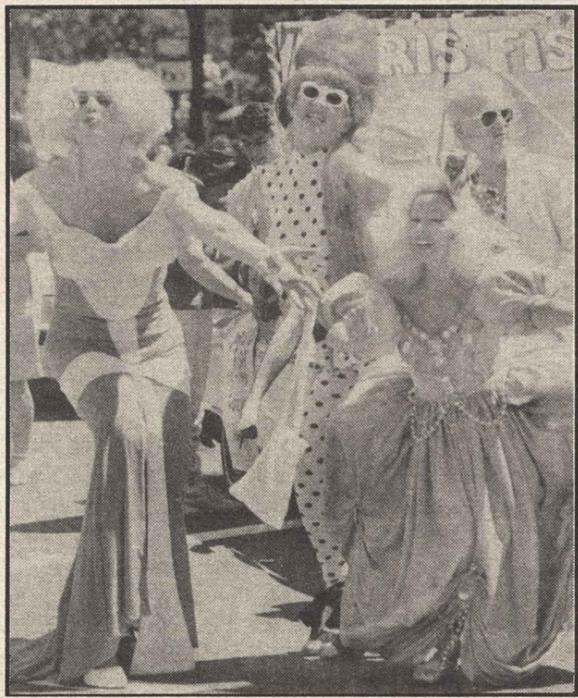
**Disappeared...Again:** Dish is confused. Rumor was that the Atlanta Journal-Constitution's new "City Life" supplement (at least the Midtown edition thereof) was going to pay attention to the fact that a large portion of the population that it reaches is queer. (OK, they'd say gay and lesbian, but that's their problem.) Well, after two weeks, we've seen exactly zip homo stories. There was a good piece on Haven House in the first issue, but hardly from a gay angle. And a nice mention of John Howell in the second edition. But not a word of the fact that Howell was gay, or that the first park in the country named for an openly gay man was named for him, or that he died of AIDS. John, we suspect, would not be amused. Then there is the one-word mention of the fact that gay people live in Cabbagetown. One word. No pictures, no rainbow flags, no discussion of how homos do and don't fit in in the 'hood. Are we surprised? No. Disappointed? You bet.

**Daughter's Revenge:** The June 7 issue of The New Republic features a short scene piece on a fundie conference (organized by Pat Buchanan) on "Winning the Culture War." Gays, naturally, were major targets at this hatespeil, but the best quote in the story is this from one Mary Kay Clark (trumpeting the virtues of home schooling) followed by words of wisdom from another attendee: "If we close all public schools for one year, we would put all the drug dealers out of business and all the abortionists too...If you home school your daughter, she's not going to get to want to get pregnant, she's going to stay home and school the younger children." As the crowd cheers, an elderly man next to me whispers, 'And she's going to put a bullet in her mother's head.'"

**Wanderlust:** That's the name of a new series of homo travel guides that promises to not be just a listing of bars, beaches and cruising spots. The publisher claims that this is the "first guidebook to offer lesbian and gay travelers historical perspective and sense of places worth visiting" and "accurate information collected from a multicultural perspective and without advertiser bias." Each chapter contains an essay about one state and some of its history, culture, and politics. Then there's a section on getting around in the area, another on various areas in the state, and finally information about sodomy, HIV and civil rights laws

# Dish

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



San Francisco's tourism boosters are using these gay pride revelers to promote their city.

as well as the skinny on pride events. Following that are listings for clubs, groups, bookstores, retail stores, tourist attractions and the like. Looks pretty good to us. The first book covers the Northeastern US and Eastern Canada. It's out now. Southern and Central US and Western US and Canada are due out in the next

couple of months. Call (800) 457-9599 if you need help finding a copy.

**Flicks 'R Us:** HBO's version of Randy Shilts' "And the Band Played On" is in post production and due to be aired in September. This despite the fact that director Roger Spottiswoode refused to making editing changes that HBO wanted (eliminating a gay rights speech and some anti-Reagan hype) and was replaced by documentary producer Bill Couturie ("Common Threads"). An HBO VP denies that the cuts were political—guess we'll just have to wait and see. The bad news is that Gus Van Sant will not direct "The Mayor of Castro Street" because (according to a studio insider) he wanted an "intimate, sensual picture" and the studio wants another "JFK." Robin Williams is rumored to be about to back out of the Milk role because Van Sant is vamoose. More good news: Robert Altman has purchased the rights to Tony Kushner's spectacular "Angels in America." Given the \$60 ticket prices on Broadway, we can't wait.

**Top Ten:** Speaking of movies, Frameline (the folks who do the SF International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival) recently released a list of the top ten films of all time as chosen by 200 lesbian and gay film and video makers, curators and critics. Their list: 1. "Vertigo"; 2. "Sunset Boulevard"; 3. "The Times of Harvey Milk"; 4. "La Dolce Vita"; 5. "Jeanne Dielman"; 6. "Citizen Kane"; 7. "Imitation of Life"; 8. "The Wizard of Oz"; 9. "Thelma and Louise"; 10. "Law of Desire." Get thee to the video store right now and see if you agree.

**Personal Style:** Dish has been feeling pretty perky about the fact that the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau is helping to put together Atlanta's bid for the '98 Gay Games. Damn good in fact. San Francisco's C&VB has been promoting their giant pride celebration for years now, so we were wondering when Atlanta would get with the program. Then we received the press release about S.F.'s pride with the accompanying photograph. Their suggested caption? "Personal style will take on a variety of meanings, but all will be eye-catching." We'll know we've really arrived when the ACVB sends out a similar shot to promote a queer event in Atlanta!

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Things may calm down a little, but there are absolutely no guarantees except that things will continue to change at a rapid pace. The best course is to stay as healthy, relaxed and centered as possible. Good fresh food and plenty of rest are essential.

**ARIES**, be sure to stay focused on projects and personal issues at home. Don't let emotional time bombs just sit there, ticking away. Also be very aware of where the money is going. Pay careful attention to outgo as well as the income. **TAURUS**, Venus is now in your first house of personality, physical appearance and self-awareness. Take time to appreciate yourself, your excellent qualities and abilities and find ways to emphasize the positive. Delete negative thoughts and attitudes. Happy Birthday, dear **GEMINI**. Let your light shine, bringing cheerfulness, humor and a sunnier disposition to a chaotic and nervous world. Love and laughter are two of your most endearing gifts, so spread them around to friends and strangers alike.

**CANCER**, with Saturn now in your ninth house of metaphysical studies, long distance travel and higher education, you may have a persistent urge to travel, take some classes or do something slightly spiritual or esoteric. Make plans for January or February

## STARSIGNS

1994. **LEO**, how is life in the fast lane? Hopefully you are managing all this extra energy in your life without too much chaos. If things feel a little bit out of hand, then you may need a day or two of quiet, just to sort out your priorities. **VIRGO**, have you taken a vacation this year? No, not two or three days over the weekend, but a real vacation to someplace restful, beautiful and restoring. Well, it is time for the real thing. Anytime this month or next will do fine, so start planning now.

**LIBRA**, your need for sensual or sexual experience may be acute right now, so stay aware of your needs and don't be caught without protection. You might also find a regular massage very helpful right now. **SCORPIO**, Venus in your seventh house of close personal relationships could open up doors for resolving old hurts and wounds that you have been nursing for too long.

Use this time to forgive, release some defenses and heal important ties. **SAGITTARIUS**, with the sun in your seventh house of close personal relationships, you can be very influential and persuasive right now. Solidify support for your favorite project or idea and forge ahead. Keep an eye on details.

**CAPRICORN**, this is an excellent time to communicate your feelings to people who are close to you. However, be sure you are sharing your real feelings and not just what you "think" your feelings are. A small, but important distinction, for sure. **AQUARIUS**, Mars is in your seventh house of marriage, partnerships and social relationships, so you may find you are suddenly very busy and very much in demand. You may even begin to feel like a social butterfly. Relax and enjoy yourself. **PISCES**, now that you have your life all structured, organized and prioritized, Saturn is heading back to the obscure comfort of your 12th house for a while. For best results, put your new goals, plans and priorities on paper and stick to them.

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### Dykes To Watch Out For

**In Their Dreams**  
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NEWSFLASH! "A RECENT SEX SURVEY OF TWENTYSOMETHINGS REVEALS THAT AMONG MEN WHO FANTASIZE ABOUT CELEBRITIES, CINDY CRAWFORD AND DENZEL WASHINGTON RANK HIGH. WOMEN OPT FOR LUKE PERRY AND PRESIDENT CLINTON, WHILE GAY MEN TAPPED MARKY MARK AND TOM CRUISE." PERIOD. END OF PARAGRAPH.

D'YOU THINK THAT MEANS LESBIANS DON'T FANTASIZE ABOUT CELEBRITIES, OR DON'T ANSWER SURVEYS?

OH, COME NOW, GINGER! THERE ARE NO LESBIANS! AND IF THERE ARE, THEY REALLY JUST WANT TO SUCK COCK. I SAW IT ON ROSEANNE SANDRA BERNHARD DUMPED MORGAN FAIRCHILD FOR SOME GUY.

HOW COME MEN GET TO BE TOTALLY QUEER BUT WOMEN DON'T? I'M SICK OF BEING PORTRAYED AS SOME STRAIGHT SLOB'S PORNO FANTASY.

LOOK. COULD YOU TWO AT LEAST TRY TO CONCENTRATE? I'M NOT ORGANIZING THIS BABY SHOWER BY MYSELF.

SORRY, SPARROW. WHERE WERE WE?

THE GUEST LIST. WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT MO AND HARRIET?

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WHAT, IN THE SAME FANTASY, OR ONE AT A TIME?

MARIA HELENA DOLAN

← THIS OLD HOE →  
EARTHSHAKIN' OBSERVATIONS

**I** spent a great deal of my childhood hearing a redundant parental refrain: "You're too hardheaded. No one can tell you anything. You have to do exactly what you want to do all the time..." Well, you get the drift.

In fact, the charge was—and basically still is—true. In the plant world, this type of attitude can be an asset, actually. You just do what seems right. Often, it will prove successful.

Of course, this presumes that you know what in the hell is involved or possess particularly good instincts. While there may in fact be no substitute for experience, I also firmly believe in the value of gardeners swapping tales, advice, heartaches, triumphs, seeds, plants, etc.

Accordingly, allow me to share a few of my worst mistakes, in the hopes that you can avoid similar situations. I entered into these pitfalls innocently enough, with great naive enthusiasm.

Enthusiasm is a wonderful thing. The word itself comes from the Greek, meaning to have the deity within—possessed, as it were. Enthusiasm engenders lots of good energy, just the thing for bed prep or planting. But it can be misdirected.

For instance, I thought it would be nice to have a small screen in the back yard, composed of a four-by-eight foot lattice set into the ground, with morning glories trailing over it. "Just one small packet of seeds should do it," she said to herself.

Within a few weeks, I beheld a nightmare tangle which resembled Swamp Thing. I felt like the sorcerer's apprentice, whose magic succeeded only too well. The vines had swallowed the lattice and were reaching for any and all things nearby, including slow-moving pedestrians and nearby animals. I pulled everything out, of course. It took hours.

As in the myth of Sisyphus, the task can never be completed, however. To this day, I pull morning glory vines from about a 30-square-foot area every spring and summer. Our

moral? Don't plant *ipomoea* unless you're certain that you want the surrounding countryside covered.

Then there was the time I decided to plant blueberries just off the back porch, surely a convenient location for admiring and picking. I planted two cross-fertilizing varieties of our good Southern rabbiteyes (*Climax* and *Tiffblue*, if I'm not mistaken). I put plenty of compost and pine straw down for these two-year-old plants and applied cottonseed meal, blood meal and various acidic additives over time. Blueberries like an extremely acidic soil, with a Ph of 4.5 to 5.

For the first two years, the gleanings were small, yet I was relatively satisfied. But trouble awaited. As it turns out, no matter what I did, the soil was just not acidic enough, despite its clay composition and all my amendments.

Why? The concrete patio. Acid-lovers cannot bear proximity to concrete, which is extremely alkaline in nature and leaches small amounts into the soil. This also accounts for many of the failures folks experience when they try to place arborvitae, pines, azaleas, crepe myrtles or other acid-lovers into concrete planters or along walks or driveways.

Yes, you do see pines, etc. lining concrete walkways. But you don't see what prep work, barriers and dumb luck went into the effort. Our moral? Foundation-hugging plants should be able to tolerate more alkaline conditions. Keep the blueberries away from the house unless you build them a special bed.

Sometimes, a plant can cope with a condition it doesn't especially like. However, if you stress her two ways, she probably can't survive. Not only did I once, long ago, plant a rhododendron right next to the house (alkaline soil again), but I placed her where she received sun most of the day.

"How could she be so stupid?" you might ask. Well, frankly, she was one of the first plants I ever put in, when I first began gardening. And I just didn't know any better. No matter how

much water, fertilizer, etc. I put on her, she couldn't survive the double whammy of sun (rhodos, azaleas, etc. prefer partial shade) and concrete proximity. Rhodos don't require quite as acidic a soil as blueberries but still like it on the acid side.

If I had just subjected her to one or the other, she might have made it. In fact, for a while, she grew well. But it just proved too much for the old gal. Our moral? Don't stress plants with a combination of improper factors. Research what the right amount of light and correct soil balance are and provide them.

Combinations are important in the green world. Some plants really like each other, but others do not make good neighbors. One year, I planted fennel in one patch and rue in another. They came up quite well. Heartened, I decided to seed some other herbs in their beds.

Nothing germinated. I mean, nothing. Not one seedling sprang up. I cursed the seed seller, vowed never to do business there again and stuck out some transplants. These all gradually withered away or shrivelled into a pale imitation of their robust sibs in other locations.

I couldn't imagine what in the hell was going on. I dug up the soil and had it tested. No grubs or nematodes. So what could it be? The fennel and rue were doing so well.

Then, I picked up one of Louise Riotte's books on companion planting, "Carrots Love Tomatoes." She specifically talks about how everything hates rue and how most plants hate fennel. Jeez, what do they have, the plant equivalent of bad breath or herpes?

In a way. Their chemical composition is such that they inhibit the growth of plants which get into their microclimates. Rue has long been used for flea control and as an abortifacient, for instance.

After harvesting the plants, I remanured the beds, added organic matter and was able to produce a reasonable basil crop from seed which had not come up in the very same spot six weeks earlier. Our moral? Find out which plants like each other, and keep them together. Keep the adversaries apart.

And by all means, keep experimenting. Let me know what works for you, and what doesn't, and I promise a column full of costly advice.

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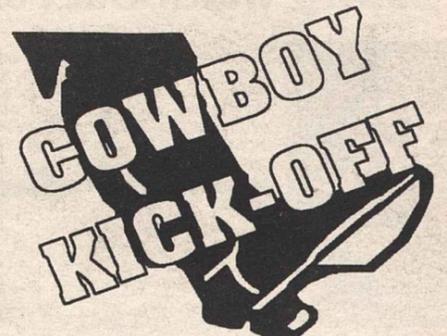
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**"G**litter Goddess of the Sunset Strip" is the name of a soon-to-be-released video which tells the story of Llana Lloyd, who grew up in a home with a lesbian mother and a schizophrenic father and went on to become a darling of the glam-rock set of the Seventies. The film explores Llana's efforts to come to terms with her own ambiguous sexuality and her ascent to glitter rock groupie stardom.

Born in the early fifties, Llana's very early family life appeared normal, but her mother Gerry gradually replaced her interest in child rearing with an active interest in other women. Her girlfriends came and went amid drunken fights between the adults, all witnessed by little Llana.

The video is a montage of Super 8 home movies, recreations, and portions of talk shows on which Llana and Gerry talked openly about their mother-daughter relationship. After an early adulthood spent as a rebellious glitter rock groupie, into drugs and Alice Cooper worship, Llana formed Children of Gays, an organization which provides support for its members and seeks to educate the public about the reality and prevalence of gay families.

The music soundtrack for the video is said to be a time warp trip back to the glam rock 70s via the sounds of Celebrity Skin, Scott Michael Shannon, Ron Rogers and the White Slave Boys, and heavy metal band Krakem. The film also stars Angie Bowie. Look for it in the cult section of your favorite progressive video store.

Though better known as a fan of country music, Governor Zell Miller has proclaimed the week of June 14-21 as "Opera Week" here in Georgia. A variety of opera related events (including a black-tie dinner, a bargain sale of donated items, a bocce ball tournament, a tour of decorators' homes, and of course opera performances) will mark the week. The week is designed to increase awareness and appreciation for opera as a "uniquely beautiful and vibrant musical experience."

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Dionne Warwick knows the way to Chastain.

the Atlanta Opera on June 19 with their much talked about production of Verdi's "Macbeth." Singing the title role will be baritone Timothy Noble, who most recently sang the role of Christopher Columbus in Philip Glass' "The

Voyage" with the Metropolitan Opera.

Performances of "Macbeth" are scheduled for June 17, 19 and 21. Tickets are available through the Woodruff Arts Center Box Office at 892-2414. Prices range from \$15 to \$72 per performance. For more information concerning the various Opera Week events, call 355-3311.

In concert news, Dionne Warwick will appear as part of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's Classic Chastain Series on Saturday, June 12 at 8:30 pm at Chastain Park. Warwick is currently working on a new album which will feature a new song written for her by the team of Burt Bacharach and Hal David whose early collaborations resulted in a long string of hits for her during the 60s. Call 221-0831 for times and reservations.

I just got off the phone with Chris Etter, winner of the Mr. Hotlanta Preliminary held recently before a huge crowd at the Sheraton Colony Square's Grand Ballroom. Chris is still finding it hard to believe that he won. "I was hoping for maybe third place. When they didn't call my name for that, I thought—I'll never make second—then when I didn't make second I started looking around for who I thought was going to win. I didn't really hear them when they called my name."

"How was the show?" I asked. "Excellent—the production was first class—that was obvious even from backstage. The Funky Divas and the Men of Midtown were great. The emcees, Danny Williams and Tina Devore, were perfect. If we were nervous, Danny would crack a joke and help us relax."

I asked Chris if he was excited to be competing again in August in the National Mr. Hotlanta. He said, "Well, I'm really kind of mad. I have to continue to diet and workout! It would have been easier to lose. And the competition will be even tougher—I saw last year's winner and even his toenails were perfect! How do you compete against perfect toenails?"



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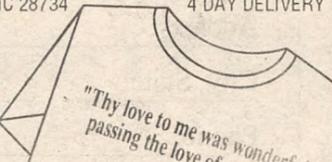
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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Gay Bowlers Benefit Jerusalem House** On May 30, 1993, Jerusalem House received a generous donation from the International Gay Bowlers' Organization (IGBO). The check was presented to Louisa Basarrate, Jerusalem House Development Director, at IGBO's banquet held in the Grand Ballroom of the Marriott Marquis.

Venus Landin.

The picnic will be Saturday, June 19 at 3 p.m. at Piedmont Park. Look for the African-American flag and the pink triangle. Bring your food, blankets and music for a family affair. The entire community is welcomed. For more information, call (404) 458-3003.

The International Gay Bowlers' Organization held its 1993 tournament in Atlanta during Memorial Day weekend. Almost 1,000 bowlers participated in the event.

**Atlanta Pride Volunteers** The Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee is looking for a few good men and women. Well, more than a few. One thousand to be exact.

Jerusalem House is Atlanta's only non-profit organization providing permanent housing for people with HIV/AIDS who would otherwise be homeless.

On June 27, more than 100,000 lesbian and gay citizens are expected to march down Peachtree Street in Atlanta's annual pride celebration. But the pride committee is a totally volunteer organization and, so far, only about 100 people are involved, far short of the 1,000 needed.

"IGBO '93 organizers wanted to contribute to an Atlanta AIDS service organization, and we are delighted that they selected Jerusalem House," said Louisa Basarrate. "This international organization has demonstrated that its membership cares deeply about people with HIV/AIDS and their critical need for housing."

A meeting for volunteers will be held Thursday, June 17 at 7 p.m. at the Sheraton Colony Square Hotel. Everyone interested in working for their own rights is encouraged to attend.

Jerusalem House provides a warm, caring home for 23 people with HIV/AIDS who have no place to live. Jerusalem House will provide a home for at least 50 residents each year.

**GAPAC PHONE ALERT!** Legal recognition of Domestic Partnership is close to becoming a reality in the City of Atlanta and in Fulton County, but it could hit a snag, so your calls are urgently needed today. Call the Mayor and City Council members. Calls to Jabari Simama, Robb Pitts, Barbara Miller Asher and Carolyn Long Banks would be good if you don't have time to call everyone. In Fulton County, please call the Fulton County Commissioners. To reach the Atlanta City Council, call 330-6030 and you will be connected to whoever you ask to speak with. To reach the Fulton County Commissioners, call 730-4000 and ask for their individual offices.

Local gay bowling leagues that support Jerusalem House include Atlanta Venture Sports and Friends Friday.

For more information on how your group can support Jerusalem House residents, please call (404) 527-7627.

**AALGA Picnic Will Recognize Teague, Landin** The African-American Lesbian/Gay Alliance (AALGA) is sponsoring "Tell It Like It Is," a picnic in celebration of Duncan Teague, co-grand marshall of Pride '93 and in recognition of the dedication of Pride '93 to the late

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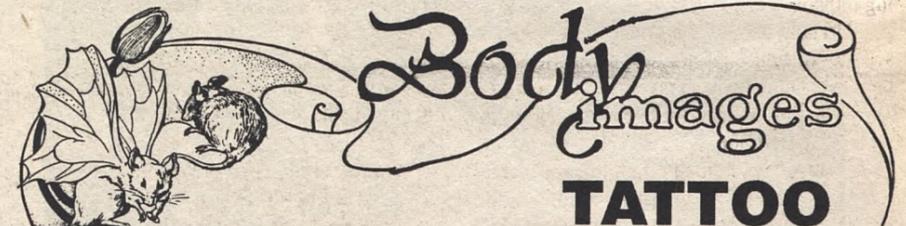
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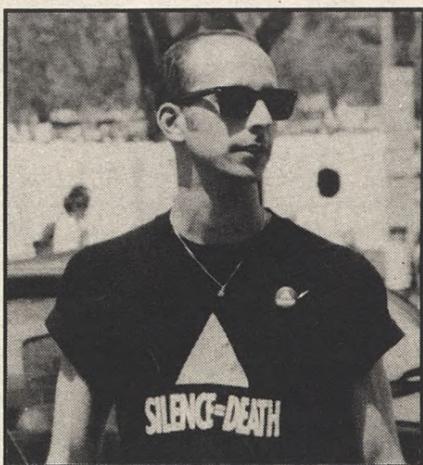
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OUTLINES

URI VAKNIN

**Age:** 23  
**How long in Atlanta:** 17 years  
**Relationship status:** Single  
**Last book read:** "Spontaneous Combustion" by David Feinberg  
**Pot peeve:** Apolitical queers who don't take a stand.



At first glance Uri Vaknin doesn't seem like the type to let you know that if you call him a "fucking faggot," you're going to hear about it. To the gracefully thin and excessively soft-spoken Uri, them's fightin' words.

His skin-short hair and ACT UP T-shirt aren't just window dressing. Uri takes his frustration and, as he says, "affects change through empowerment." And to Uri, a member of both ACT UP and Dykes and Faggots Bash Back, direct action and confrontation are the norm rather than the exception. As Uri says, "here in the States, there isn't any other way."

Born in New York City and transplanted to Atlanta at six years of age, Uri's European persona and Mediterranean intensity come from his parents. His father is Moroccan, and his mother is German. Uri is Jewish, as are both his father and his mother, who converted. Thus Judaism has always been an important part of his life. In fact, he even attended the Hebrew Academy of Atlanta.

"Then one day, a teacher equated being a homosexual with murder," Uri says. "I asked the teacher how this could be and his response was to ask me if I was gay, as if it was a terribly evil thing to be." Though Uri knew he was always gay and different, this interchange turned him off to Judaism. He says at that point he became a cultural Jew as opposed to a practicing religious Jew.

Uri talks about Paris, Amsterdam (his chosen city of future residence) and Munich as if they are Dunwoody. Traveling, he remarks, "was what my family spent our money on instead of stereos or fast cars. We are always going somewhere in my family, and sometimes I feel like a citizen of the world."

This interest in travel was fostered at Uri's high school (North Fulton High), which had a concentration in international studies. He spent two high school summers in the Soviet Union. He laughs recalling his first night in Moscow.

"I was cruised and didn't even know it then. We are everywhere, but there are cultural differences that make it much harder to determine who's gay there. Men are much more demonstrative physically with each other, always kissing and hugging."

Uri became involved with what has now come to be known the Friendship Force, with

Atlanta's sister city, Tbilisi (in formerly Soviet) Georgia. He became fluent in the Georgian language, which he says is an odd combination of Russian, Arabic and some Romance language roots.

"Because of the publicity of Moscow's problems, people here think the entire country is like that. But Soviet Georgia has always been left alone. There was less persecution of Jews and a higher standard of living. And my host family had all the things American families have—Nintendo, VCR and video cameras and two cars."

After high school Uri attended American University in Washington, D.C. and once again found himself participating in another culture—this time German—as a recipient of a fellowship from the government of (at that time) West Germany. He quickly picked up the German language and spent a year investigating his German roots.

After returning from one of his trips to Tbilisi, Dorothy McRae got in touch with Uri so that he could help her with an exhibit of Atlanta's sister city's art in her downtown gallery called ArtSpace. Uri's interest in art and his knowledge of Soviet art helped establish his presence at the gallery. He has continued to work with Dorothy McRae and is now the co-director of the new Buckhead location of the Dorothy McRae Gallery.

"I do everything from help hang shows to recruiting artists and doing ads for the gallery," Uri says. He hopes to organize a show soon about how AIDS has affected the artistic community. He is also committed to Jewish art, of which there has been a rebirth in interest of late. Uri has been able to re-embrace his own Jewish roots under the auspices of Atlanta's lesbian and gay Reconstructionist Synagogue Bet Havarim.

Uri the militant is, of course, out to his entire family. He attended the March On Washington with his two best friends and found the entire weekend "a Utopian experience."

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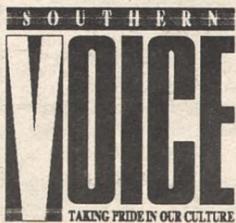
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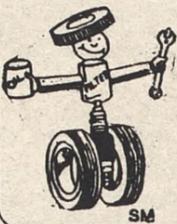
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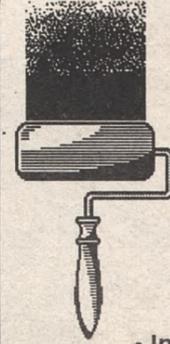
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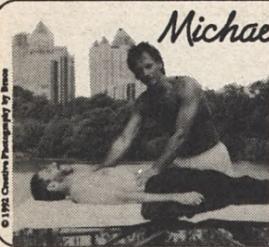
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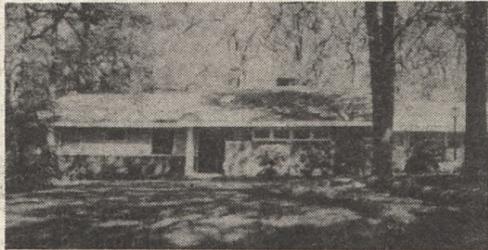
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Do you like movies, conversation, fun, and sex? So do I. If you are interested in participating in all of the above (or at least three out of four not excluding the fourth), take a chance and call. I'm GWF, late 30's, 5'6", slender, attractive. You're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

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

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

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

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

20 aggressive GBF enjoys music,

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

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

GWF seeks same age 31-40 emotionally healthy, feminine, communicative, affectionate, thoughtful, no drugs, smokers, for friendship, possible relationship. Hopeless? ☎ 1413

GBF, 18, petite, lipstick lesbian, seeks GBF 18-21 for friendship, maybe more. ☎ 1416

Seriously GBF seeking...A black woman who is feminine, bitchy, petite and willing to bow down to me. ☎ 1409

GWF, attractive, 34, seeks same for dinner, dancing, movies, music, outdoors, indoors, art, theatre, etc. Humorous, witty,intelligent a must. ☎ 1383

GBF 2 kids seems feminine, likes to be controlling. Seeks extremely feminine BF who wants a serious relationship. No chubbies. ☎ 1382

Single female seeking other females for friendship and possible relationship. 18-25. No butches. ☎ 1381

GBF attractive romantic of 28; Searching thru ads for female life-mate. You should be attractive too—Insightful, thoughtful, communicative and true. ☎ 1356

GWF - 33, intelligent, attractive, vegetarian, with strong sense of integrity, into non-bar activities, seeks a GF, 32-40 who thinks well of herself, with similar interests. ☎ 1354

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

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

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

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

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

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

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MEN

Masculine GWM, 32, 6', 185, blond/moustache, attractive, stable, easy-going professional seeks similar non-bar type, non-smoking, GWM, 28-42 for relationship. ☎ 1485

GWM, 36, 5'8" wonders in you could want real friendship/relationship with honest, sincere, spiritual, romantic, nice guy who stands from the heart...and means it! PO Box 1462, Tucker, GA 30085.

Young looking GWM passive, endowed, wants spankings and/or safe S/M (HIV+). ☎ 1484

GWM, 35, 5'9", 160, beard, balding, masculine, versital, seek 35-40s GBM or GWM for fun, friendship and more. ☎ 1486

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GWM, 26, 5'11", 170 lbs. Tired of bar scene and games. Looking for Mr. Right between 30-40 years old. ☎ 1483

Spanish GM 40, 5'9, 160, sincere, passionate bottom seeks dominant masculine, sincere, honest top B/M well-endowed for committed relationship. ☎ 1463

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

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

GWM, 34, 5'8", 160 lbs. G-look, masc, muscular, gymfi, laid back, non pretentious, honest, affectionate, romantic seeks same in secure GWM 35-45. ☎ 1476

Handsome, passionate, 35, 6'1", 175, healthy WM looking for summer sizzle and workout partner, Jazz lover. ☎ 1480

GWM, 32, 5'10", 135#, blk/bm, very French active, ISO laid back, dominant, verbal, WMs to help fulfill my constant cravings. ☎ 1478

GWM, 28, 6', 180 lbs, bm/gm, healthy, HIV+, considered attractive with a variety of interests, seeking someone similar. ☎ 1479

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

Submissive WM, 30, 5'10", 165, attractive & fit, seeks training from strict dominant. I'm a novice, but eager to learn! ☎ 1460

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and more. ☎ 1457

White collar Asian male, 29, 5'10", seeks guy 20-35 for friendship. You like massage when watching TV. ☎ 1454

WM, 31, 5'8", prof., attr, fit, smooth. HIV-, rel. oriented. Seeks WM 30-45, prof., attr., tall, hairy. ☎ 1453

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

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

Masculine, affectionate, witty, trim, clean-cut, non-smoking, non-drugged GWM, 34, seeks similar, 30-38, for friendship/relationship based on communication, growth, and fun. ☎ 1452

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

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

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

GWM, 35, 5'8", 130 lbs. Brown/blue seeks WM top for monogamous relationship. No bar flies. Love to cuddle. ☎ 1448

Looking for love? GWM, 38, 6'2" prof. seeks romance with same 30-40. Hairy chest major plus. Sincere and caring. ☎ 1447

GWM, 5'11", bm/bm, 200# prof. seeks young smooth slim bottom GWM for fun times. ☎ 1445

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

GWM, 32, 5'9", brown hair, brown eyes, masculine, attractive seeks GWM 18-39 for friendship, companionship. ☎ 1422

GWM, 6', 175, smooth, professional, attractive, HIV- seeks discreet younger, submissive, HIV- playmate interested in safe fist action, WS, or spanking. Novice welcome. ☎ 1449

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

GWM, 36, healthy, HIV, 5'11", 180, good-looking, muscular, seeks top. You: GWM, masculine, 32-45, good shape. ☎ 1411

GWM, 29, 5'7", 160, br/br. Masculine, intelligent, affectionate top seeks masculine, intelligent, affectionate bottom to share life and love. ☎ 1415

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

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

DENTURES A PLUS!-Know what I mean? Looking for Mr. Right or Mr. Right now. Possible regular thing or not at all. Let's talk. ☎ 1386

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

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

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

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

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

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

Asians, Blacks, Hispanics, and all others: Mature WM, active, hot, more. Beginners welcome. ☎ 1380

GWM, 35, 5'5", 137, Br/Bl, bearded/hairy, HIV+, seeks attractive submissive boy for cuddling/kink, possible relationship. No smokers. ☎ 1375

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PERSONALS

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

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

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

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

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

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

GWM, attractive, 40's, oral expert for heavy equipment. Gay/Bi/Str tune-ups

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

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

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

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

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BISEXUAL

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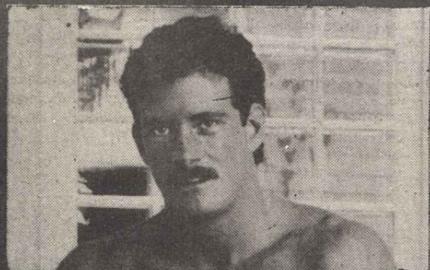
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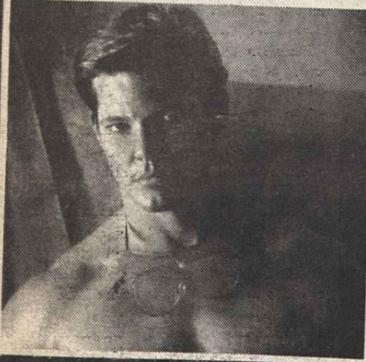
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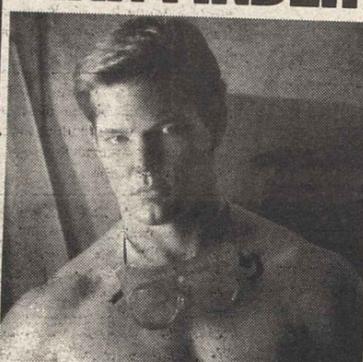
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