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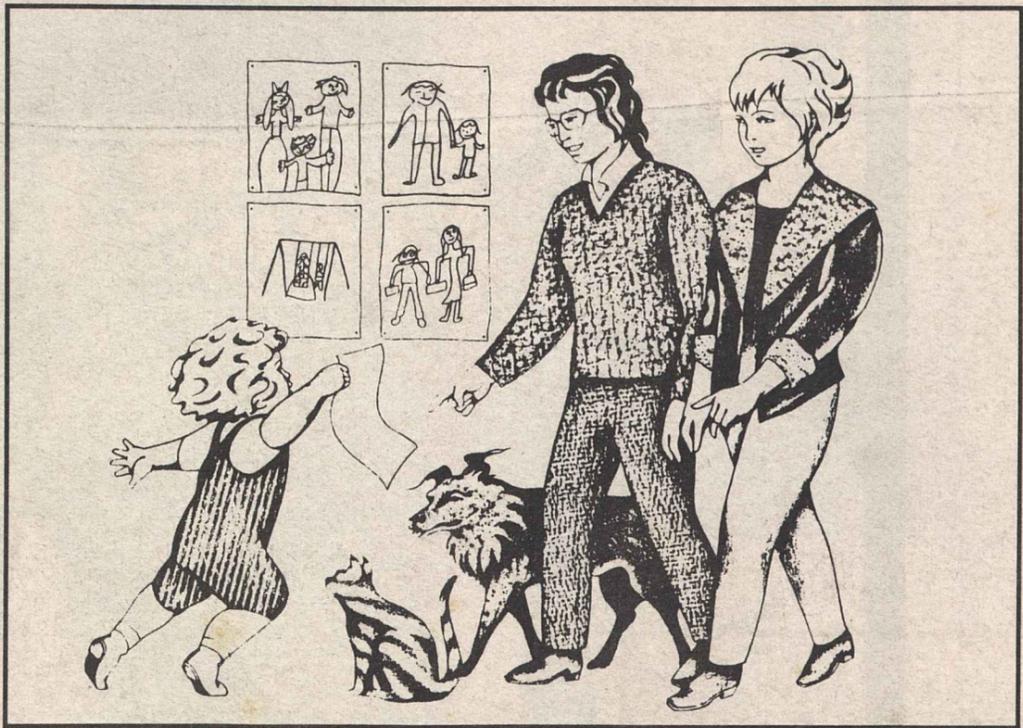
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A scene from the lesbian-positive book "Heather Has Two Mommies."

The little book that scares Gainesville

Lawmakers say book promoting tolerance can't be tolerated

by KC WILDMOON

Gainesville, GA—Religious conservatives have launched another drive to remove a gay-positive children's book from a public library, this time in Gainesville.

The target is Lesléa Newman's "Heather Has Two Mommies," and leading the charge are three state representatives who claim the book is an improper use of tax dollars. They released a statement on June 5 calling for the book to be removed from the Chestatee Regional Library and are threatening to introduce legislation during next year's General Assembly that would prohibit libraries from purchasing such material.

"The book presents the homosexual lifestyle as a normal lifestyle, equivalent to a home with a mom and a dad," complained Rep. James Mills, R-Gainesville. He has been joined in his anti-"Heather" crusade by Rep. David Hughes, D-Dawsonville, and Rep. Bobby Lawson, D-Gainesville.

Library officials complain that the representatives have waged their campaign in the media without contacting the library. And they also counter that the real issue is the constitutional guarantee of free speech.

"The First Amendment is the number one ethic of our profession," said Diane Bronson, director of the Chestatee Regional Library. "Libraries exist to provide information. When people try to restrict information, it goes against everything that's important to us."

Bronson is not alone in her assessment. John Druckenmiller, managing editor of The Times, the daily newspaper in Gainesville, about 50 miles northeast of Atlanta, wrote in a June 6 editorial that opponents of the book are missing the point when they call the book "perverted" trash.

"What wasn't addressed was the attempted censorship of our community. What wasn't discussed was

the media stunt. And what wasn't mentioned was the attempt to rob you of your right to choose," Druckenmiller wrote. "Perhaps we should call the police and report the attempted theft of our most basic and fundamental rights, too."

"Heather Has Two Mommies," the story of a young girl and her lesbian co-parents, has been a target of religious fundamentalists in various locations across the country. Mills, a singles' pastor at Blackshear Place Baptist Church, took particular issue with the parts of the book in which Heather is told that her mother was artificially inseminated and that she doesn't have a daddy.

"That's erroneous and false," Mills said. "Everyone has a daddy. [The lesbian parents in the book] ought to have been truthful."

But even if Heather's parents had been more biologically specific, Mills says he would still object to the book.

"It still promotes a homosexual lifestyle," he said. "We believe that tax dollars that are used should represent the values of the taxpayers."

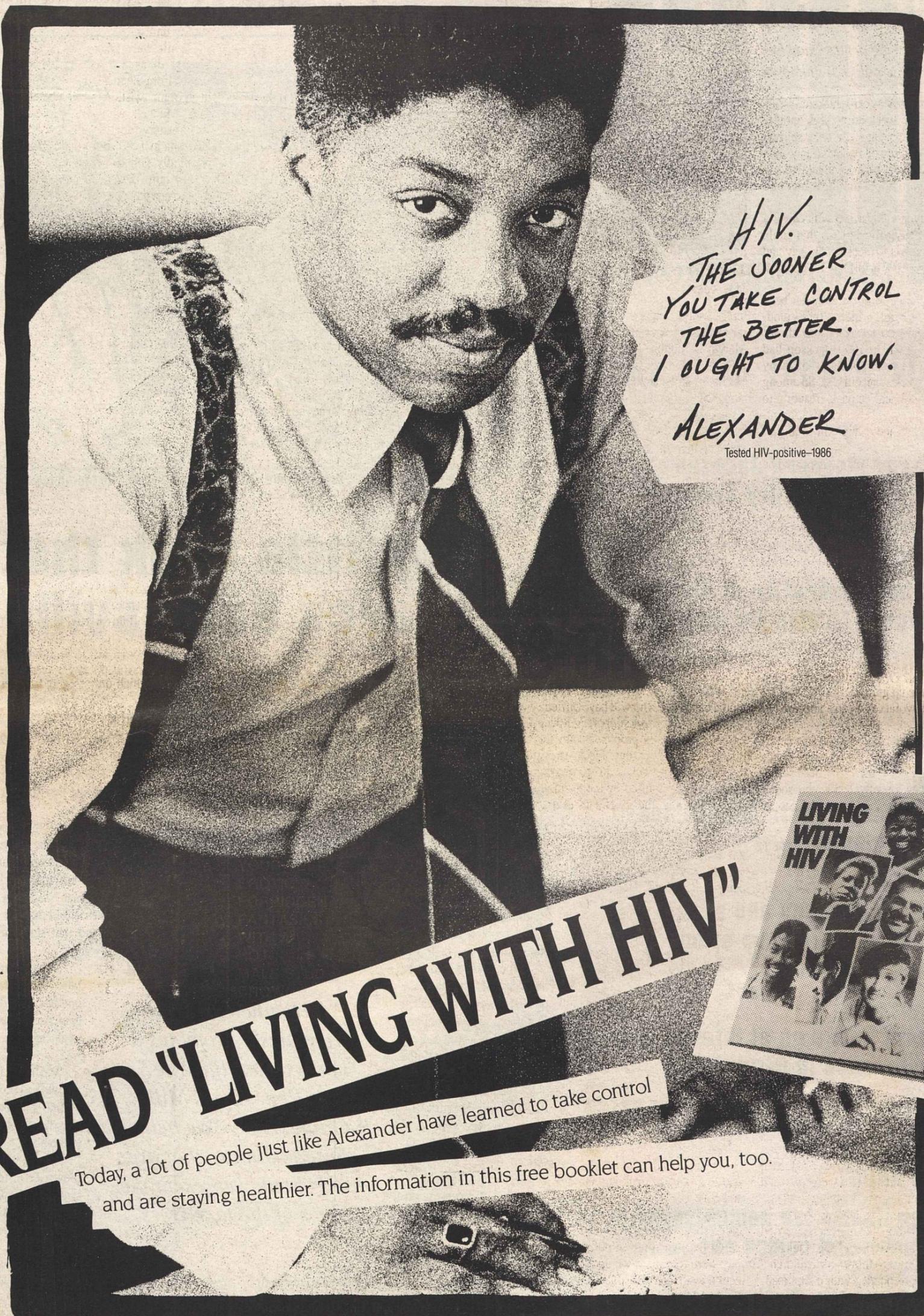
Bronson, who has been employed by the Chestatee Library for seven years, the last two as its director, says she chose the book herself, "because I knew we didn't have anything like it."

"Knowing the community here," she added, "I knew we didn't need a lot [of such books], but we needed something."

Bronson said that about a year ago, a Hall County parent, Annette Humphreys, contacted the library asking that "Heather" be removed from the shelves. After a review procedure, the book was removed from the children's section to the young adult section, "mainly because some of the terminology was unfamiliar to

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Scramble for gay/lesbian votes

Mayor's departure launches adventure into the political unknown

Atlanta—Mayor Maynard Jackson's surprising decision last week not to seek another term as mayor has set the stage for a spirited campaign for the votes of Atlanta's gay men and lesbians, which could prove crucial to any man or woman who hopes to follow him into City Hall.

And the mayor's departure will cause a shake-up among city officeholders that could open up opportunities to elect openly gay and lesbian candidates to city offices for the first time.

While the Jackson administration has been the target of considerable criticism for its plodding action on gay and lesbian issues almost since his inauguration in 1990, Jackson had the support—albeit tepid at times—of many of the city's gay and lesbian citizens. So among lesbian and gay political activists, reaction to his announcement was largely disappointment—and a reluctance to sign on to any of the potential candidates.

"It's unfortunate, just when it appeared he was starting to make strides with the promises he made to our community," said Lynn Cothren. Two years ago, when Cothren was head of Queer Nation, the group issued a report card grading Jackson's performance as an "F" for not following through on campaign promises to the gay and lesbian community. The mayor's relationship with the gay and lesbian community has improved since then.

"I hope the other candidates will not only make promises, but follow through with them," Cothren said.

ACT UP's Jeff Graham didn't agree that Jackson had made up ground. But he said that other possible mayoral candidates appeared to come up short as well.

"[Jackson] spoke great dreams in the last campaign," said Graham. "But he really didn't follow through on any of them. We need someone who will aggressively tackle the social issues. But I don't feel that any of the people considered as possible candidates have shown exemplary service to the community."

The announced candidates so far are Councilwoman Myrtle Davis, who entered the race last month, and Councilman Bill Campbell, who made his announcement immediately af-



Jackson bows out at press conference last week.

ter Jackson withdrew. Others mentioned as possible candidates include Council President Marvin Arrington, Police Chief Eldrin Bell, Fulton County Commission Chairman Michael Lomax and Fulton County Commissioner Martin Luther King III.

Atlanta's gay politicians say they'll wait and see who "walks the walk" before they make up their minds who to support.

"It's too early for anyone to comfortably make a firm decision," said GAPAC lobbyist Larry Pellegrini. "It does look like we'll have several good people to choose from. But I think it'll come down to who has the most credible campaign."

"We're going to see in the next couple of months how they handle things. Things like domestic partnership, the new AIDS legislation. Those things will give us a better idea of who really walks the walk."

"Whoever wins is going to need the gay vote in this city," added GAPAC's Judy Colbs. "It's going to be very interesting."

But nearly everyone agreed that one potential candidate who will have difficulty winning gay and lesbian support is Police Chief Eldrin Bell. Bell's problems with the community largely stem from the police department's reticence in combating hate crimes, as exemplified by the Handcuff Man case, and from the chief's refusal to even acknowledge that there is a problem. Jackson's support of his chief was a sore point in the gay and lesbian community.

Bell said last week that he was "happy being police chief." Gay and lesbian politicians

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Hate crimes law upheld

Surprising Supreme Court decision unanimous

Milwaukee, WI—In what civil rights leaders are calling a "victory of monumental proportions," the U.S. Supreme Court last Friday unanimously upheld Wisconsin's hate crimes law.

The high court's decision gives the green light to similar laws in other states and explicitly acknowledges that crimes motivated by bigotry are a detriment to society and can be punished with stiffer sentences. It also removes one of the strongest arguments used by conservative critics of hate crimes legislation, including opponents in Georgia—namely, that such laws infringe on the First Amendment.

"It is a victory of monumental proportions for the gay and lesbian community," said David Clarenbach, the former state representative who ushered the law through Wisconsin's Assembly. "The most conservative institution in our land, the Supreme Court, has affirmed both the existence and the illegality of hate crimes. Not just a page has been turned, but a whole chapter has been completed in the big struggle against racism and homophobia."

The Wisconsin law provides additional penalties for those found guilty of a criminal offense in which the victim was "intentionally selected" because of his or her "race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry."

A year ago, Wisconsin's Supreme Court struck down the law, saying it was an abridgment of First Amendment rights to freedom of speech and expression. State Attorney General James Boyle appealed and defended the hate crimes statute before the high court in April. All 49 other states filed briefs asking the court to clarify the constitutional issues involved.

Chief Justice William Rehnquist, who wrote the court's opinion, rejected First Amendment concerns, asserting that conduct, not thought or speech, was being targeted by the statute. He said the Wisconsin legislature acted within its authority to mandate greater penalties for crimes motivated by hate.

"This conduct is thought to inflict greater individual and societal harm," Rehnquist

wrote. "For example, according to the state, bias-motivated crimes are more likely to provoke retaliatory crimes, inflict distinct emotional harms on their victims and incite community unrest."

While hate crimes bills are generally thought of as a device to protect minority groups from the majority, the Wisconsin case, in an ironic twist, involved a black defendant, Todd Mitchell, who was convicted of aggravated battery for attacking a white teenager in Kenosha in 1989. Before the attack, Mitchell reportedly yelled "There goes a white boy. Go get him." Because of the bias aspect, his two-year sentence was increased to four years.

The Supreme Court's unanimous decision was surprising to many, considering the conservative nature of recent court appointees and given the fact that the court had previously struck down a hate crimes law in St. Paul, Minn. The St. Paul law, however, was much broader, defining as a crime display of any symbol, such as a swastika or burning cross, that could cause "anger or alarm" in a person because of their race, religion or sex. It was voided because it punished mere expressions of certain points of view unrelated to criminal conduct.

Wisconsin state Rep. Tammy Baldwin, a lesbian, called the decision "terribly exciting, a great victory." She predicted that Wisconsin's statute was likely to become a model for hate crimes legislation in other states, and she said it would "give teeth" to anti-discrimination protections extended to gays and lesbians in eight states, including Wisconsin.

"After all, if the streets and public accommodations are not safe for you because of the threat of violence, what good are those other guarantees?" Baldwin said.

In Georgia, attempts to get hate crimes legislation through the General Assembly have been unsuccessful. In 1991, even a watered-down bill, which only required law enforcement agencies to keep track of hate crimes and provided no additional penalties for those who perpetrate them, went down to defeat in a hail of homophobic rhetoric.

In addition to Wisconsin, 27 other states have hate crimes legislation on the books, according to a spokesman for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in Washington, D.C.

JAMAKAYA

Verbal combat, 1 arrest at Chattanooga pride march

Chattanooga, TN—About 200 gays and lesbians, trailed by 60 Christian fundamentalist counterdemonstrators, marched down McCallie Avenue Sunday, completing a gay/lesbian pride march that city officials had tried their best to stop.

One male Christian supremacist, carrying a wooden cross, was arrested after he repeatedly tried to enter the front of the column of gay and lesbian marchers. Amidst a strong police presence, no violence was reported, although marchers and the right wingers traded insults throughout.

Counterdemonstrators, who walked along a sidewalk following the marchers, carried signs reading, "Get AIDS and Die Quickly" and "Don't Let Queers Molest Our Children." One gay marcher responded with a sign reading, "You Should Have Been in Waco."

"We had more than 200 people [in the parade], which is good for here," Susan Nicholas, a parade organizer, told Southern Voice. "And most of the people were from Chattanooga, which was good. Last year, about 30 people were from Chattanooga and the rest were from Atlanta and Knoxville and Nashville."

A number of gay and lesbian activists from Atlanta, including a contingent from Dykes

and Faggots Bash Back, did attend this year's march, as did activists from Knoxville and Alabama.

The Chattanooga march became embroiled in a controversy after the organizing committee was initially denied a permit to march down McCallie Avenue through the Highland Park neighborhood, which is home to two gay bars. After neighborhood residents and church groups objected, the City Council, by an 8-to-1 vote, shifted the parade to an alternate route—next to a railroad track and through an industrial zone.

When members of the Chattanooga Gay and Lesbian Pride Committee said they would march the first route in defiance of the city, they were told there would be no police protection available. But after the committee and the ACLU sued the city, the police chief reversed course, granted the permit for McCallie Avenue and provided police protection.

"We've got a lot to be proud of," said Nicholas. "We fought back, and we got the permit we wanted."

Nicholas says the suit will still be pursued, both as a way to legally define the city's parade permit procedures and to allow the committee to recoup some of the expenses and legal fees it incurred fighting the city.



Gay and lesbian Chattanooga residents show their pride amidst protests.

Even at the march site, however, city harassment continued. Parade participants, who had to be shuttled to the site, were told about 15 minutes before the scheduled parade time that they

had to step off immediately. Nicholas says not all the marchers were at the start, nor was the march banner.

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Charles Bobo and Joe Blount, both from Atlanta, pose with the beware-of-gays-and-lesbians sign Disney posted.

Disney 'Gay Day' Irks Parents

Orlando, FL—School officials in Bunnell, Fla. scheduled another date for a middle school trip to Disney World to appease parents who did not want their children at the Magic Kingdom during the annual "Gay Day" celebration on June 5.

Each year, gay men and lesbians from around Florida and the Southeast, dressed mostly in red, spend a Saturday at the Orlando theme park. The event is not official; in fact, Disney World posted signs alerting people that a gay/lesbian event was going on and reminding them that Mickey and Minnie had nothing to do with it.

The gay/lesbian celebration coincided for the second year in a row with the trip taken by students from Buddy Taylor Middle School. Only one minor incident occurred last year, when a group of students taunted a gay couple, resulting in a verbal confrontation. The boys, said Flagler County School Superintendent Donn Kaupke, were admonished.

After 300 people attended a meeting the week before the trip to complain about sending their students to Disney World with gays

and lesbians, school officials scheduled a second trip for the next weekend.

While stressing that the event was unofficial, a Disney publicist said, "We can't keep people out—wouldn't keep people out—because of their sexual preference."

However, a gay man from Atlanta who attended the event, Charles Bobo, said that a representative from an Orlando gay group was at the gate telling gays and lesbians that security had been added to the park and that Disney officials had warned that there was to be no group singing or chanting. Then there was the sign warning straight patrons about the gay event.

"It made me feel good that so many of us were going to be there that we would make them edgy," Bobo said. "It was very festive."

Bobo said the only comment he overheard from straight patrons about the gay celebration came from a group of young women, behind him in line for a ride, who were lamenting the fact that they seemed to be surrounded by so many, uh, *unavailable* men.

RICHARD SHUMATE and AP

Rink cancels gay and lesbian skate

Pensacola, FL—With the controversy still fresh over a Memorial Day infusion of 37,000 gay men and lesbians to the city, a Pensacola skating rink canceled a gay group's skating party, prompting a new round of complaints.

Dreamland Skating Center Inc. wrote a letter to Christopher Street South canceling the group's scheduled June 21 party. Although a similar event, attended by 150 people, had been held at Dreamland last year, rink manager Carol Caldwell wrote that, "since we promote family recreation, it is contrary to our policy to reserve our facilities for use by activist organizations, particularly those that do not promote family values."

Christopher Street president Andy Anderson says Caldwell told her several people threatened to boycott the rink if the gay/lesbian skate went ahead as planned. The group may sue the rink for discrimination, says Anderson, although nothing in state or federal laws bars discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation unless government funding is involved. (AP)

Case fuels claims dental infections deliberate

Stuart, FL—The disclosure that another patient of Dr. David Acer was infected with AIDS at his dental clinic has stirred new interest in the theory that the deadly infections

were intentional and criminal.

"Whether it's scientifically valid or not, it is definitely the most prevalent theory today, at least in the dental community," says Dr. David Lewis, a faculty member at the University of Georgia.

Lewis, who says he doesn't buy the theory himself, is one of many scientists struggling to learn how Acer, who died in 1990, managed to infect at least six of his patients. Even Dr. Harold Jaffe, director of AIDS research at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, says he has increasing concerns about whether Acer deliberately infected his patients.

"There's clearly something peculiar about this case," Jaffe told The Miami Herald in an interview. "The report of the sixth patient has certainly raised more questions about the possibility of criminal intent."

The latest victim is Sherry Johnson, 18, of Jensen Beach. The first five patients infected by Acer had complicated dental work that included procedures that would have provided an entryway for the HIV virus if Acer had accidentally pricked or cut himself and exposed his blood to his patients. But in Johnson's case, Acer never did anything more extensive or invasive than filling cavities, deepening the mystery as to how the patients were infected.

"The only evidence we have to support the theory of criminal intent is the lack of evidence supporting any of the other theories," said Tom Liberti, administrator of the state program leading the investigation. "We will probably never know the answer." (AP)

New Orleans Judge Shoots Down Sodomy Law:

Louisiana's sodomy law violates the state's constitutional provisions protecting privacy, a judge in New Orleans has ruled. According to the New Voice, a gay and lesbian newspaper, the case involved John Baxley, who was arrested last summer in a police vice squad sting operation. But Harry Connick, Sr., the district attorney of Orleans Parish District Attorney and father of crooner Harry Connick Jr., said he would appeal the ruling to the state Supreme Court.

Gay Man Takes Seat on Dallas City Council: Craig McDaniel has become the first openly gay man ever elected to the Dallas City Council, defeating his opponent by more than a 2-to-1 margin in a May 29 runoff election. He took office June 7, representing a district that includes the Oak Lawn, the city's most prominent gay neighborhood. McDaniel said that he was "a little surprised" at the local media's attention on his history-making victory, but added that his "goal in representing the gay and lesbian community is to demonstrate that we are, in every important way, just like everyone else in society. But there is a difference, and that difference needs to be...not necessarily liked, but appreciated and respected."

N.H. City Official Harassed for Supporting Gay Rights: Jim Splaine, assistant mayor of Portsmouth and sponsor of a bill that bars the city and companies doing business with the city from discriminating against gays and lesbians, says that he has been harassed and attacked several times since introducing the bill earlier this year. In February, two men tried to beat him up outside a store but were foiled when they fell on ice, he said. Since then, others have thrown things at his house and made harassing phone calls. "It's annoying how intelligent people can say some of these things," he said, adding that "some people won't talk with me any more. There's no eye contact." The council has given the measure preliminary approval.

Warwick Benefit A Bust in Virgin Islands: An AIDS benefit headed by Dionne Warwick earlier this year proved to be no aid to a community group that sponsored the event, which was left about \$76,000 in the red. Joe Aubain, president of Serenity House Inter-Island Neighborhood Endowment, said that part of the debt resulted from an abuse of services by the 93 people brought to the islands under contract along with Warwick for the three concerts held in February. Among other problems, Aubain said performers took unauthorized limousine rides that brought transportation costs to a staggering \$20,000.

California Councilwoman Offends Just About Everybody: A San Jose city councilwoman is fighting for her political life after making disparaging remarks about Hispanics, Asians and gays at a workshop for black activists. Kathy Cole, who is black, described Hispanics as tenacious "pit bulls," referred to Asians by pulling back the corners of her eyes and said gays get preferential treatment at City Hall. Cole apologized for her actions but has refused to resign, even after the City Council voted unanimously to "condemn" her remarks and several councilmembers asked her to step down.

Latina Lesbian Named As Achtenberg's Replacement: San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan named Latina lesbian Susan Leal, an attorney and health care executive, to the city's Board of Supervisors on June 3, filling the vacancy left by Roberta Achtenberg. "I'm going to first of all answer to all the people of San Francisco, but I will have a particular sensitivity to the Latina community and to the gay and lesbian community," Leal said. Achtenberg, confirmed by the Senate as assistant secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, bade farewell to the city on June 1 in an emotional speech at City Hall, followed by a block party in the Castro organized by lesbian and gay supporters.

Gay Brothels in Nevada?: Republican State Sen. Ann O'Connell warned last week that a new law legalizing gay sex could bring gay or lesbian brothels to a state that already has legalized prostitution. But gay activists and the prostitution industry say "don't hold your breath." "It's just not something we do," said Judith Corbisiero, a lesbian. "There are women [prostitutes] willing to stay out in the [rural areas where brothels are located] for days on end, but I can't imagine guys doing that," said Rob Schlegel, publisher and editor of Nevada's gay paper, The Bugle. Brothel owners, too, expressed no interest in the idea, albeit in a homophobic manner. "Any embracement of that sort of prostitution whatsoever is repugnant to this industry," said brothel lobbyist George Flint.

Minnesota Social Worker Wannabe Says Anti-Gay Views His Right: Paul Ringsmuth, a Catholic student at St. Cloud State University with anti-gay views, has sued the school for refusing to allow him into its social work program. St. Cloud State does not allow students with expressed biases against particular groups into the program. "If a person's views are diametrically opposed to social work values and ethics, that person should seriously examine whether social work is the right profession," said University of Minnesota professor C. David Hollister in an essay in the St. Cloud Times. "The prevailing view in social work today is that gay and lesbian lifestyles are a normal variation of human behavior and its unfair to discriminate against them." But Ringsmuth says his anti-gay attitudes are his religious right and that they will not prevent him from "effectively working with people with those faults."

The Good Guys Have More Money in Oregon: Opponents of the Oregon Citizens Alliance's anti-gay ballot measures are have raised more than twice as much money as a group supporting the initiatives. Support Our Communities PAC raised over \$80,000 through May 21 to combat the measures, while the No Special Rights Committee reported a total of less than \$40,000. Additionally, the group supporting the measures spent over \$4,000 more than it has raised, while Support Our Communities has a surplus of nearly \$20,000.

Maine School Superintendent Defends "Diversity Day:" Portland, Maine School Superintendent Thomas Edwards was forced to defend a high school program on diversity that featured a workshop with two lesbians. Edwards, who reviewed the transcript from the workshop last month, disagreed with some parents who complained that the lesbians crossed the boundaries of being educational to the point of "promoting" homosexuality. "I'm satisfied that the effort all the presneters put into their workshops were educational," Edwards said. "If my children chose to attend, I would have no problem with it at all."

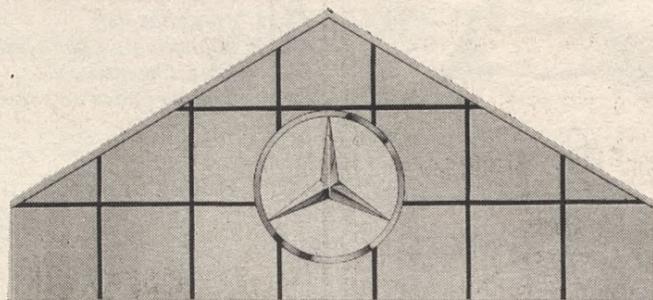
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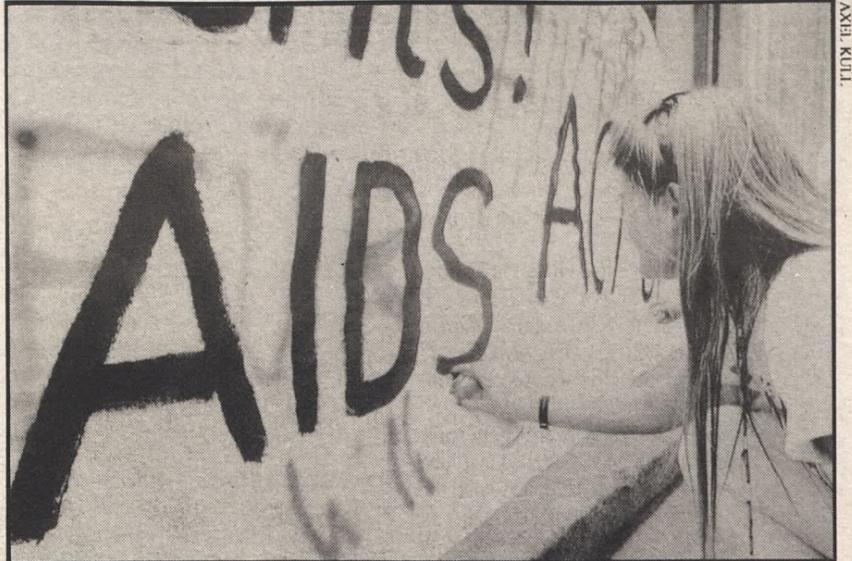
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As the World AIDS Conference got underway in Berlin, this protestor sprays "It's Enough, To Love and Live with AIDS" in front of the Brandenburg Gate.

Dispute over early AZT at World AIDS Conference

Berlin, Germany—A leading American researcher says U.S. doctors will keep prescribing an anti-AIDS drug early on, even though a European study found that it doesn't delay the onset of the disease.

Dr. Paul Volberding of the University of California at San Francisco said other studies suggest that the drug, AZT, remains effective longer if used in the early stages of the disease.

"I would still tend to agree with starting therapy in the asymptomatic phase," Volberding said at a symposium before last week's Ninth International Conference on AIDS in Berlin.

The symposium was sponsored by Burroughs Wellcome Co., the maker of AZT, one of the few drugs available to fight AIDS.

Volberding is the author of the most authoritative study supporting the early use of AZT to slow progression of the disease in patients infected with the AIDS virus. Based on his findings, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the drug's use before symptoms develop. American doctors widely prescribe the drug in the disease's early stages.

That premise was challenged by Dr. Maxime Seligmann of the Saint-Louis Hospital in Paris, whose study of 1,749 users of AZT found that patients who took the drug early were no better off than patients who took it later on.

Because AZT is the primary drug in the battle against AIDS, Seligmann's study, known as the Concorde trial, has provoked sharp debate over American use of the drug.

"There is no simple answer," Seligmann said at the symposium.

Researchers agree that AZT does not prolong patients' lives and is only temporarily effective against AIDS before the human im-

munodeficiency virus that causes the disease quickly becomes resistant to the drug. For that reason, Seligmann said, "you may want to save it for later."

Volberding acknowledged that there was logic to that theory, but said French and American doctors approach medicine differently.

"Americans tend to be more aggressive treaters than the French," he said.

In an update of his study to be presented later this week, Volberding will report that the sooner AZT is taken, the longer it will keep patients from becoming sick.

The results of the Concorde trial were released earlier this year, but Sunday's symposium provided an opportunity for Seligmann and Volberding to air their differences publicly.

"We believe these results do not encourage early use of AZT" to treat AIDS, except perhaps in combination with two other antiviral drugs, ddI and ddC, Seligmann said.

Most doctors are moving in that direction already, Volberding said, as experimental trials of the newer drugs continue.

During the international conference, scientists, activists and people with AIDS will share the latest research.

In related news, Burroughs Wellcome announced that it has modified its program to cap the annual cost of the antiviral medication acyclovir (brand name: Zovirax®) to make the medication more accessible to a broader number of individuals. Eligible patients whose use of Zovirax exceeds a 552 gram cap level will receive their medication, up to an additional 620 grams, at no cost, for the remainder of the 12-month period. The company's price for 552 grams of the medication is approximately \$2000. (AP)

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Ryan White funding hearings set

The Georgia Department of Human Resources will conduct eight public hearings throughout Atlanta to develop the needs assessment for Atlanta's share of the federal government's Ryan White AIDS Care funding. The public is invited to participate and bring their comments on what services are meeting and not meeting their needs in dealing with AIDS.

The hearing schedule is as follows:

Monday, June 21
 9:00 a.m. Southside Healthcare, Inc., 1039 Ridge Ave., Corner of Pryor & Ridge
 7:00 p.m. Southside Healthcare, Inc., 1039 Ridge Ave., Corner of Pryor & Ridge

Tuesday, June 22

6:00 p.m. Casa San Jose (this meeting is in Spanish*), 580 Burroughs Street, SE
 7:00 p.m. T. O. Vinson Health Department, 440 Winn Way, Room 256

Wednesday, June 23

6:00 p.m. Fulton County Health Department, Satellite Clinic, 554 Linden Avenue, Corner of Piedmont & Linden

Thursday, June 24

10:30 a.m. T. O. Vinson Health Dept., 440 Winn Way, Room 256
 7:00 p.m. Doraville City Hall (this meeting is in Spanish*), 3725 Park Avenue

Friday, June 25

2:00 p.m. Grady Hospital, Steiner Auditorium, 68 Armstrong Street

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HEALTH

Bill tightens HIV protection, creates AIDS czar

Atlanta—AIDS activists hailed legislation introduced last week that strengthens the city's policy banning discrimination against employees with HIV/AIDS.

The ordinance, sponsored by City Council members Mary Davis and Brad Pitts and initiated by Council President Marvin Arrington, also establishes a city "AIDS czar" to coordinate the city's response to the continuing health crisis.

AIDS/HIV activists were generally pleased with the ordinance, unveiled at a June 7 press conference, but cautioned that the measures still may not be strong enough.

"On the whole, we're very pleased with it," said Jeff Graham of ACT UP/Atlanta. "But our main recommendation is that the AIDS coordinator position head up a citywide educational effort."

Graham added that he hoped the coordinator would be more than just a figurehead.

"There are already enough bureaucrats sitting around talking about AIDS," he said. "We need an advocate to take the lead in creating an aggressive public education campaign."

Arrington, a possible candidate for mayor, said in explaining why he initiated the bill, that "I want the city of Atlanta to be at the forefront on this particular issue."

"Finding a cure for AIDS remains a mystery, but there's no mystery in how elected officials should respond. Atlanta must take a stand to ensure that all persons are treated fairly."

"This policy will make sure that people throughout city government know and understand HIV/AIDS," said Davis. "We will have an AIDS coordinator who will help us with legislation, who will make sure that our police department understands the issues."

GAPAC lobbyist Larry Pellegrini said that discussions about the city's AIDS policy began in earnest during the 1993 General Assembly session, when a police department lobbyist testified before a House committee in favor of the "arrest and test" bill, which would have given police officers broad latitude to make arrests and order HIV tests.

"The bill said that if you had 'contact'—their word, with no definition—with a police officer, they could arrest you and test you," Pellegrini said. "The police department's representative testified that the bill looked fine to



Council President Marvin Arrington says the city "must take a stand" on AIDS.

him and that the word 'contact' was clear enough."

Pellegrini said that city lobbyist John O'Callahan was able to get clarification on the issue in time for the city to go on record opposing the bill when it reached the Senate, but only after it had passed the House.

"It pointed out that there were times when the lobbyist needed a clear policy in regards to the city's philosophy in order to react quickly," he said.

The new legislation strengthens an administrative order, issued when Andrew Young was mayor, that bars discrimination based on HIV status for city employees and requires educational programs for all employees. It creates the position of AIDS coordinator to serve as liaison between the city and AIDS service organizations and to oversee the city's AIDS policies.

In addition to Arrington, Davis and Pitts, Councilman Bill Campbell and state Rep. Jim Martin attended the press conference in support of the legislation. The measure now goes before the Council's finance, executive and human resource committees and could come before the full Council for a vote as early as June 21.

KC WILDMOON

AIDS Commission: Controversy blocking AIDS education among youth

Washington, DC—Controversy and disagreement in the federal government have blocked effective AIDS education for the nation's youth, the National Commission on AIDS said in a report June 2.

The report said that "the vigorous and unequivocal leadership needed to address the controversy and confusion" of AIDS education has not been provided by the Reagan or Bush administrations or by Congress.

"Years of disagreement at the highest levels of the federal government over the proper messages to give young people have helped to create and perpetuate a national atmosphere of confusion and controversy," the report said.

A lack of agreement about the kind of information to be provided has blocked efforts to provide effective AIDS education in schools, the report said.

"Most adults are uncomfortable with adolescent sexual activity, and many continue to deny the amount and range of adolescent sexual experience, causing those adults to withhold relevant sexuality information from young people," the report said. AIDS preven-

tion programs "have served as a flash point for much of America's anxiety about questions of sexuality," the commission report said.

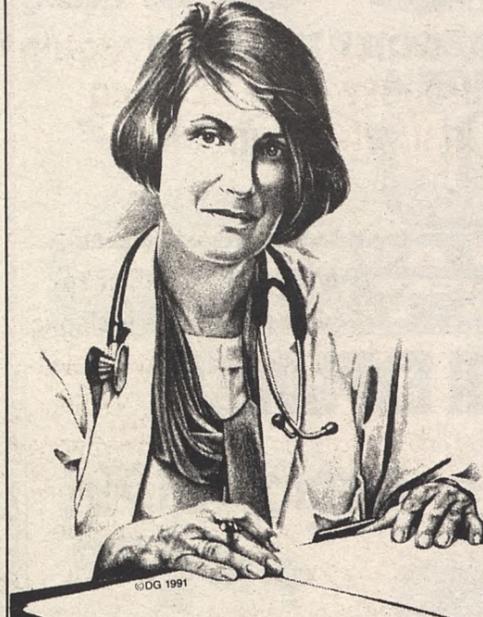
The report said that messages to young people should include information about reducing the risk of infection by the AIDS virus, the use of condoms and about postponing or abstaining from sexual activity as a means of avoiding disease.

Members of the AIDS commission again called for appointment of a national AIDS coordinator, sometimes called an "AIDS czar" and for a national prevention initiative. The commission had made such recommendations in earlier reports. While President Bill Clinton promised during the campaign to appoint an AIDS czar, he has not yet done so.

The new report also called for improved health education in schools and for research on adolescent sexual behavior. It also called for the entertainment industry and the media to develop messages aimed at educating young people about AIDS and about reducing drug use.

The National Commission on AIDS is a 15-member group created to advise Congress and the White House on how the nation should respond to the AIDS epidemic. (AP)

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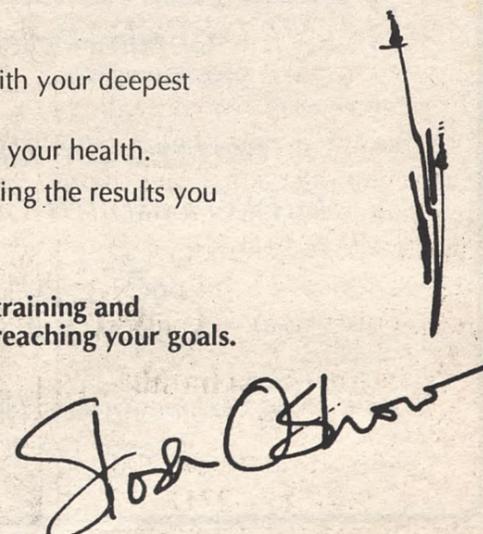
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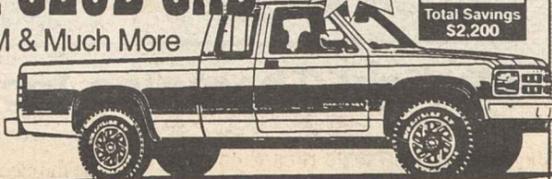
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When you then lose weight, these organs don't just pop back into their rightful locations. You have to strengthen the muscles around them to pull them back to their right spots. Most weight training, abdominal exercises, jogging, or power walking will accomplish this.

Also, when you exercise, you are doing more than just strengthening muscles. You also strengthen all your bodily processes and make these processes more efficient. You absorb calcium better, which strengthens your bones and teeth. You better absorb the vitamins and minerals which will strengthen and protect your eyes, your hearing, your skin and your immune system.

So, how does one start an exercise program? Slowly. First, make sure your doctor is aware that you plan to do something new. Conceivably, there could be reasons you shouldn't.

After informing your doctor, start with something light and brief. The big mistake many people make is to have a hard workout right from the start. Then they are sore and achy for a week, and they never go back. A brisk walk for about a mile would be a good start, and maybe later, adding some carried weights. If you feel comfortable with this distance for a few weeks, start adding a little.

How much will be up to you, but make sure you don't add so much that it becomes a real nasty experience.

If you want to strengthen your gut, consider some sit-ups, but do them correctly. Never pull on your neck, like you used to see, but lay your hands on your chest or stomach. Bend your knees to create less stress on your lower back.

When you first start doing sit-ups, three sets of ten sit-ups is plenty. Every two weeks, if you feel good with them, you can add five sit-ups to each set. How far you go with them is, again, up to you. I do three sets of 35 sit-ups, three times a week. Supposedly, Hershel Walker, the football player, does 5000 per day, so there is a wide range for which you can aim. Just don't make it an unpleasant experience.

If your budget is tight, and you can't afford a gym, you can get a wonderful upper body workout with just a couple of dumbbells. Again, you want to start with light weights, maybe five to fifteen pounds each, and work your way up to heavier weights. If you can find a bench on which to lie, you can do a variety of presses; then, either sitting or standing, you can do a different variety of presses.

If money isn't a problem, go ahead and join a gym and follow the advice of their trainers, but just make sure they don't push you to try too much.

The best benefits of exercise come when you can elevate your heart rate for at least 20 minutes, three times a week, while working your muscles. If you do less, it's still better than not doing anything. If you are able to get out and about, and your doctor doesn't object, you can exercise to some extent to strengthen your body, and a stronger body gives you a better chance of surviving.

New anti-HIV drug to get Atlanta trial

Atlanta, GA—The AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta (ARCA) has been selected to conduct two clinical drug trails which will assess the effectiveness of 3TC, a new investigational drug for the treatment of HIV/AIDS.

3TC is a nucleoside analog similar to AZT. The first trial will compare 3TC alone vs. AZT alone vs. 3TC and AZT in combination. The second trial will compare 3TC (high dose) in combination with AZT vs. 3TC (low dose) in combination with AZT vs. ddC in combination with AZT. (AZT is the current standard of care for HIV disease.) Both trials are 32 weeks in duration.

Dr. Melanie Thompson, an Atlanta physician and ARCA president, said that the trials will determine the effect 3TC has on the CD4 count, which is one measure of the human immune function. In addition, the trials will assess changes in the amount of virus present, evaluate the drug's effect on the development of resistance and provide additional safety data.

ARCA has scheduled two education meetings to inform persons with HIV about 3TC and to discuss the eligibility criteria for enrollment into these trials. Persons interested in participating in either trial must attend one of the following meetings:

- Wednesday, June 16, 6:00 p.m., Crawford Long Hospital, Glenn Auditorium, 25 Prescott Street.
- Thursday, June 17, 6:00 p.m., Grady

Memorial Hospital, Steiner Auditorium, 68 Armstrong Street.

Child care will be available at each meeting site. Patients in need of transportation to the meetings should call ARCA in advance at 876-2317.

ARCA has been allotted 35 patient slots in each trial. There is no financial cost to participants in ARCA trials. Patients must be under the care of an ARCA physician in order to be eligible for enrollment. A list of physicians and clinics eligible to enroll patients may be obtained by calling the ARCA office.

Other criteria for people who want to enroll in the first study include a positive test for HIV, a T-cell count between 200 and 500, no current use of AZT (or less than a total of four weeks of treatment) and no previous or current use of any other anti-HIV medicine, such as ddI, ddC or d4T.

Other criteria for people who want to enroll in the second study include a positive test for HIV, a T-cell count between 100 and 300, current use of AZT and use of AZT for more than a total of 24 weeks and no previous or current use of any other anti-HIV medicine, such as ddI, ddC or d4T.

Glaxo Inc. is sponsoring the trials in conjunction with ARCA and 19 other research facilities throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico. ARCA is a non-profit organization of healthcare providers who conduct clinical trials to find effective drug therapies and ultimately a cure for persons with HIV infection.

We love to fly—and we're queer

Atlanta's Delta lets partners use mileage

Atlanta-based Delta Airlines, historically considered one of the least gay-friendly U.S. carriers, will now allow same-sex couples to transfer frequent flier awards to each other. But, of course, there is a catch.

In Delta's case, the catch is that the two partners have to be legally registered as domestic partners in the city where they live. And that means that gay men and lesbians in only 13 U.S. cities—Atlanta not among them—can take advantage of Delta's offer.

"We simply extended the same rights in those communities where [partnership] is legally recognized," Delta's spokesman, Neil Monroe, told Southern Voice.

Previously, free tickets obtained through Delta's frequent flier program could only be used by the people who did the flying or their family members, which included spouses, children, parents and siblings. Monroe said partners were added in response to a number of requests that came out of New York City, where gay and lesbian couples can legally register as partners.

Monroe said Delta decided to limit the transfer policy to legally-registered partners because the company would have no way of documenting whether the people transferring tickets were in a relationship. He said the company has "no intention" of coming up with any mechanism to broaden the inclusion of partners.

In addition to New York, the only cities in the United States that allow same-sex couples to register as partners are Washington D.C.; Minneapolis; Seattle; Los Angeles; San Francisco; Ithaca, N.Y.; Tacoma Park, Md.; Ann Arbor, Mich.; Madison, Wisc.; and Berkeley, West Hollywood and Laguna Beach, Calif.

Both the Atlanta City Council and the Fulton County Commission are considering legislation that would establish domestic partnership registries for city and county residents. Atlanta and Fulton residents would be able to take advantage of Delta's new transfer policy if that legislation passes.

Delta's rules regarding transfer of frequent flier tickets are among the most strict in the airline industry, and Monroe says the company

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Despite its new policy on frequent flier mileage, Delta has a mixed record on gay and lesbian concerns.

Gays and lesbians in industry don't find skies so friendly

"I hear you don't like men," a company official said to Sheila, (not her real name) a new pilot at Eastern Express, an affiliate of now-defunct Eastern Airlines. "I want you to know that if we find out that's true, you won't make it in this company."

This was just the beginning of an extended, abusive "hazing" period for the new pilot, an experience she says would not have been so cruel—if she weren't a lesbian. But Sheila was powerless to fight the situation because Eastern

had no policy addressing anti-gay discrimination and no structure to deal with anti-gay harassment.

Sheila's experience is an unpleasant reminder of the precarious nature of lesbians and gays in the airline industry. Although gays and lesbians have traditionally played highly visible roles in the industry, most of them work with little or no protection from discrimination and must accept benefits unequal to those of their heterosexual counterparts. Only recently has the industry begun taking steps toward promoting tolerance and equality for gay and lesbian employees.

Lesbians and gay men report various degrees of acceptance in the industry. The gay flight attendants interviewed for this story reported fewer encounters with homophobia than those who work in other areas. Many of these flight attendants said the stereotypical image of the gay male flight attendant actually works in their favor. People *expect* to see gay people working the aisles, so it's not a problem.

Gay people in other positions are more likely to feel the need to remain closeted. "Cockpits are heavily influenced by the military aspect," explained Sheila, the pilot. "It's probably the most conservative job in the most conservative industry in the U.S. It's real hard."

When it comes to the corporate structure, however, it doesn't seem to matter whether you're a flight attendant, pilot or senior vice president. Nearly all the U.S. airlines have the same policy when it comes to lesbians and gays—none. Most airlines have a written policy that forbids discrimination based on gender, race

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BIRTHDAYS

Hey Bon. Happy 50th birthday. I Love You. Your girl, Al.

Happy Birthday to Beau Rothrock on June 16. Beau is the very cute (we verified this in person) bartender at The Country Place who will be turning 26 this year. These special wishes come from his friend Michael Hagan and from all of us in the Occasions Department.

Happy Belated Birthday to Joan Garner (June 7) from Annie Archbold.

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Happy anniversary to Nancy and Susan Astarte on June 16. These two ladies held their Tryst (Pagan marriage ceremony) four years ago and have been in complete bliss ever since. We're happy for you and wish



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you continued success and happiness.

EDUCATIONAL OCCASIONS

A gathering of friends was held in honor of Virginia Willis, who will be attending culinary school in Bethesda, Md. beginning July 5. The party was held at the home of her friends Evan Bernstein and Craig Hawkins and was catered by Ms. Willis (practicing already) and a wonderful and queer time was had by all. Best wishes to you, Virginia.

Congratulations to Cynthia Cole, who was accepted into the New York University School of Photography to work on her masters degree.

David van der Griff called us from Tuscaloosa, Ala., to let us know he has been chosen as a CORO fellow. The CORO Foundation for Public Affairs conducts this program to groom the nation's business people to be more effective leaders. With this honor, David will be joining the ranks of many prestigious public figures, one of whom is Senator Diane Feinstein. David will begin his work in this program in August and will be moving to San Francisco for the duration of his studies. Congratulations, David, and keep us posted on your progress.

MARK du PONT

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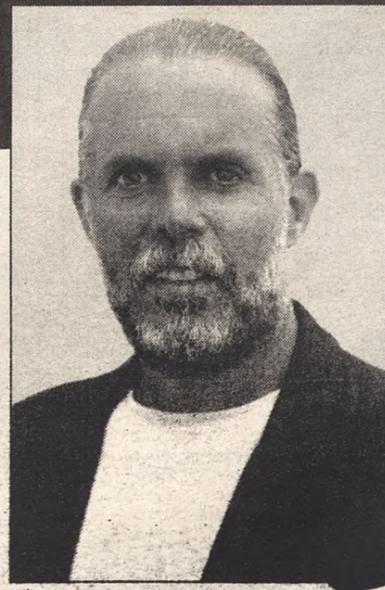
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GUEST EDITORIAL

Slavish devotion to establishment like Mad Hatter's tea party

by MARVIN LIEBMAN

At a time which presents us with our greatest challenges and opportunities, the gay and lesbian community finds itself in gay gridlock.

We, who have always been outside the straight establishment, now find ourselves captives of an establishment and bureaucracy we created—the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and such satellite groups as the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, the Campaign For Military Service, Coalition '93 and countless others. With only rare exceptions, this powerful establishment has become the captive apologist for the Democratic Party and its leader, President Bill Clinton.

Candidate Bill Clinton pledged to lift the ban on gays in the military the day after he took office. Any one of our organizations had months to prepare for two possible alternatives—Clinton reneging on his pledge or the political flack which was sure to follow if such an order was signed. What was prepared? Nothing. It was as if the entire gay establishment were taken completely by surprise.

The Christian right produced and circulated a videotape last year, "The Gay Agenda." It has become a powerful weapon, with tens of thousands of copies distributed throughout America's heartland. They are producing and distributing other tapes, including a slick new video which dwells on the most negative aspects of the March on Washington. This was produced only days after the March was over, and it is being distributed in every state. What have we produced and circulated which is remotely comparable?

The gay and lesbian civil rights bill has been before Congress since 1976. In spite of millions of dollars raised and contributed (mostly to Democratic politicians), and with a Democratic majority in both Houses, where does the legislation stand now? In spite of dozens of additional Congressional co-sponsors, it is still years away from passage. What have the millions of dollars bought for our community? Not very much.

The great 1993 March On Washington took more than two years to prepare with endless meetings, discussions and agendas. Most of the establishment organizations par-

The gay and lesbian civil rights bill has been before Congress since 1976. In spite of millions of dollars raised and contributed (mostly to Democratic politicians), and with a Democratic majority in both Houses, where does the legislation stand now? In spite of dozens of additional Congressional co-sponsors, it is still years away from passage. What have the millions of dollars bought for our community?
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ticipated in the planning. It was a terrific party for those who attended, but where were the political leaders who were the beneficiaries of our contributions? The President was nowhere to be seen. And where were the celebrities? With Hollywood's new interest in the White House, one would think that our organizations could come up with a few more celebrities than the three or four that appeared. And, in the end, what was accomplished by all this effort? Not very much.

Our community is under attack from all quarters. The self-anointed "Christian" right have declared open war on us. They are joined by right-wing Republicans such as Jesse Helms, Oliver North and Pat Buchanan. The Democratic Party is represented by the anti-gay Sen. Sam Nunn (and his new-found and already rejected ally, Rep. Barney Frank) rather than the President who seems to have weakened in his pledged commitment to equal rights for gays. Our military, led by anti-gay Gen. Colin Powell, has been permitted and invited by the commander-in-chief to enter the political arena.

The forces arrayed against us are formidable. Their attack is increasing in power and virulence. What positive action is our establishment taking to counter them other than reacting to each new blow? The only response from our mainstream gay and lesbian organizations seems to be to hold more black-tie fund-raisers to support Democratic

candidates. It's all rather like the Mad Hatter's tea party.

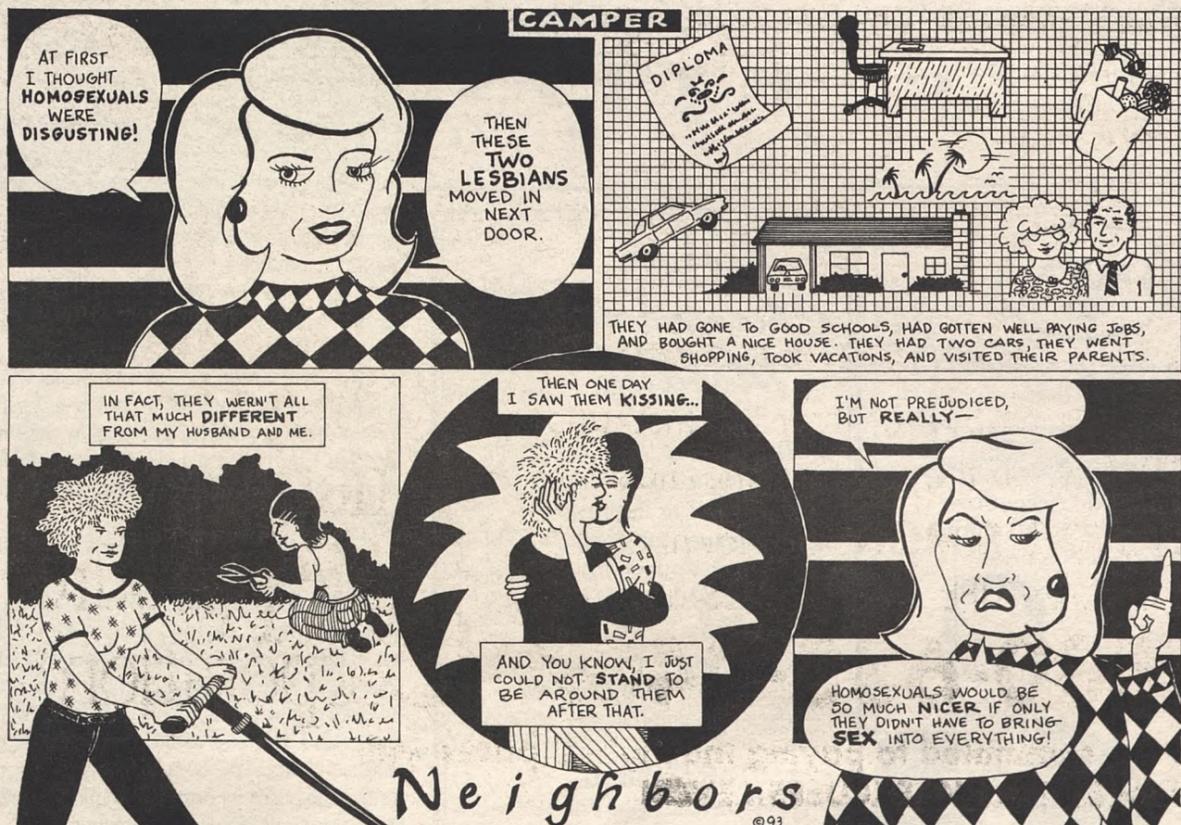
I believe that the majority of the gay community has lost confidence in our establishment organizations, and the organizations seem to have lost touch with their own constituency. We are a widely diverse and multi-faceted community. Yet, our major organizations are still mostly white, male, liberal Democrats and contemptuous of those parts of our community which may somehow shock or frighten the straight world and those of us still hiding in the closet—our leather queens, bull dykes, drag queens, transvestites and just ordinary queers who never wear ties, dresses, tuxedos or gowns.

On the sidelines so far, we have the gay and lesbian Republicans, represented by the national Log Cabin Clubs (of which I am a member) and the newly-organized lobbying group, Log Cabin Republicans, which I serve as chair. In spite of a national membership and chapters throughout the country, we have not yet been able to establish a presence in Washington. However perverse and bizarre it may appear, though, it is this group that probably represents one of the best hopes for our community's future.

Having obligations to noone, gay Republicans can exert a powerful role in articulating our positions and pointing a finger at the politicians of both parties and at our own establishment organizations. We have the capacity to be a force for change in both the Republican Party and the gay community. However, gay Republicans must prove that we have the courage and resources to take center stage. There are many, many gay Republicans throughout the country and in Congress who remain in the closet. If we are to make a difference, they must join with me and the other men and women of Log Cabin and publicly come out and take their part in the battle for our very lives.

Our community has been placed in a dangerous and unreasonable position by this blind adherence to a party and a President who have given us only a few crumbs and not much more. This represents an historically dangerous path for our community. Wouldn't it be wise to hedge our bets a bit?

Marvin Liebman, one of the founders of the modern conservative movement, is chairman of the Log Cabin Republicans.



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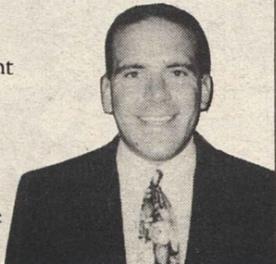
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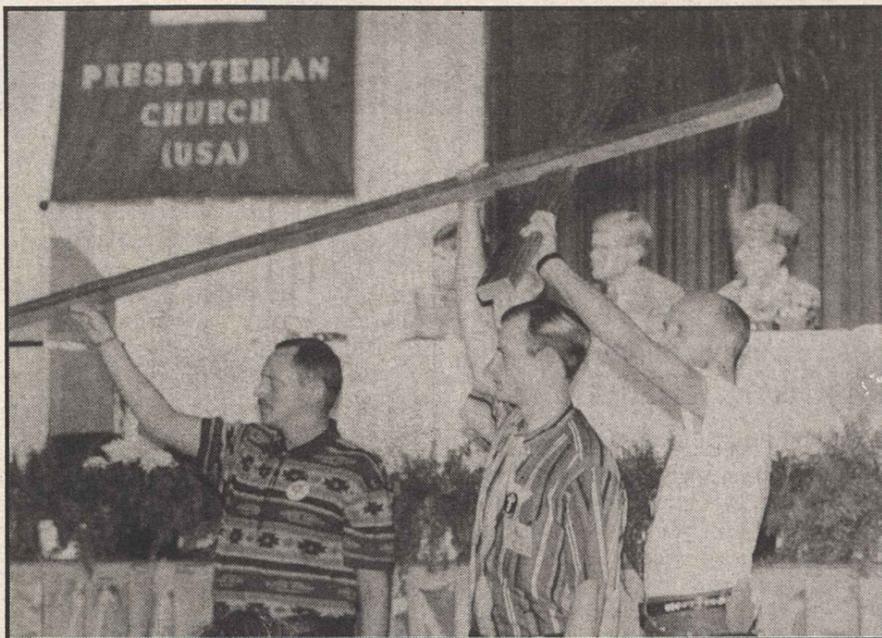
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Supporters of gay/lesbian clergy hold a cross during a protest at the Presbyterian Church's convention in Orlando.

Presbyterians struggle over lesbian/gay issues

Orlando, FL—The turmoil within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) over what role lesbians and gays should play in church life came center stage last week as the church's General Assembly gathered in Orlando.

Despite pleas from gays and lesbians within the church to repeal a ban on openly gay clergy, the church's Committee on Human Sexuality, which has been studying the role of gays in the church, decided instead that what Presbyterians needed was still more study.

The committee recommended a three-year, churchwide look at the role of sexuality as it relates to membership, ministry and ordination within the church. But the committee also recommended that closeted gays and lesbians within the church, including clergy, would be able to participate in the study without

a fear that their sexual orientation would be used against them.

The study came at the request of more than 30 regional church groups—some opposing the ban and some wanting the church to take an even stronger stand against the integration of lesbian and gay Presbyterians into church life. But some gay activists were not pleased by the committee's recommendation, which keeps the ban in place for three years while the study of the issue continues.

"We feel we are being sold down the drain again," said Rev. Howard Warren of Presbyterian ACT UP.

Rev. Jane Spahr, the lesbian minister whose appointment as pastor of a church in upstate New York was revoked last year by the Presbyterian Church's top judicial body, said the church should lift the ban on gay clergy, then study the issue.

"Let's study together, but let's rescind this rule that keeps us divided," she said.

What happened to Spahr last year has helped galvanize gay and lesbian Presbyterians. Though parishioners called her to be the pastor of a church in Rochester, N.Y. knowing full well that she was openly lesbian, a church court ruled that she could not take the post because church law does not allow gays and lesbians to serve as ordained ministers unless they "repent of homosexual practice."

In 1991, the General Assembly, overturning the report of a task force that recommended that gays and lesbians be ordained, affirmed past church statements that declared that being gay or lesbian "is not God's wish for humanity."

Rev. David Lee Dobler, newly elected as moderator of the church (its top leadership position), said he thinks that church should take a moderate stand, expressing compassion toward

gays and lesbians but keeping the ban on them serving as clergy.

"I believe that the middle will hold on this," Dobler said. "There are voices on the edges that our Lord and we need to hear, but we don't have to be driven by them."

One of those voices belongs to Tom Edwards, one of the authors of a

document called the Princeton Declaration, signed by a group of Presbyterians who believe the church should be less tolerant of gays and lesbians.

"For 205 years, the Presbyterian Church has maintained a clear Biblical witness," Edwards said. "If we set this aside, the Presbyterian Church will say the authority of scripture is secondary. The world will decide and tell us what is right. And that's a very scary thing."

During the General Assembly's stay in Orlando, Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns held a spirited worship service, complete with the singing of "She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain."

Lisa Larges of San Francisco told the audience that it was not enough for the church to welcome gays and lesbians while refusing to ordain them.

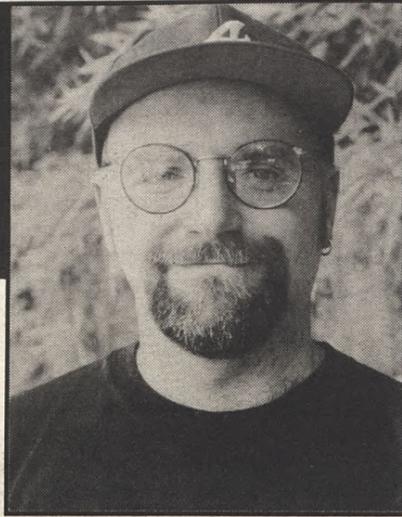
"As a church, we cling to the false hope that we can offer love without justice," she said.

During one Assembly session, a group of protestors stood in front of the stage at the convention carrying a cross. And although the church didn't change its stand, delegates did give a group of gay-positive supporters a standing ovation after they made an impassioned plea for the delegates to reverse the clergy ban. (AP)

PETER COSKROVE

Southern Queer-ies

by AL COTTON



Close Shave

As you can tell by the new picture immediately to your right, I have pared down, at least for the summer, the beard that I have worn for almost 15 years into the mustache-goatee-and-sideburns look that is so hip and trendy nowadays.

One of my favorite witticisms (which I came up with before "Steel Magnolias"—I have witnesses) is that the secret to being successfully gay is the ability to accessorize an outfit. Well, the biological corollary to this for gay men is that facial hair is the primal accessory. And having watched friends significantly overuse that accessory over the years, I have long chuckled at the eagerness of some gay men to "redo" their faces every month.

Legend has it that in more primitive times (i.e., the 70s), every time a gay man stopped getting laid, he would change his look and immediately attract an entire new set of randy acquaintances. I, however, considered myself above changing my appearance to attract men. I secretly hoped that by maintaining my hirsute integrity, regardless of season or job, that I might single-handedly eradicate this sexually-desperate-flighty-queen aspect of the gay male archetype. But alas, I too have surrendered to fashion.

Seriously, my issues around shaving go way back. I never got hooked into the shaving mystique—watching Dad in the bathroom didn't entrance me. And being a stubborn Taurus, when puberty arrived, I was in no mood for my body to change. And because I was an "early bloomer" and was taunted about that, I loathed shaving. Having to shave to keep people from making fun of me made it feel all the more oppressive.

And coming of age in the 70s, when sideburns and Fu Manchus were in full flower, I developed an attraction to facial hair that holds me in its grasp to this day. As an eighth grader in band, I remember when Johnny, the senior drummer, was forced to cut his cheek-length sideburns. Johnny got out a ruler to make sure he cut off as little as necessary and grew a beard the next summer that looked ten times better. To this day, I remain surprised that I never considered changing instruments, and I am an absolute sucker (pun intended) for men with full beards.

So why did I relent and reaccessorize? Well, I've always been intrigued by exotic facial hair, having lusted after men with goatees and big mustaches for as long as I've been lusting. And the clean-shaven look is significantly cooler in the summer. And I've been going through tons of changes lately—new job, new car, new house, to name three. This look promised to be 1) neater, 2) cooler, 3) different and 4) trendy. So I bit.

But when to do the deed? My choice of Friday, May 28 was very carefully timed. Astrologically, the sun had moved into my ascendant sign Gemini—the perfect time to change the face that I present to the world. Even more important, doing it on the Friday before Memorial Day gave me three days' regrowth time in case of a facial disaster. I fought off the almost overwhelming impulse to have John, my barber (or is that facial redecorator?), do the initial cut, reasoning that if I'm going to be trimming this thing,

then I'd better start getting some practice.

So with enormous trepidation, I got home Friday night and hauled out the mirror. Of course, it would require at least an hour of tedious trimming, I thought, envisioning myself cutting seven hairs off the left side, then five off the right, and so on until I balanced out to a completely bald face. So how long did it really take? Fifteen minutes.

I immediately ran out to the bar as soon as I was finished, a kid with a new toy. Having my first clean-shaven cheek since coming out, I immediately sought out a bearded friend to nuzzle against, finally experiencing that oft-rhapsodized-about sensation of having a man's beard brush your cheek. To quote a famous soup commercial, "Umm-mmmm, good!"

Anxious for more validation, I cornered a friend who sees me regularly both in the bar and in the light of day, casually asking him, "Notice anything different?" He looked briefly and said, "Oh, you got your ear pierced," which I did in 1987. That prepared me for the reaction I would hear from my boss, two fellow employees and three other friends—"You got a haircut. Didn't you?" The only people who notice are facial redecorators, men for whom facial hair is a primary fetish and men especially attentive to detail. And, of course, my lesbian Realtor, God bless her.

So, the sum total of my wisdom about this tonsorial adventure is that I did lots of needless obsessive worrying. I thought I would botch the entire process of carving a goatee out of a beard, but it went fine. I thought I would hate shaving, but, so far, it's no big deal. I thought that trendy facial hair might not fly at work, but so far, half of my co-workers have yet to notice. I'll admit, I had hoped that hordes of men who usually overlook me in bars would now be irresistibly be attracted to my new look, but they just keep walking right on by. (Though there was that one guy in Kroger yesterday...)

I'll leave it to you, gentle reader, to peruse the above picture and determine if I've 1) made a horrible fashion choice, 2) surrendered to a soon-to-be-passe trend, 3) improved my looks a hundredfold or 4) taken a molehill of a change and projected it into a mountain of obsession. (Personally, I vote for number 4, hoping that number 3 comes in a close second.)

But these are subjective judgments. The one objective result is that I've unstuck myself from one more situation where I had resisted change, just on the principle of always resisting change. How many times do we have to learn a lesson before we learn it?

And finally, I've gotten my SoVo likeness out of that stuffy leather jacket for the summer.

L E T T E R S

Don't ask, don't tell? No way

To The Editor:

As a lesbian convinced of the importance of living a life of integrity, I strongly disagree with the "don't ask, don't tell" philosophy regarding the ban on gays and lesbians in the military.

I want to briefly explain why I feel it is critical to tell the truth about our sexual orientation. Some people ask, "Why do you have to make it such an issue?" I'm hoping an analogy is the best way to address this question. Many analogies could be used. I have chosen the following for the sake of simplicity.

You are the only Jewish person in a room full of Christians (or vice versa). Because of your mere presence in the room, all of the Christians assume, you too, are Christian. You spend the entire day with people who make references to Christianity throughout the day. You realize the Christians think you are relating to everything they say. The truth is, you don't. You don't have anything against Christians, their beliefs are fine for them, and you're okay with that. But as the day gets long, you feel a gnawing deep inside that you are not being honest with these people or yourself. Now, multiply this expe-

rience of one day by thousands of days. It's not that you want to make it an issue that you are not a Christian or make it an issue that you are Jewish. It's simply that something deep inside you desires to tell the truth. After a while, you begin to realize that by keeping secret that you are Jewish, and perhaps even pretending to be a Christian, you are damaging your integrity. Each day you live this lie, you are denying the truth about how you truly think and feel.

And so it is with being gay. Society generally assumes people are heterosexual. It is not our desire to make an issue out of being lesbian or gay. "Coming out" is an act of honor. To honor oneself is to express one's truth. We must be allowed to tell.

Closets are always dark, and in the darkness we cannot see. For those still in the closet, I invite you to come out into the light. We need the light to see more clearly, to have good vision. We need the light to see how beautiful we truly are.

If the final proposal from Congress is "don't ask, don't tell," I urge all lesbians and gays: "Don't give up. Stand up."

Stand up for truth, love and integrity in your life, so we can live in a world where diversity has no power to separate, and telling the truth will set all people free.

Melinda J. Byrne

C A R B O N C O P Y

Mr. Dick Williams
The Atlanta Journal/
The Atlanta Constitution
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Dear Dick:

Your May 29 article attacking the appointment of Roberta Achtenberg was very indicative of your homophobia. If this were the early 1960s and the issue was a black man being appointed to a high government post, you could easily change Roberta Achtenberg's name to a black man's name, change homosexual to Negro and submit the article for publication.

Your remark about being willing to tolerate gays but reserving the right to withhold approval of our "sexual choices" is revealing of your lack of knowledge of the subject. Being gay is as innate as the color of one's skin. And if you are disgusted by the way God made us, well then, you should know that your heterosexual tendencies don't exactly thrill me, either. But, at the same time, I am not going to let gays nor anyone else deprive you of your civil liberties just because you are different from me. Some people balk at the comparison of gay civil rights to racial civil rights. But I say that gay civil rights are even more significant than racial civil rights because gays and lesbians cross all races, religions, professions, all credos of any kind. That was never more apparent than at the March On Washington this past April.

Instead of claiming that Ms. Achtenberg is "hiding behind accusations of bigotry," you should be commending her for her honesty and bravery. Your suggestion of her flaunting her sexuality just because she kissed her spouse in public is indicative of your intense bigotry toward the issue and disqualifies you from making a sound, unbiased observation. We [who are] gay are guilty of nothing more than trying to be ourselves when making public displays of affection. And excuse us if our "shouts" for our civil liberties are a little deafening at times, but it's been difficult getting your attention.

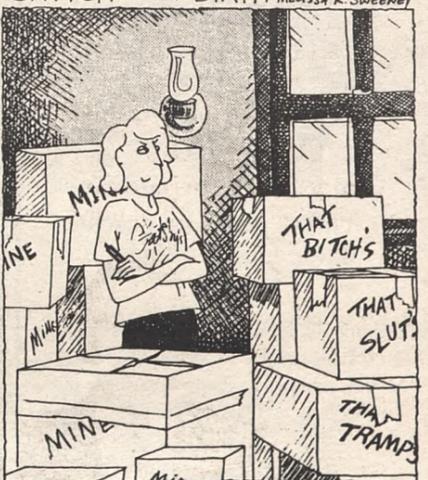
Your inference that a "don't ask, don't tell" compromise on admitting open homosexuals into the military [would be acceptable] is a contradiction in terms. While gays and lesbians have been minding their own business and "not telling" their sexuality,

Uncle Sam has spent millions of tax dollars spying on us and dragging us out of the closet. Suggesting that we compromise in such a way would be like saying Rosa Parks can sit only half-way towards the front of the bus. If discrimination against qualified blacks in the military is wrong, then so it is wrong to exclude qualified gays and lesbians.

Regarding the boycotting of the Boy Scouts of America: The last time I checked, Dick, this is an acceptable legal tool to cast a vote in our democracy. Here, again, you infer that gays are not moral. That is really unfair, Dick, and I think you probably know it. I have been gay and Christian all of my life. I attend The Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta along with countless other gays there who are active, caring people. I witness gays banding together to help sick people through Project Open Hand, but most importantly, I, like others in the gay community, am trying to pave a better future for those gays who have to come after us. And that, to me, Dick, is the morally right thing to do. The real tragedy in the Boy Scouts are the gay youngsters [in the Boy Scouts] who are deprived of role models who can accept them for who they are.

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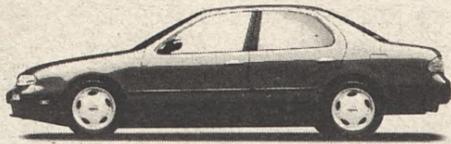
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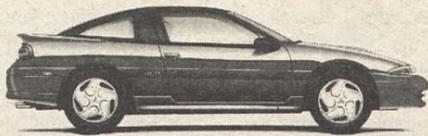
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EYE ON THE MILITARY

Thousands of pink balloons emblazoned with the message "Lift the Ban" greeted Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Colin Powell last week as he delivered the commencement address at Harvard University. And hundreds of students and faculty members stood and turned their backs on the general when he received an honorary law degree.

Powell, who has made it clear that he opposes allowing openly gay personnel in the military, spoke only briefly during his 24-minute address about the issue, saying that "we're near a solution," and that "whatever is decided, the decision will be faithfully executed to the very best of our ability."

A student speaker at the ceremonies, graduate student Bhaswati Bhattacharya, spoke to the gays in the military issue as well, urging her classmates to "find the strength to question the tradition that gay men and lesbians have not been freely allowed to serve in the armed forces merely because they are different."

"Remember that it is the blind following tradition that has been used as an excuse for injustice and many of today's problems in society," she said.

Bhattacharya's speech was greeted with wild cheers, according to the New York Times, and Powell congratulated her at its conclusion.

General violates code of conduct

While much of the gay debate has centered on conduct—that sodomy violates the military's code of conduct—a two-star Air Force general is now under investigation for breaking another section of that code. At a speech in the Netherlands on May 24, Maj. Gen. Harold N. Campbell allegedly characterized President Clinton as "pot-smoking," "draft-dodging," "womanizing," and "gay-loving." Campbell is now being investigated for violating Article 88 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice that a commissioned officer who uses "contemptuous words" against the President will be subject to court martial.

Military apologists cited the incident as "symptomatic" of the problems between the president and the military.

"I don't think there's ever been a parallel to this," said Northwestern University professor Charles Moskos, who is frequently quoted as vehemently opposing gays in the military. "This should be a signal to the administration that something needs to be done."

But not everyone pointed fingers at the administration. "I don't care if he's a Democrat or a Republican, once he's in he's commander in chief, and we salute smartly," said a senior Air Force officer who asked not to be identified to the Washington Post.

Conservative Republican on our side

Opponents of the military ban have received a huge boost from an unlikely source—former U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee chairman Barry Goldwater, an Arizona Republican and conservative senior statesman. Goldwater, who earlier this year requested to testify before Georgia U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn's hearings on the issue but was denied, wrote in an editorial in the June 10 Washington Post that the ban is "just plain un-American."

"The conservative movement, to which I subscribe, has as one of its basic tenets the belief that government should stay out of people's private lives," wrote the 1964 Republican presidential candidate. "Government governs best when it governs least—and stays out of the impossible task of legislating morality. But legislating someone's version of reality is exactly what we do by perpetuating discrimination against gays."

Goldwater also decried the "don't ask, don't tell" compromise touted by Nunn and others, writing that it "doesn't deal with the issue, it tries to hide it."

Goldwater, who was a fighter pilot in World War II, called the ban a "charade," and said that concerns about morality were unfounded.

"If I were in the Senate today, I would rise on the Senate floor in support of our commander in chief," he said. "He may be a



According to the military's code of conduct, Maj. Gen. Harold N. Campbell is subject to court martial for using "contemptuous words" against the President.

Democrat, but he happens to be right on this question."

Farley case to remain closed

The case of Robert Farley, a former Marine who said he was drummed out of the service on false charges that he is gay, will remain closed, military officials said last week. The Marines refused to reopen the case, citing only discharge papers that claim he was "belligerent toward his superiors."

"As far as the Marine Corps is concerned, the case is closed," said Chief Warrant Officer Bill Wright.

Discharges

Navy Lt. Zoe Dunning was recommended for discharge on June 10 by a three-officer panel. Dunning made public her lesbianism in January at a rally in San Francisco and told reporters after the panel's ruling that she was "being persecuted for simply who I am."

And James Belangia, an ROTC student at the University of South Carolina who came out earlier this year, appeared before at a hearing convened last week to determine whether he should be booted from the program. Belangia said that the hearing was not about his homosexuality but rather about charges that he missed classes and drills.

Belangia said he missed the classes because of threats and harassment, and that ROTC officials told him not to discuss his sexual orientation or they would convene a separate hearing to force him out on that issue.

"In a way, it was very smart the way they did it," he said. "They just said, 'He did not attend field training.'"

Belangia said they left it up to him to explain that he didn't attend drill because he received threats to "kill the faggot."

The board will make a ruling sometime this week on Belangia's status.

Mickey Day—The Final Interview

Last May, I was working on a story for Pride Week about diversity in our community. One of the categories the editor insisted upon filling was "Drag Queen."

Who better to interview than Michael Mellene—much better known as Mickey Day, Empress de Atlanta, an entertainer and community figure for the past 21 years. We'd known each other for years, and as Mickey put it, "ask anything honey, I can always talk."

I had no way of knowing that this would be his final interview. On July 13, 1992 Mickey died of liver problems, just weeks shy of his 49th birthday. I have donated the tape and a full transcript to the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay History Thing. Here, for the record, are a few of his last insights.

MARIA HELENA DOLAN



Mickey Day

I enjoy living my days as a guy. When I work and when I perform, then I'm a girl. I do go out to parties, I don't go out to the clubs any more, ever since I gave up drinking a year ago. The smoke and the bar crowd are kind of different when you look at it from that aspect, when you're sober, and everyone else is partying and having a good time. I think I've just gotten older with it. This year it'll be 30 years with female impersonation.

Our city has grown so big, since I've been here...I really believe our community has to move with progress, too. If we can just get our government to go along with it!

You know, we're not just going to lay back like we did 20 years ago. We're here, we're here to stay, and part of 1992, '93, '94, etc. on. You know, as a group. The state doesn't have any business knowing about it. That's just something we'll have to overcome, over time. We've overcome a lot of stuff.

For instance, in the "bad old days," Drag Queens were taboo. They would take you to jail over anything. Over anything. First of all, well, we had to wear three pieces of male clothing under our costume.

Then you had to pull your wigs off, after every show, to show that you were a man—you couldn't use your own hair. Had to have a wig on. These are such silly rules. But I remember those, back in Indiana and Ohio...

Indiana is where I got started. I was in my first year at Indiana University, and a very good friend of mine, Bobby Bryner and I were kind of having a hard time keeping tuitions up, and we both had realized we were gay and homosexual about our Junior year in high school... We got a job at the Club Betty K, at 1808 North Central Avenue—I'll never forget that address as long as I live—as female impersonators on the weekend. We worked Friday night and Saturday night, and that's how we made our tuition money. That's how I went to work for the airlines, and Bobby went on to another career.

We had gone to a club, and Chris Cross was there. And they had this contest. So they talked me into entering this contest, see. Well I did, and won, and the prize was a week's paid salary to perform there. So I did it, and kind of liked it, and got lots of applause. So I started getting a little more into it. I was still working for the airlines, and I said, "Well, one of 'em I've got to give up." So I said, "So long wings, hello wigs."

I had not gotten in touch with home, because of working weekends and going to school and all this, oh in several months, and they were concerned. Bobby's parents and my parents were good friends. So, they said, "Bobby said he's working in a restaurant on Central Street"—well, little was it a restaurant!

We're sitting out there, and if you've ever seen me do The Hiccup Number, where I have a face painted on my stomach, and I'm out there doing this number, and you look up and there they are! I remember running back to the dressing room and asking Bobby, "Mom and Dad's here, what're we gonna do?" I said, it's too late, now we can't get out, 'cuz they didn't have a

back door in the dressing room.

And so, there came a knock on the dressing room door. They said "Michael, are you back there?" I said yeah.

"Your father and I would like you to come home this evening, we'd like to talk to you."

So I went home and my mother sat on the couch, and I sat in a chair, and my dad paced around the living room. And she asked me a million and one questions. My father... said, "That's enough!! Michael, come here." And I thought, "Oh Lord, he's gonna beat me to death!"

But he said, "There are just three things we ask of you: choose your friends very carefully; if you ever need us, do not fail to call us; and your home is always your home, and we love you."

I almost went to pieces, I couldn't believe it. We (Drag Queens) were low men on the totem pole. You know, we were the last ones to be invited, we were the last ones to be accepted. But we were the first ones to call on to raise money. And most every one of us said yes, and never said no. I couldn't tell you, in the 21 years I've been here, how many benefits I've done. But I'm sure it's in the hundreds. And proud of each and every one of them because it was for a good cause.

Back before we had a lot of professional female impersonators—I'm not talking about the Club Centaur or Billy Jones or Desiree or any of those, I'm talking about—most of it was camp female impersonation, camp drag. The Armory was really a stepping stone for that, a bigger stepping stone was the Armorettes, who're infamous. And then, sooner or later, we became involved with fundraisers. I'm still an Armorette, and I'm proud of it!

Last year [1991], we raised over \$20,000 for the emergency relief fund for AIDS. That's mainly our pet. 'Cuz that's how we crown our Homecoming Queen—whoever raises the most money. You know, the Queen to get them out there, to get that drive going.

But I think camp drag is just as much if not more fun, than professional. Because professional is just that, it's just that you're being paid, you have to go out and make sure you satisfy an audience. Whereas with camp, you can lay back and enjoy yourself, make them laugh with you as they laugh at you.

Atlanta's got a big gay community out there. A lot of them choose just to live quietly, and fine, that's their choice. But on Pride Day, I wish everyone would come out. I was quite thrilled with the turnout we had last year. Although I'd only been out of the hospital four days, I made that parade.

And I'll make this one this year. I feel like this: I'm not just parading for myself. I'm parading for my gay brothers and sisters.

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and religious or ethnic background, but they don't include sexual orientation. Only one major U.S. carrier—United Airlines—includes sexual orientation in its written policy. One other airline, Northwest, says it is considering adding sexual orientation to its discrimination policy.

For their part, some airline spokespersons said that a bias-free workplace is a priority. "We believe that our employees, regardless of sexual orientation, deserve to work free of harassment and with dignity," said Richard Danforth of Continental Airlines.

This sentiment echoes the thoughts of airlines like American and USAir, who stated flat out that discrimination based on sexual orientation just isn't a problem. According to a TWA official, gay issues "never arise in the workplace." But these claims ring hollow for lesbian and gay airline employees who have looked to their employers for written policies protecting them from harassment and discrimination.

The airlines score even more poorly when it comes to spousal benefits such as health care and "buddy" or "companion" passes for free flights. No major U.S. airlines provide health care for "non-traditional" domestic partners. Only Continental, TWA and USAir make companion passes available. Southwest Airlines did not return repeated phone calls.

Of all the U.S. carriers, Atlanta-based Delta has received perhaps the worst press regarding lesbian and gay issues. In 1991, the airline was accused of asking illegal interview questions—including questions about sexual orientation—during interviews with former Pan Am employees after Delta bought many of Pan Am's assets. Delta later agreed to settle a case brought against it, in which the defendant claimed that Delta fired him on the basis of sexual orientation and his perceived HIV status, but Delta has continued to deny any wrongdoing.

What about the customer side? When asked if Delta had any sensitivity training to help employees deal with lesbians and gay customers, Neil Monroe asked, "Why would there be a need for it?" A few minutes later, though, he telephoned to inform us that there has been training to sensitize "public contact" employees to lesbian and gay concerns. Although this may just be a response to criticism, it nevertheless puts Delta ahead of many carriers.

Delta's case is unique because reports of harassment usually involve co-workers rather than the company itself. But airline companies are by nature slow at responding to such complaints, if they do at all. It reportedly took American Airlines two years to issue an internal memo condemning anti-gay graffiti that appeared in some of its cargo holds as early as 1990.

None of the major airlines have responded to anti-gay harassment with any sort of sensitivity training to encourage understanding of lesbian and gay co-workers. Mike Mitchell of America West Airlines pointed out, however, that their company has presented a video about

working with HIV-positive employees.

In defense of the airlines, many employees interviewed, particularly flight attendants, said that they don't feel discriminated against. But there is little recourse for those employees who do experience discrimination.

Representatives of some airline unions say they are not surprised by the airlines' reluctance to deal with gay issues.

"They don't like anything that doesn't smack of the middle-of-the-road society," said Vicki Frankovich of the Independent Federation of Flight Attendants (IFFA), a group that represents TWA's flight attendants. Union negotiation attempts are made even more difficult by the sorry financial state of the airline industry.

The airlines will probably never change their benefits structure voluntarily, according to R. Frederick Casey, national vice president of the Association of Flight Attendants (AFA), which represents 30,000 flight attendants from carriers including United and USAir. "It's going to have to be legislative," he said. Indeed, a federal definition of what constitutes domestic partnership would give the unions more negotiating power, but that kind of progress is a long way off.

The AIDS crisis has become an additional focus for some union members, who have started groups like the AIDS Resource Network, founded by an American Airlines flight attendant. In addition, several unions and airlines have been represented by contingents in AIDS fundraising walks across the country.

Many flight attendant unions are pushing for equal benefits for lesbians and gays. Nevertheless, several unions have no written policy regarding lesbian and gay issues. Unions that don't involve flight attendants take a more conservative view. For example, lesbian and gay concerns are simply "not an issue," according to David Mallino of the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA). "It has not come up to the point where the institution has found it necessary to deal with."

It may be this lack of attention that fostered the recent growth of gay airline groups. These include the Gay Pilots Association, formed in 1990, the Pink Triangle Committee in Canada and Gay and Lesbian United Employees (GLUE). Since the group was founded in 1992, GLUE president Tom Cross says their membership has grown to include an array of United Airlines employees, including pilots, reservationists, mechanics and people in management positions.

The birth of these new groups, coupled with new recognition at airlines like United and some Canadian carriers, indicates that progress is underway—American even served as the official airline of the International Mr. Leather Contest. But the anonymity required by many members of the new gay groups proves that it is still difficult to out of the closet in the airline industry, given the overwhelming inequality and lack of protection provided at most companies.

MARK CHESTNUT

Lovers' mileage

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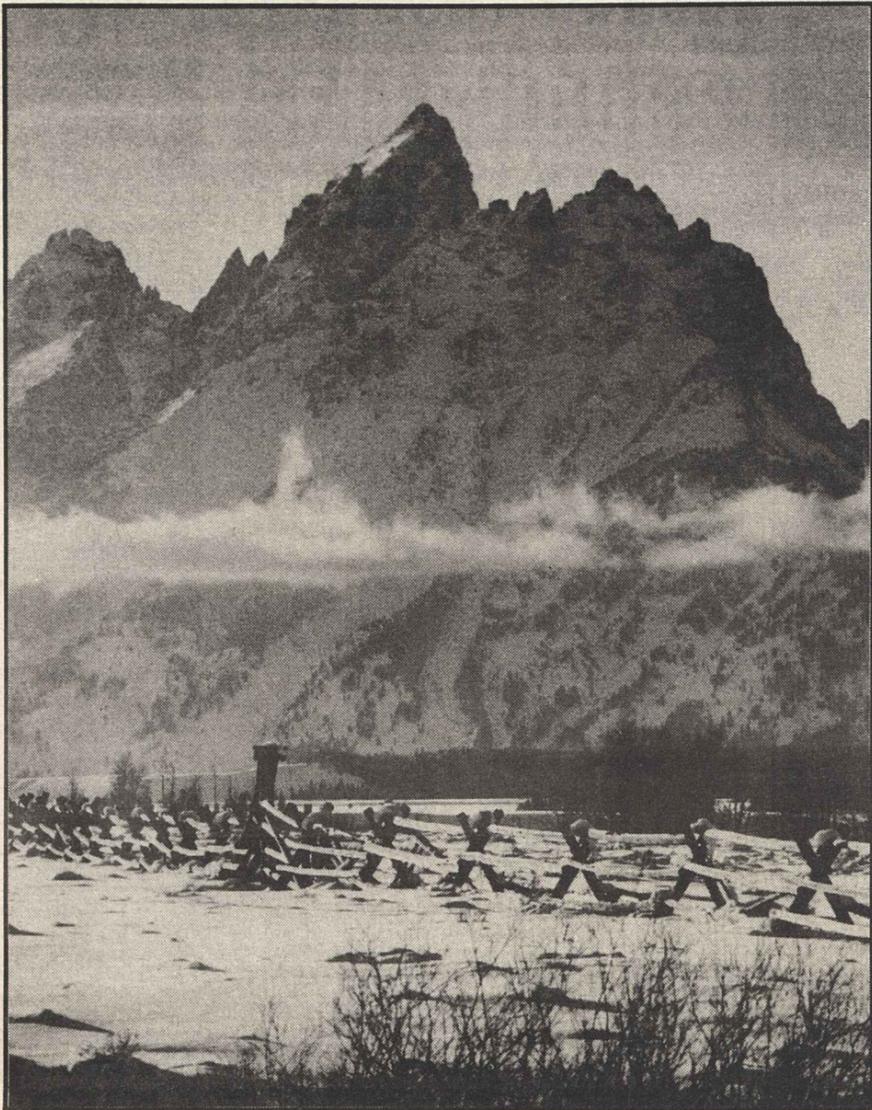
made them strict to prevent fraud and selling of tickets. Five other major carriers—USAir, United, American, Northwest and Continental—allow frequent fliers to transfer tickets to anyone they choose, including their gay or lesbian partners. TWA's policy is similar to Delta's, but TWA has so far not included domestic partners.

The bad news for Atlanta's gay and lesbian frequent fliers is that Delta and TWA are the two largest airlines serving Atlanta-Hartsfield International Airport.

In the past, Delta has been criticized by the

gay and lesbian community for what were considered gay-unfriendly actions. In a lawsuit after a plane crash in Dallas in 1985, attorneys representing Delta argued that survivors of an unmarried man in his 30s who died in the crash should receive reduced damages because he was a gay man who would have died of AIDS. And after Delta bought Pan Am, former Pan Am employees complained that Delta interviewers sought to learn their sexual orientation.

In his book "Delta Air Lines: Debunking the Myth," Sidney Davis, formerly a top Delta official, wrote that the company at one time had a policy not to hire male flight attendants in order to avoid having gay employees.



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The Grand Tetons are one of the attractions of Jackson Hole.

Teton alternative to boycotted Colorado

Jackson, WY—Boycotting Colorado? Looking for a vacation alternative that has the same mountain scenery, skiing and rustic Western ambiance, without the overt political regression? In a state whose nickname is the "Equality State?"

How about Jackson Hole, Wyoming?

The Jackson Hole area, in the northwestern part of the state just south of Yellowstone National Park, is featured in the upcoming July issue of Out magazine. The article is entitled, "Why-Oh-Why Wyoming? The 'Equality State' Offers Colorado-Conscious Travelers Year-Round Alternatives in Jackson Hole," and was prompted by a Spring Creek Resort promotion enticing gays and lesbians to visit.

Intrigued by the promotion, Out writer Brooks Peters visited Jackson in the winter and stayed at Spring Creek Ranch.

"There is another, newer Jackson Hole emerging out of the kitsch and rhinestone glitter of days gone by," he wrote in the article. "A more progressive 'granola' generation is establishing roots."

Jackson Hole is the local name for a valley centered around the town of Jackson, which has a population of just 5,000. Tourist shops line all four sides of the town square, where the sidewalks are made of wood, like in the Wild West days, and entrances to the park in the middle of the square are framed with arches made of elk antlers.

"Arriving in the town of Jackson proper, one instantly feels as if one is entering a different time and place," the article said. "Here the men are men, and the moose are nervous.... Guys have names like Butch, Heath and Buzz. They wear cowboy hats, chaps over rugged jeans and shiny silver belt buckles the size of dinner plates."

Attractions in the Jackson Hole area include both Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks, as well as a national elk refuge where thousands of elk gather to feed in the winter.

There are three ski resorts in and around the Hole—Snow King, which sits on the south edge of town; the Jackson Hole Ski Area, just west of Jackson in Teton Village; and Grand Targhee, on the other side of the Teton mountain range from Jackson and accessible over a road that goes over a high mountain pass and through a corner of nearby Idaho. The Jackson Hole area has regular airline service.

Peters noted that while there are no defined gay bars or hotels in the northwestern Wyoming resort town, "there is no sense of exclusion either." He named Cadillac Grille and the Cowboy Bar in Jackson as safe havens for gays, although "locals advise discretion in both cases."

Wyoming is nicknamed the Equality State because it was the first political jurisdiction in the world to give women the right to vote. It does not, however, have any laws on the books protecting the civil rights of gay men and lesbians.

Spring Creek was the only lodge to hold such a gay-and-lesbian-positive promotion, and received great response, says general manager Steve Price.

"It wasn't a put-down to Colorado," he said. "It's something that is an issue, and we wanted to give people who used to go to Colorado and were looking for a place to go skiing an alternative."

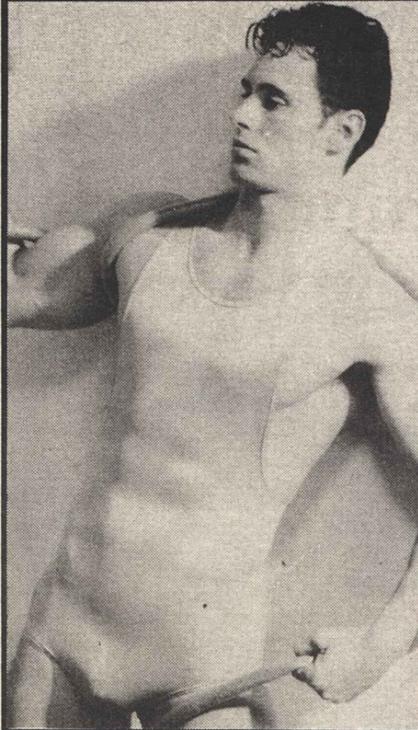
Price added that Spring Creek welcomes any visitors. "People are people," he said.

Voters in Colorado last November passed Amendment 2, which repealed gay and lesbian civil rights ordinances in Denver, Boulder and Aspen and prohibited other Colorado cities from extending civil rights protection to their gay and lesbian citizens.

Passage of the amendment sparked a movement to boycott Colorado, which was joined by a number of celebrities and gay rights groups across the country. A lawsuit to overturn the amendment is pending in a Colorado court. (AP)

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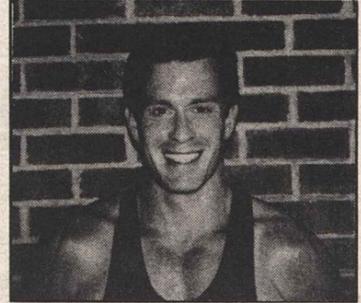
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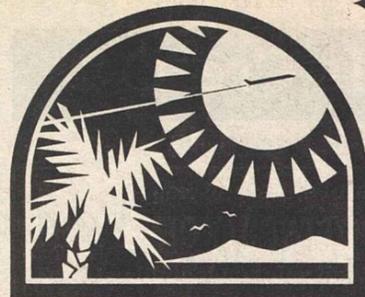
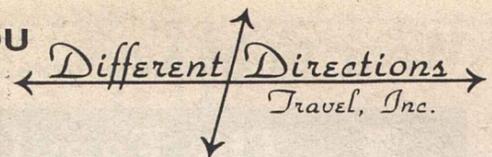
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younger children," according to Bronson.

"I wrote to Mrs. Humphreys [after the library decision] and told her that if she was not satisfied with the decision that she had every right to contact us again," Bronson said. "I never heard from her again until I saw her on television in connection with this."

And that, says Bronson, is another concern for library officials. Neither Humphreys nor any one of the three representatives have contacted the library in regards to "Heather."

"We have not received a request to review the book," she said. "They faxed us their press release at the same time they faxed the media. I only know what's been on television and in the paper. We have nothing to [officially] respond to."

The media madness over the issue continued in Atlanta last Thursday, as Lesbian Avenger Lisa Kung took to the airwaves with WGST's resident right-winger Sean Hannity on his "Enemy Guest Hour" to debate the three representatives' call for censorship.

In addition to Hannity's own ruminations, caller after caller phoned in to demonstrate a questionable regard for First Amendment rights. "This is the land of the majority," said one caller. "That stinking book... does not belong in

my library."

The Lesbian Avengers, said Kung, plan a demonstration sometime this week at the Chestatee Library in Gainesville in support of the book.

"We're not going up there to raise hell," said Kung. "Lesbians, and lesbian moms, pay tax dollars, too, just like Christian fundamentalists. But the issue really is censorship."

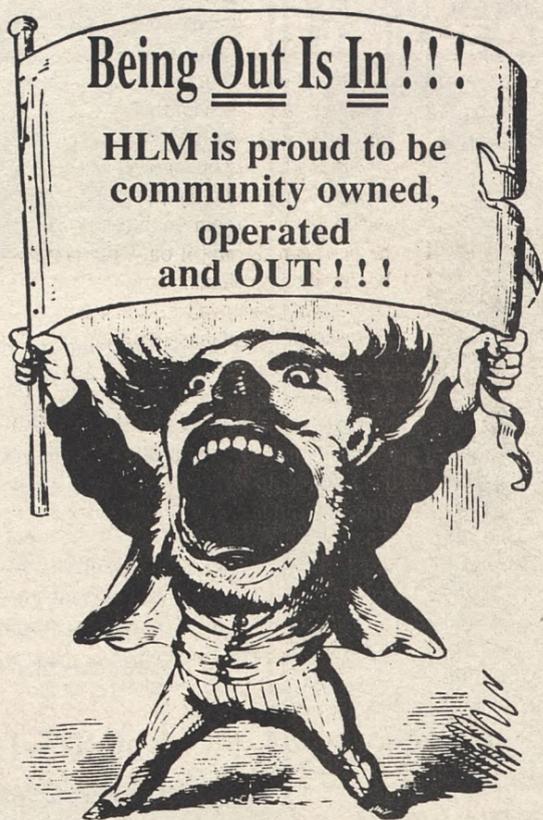
Rep. Mills told Southern Voice that he, Lawson, and Hughes want taxpayers to write and call the library to voice their opinions. And if the book is not removed, he said, "there's possible legislation that we would put together that would deal with this."

"We would put together a resolution to amend the Georgia state constitution to say that tax dollars cannot be used to promote homosexuality, pedophilia or sado-masochism," he said.

Such a resolution would have to pass both houses and then be approved in a statewide vote to take effect.

For Bronson, that's a chilling thought.

"I had one caller who said that if we had to remove the book, he would give us six autographed copies to replace it," she said. "We're going to have to have support from people who are willing to stand up for the First Amendment, whether you agree with this book or not. That's the real issue."



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Mayor Jackson

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hope he stays that way.

"Eldrin Bell would be a joke as mayor of this city," said Lynn Pasqualetti, who added that she has had some problems working with Myrtle Davis, who is chair of the City Council's finance committee, on the domestic partnership legislation.

"She was my contact," Pasqualetti said. "In three weeks I've left countless messages—daily messages—and I have yet to meet with her."

While Pasqualetti criticized Davis' lack of formal contact with the lesbian and gay community, she conceded that at this stage of the campaign—with only two announced candidates and none as well known as Jackson—it is too soon to come to conclusions.

As for the other potential candidates: Lomax, who narrowly missed being recalled by angry taxpayers two years ago, has won support among gays and lesbians by pushing for domestic partnership legislation in Fulton County. King, on the other hand, told a group of New York school children in 1991 that gays and lesbians were disturbed, though he later apologized for the remarks. Earlier this month, Arrington initiated legislation that strengthens protections for people

with HIV/AIDS and creates a city "AIDS czar."

"It's going to be good for the city, because we're going to have a lot of candidates who have to debate the issues. That hasn't happened in 12 years," said state Sen. Ron Slotin, D-Atlanta. "And, with a lot of city council seats opening, we'll have more people involved in the process. It's very good for the city."

If Arrington runs for mayor, the council presidency and two council seats, currently held by Davis and Campbell, will be open to newcomers. Campbell's district includes the Inman Park and Little Five Points areas, which have substantial gay populations. Davis holds an at-large seat elected citywide. In addition, Councilwoman Debbie McCarty has left her post representing a district that includes the gay/lesbian enclave of Grant Park.

"We'll almost surely get a new police chief," said Pellegrini. He added that gays and lesbians will have to listen hard and ask tough questions to determine who should be the city's next mayor.

"Philosophically they all talk sensitively about our issues [with the exception of Bell]," said Pellegrini. "It's going to be a tough choice, deciding whose rhetoric will ever become reality."

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Writers lost in gay/straight shuffle

For many gay writers, getting the recognition and financial rewards that come with acceptance in the mainstream press can be elusive because of the straight world's uneasiness. But ironically, there is a flip side as well—gay writers who have made it in the mainstream but who remain obscure to the gay/lesbian audience.

Take gay author Robert Plunket, whose first book, "My Search for Warren Harding," barely caused a ripple in the gay community when it came out a decade ago.

"I was rather surprised at how well received the book was in the straight press, while the gay press ignored me. My books have been better received by the straight than gay press, strangely enough," says Plunket. "There are two different worlds, and they're not getting together."

The 47-year-old Florida author is not the only one from a mainstream house who has faced this problem. Lesbian author Blanche McCrary Boyd won the prestigious Wallace Stegner Fellowship from Stanford University in 1967 but was barely heard of in the gay community until the 1990s, when gays and lesbians began discovering her work.

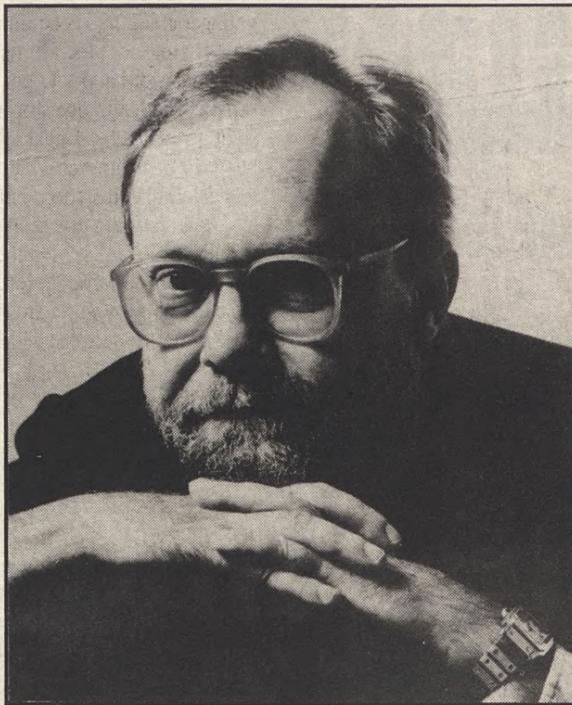
"I felt like Lazarus risen from the dead," she said of the 1991 OutWrite Conference where, as a featured speaker, she was swamped by gay admirers for the first time in years. "Until then, I'd been stunned by how ignored I had been, not only in the gay and lesbian community but by women's bookstores."

Boyd stresses the reasons in her case were many-sided, including the fact that she didn't write a book for a decade—and when she did, it was a collection of non-fiction articles unlike her previous novels.

For many gay writers published by the mainstream, however, three hurdles stand in their way. First, mainstream houses don't know how to market to the gay press. Second, straight reviewers handle gay books gingerly. And third, some gay critics are wary of authors who veer away from an obviously liberal political stance.

Plunket has run into all three.

For instance, his current publisher, Harper Perennial, sent out review copies to gay papers without mentioning the author



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Gay writer Robert Plunket found that while the straight press paid attention to his books, the gay/lesbian press ignored him.

was gay.

"It's not clear from the promo material why they're sending it to us," says Tracy Baim, publisher of Chicago Outlines. "We got a lot of stuff, and we don't have any idea they're gay. It's a shame they don't know how to market to the gay press."

Plunket has gotten lifts from such literary trendsetters as the New York Times and the Washington Post. But because of the way he has been handled by straight reviewers, he hasn't made much of a stir in the gay community.

"There was absolutely no feeling that it was a gay book in any way, shape or form, which was kind of puzzling to me," says Plunket. "It was not perceived as a gay novel by any stretch of the imagination."

Yet the plot hinges on repressed homosexuality, and the book was popular with the gays and lesbians who were lucky enough to discover it.

Being a satire on bigotry, it also ran into problems with the few gay critics who did see it. Though the main character gets what's coming to him in the end—in exactly the same manner he has been dishing it out—the book was so sardonic that it bordered on cruel, and some reviewers found it offensive.

"Every once in a while, when I talked with gay critics, they had a lot of complaints about it," says Plunket. "They took it a little too seriously."

Plunket's most recent book, "Love Junkie," probably won't meet the same fate because it's been optioned for a movie by none other than superstar Madonna. Just released in paperback, it could still languish in obscurity until the movie is made, in much the same way as Fannie Flagg's "Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe."

Whether Plunket is perceived as a gay writer or not, he is proud of the added depths being gay gives him.

"In many ways, it's a big plus. It's like having all these resources at your fingertips that straight writers don't have. Straight writers don't understand that whole gay sensibility, but, from a literary and artistic point of view, it always works. It's a wonderful sensibility to have."

Boyd, who has just won a Guggenheim Foundation grant, hopes that mainstream publishers finally have learned to market to the gay and lesbian audience, as well as the straight audience.

"Some publishers know better than others how to market gay books [or] books with gay content," she says. "But a lot of gay people still don't know they could go to a mainstream press and find books that have anything to do with us. That, I hope, is changing."

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Janis Ian breaks her silence

She learns the truth at 42 that the closet's not what she should do.

After nearly three decades in the spotlight of the music industry, Janis Ian is out with a new album—and out, period.

Ian, who lives in Nashville, Tenn., is using the publicity blitz surrounding "Breaking the Silence" to publicly announce that she is a lesbian. But she says the public revelation will come as no surprise to the people who know the private person.

"Everybody in my family has always known. Everybody in the music industry has known. But it is something I didn't talk about with the press, or evaded when I was pushed," she says. "It's hard to justify having worked for black civil rights in the 60s and not work for my own civil rights in the 90s."

"Breaking the Silence" is Ian's first album in 12 years—years in which she abandoned a recording deal with Columbia Records, quit touring, got divorced, battled with the IRS and nearly died when an intestine burst.

Like all of her 14 previous albums, Ian wrote the songs on her new effort. In fact, in a recording career that stretches back to 1966, she has never recorded a song that she didn't either write or co-write.

While none of the songs on the new album are overtly about the struggle for lesbian and gay rights, the title track suggests that the first step in dealing with pain is to "break the silence," which is clearly a sentiment with which her gay and

lesbian fans can identify.

Now 42, Ian was just a 14-year-old when she wrote the song that would become her first hit, "Society's Child," which was about a black boy and a white girl who face the bigotry fueled by their relationship. Perhaps the highlight of her career (so far) was the smash 1976 album, "Between the Lines," which contained the song "At Seventeen," an anthem about the awkwardness of adolescence that, in retrospect, seems to have particular resonance for lesbian and gay teenagers.

Ian says she had her first serious relationship with a woman at 21. Her latest relationship, now in its fifth year, helped inspire her to make her lesbian identity public.

As she told the San Francisco Chronicle, "Now I'm in a relationship I'm proud of. If you're leading a double life, it says to the person in the relationship with you that you're not proud of them."

"I've made my career of saying things people are afraid of. If I'm gonna do it, maybe some 12-year-old will see me on TV and say, 'Hey, I'm OK.' I've had people tell me that 'At Seventeen' helped keep them from going over the edge. Every time someone like me comes out, somebody closeted at work feels safer and braver about coming out."

After her problems with the IRS (an accountant she trusted didn't pay her taxes for seven years), Ian moved to Nashville in 1989 to work as a songwriter and because of the city's more reasonable cost of living. She has established herself in Nashville by penning songs recorded by the likes of Amy Grant, Kathy Mattea and Dianne Schuur, and she toured Japan, Holland, England and Ireland in 1991.

But "Breaking the Silence" is her first album since a



collaboration with Mel Torme in 1983 and her first solo album since "Restless Eyes" in 1981. Ground down by the demands of her career, she left the industry to study theater and ballet. Now, she has a new label, Morgan Creek Records, and is optimistic that "Breaking the Silence" will be a success.

"There seems to be a feeling in the air [that] it can do very well," she says. "I think amazing things happen."

RICHARD SHUMATE and AP

The Gay Tonys

"Kiss of the Spider Woman," "Angels in America" win big

Last week's Tony Awards broadcast on CBS, honoring the best of Broadway theater, was chock full of gay interest, even beyond the obvious—two hours of show tunes and Liza Minnelli up on stage as host.

The two top awards of the night, for best musical and best play, both went to plays with strong gay characters. And three of the top acting trophies went to the actors who played them.

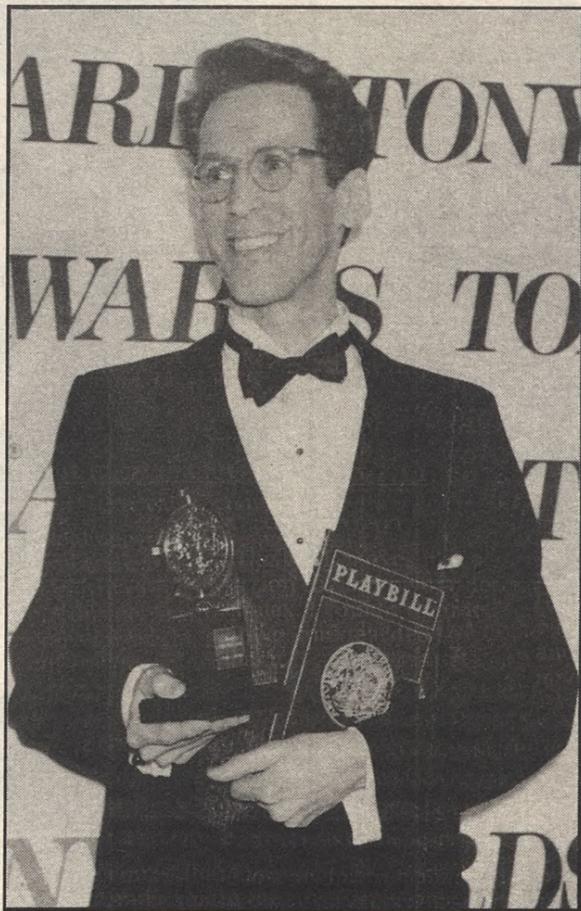
"Kiss of the Spider Woman," a Broadway adaptation of the Manuel Puig novel about two men—one gay, one straight—held and tortured in a Latin American prison, was named best musical, beating out "The Who's Tommy." Brent Carver, who played the gay character in "Kiss," took the Tony for best lead actor in a musical.

And Tony Kushner's epic drama of America in the age of AIDS, "Angels in America: Millennium Approaches," took the Tony for best play. "Angels" lead Ron Leibman was named best actor for his portrayal of Roy Cohn, the closeted gay man who was U.S. Sen. Joseph McCarthy's chief henchman during the anti-Communist witchhunts of the 1950s and who died of AIDS.

On stage, Leibman, addressing his wife, actress Jessica Walter, joked that "maybe we can get an apartment with a washer and dryer now."

Stephen Spinella's chilling portrayal of Prior Walter, a man living with AIDS, in "Angels in America," won him the Tony for best featured actor in a play. Once on stage, the openly gay Spinella proceeded to jangle the nerves of the Jesse Helms crowd by thanking his lover on national televi-

sion, saying he was "the husband of my heart." (Then again, Jesse's people were probably watching Pat Robertson's The Family Channel).



Stephen Spinella, an openly gay actor, won the Tony for best featured actor in a musical and thanked his lover during his acceptance speech, calling him "the husband of my heart."

Comedienne Andrea Martin had perhaps the funniest crack of the night after winning for featured actress in a musical for "My Favorite Year." She offered a thank you to the people who helped her get in touch with her Armenian roots and then thanked her hairdresser "for restoring them to their natural color."

"Kiss," "Angels" and "Tommy," based on The Who's classic rock opera about a pinball wizard, together swept almost all of the Tonys.

"Kiss" also won for best actress in a musical (Chita Rivera), best book, best score (a tie with "Tommy," whose score was co-written by rocker Pete Townshend of The Who), featured actor in a musical (Anthony Crivello) and costume design. In

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addition to sharing the best score Tony with "Kiss," "Tommy" won for director of a musical (Des McAnuff), scenic design, lighting design and choreography.

After accepting the best score award, Townshend said, "I feel I've not gotten a Tony so much for the music but rather as an acknowledgement of the poetry of rock 'n' roll, where the lyrics count and you get something across."

"Anna Christie" was named best revival, and Madeline Kahn was named best actress in a play for "The Sisters Rosensweig." Winner for featured actress in a play went to Debra Monk for "Redwood Curtain."

The awards show also featured a duet by Judy Garland's daughters—Minnelli and her sister, Lorna Luft.

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18 FRIDAY

ATLANTA INTER-FAITH SERVICE. The Council of Lesbians and Gay Religious Organizations welcomes Pride by sponsoring an Interfaith Service. The service is an unique Pride Seder, and features the theme of liberation. Congregation Bet Haverim is your host. 8 p.m. Friends Meeting House, W Howard St. 874-4456.

FAITH. The Atlanta premiere of the Pat Graney Company performing a work that explores the ways in which women have been perceived throughout Western history, while simultaneously portraying the inherent divinity and power of woman-kind. 8:30 p.m. Thorough tomorrow. Beacon Hill Arts Center, 140 W. Trinity. \$8-\$10. 373-4154.

DECATUR BEACH PARTY. Take off your shoes and get ready to wiggle your toes in 40 tons of sand. The square turns into a beach complete with sand, a boardwalk and 6-foot pink flamingo for Decatur Business Association's annual fundraiser. Live music, food & beverages. 5 p.m.-11 p.m. Decatur Square. \$5.

GEORGIA 400 ROAD RACE. Come participate in this popular 4 or 2 mile run/walk, which officially celebrates the opening of the new Georgia 400 extension. Over 5000 runners are expected. 8 a.m. Glenridge Connector. Register by June 18 at Nike Town, Phipps Plaza. \$12-\$15.

CHIP DAVIS CONDUCTS MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER. Don't miss this Grammy Award-winning New Age group in concert with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. 8:30 p.m. Through tomorrow. Chastain Park. \$16-\$36.50.

JUNETEENTH. A holiday that marks a historical turning point in the liberty of Africans in America. A summer picnic and jam session with speakers. Sponsored by the GA Citizen's Coalition on Hunger & The Up & Out of Poverty Now Campaign & Friends. Noon-9 p.m. 250 Georgia Ave. 584-7141.

BEAUTY FOR A DAY. The Greater Atlanta Hermerocallis (Daylily) Society hosts its annual summer show and sale. Over 500 daylilies are expected at the show. 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Atlanta Botanical Garden, Day Hall. 876-5859.

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.

NOT YOUR MOTHER'S SISTERHOOD. This meeting of Bet Haverim's women's group will be held at a fabulous cabin in northern GA. in coordination with the approach of the summer solstice. The topic will be creating a ritual for solstice. For more information call 521-0740.

ALL FOR HONOR. Black & White Men Together/Atlanta presents a reading and critical discussion of this new play in progress by Dr. Shirlene Holmes about what happens when a black gay man with a white lover fights his mother for custody of his 12 year old daughter. 4 p.m. 227 Mitchell St., Studio 3-B. S3.



19 SATURDAY

LONDON KILLS ME. The Metropolitan Film Society screens this quirky, slice of life movie from the creators of "My Beautiful Laundrette" and "Sammy and Rosie Get Laid." 8:30 p.m. Cinevision, 3300 NE Expressway. \$6. 729-8487.

20 SUNDAY

FATHER'S DAY. Don't forget to call or send that card to your Daddy.

SILVERLAKE LIFE: THE VIEW FROM HERE. The highly-acclaimed, groundbreaking documentary showing a powerful story of love, commitment, mortality and AIDS told via the video diary of filmmaker Tom Joslin and his lover of 22 years, Mark Massi. 11:00 GPTV, Channel 8.

21 MONDAY

RYAN WHITE NEEDS ASSESSMENT STUDY. Eight public hearings will be held around the Atlanta area to assess the funding needs for the Federal Ryan White AIDS Care program. They want to know what services are being met and what services are not. The first set of meetings is today, 9 a.m. & 7 p.m. Southside Healthcare, Inc, 1039 Ridge Ave. For times and places of further meetings this week-616-6319/Tad Gardocki.

THE SUSAN BALLARD SHOW. A new comedy/music show featuring local talent. This week's special guest, country/rock artist Jan Smith. 8 p.m. DeKalb GCTV, Channel 12.

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

ON GOING AND

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 southeastern 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.

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.

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. Tues.-Sat 8 p.m., Sun 2:30 & 7:30. \$18-\$33. 892-2414.

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.

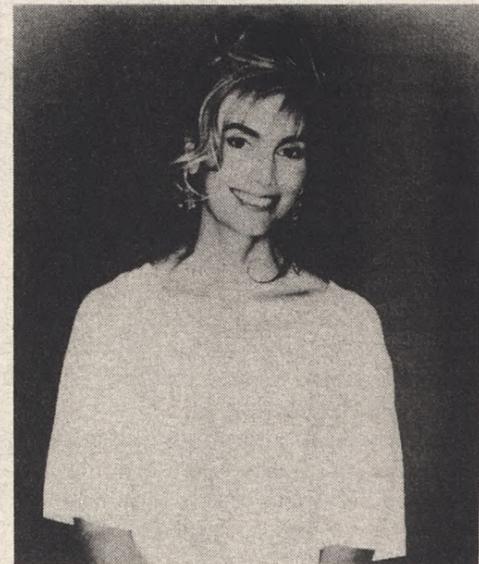
IT'S TIME TO TELL AMERICA: ATLANTA LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE. June

26 & 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 detailed info see the Pride Guide inserted in this issue. To volunteer call 662-4533.

15TH ANNUAL LESBIAN & GAY HEALTH CONFERENCE. July 21-25. More than 900 lesbian and gay health care providers will discuss strategies for including lesbian and gay issues in the emerging national health care agenda. Houston, Texas. For a brochure and to register call (202) 994-4285.

22 TUESDAY

RAIDS AND REV-ELRY. Billy Jones aka Phyllis Killer will give a



free lecture sponsored by the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay History Thing. Billy has entertained, inspired and incited Atlanta's Gay community for 30 years, and is responsible for making Atlanta the "drag capital of the South." 7:30 p.m. 1st MCC Church. 876-1060.

GREASE. This popular musical, which inspired the hit 1978 film starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John, slides into town. Through June 27. Tues-Sun 8 p.m., Sat & Sun 2 p.m. Fox Theater. \$11.50-\$32.50. 881-2100/249-6400.

23 WEDNESDAY

EMMYLOU HARRIS AND THE NASH RAMBLERS. Celebrate Opening Night of Country Chastain with this 5-time Grammy Award-winner. Their newest album includes Hank Williams classics as well as bluegrass hits by Bill Monroe. 8:30 p.m. Chastain Park. \$16-\$32.50.

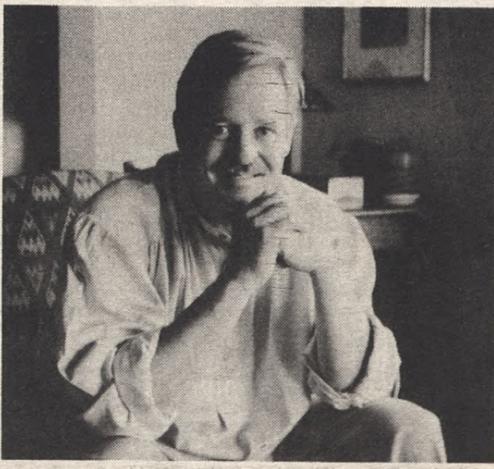
POSITIVE LIVING. This locally produced show about people living with AIDS features

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.

ARMSTEAD MAUPIN IS A MAN I DREAMT UP. This special profiles the acclaimed gay writer, and includes frank discussions of life, readings from his books and an examination of the San Francisco counterculture. 10 p.m. GPTV, Channel 8.

AIDS, HIV & CIVIL LIBERTIES. This AIDS panel discussion is sponsored by the ACLU and the Pride Committee. Panel members include representatives from the AIDS Legal Project, NAPWA and Sister Love. 7:30 p.m. Sheraton Colony Square Hotel.

Pictured: bELOW: "Armistead Maupin Is A Man I Dreamt Up" airs June 23 on GPTV, Channel 8. Photo by Steve Warren ABOVE: Emmylou Harris opens the Country Chastain series next Wednesday. Photo by Caroline Greyschok LEFT: William Fred Scott conducts Verdi's Macbeth in Symphony Hall on June 17, 19 & 21.



Chip Davis, the creative force behind **Mannheim Steamroller**, will bring his unique brand of contemporary music to Chastain Park on Friday and Saturday, June 18 and 19, at 8:30 p.m. Perhaps best known for his innovative re-workings of favorite Christmas carols, Davis and the Steamroller have also recorded seven Fresh Aire albums of original compositions. Generally classified as New Age, Davis prefers to describe his music as eclectic. Says Davis, "It draws from a lot of different sources to come up with something totally different. I draw from the Renaissance, from rock and roll, even from Gregorian Chants coupled with synthesizers. But it is not free form like a lot of New Age stuff. I follow pretty rigid structures. I'm still writing in classic forms."

Davis' latest offering is a series of albums called Day Parts. There is "Sunday Morning Coffee," for those leisure hours with coffee and the Sunday papers; "Dinner," to accompany that meal; "Party," to keep your guests spirits up and "Romance," aimed at intimacy.

Surprisingly enough, the success Davis has had with his current musical projects was funded by his original mega-hit—a multi-million-selling country single called "Convoy." What began as a very popular local bread commercial turned into a band named for the fictional truck driver C. W. McCall. The song inspired a movie by the same name starring Kris Kristofferson, Ali McGraw and Ernest Borgnine.

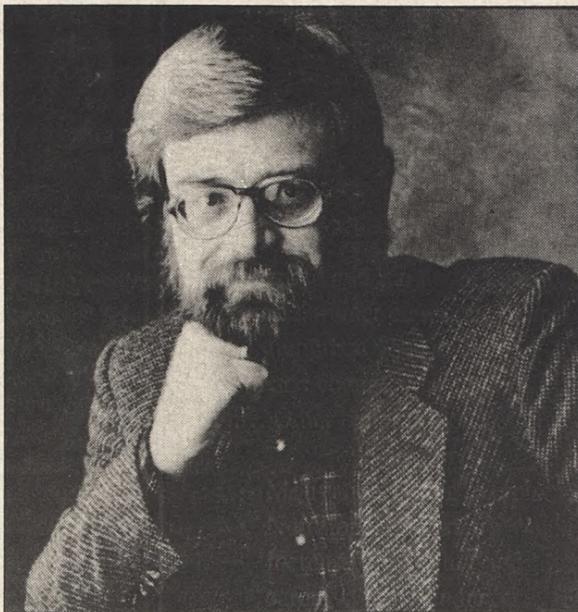
Tickets for Chip Davis and Mannheim Steamroller can be obtained from the Atlanta Symphony Box Office at (404) 892-2414.

Good news for theatrically minded procrastinators. Onstage Atlanta has extended the run of **The Little Shop of Horrors** through Saturday, June 26. The current run opened on May 7 to a standing-room-only crowd, and the extension is a result of the tremendous audience response.

The musical, by Howard Ashman and Alan Menken, is based on a Roger Corman film and tells the story of a musically-inclined, man-eating plant named Audrey II. The play is directed by Tom Palmer, with performances Thursdays through Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Prices range

AFTER HOURS

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from \$14 to \$17, depending on the time of the performance. Reserve your seats now by calling (404) 897-1802.

In other theater news, **Black and White Men Together of Atlanta** will present a reading of a play in progress by Dr. Shirlene Holmes. The reading will be followed by a critical discussion of the work, which centers on a custody battle. The mother of a gay black man fights her son and his white lover for custody of her granddaughter. Fittingly, the reading will take place on Father's Day, Sunday, June 20 at

4:00 p.m. at 227 Mitchell Street, Studio 3-B. Refreshments will be served and admission is only \$3. Call (404) 892-BWMT for more information.

The **Hotlanta Softball League** held its annual Miss HSL pageant recently at Thelma's Pump Room at the Armory. This coveted title is vied for by a representative from each team in the league, with the winner going on to compete in the Miss Hotlanta Pageant on Raft Race Weekend in August. This year's winner was Midtown Mindy, a gorgeous blond with a mean flip. Mistress of Gag-Glamour, Disfunksha, was second runner up and really worked nerves in her red fun fur evening gown. The curtain parted to reveal the large diva in a fierce Diana Ross pose. She walked to the end of the stage, giving greater glamour, then turned her back to the crowd, revealing a totally nude backside. The crowd went off.

The **Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Arts Festival** is gearing up for its second annual week of events in October. Well known choreographer and dancer Jim Chappelleaux is encouraging all gay and lesbian artists to call or write for submission forms in the categories of visual art, performing art, literary art and for the artist market. Jim also needs volunteers to help organize, do fundraising and promote the events. Meetings are held every third Tuesday at Common Ground, between 11th and 12th streets on Juniper. Call Jim at (404) 874-8710 or write to AGALAF, Post Office Box 55475, Atlanta, Georgia 30308. The '92 event was a great success—don't miss this opportunity to be a part of the '93 festival.

Chuck Morgan of Popcorn Magazine and host of the weekly Popcorn party on Saturday nights at Velvet, has been asked by the club to design and host yet another night at the downtown nightspot. Thursday is the night, and "Copa" is the name. The look and feel is South Beach and the atmosphere is tropical heat. Every week features entertainment by various nightclub divas. Recent appearances have been made by Trina Saxxon, Barbie Q, Theodopolous Jones and the team of Betty Jack Devine and Roz.

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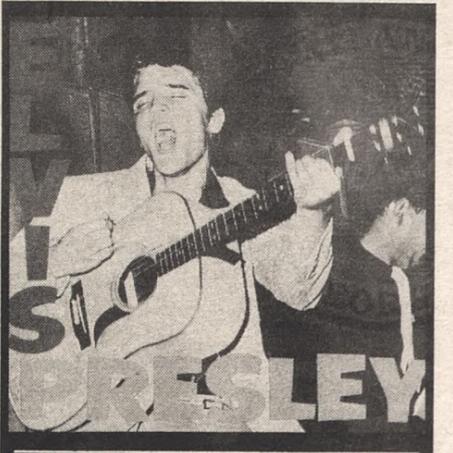
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Voices From the Sixth World

Local video interviewing 25 gay men airs on PBS during Pride Week

Atlanta producer John R. Williams found himself pitted against the likes of Jesse Helms when he attempted to sell "Voices From The Sixth World" to Georgia Public Television earlier this year.

"National PBS and GPTV simply won't risk their funding in the climate out there presently," says Williams, of Rubicon Pictures. "With the protests voiced against 'Tongues Untied' and 'Lost Language of Cranes' in the last couple of years, PBS would literally be putting their heads on the chopping block. People like Helms will cut their funding. Besides, PBS told us that the documentary was a little too 'niche programming' for them. They were looking for programming more mainstream."

The good news is that Williams found a home for his one-hour film featuring interviews with 25 gay men from all over the nation—WPBA, Channel 30 in Atlanta will air the film on June 20 at 11:30 p.m.

Just where did the title "Voices From the Sixth World" come from? Author and spiritual teacher Andrew Ramer opens the program with a succinct and fascinating explanation. Ramer contends gay folks are different from straight folks in many more ways than just choice of sexual partners. So different, in fact, that, along with blind and deaf peoples, we're members of what he calls the "sixth world."

Worlds one through three, you know about. In Ramer's scheme of things, fourth world folks are those who've been displaced from their homeland—like African Americans. Members of the fifth world are people who've never had a homeland, gypsies and nomads for instance.

Folks in the sixth world are those who are generally not born to parents like themselves. They must search for and create their communities as adults. Sixth world peoples have a shared language, unique cultures, and ways of recognizing each other.

Sixth world peoples have a hard time finding role models; they frequently reinvent themselves with every generation.

Sound familiar?

The documentary's director, Brian Helder, says that the germ of the idea for "Voices" came from two different media sources he happened to stumble on back in 1991.

"There was a documentary on television called 'The Big Bang' which featured people from all walks of life discussing grand issues like life, love and death. There was not a single gay person interviewed. I got very angry afterward, thinking, 'Well, who better to discuss the issues of life, love and death than gays? We're experts.'"

"About that same time, I heard a radio broadcast focusing on how blacks in this country are almost completely defined by whites—how to look, how to act, what your role should be, etc. It suddenly dawned on me that if you took out 'African-American' and inserted the word 'gay,' you have the identical situation with the straight world."

Ramer occupies a good chunk of the hour, as does Atlanta author and psychotherapist Franklin Abbott. Both men are used as anchors for the other 20-odd interviews sprinkled throughout the hour, as the issues of coming out, AIDS, domestic partnerships and political movements are raised.

Mainstream audiences viewing "Voices" may be shocked at exactly how "average" the documentary's subjects are. According to the film's director, that is what makes "Voices" so powerful.

"Both John and I want this film more than anything else to educate. The truth is that the majority of gays in this country aren't drag queens putting on a show. They're the people you work and live with every day. The straight audiences who have already seen the film have been incredibly moved by it. People have told me that they've cried through the entire middle portion of the film. It's been very gratifying for me and also educational for me to discover that not all straight people have the views and attitudes of Jesse Helms and Pat Buchanan."

Williams says that the broadcast premiere of "Voices" landing smack in the middle of Gay Pride week is no coincidence.



Director Brian Helder, John Stowe, Producer John Williams, Monty Schuth and Franklin Abbott of "Voices."

"I requested that," he says, "More than anything, we wanted to use the film to educate a mainstream audience on the subject of gayness in America. I felt Gay Pride week would be a perfect time to do that."

The single thing that makes "Voices" work so well is the candidness and the sincerity of the individuals profiled—the gay black man who hesitantly admits on camera that "society has given me no healthy role models at all, nothing to base a healthy sense of self-esteem and self-worth on" and the HIV-positive guy in his early 30s who states, "I have to accept the reality of a plague in my lifetime." And the suburban gay couple who wryly note, "We don't have the option of staying together for the kids, and staying together for the mortgage sounds a little crass. So the only thing that keeps us together has to be love."

Even Helder was shocked by some of the on-camera answers to the question he posed.

"The first interview we filmed was with a gentleman named Raphael who showed up in drag. Drag has never been something I've been entirely comfortable with. When Raphael started telling his story and opening his heart to me during the next 30 minutes, I found myself incredibly moved by this man wearing this big-brimmed hat and a dress. I felt very close to him by the time we had finished."

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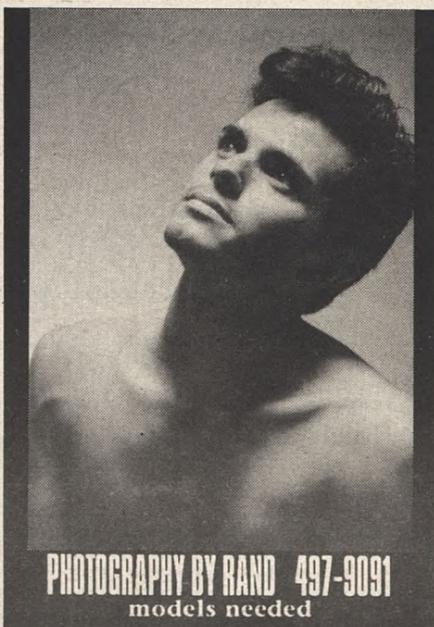
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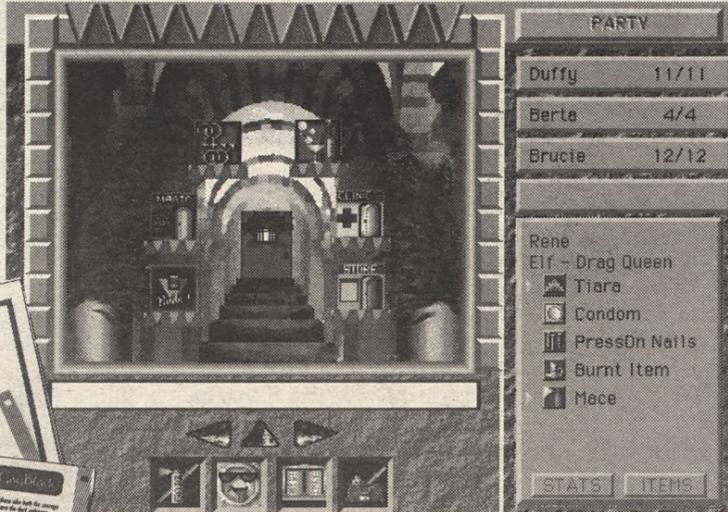


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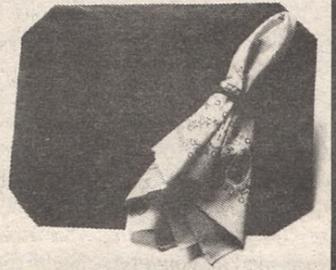


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Local DJ uses airwaves to fight racism, sexism and homophobia

Alicia Banks is no wimp, and she's no Rush Limbaugh either. Banks hosts "Les Chanteuses Africaines" (The African Female Singers) on WRFG 89.3 early Sunday mornings. It's not your usual kind of radio show, and certainly not what we have become accustomed to hearing on talk shows.

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Banks uses her soapbox of the airwaves to spread the message against racism, sexism and homophobia.

"I speak about why African Americans are so especially homophobic," she states. "They enjoy having a new place on society's hate list. They feel like gays have bumped them down a notch and as they bask and gloat in it they forget they are still on the list."

She reserves some of her harshest words for those who bash with a Bible.

"Gay bashers like to quote The Bible selectively," she begins. "And black gay bashers practice selective amnesia because they often forget that The Bible says all black skin is a curse and it condones slavery. There are so many passages in The Bible that are pro-gay and I read them weekly on the air."

It's that kind of outspokenness that has brought an audience to her show, an audience Banks claims is largely white and male. But, it has also brought death threats and threatening letters.

The most vicious threats came after Banks supported the



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Alicia Banks hosts "Les Chanteuses Africaines" on WRFG

boycott of reggae performer Buju Banton, whose song "Boom Bye Bye" explained how to kill two gay men with an uzi. One letter rattled her so badly that she reported it as a hate crime. But Banks is resolute.

"I'm a fighter by nature," she says seriously. "I'm a Leo, so if you piss me off I get more vicious. So on the air I have told my listeners that the more they reject lesbian voices, the more they will hear them. It's best to just relax and leave me alone. I refuse to be silenced, because I think when you live in fear you may as well be dead."

The response has not been all bad. Letters, mainly from men, voice their support for Banks' brand of radio, and

show the power such a forum can have.

"The most gratifying letters come from straight black men who tell me I changed their opinions about lesbians and gays. They say 'I used to be a gay basher because I never thought they were human, but through your show, I realize they are just like everyone else,'" Banks relates.

Sometimes, the content of the show becomes too pro-gay for even her loyal listeners, who have called and asked her to tone it down. To those people, Banks says, "change the dial if you don't like what you're hearing."

As for Banks herself, she has never formally come out on the show, but "anyone who really listens, knows."

So, to clear up any confusion, yes, Alicia Banks is a lesbian but, "It has no bearing on the excellence of the show," she emphasizes. "I take great effort to make sure I balance the voices. I do straight and gay erotica as well as straight and gay political issues. As African women, we are African first. Our sexuality is incidental to our mission in life on a racist, sexist planet."

The show is not just all talk, it's a hodge-podge of talk, poetry, fiction readings, interviews and music by black singers from Sade to Billie Holliday.

"I'm very worried about where black music is going, since it's all geared to hip-hop," she says. "Nobody uses their voices as instruments anymore so it's important to me to retain that. The kids would get into Billie Holliday if they were exposed to her."

Banks has many hopes for her own future. The Chicago native has a spot waiting for her in Yale's law school when her debts are paid, with dreams of opening an all black women law firm in Atlanta one day.

For now, she is content to try and get her message across. "We are all here, none of us are going anywhere so we might as well learn to get along," she says.

Les Chanteuses Africaines can be heard on WRFG-FM 89.3 Sundays 1 a.m.-4 a.m. Alicia Banks can be reached at Post Office Box 16912, Atlanta, Georgia 30321.

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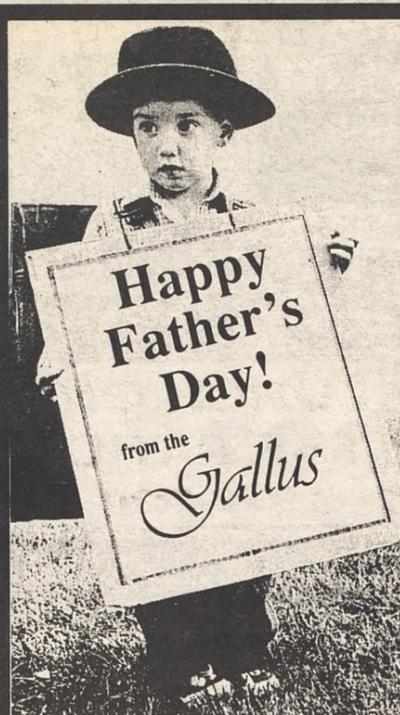
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Heavy stuff. If you're worried about your weight, check the June issue of Consumer Reports, which offers one of the most comprehensive, understandable pair of articles on weight loss to come down the pike in many a moon.

After all is said and done, CR comes to the same conclusion that has been in vogue for a couple of years now: diets don't work very well.

In fact, while losing weight usually lowers blood pressure and cholesterol levels, not a single long-term study has shown that weight loss prolongs life. Quite to the contrary, analysis of a recent long-term study showed that women who lost *any* weight over a long period had a higher death rate than those who maintained their weight—no matter what it was. Men who lost less than 15 percent of their body weight had a slightly increased life span, but those who lost more also lost some of their days on this earth.

Another study showed that men whose weight went up *or* down had a higher risk of death from cancer or cardiovascular disease than those whose weight remained stable.

Medical nabobs are, of course, at a loss to explain these results, which seem to fly in the face of all that we've been told for the past 50 years or so. Part of the problem appears to be that anyone who has experienced significant weight loss has probably participated in yo-yo dieting. One study suggests that particular phenomenon increases your risk of heart disease by more than 50 percent.

Which is the reason that the Consumer Reports article does not recommend commercial diet plans, especially liquid diets which may produce substantial short-term loss that seldom lasts even six months. Some folks even gain back more weight after they been on a liquid diet, and that kind of yo-yoing is definitely a no-no.

So what does the article recommend for those of us who tote around more pounds that we would like?

Nothing very new, or exciting, or easy. More, but not obsessive, exercise and less fat.

The twin refrain that we've been hearing for the past decade still seems to be the most effective, least expensive and safest way to maintain a healthy, stable weight.

Such a regimen may or may not produce weight loss. The newest research suggests that if you are able to maintain the kind slow weight loss that results from such activity, you're in good shape.

But if you exercise and limit fats to 30 percent of your caloric intake or less and still don't loose weight, that's OK. Not an easy concept to embrace in a culture as obsessed with svelteness as ours, but some folks are just naturally chunky.

Some Quick Numbers

If you're concerned with your weight, here are a few simple equations that may be of some help.

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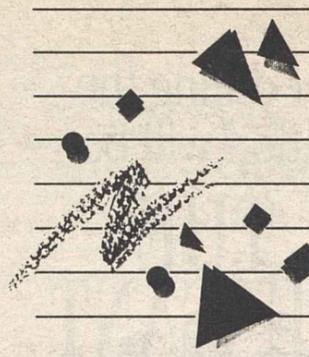
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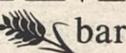
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those calories (54 percent) would come from fat. That's OK if the rest of your caloric intake for that day is very low in fat or has no fat, but it's not a good idea if most of your consumption is in the 25-to-30-percent-of-calories-from-fat range.

There is an additional benefit to eating food with less fat—you get to eat way more volume for the same number of calories. Five fried shrimp and a dab of tartar sauce will net you about 370 calories (and 27 grams of fat). But you can eat a whole plate of boiled shrimp with cocktail sauce for the same number of calories and consume just three grams of fat.

Most of us think about our weight as a simple number that terrorizes when we hop on a scale. The above mentioned issue of Consumer Reports provides two indexes that help predict the degree to which your weight and body type may actually be a health concern.

The first is your body mass index (BMI). To calculate that number, multiply your weight in pounds by 700, divide the result by your height in inches and then by your height in inches again.

A BMI of 25 or less suggests very low to low risk of heart disease. At 25 to 30, your risk is low to moderate. Thirty and higher yields a moderate to very strong risk of cardiovascular problems.

The second tool is your waist-to-hip ratio.

To find this number, measure your waist at its narrowest point with your tummy relaxed. Then measure your hips at their widest point. Divide your waist measurement by your hip measurement.

Good numbers are under .80 for women and .95 for men. Higher than that, and your weight and body type predict an increased risk of disease.

Feel better now?

Southern Fried Woe

A friend who ate at **South City Kitchen** (reviewed here last week) had the same sort response that I did: major disappointment. (He, perhaps even less kind than I, dubbed the cuisine Sausilito meets Charleston. Accurate, and not a very pretty picture.)

On top of our mutual disappointment comes word the reigning doyenne of Southern cooking, Edna Lewis, thinks that the current state of Southern cooking is "dreadful."

I'd hate to eat at South City with Lewis. She would not be a happy lady.

Lewis (whose protege is Atlanta's very own Scott Peacock) wants food made with natural ingredients—can the chemicals and hybrids. She mourns for pics baked with home-rendered lard, chickens fresh from the yard and biscuits (also made with lard) only minutes from the oven.

She's right, of course. That food was fabulous. And many of the people who ate it daily lived long and productive lives. Probably because they spent their days in active pursuits, not stuck behind a desk.

It's easy to do without much of what passed as "Southern culture" 30 or 50 years ago. Bigotry, poverty and ignorance aren't my ideas of fun.

But oh, how I pine for those jelly layer cakes of yesteryear.

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Name Games: In an unbridled snit of homophobia, a neighborhood council in a Sydney (Australia) suburb has changed the name of what was Gayline Drive to a somewhat more yup sounding, Thornleigh Close, because they feared people would think the street was only for homos. The name came from the old Gayline Drive-In Theatre, which got its handle from Ted Frazier's daughter, Gay, who died as an infant. Mr. Frazier said the council should "feel shame" for changing the name. Activists called it "homophobia." Dish (jaw slightly slack in disbelief) wonders if Gay, Georgia is next.

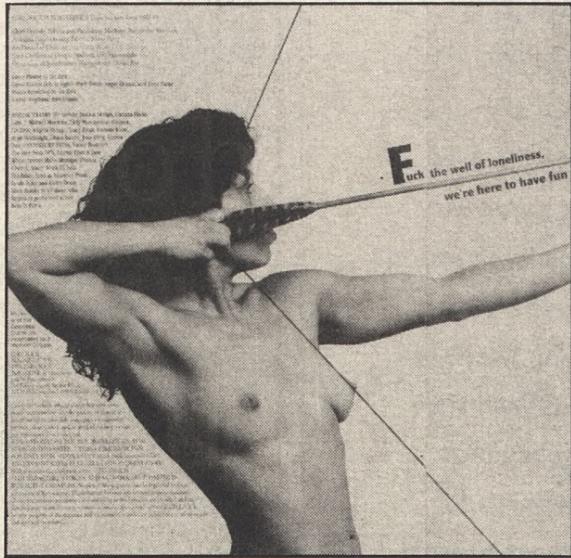
Surreal Stamps: A stamp show held last weekend (at the Holiday Inn at Powers Ferry Rd. and I-285) was officially called "BUTTPEX V" according to a press release which, alas and alack, reached Dish too late to allow us to inform you in advance of this suggestively named extravaganza. (We wondered if they misspelled the "PEX," but that is not the case, we fear.) BUTTPEX's theme this year was "the search for excellence as demonstrated by those individuals who have climbed Mount Everest." What any of this has to do with philately Dish has no idea, but we feel it is our duty to keep you abreast of such suburban weirdness.

Sexy 'Zine: In the same mail as the aforementioned strangeness came a sample issue of "Girljock," which comes just a mite closer to our version of reality, thank you. If the name doesn't tell you what this 'zine is all about, we think the fact that the editor is referred to as the "Chief Divinity, Editrix and Publishing Machine" (and her name is Roxie the Sleepless) and the accompanying inside cover photo should do the trick. If you'd like a sample copy (\$3.95) or a whole year's worth of fun (\$12 for 4 issues), send the bucks and your address to ROX-A-TRONIC, PO BOX 2533, Berkeley, CA 94702.

Desperate Times, Desperate Measures: Dish's friend

Dish

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



Girljock, a 'zine with a definite attitude

Todd came up with this scheme, and we wonder if it might not be a winner. The creative Mr. S. suggests that some gutsy homo employer should fire a heterosexual employee simply because that person is straight. (Or better yet, a dozen or so could do it at once and declare "fire a het week.") This would, no doubt, cause quite a stir down at the Labor Department, in the mainstream

media and in the halls under the Gold Dome. One could hope that the resultant brouhaha would produce some protective legislation and a new level of awareness, but one could also worry that the state's solons would simply pump out some legislation designed to protect straight folks and leave us hanging out in the breeze. Other possible variations on this theme include complaining to the personnel department when straight co-workers talk about their kids—which implies that heinous hetero-sexual acts have taken place. Or telling friends and co-workers that when they talk about their date with a person of the opposite sex, it, well, just plain makes you wanna' puke. Give it a try and let us know what happens...but only if you don't get fired.

Reason Number 416: Why Dish lives in DeKalb County, that is. Actually, the news that 60 percent of Atlanta residents look positively on the possibility of Eldrin Bell becoming their mayor is enough to scare us into moving to Valdosta. But then there's the "News for Kids" on "understanding crime" that ran in the Atlanta Journal/Constitution a couple of weeks back. Chief Bell and DeKalb Public Safety Director Thomas Brown fielded questions from kids about crime. While Brown's answers are sensitive and thoughtful, ol' Eldrin replies in brusque language that would scare any kid. His answer to the question, "Why do people like to rob banks, steal, and murder innocent people?" is "Because of greed and the absence of morals and values in their lives." Would that life were that simple, Eldrin.

On the Street Where We Live: Elton John's much talked about "guest house" is just around the corner from the SoVo offices, so Dish wanders over frequently to check out the progress on what has to be the most expensive renovation this neighborhood has seen lately. Dish has been wondering what Mr. J is going to call his newly-minted cottage-cum-castle. The best suggestion we've heard so far? Eltonia Minor. E. Major, of course being his highrise digs in Buckhead.

June 17 through June 23, 1993

Happy solstice. Summer officially arrives on Monday, June 21, right after Father's Day on the 20th. So, all you wonderful Dads out there, pat yourselves on the back for all the attention, love and time that you invest in your children and have a great summer.

ARIES, it is still v-e-r-y important for you to pay attention to projects and situations at home. Even if you feel that you have pressing needs at work, home, family and emotional conditions are priorities right now. **TAURUS**, if you are feeling vulnerable or unsure about what to do with your life, then you definitely must take time out and very carefully evaluate your needs and priorities. Otherwise, you will be pulled here and there by the influence of others. **GEMINI**, hopefully you have had an absolutely wonderful birthday month and are now ready to forge ahead into a very productive and prosperous solar year. You will probably have to deal with a few delays here and there, so be patient.

Happy Birthday, **CANCER**. The sun and Mercury move into your sign on the 21st, so you can plan a wonderful month of fun, games and celebrations with friends, family and your significant other. Have a wonderful time and watch the sweets, even on your

STARSIGNS

birthday. **LEO**, your capacity for generosity is definitely large. Just remember to give without any strings attached if you want things to work out well for everyone involved. Be sure your intentions are clear of any self-interest and all will be well. **VIRGO**, Mars is getting ready to move from your 12th house of dreams, visions and the collective unconscious into your first house of personality, self-awareness and personal expression. You can definitely count on more energy and self-confidence. **LIBRA**, with Jupiter now direct in your first house, you can expect your life to flow a little smoother. Do remember that Jupiter is expansive energy and will tend to make things bigger than life, including worry or self-absorption. Stay cheerful. **SCORPIO**, being a fixed sign can make it difficult to be in a relationship without needing to own or possess someone's complete attention and energy. You may scare away people who would like to be

close but can't stand the feeling of being owned. **SAGITTARIUS**, as the sun moves into your eighth house of spiritual quest and experiences, you may begin to realize important things about yourself or actually see life on this planet from a completely different perspective. Have fun.

CAPRICORN, life should be a little smoother now that Jupiter is moving forward in your 10th house of career, authority figures and your position in the community. A good time to share your ideas with others and listen carefully to theirs. **AQUARIUS**, have you considered taking a vacation, going back to school for an advanced degree or thought about having a real adventure? Well, this is the time to do it. Jupiter is moving ahead in your ninth house, so make your plans and just do it. **PISCES**, in the days and weeks ahead, many people may be turning to you for comfort, compassion, energy, strength or whatever they may need at the moment. Be aware of your own needs and don't push anything to the limit, especially your energy.

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THE MOSTLY UNFABULOUS SOCIAL LIFE OF ETHAN GREEN...

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FLASHBACK
JUNIOR HIGH
PHYS. ED.

SEEMS YOU'D EXHAUSTED ALL AVENUES OF DEFERMENT...
CAN'T I JUST TAKE BAND AGAIN?
NO. CLEAN UP THE LUNCHROOM?
NO. PICK COLOR SWATCHES FOR PRINCIPAL KORNBLUT'S NEW DRAPERIES?
ETHAN YOU DID THAT LAST WEEK! YOU MUST TAKE GYM!

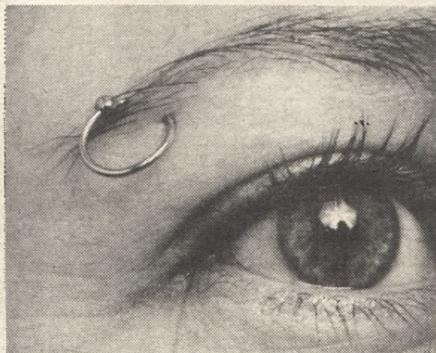
THERE MUST'VE BEEN A SECRET SCHOOL BOARD POLICY TO HIRE ONLY BROKEN AND BIGOTED DRUNKS AS GYM INSTRUCTORS...
...AND ONLY NARCISSISTIC JERKS AS ASSISTANT COACHES.
I'M SORRY... BUT YOUR RESUME MENTIONS RUNNING A BASKETBALL CAMP FOR INNER CITY YOUTH...
...WELL, YES...
WE'RE LOOKING FOR prejudiced INSTRUCTORS...
...OH, I SEE...
BESIDES, YOU APPEAR SOBER BUT... I... I DO SMOKE A LITTLE POT ON WEEK-ENDS...
NEXT!

THERE EXISTED AN IRREFUTABLE PRESUMPTION THAT YOU KNEW HOW TO DRIBBLE...
CAN YOU TEACH ME?
TEACH YOU?
WHADARYA SOME KINDA COMMUNISTIC PINKO FAGIT?...
... SAY, ASSISTANT COACH DRYLOOK, CHECK OUT TH' LITTLE GIRL...

YOUR UNIFORM'S FABRIC + FIT WERE REALLY JUST REPUGNANT.
GIRL FRIENDS WE'RE TALKIN' RAYON... AND LIKE TEN SIZES TOO BIG... SAY, THESE CANAPES ARE FABULOUS...
AS NINE PREMONITION OF YOUR FUTURE SELF MAKING LIGHT OF THIS DEGRADATION AT SOME DISTANT GARDEN PARTY...

WISE CRACKS SPARED YOU FROM THE WORST FATE OFFERED BY PICKING TEAMS...
... OTHERS WEREN'T SO LUCKY...
LEMME SEE, TWO RETARDS LEFT...
HMMM... I'LL TAKE GREEN... AT LEAST HE'S A FUNNY RETARD. NITCHA GREEN, HEY DO THAT "NORSHAK" EXPRESSION!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Thousand Points of Love

"Our Thousand Points of Love" is a night in honor of those in our community that have been affected by the presence of HIV/AIDS—and your opportunity to commemorate someone special to you.

The celebration, which will honor those living with HIV/AIDS, as well as those who have lost their lives to AIDS, their friends, families and caregivers, will be held as part of the pride celebration on Sat. June 26 at 8 p.m. in John Howell Park. It will include speakers and singers and will conclude with a slide show of photographs of people in the community whose lives have been caught up in the HIV/AIDS crisis.

If you have someone you would like to honor, please mail your photographs (no larger than 5-by-7 inches) to: Coordinator, "Our 1,000 Points," c/o Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee, 621 Brownwood Ave. SE, Atlanta GA 30316. All pictures will be used and greatly appreciated.

of Georgia, Kentucky, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. Delegates from the regional committee will be elected to the national steering committee, and state organizing committees will also be formed.

Volunteers are needed in all areas. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Tony Leonard at (404) 325-0426

KUUMBA

KUUMBA, the twice-a-year journal of poetry dedicated to the celebration of the lives and culture of black lesbians and gay men, wants to see your work.

The journal is seeking submissions of poetry on all subjects reflecting experiences within the black lesbian/gay community. Typical areas of interest include coming out, involvement with family, interactions with surrounding communities, substance abuse, the arts, political activism, oral histories, AIDS and intimate relationships.

All poetry should be typed, with line and stanza breaks clearly delineated. Please include the usual self-addressed, stamped envelope with your manuscripts. Send your work to: Editors, KUUMBA, Box 83912, Los Angeles, CA 90083-0912. For further information, call 310-410-0808. Women are especially encouraged to submit.

KUUMBA also includes drawings (not photographs). Artists are encouraged to submit samples of their work.

Project Open Hand

Atlanta's Project Open Hand has been selected to receive the proceeds from a fundraising program sponsored by Neiman Marcus.

The department store chain has put together the "50 Against One" accessory collection. Each designer created a special item that depicts love, caring and sensitivity to the AIDS crisis. Each of the company's 27 stores designates a local AIDS service organization to receive money. The Atlanta store, in Lenox Square Mall, selected Project Open Hand, which prepares and delivers meals to 800 individuals with AIDS/HIV infection in metro Atlanta.

David Lopez, vice president and divisional merchandise manager of fashion accessories at Neiman Marcus, created the collection. "We wanted to do something meaningful and create a greater public awareness of the AIDS crisis. The synergism between designers and Neiman Marcus has given us an ideal opportunity and we are proud to continue the program into 1993 with our local volunteer agencies."

Heretic Petting Zoo

They say "all men are animals" and the Heretic recognizes this fact. They have captured and caged 10 superb specimens to be put on exhibit on Friday, June 18th at 9:00 PM at "The Petting Zoo," a fundraiser for the Atlanta Chapter of the National Association for People With AIDS.

At this unique event, ten men, dressed as various animals, will be contained within three large cages for the viewing and "petting" pleasure of those wishing to enter the zoo. There will be a charge to enter the cage and "pet" the animals.

The Heretic is located at 2069 Cheshire Bridge Road.



Volleyball tournament coming up for Pride.

Volleyball News

Atlanta's "Non-Stop Service" Volleyball Team took the gold medal in Division B of the recent National Volleyball Tournament. After winning bronze in Montreal last year, Atlanta's team stepped up for its first ever win in the NAGVA tournament, in which 63 teams participated, 22 teams in Division B. Team Dallas took second and Team Boston third. Next year's tournament will be held Easter weekend instead of Memorial Day so it won't compete with Gay Games '94 in New York.

Atlanta will sponsor an outdoor tournament June 26 during the pride celebration at Piedmont Park. Both recreational and competitive divisions will be held. Atlanta will also hold their largest tournament July 30 through Aug. 1 at Emory and Mercer Universities.

Members of "Non-Stop Service" include Phillip Brown, Jeff Klutz, Rick Lange, Larry Lucas, Marrell Mann, Jim Menard and captain Dave Weiss.

Stonewall 25

On June 26, 1994, in commemoration of the Stonewall riots of 1969 that launched the lesbian and gay civil rights movement, the Stonewall International March on the United Nations will take place in New York City.

Planned in conjunction with the 1994 Gay Games, over 1 million people are expected to attend the largest international gathering of lesbians and gay men in history.

A regional organizing committee is now forming for the Southeast, including the states

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NANCY PALCHANIS

Age: 30

How Long in Atlanta: 9 years

Last Book Read: "Dance of Deception" by Harriet Goldhor Lerner

Relationship Status: happily in transition

Pet Peeve: bigotry and rigidity in any form

Nancy Palchanis is a woman in constant motion. As a social worker with Project Connect, a program providing social services to the homeless through Jewish Family Services, she is perpetually busy.

"It's nutty sometimes," she laughs as she takes a breather in her windowless office on Peachtree Street. "You never get to pee all day long. As soon as you try to do one thing, the receptionist tells you there are five people waiting to see you. And they say it's an emergency, because to them it is."

She is never too busy to help them, even interrupting our interview to take calls and answer paperwork questions.

"I always answer my phone, even if someone is with me. People are calling with no money, or they are about to be evicted, and if they get my answering machine, it's valuable time lost," she explains, picking up a ringing phone.

Nancy didn't plan for it to turn out this way. The native Canadian came to Emory University to become a psychologist like her father. While in school, she began working at a women's shelter in the city. That's when the trouble began.

"There were many things at Emory that they weren't teaching me," she says. "Anything in the public sphere like the welfare system and dealing with problems on the social level was not in the program. It became more evident as I went to work at the shelter with people in absolute crisis and then went to Emory the next day and saw a 17-year-old driving a Porsche. It just got absurd."

But quitting Emory's program in favor of working toward a masters of social work degree at the University of Georgia was not easy. After all, her father, the psychologist, and her mother, the nurse, were counting on their oldest to be a psychologist. They are just now beginning to get over their anger and disappointment, Nancy says.

"Quitting Emory happened about the same time they learned I was a lesbian, so it was like, our daughter has lost her mind,"



she says. "They thought it was all together since it happened around the same time. But I think they were just afraid that I wouldn't find my way to what I wanted to do."

They need not have worried. By her own admission Nancy says social work is not just her job, it's what she wants to do with her life.

"I've always been attracted to people no one else will work with, like teenagers or the homeless," she smiles. "I always root for the underdog."

Project Connect works with two different shelters in the city and also provides services to other homeless who call Jewish Family Services. The program itself is non-denominational and Nancy says they try also not to be judgmental about those who come to them for help.

"There are some shelters where if you are even suspected of being gay, you are kicked out. They consider you a problem," her unusually soft voice growing passionate. "And these are so-called 'Christian' organizations. We don't pass judgments on people or their relationships. Here, we have separate rooms for couples, and the volunteer board of directors is looking at including gay and lesbian couples in that category."

It's moves like this that help Nancy to feel she is making a difference in the homeless problem in Atlanta. She does, however, realize that she can't save everyone and admits that there probably will never be a time when no one is homeless.

"But the program offers such a great opportunity to people that if they really want to take advantage of it, they can," she says, showing me a list of all the homeless who have gotten off the street and into permanent housing.

"I could go into private practice and make \$80 an hour, but I wouldn't like it," she says, shaking her head. "This job is much more rewarding."

CANDACE CHELLEW

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

AIDS Organizations

AID Atlanta—872-0600
AIDS Education/Services for Minorities—POB 87277, Atlanta, 30337, 762-6002
AIDS Hotline for Women—888-9991
AIDS Info Line—876-9944 (Atlanta); 1-800-551-2728
AIDS Legal Project—688-5433
AIDS Outreach Sewing Guild—872-2246
AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta (ARCA)—876-2317
♦ AIDSUPPORT—Jewish Family Services—888-6400, #76 Atlanta Buyers Club—(404) 874-4845, or POB 77003, Atl, 30357.
Atlanta Lesbian AIDS Project—250-8177
Childkind—936-9655
First MCC AIDS Ministry—872-2246
Georgia AIDS Therapy Information Network—1-800-551-2728
Grady Mem. Hospital Infectious Disease Program—35 Butler St., SE, POB 26113, Atl., GA 30335-3801, (404) 616-2440
The Living AIDS Memorial Park Project—876-0105
National Assn of People With AIDS/Atlanta—874-7926
The Names Project/Atlanta—605-7386
Outreach, Inc.—(404) 346-3922
People's United Pet Support—370-0178
Pets Are Loving Support (P.A.L.S.)—876-PAIS
Positive Outlook On Health—872-9954
Project Open Hand Atlanta—525-4620

Arts/Entertainment/Culture

Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus—872-4432
Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus—POB 771144, Atlanta 30357
Atlanta Lesbian and Gay History Thing—POB 7032, Atlanta 30357, 876-1060
"Funny...That Way"—875-2275
Greater Atlanta Music Ensemble—872-3135
Southeastern Arts, Media & Education Project, Inc.—609-9590
Southern Country Atlanta—938-0609

Bars

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

Direct Action/Political

ACLU/Lesbian & Gay Chapter—523-6201
ACT UP—874-6782 (O)
Atlanta Greens, Green Party USA, Lesbian-Gay-Bi-Queer Caucus—368-7137
Catalyst—(404) 776-1478
Dykes & Faggots Bash Back—P.O. Box 14531, Atlanta 30324, voice mail 908-5369
Gay/Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation—605-7477
Gay Republicans—Republicans for Individual Freedoms, 2980 Cobb Pkwy, Suite 192-172, Atlanta 30339
Georgia Advocates for Battered Women and Children/Lesbian Task Force—524-3847; 250 Georgia Ave. SE, Rm. 365, Atlanta 30312
Georgia Committee for the 1993 March on Washington—(404) 662-4199 or POB 5282, Atlanta 30307
GAPAC—Georgia Political Action Committee—872-8095, FAX 874-8628
Human Rights Campaign Fund—Field Committee, 231-5751
LEGAL—605-7476
Lesbian Avengers—621-5016
National Association of People with AIDS Hotline—874-7926
National Organization for Women—875-0176
Neighbors Network—257-5550
Queer Nation—605-7396
Republicans for Individual Freedoms—PO 13162, Atlanta, GA 30324, 239-1679
Straight But Not Narrow—242-2256 (voice mail)
STOP Bias Crimes Hot Line—605-STOP

Professional

Atlanta Entrepreneurs' Club—457-6347
Bar Owner's Assn—POB 15114, Atlanta 30333-0114
Fourth Tuesday—662-4353
Gay/Lesbian Postal Employees Network (G/L PEN)—POB 580397, Minneapolis, MN 55458-0397
Georgia Assoc. of Physicians for Human Rights (GAPIR)—231-2251
HomeGirls—622-0105
LEAGUE (Employees of AT&T)—404/872-2359
Nat'l Federation of Career Women—(404) 659-0315
OUTstaff (Emory)—727-2787 (Donna)

Spiritual

All Saints Metropolitan Community Church—622-1154
Catholic Gay and Lesbian Outreach—409-0203
Christ Covenant MCC, Stone Mountain—297-0350
Congregation Bet Haverim—642-3467
Emergence/Atlanta (Christian Scientists)—215-0585
First Existentialist Congregation of Atlanta—378-5570
First Metropolitan Community Church of Atl—872-2246
Gay & Lesbian Mormons—570-2561 (dig. page)
Gay Spirit Visions—378-7224

Grant Park Aldersgate United Methodist Church—627-6221; 575 Boulevard SE
Hosanna African Unity Life Center—872-9055
Integrity (Episcopal)—642-3183
Lutherans Concerned/Atlanta—636-7109
Oakhurst Presbyterian Church—378-6284
Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns—373-5830
Unitarian Universalists—634-5134, George at 688-2242

Sports/Outdoor/Hobbies

Atlanta Team Tennis Assn—621-2699
Atlanta Venture Sports—242-4899
Atlanta Women's Social Tennis—662-GAME
Front Runners/Atlanta—621-5007
Greater Atlanta Naturalist Group—851-2882 (voice mail)
Hotlanta Soccer—876-7372
Hotlanta Softball League—POB 14582, Atl. 30324, 873-4061
Hotlanta Volleyball—621-5062
Lambda Car Club—POB 11705, Atlanta 30355
Luring Lesbians (fishing club)—932-5236
Mountain Catalyst—POB 199, Demorest, GA 30535
S.E. Gay Rodeo Assn—POB 7881, Atl., 30357, 760-8126
Women's Outdoor Network—624-3418
Women's Rugby—659-6916 or 761-8939
TRICKS Bridge Club—2980 Cobb Pkwy, Suite 192-172, Atlanta 30339
Underwater Escapes—289-0696

Service/Support/Social

About Crossdressing—Janet, 624-3770
African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance—239-8184 (voice mail)
Amazon Salon Young Feminist Network—223-3718
American Educational Gender Info Service—POB 33724, Decatur 30033, (404) 939-0244 (eve)
Asians & Friends—Atlanta—876-0090
Athens Lesbian Information—write: LSG, POB 7864, Athens, 30604
Atlanta Corporal Punishment Club—Box 11863, Atlanta 30355
Atlanta Couples Together—365-2455
Atlanta Gay Center—876-5372
Atlanta Lambda Community Center—POB 15180, Atlanta 30333, 662-9010
Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Comm—662-4533
Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance—POB 5502, Atlanta 30307, phone 378-9769
Atlanta Lesbian Singles Organization (ALSO)—843-4492
Atlanta Pro-Choice Action Committee—239-8016
Black and White Men Together—892-BWMT
Caregivers to PWAs Support Group—874-1109 or 875-6109
Codependents Anonymous—239-1657
Chrysalis Women's Center—881-6300
Delphi—POB 14591, Atlanta, G 30324
Emotions Anonymous—872-0979
First Women—Write G.G. Richardson, POB 724711, Atl. 30339, phone 612-9473.
Friends Atlanta—662-4501
Gay Fathers of Atlanta—296-8369
Gay Help Line—6pm-11pm 892-0661
Gay/Lesbian AA & Al-Anon—881-9188
Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America—623-4099
Gay/Lesbian Task Force to the Public Safety Comm. of City Council—330-6504
Georgia Girth & Mirth—POB 9678, Atlanta 30319, (404) 621-5710
Georgia Lesbian Ecofeminists—525-9085
Gwinnett Lambda—POB 464848, Lawrenceville 30246, 871-GAYS
Hospitality Atlanta—627-0520
Interact of Atlanta—984-9875
KO-Existence—875-8936
John Howell Park Project—873-2950
Lambda Group/Narcotics Anonymous—237-6262
Leather S/M Discussion Group—873-2453
Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous—325-4909
Lesbian Narcotics Anonymous—703-3897
Lesbian Support Group—627-7387
Lesbians Over 50—850-1005
Lesbians With Children—740-1729
Men of Little 5 Points—POB 5425, Atlanta 30307
Name the Violence Support Group for Battered Lesbians—822-9570; Crisis Hotline—688-9436
Overeaters Anonymous (gay/lesbian group)—892-5868
Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays—296-0830 or 875-9440
Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays/Athens—(706) 208-1704
Queer Youth—P.O. Box 54032, Atlanta 30308; 605-7396
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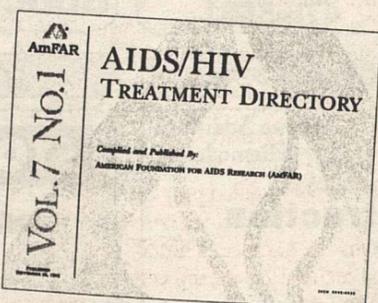
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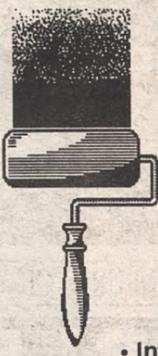
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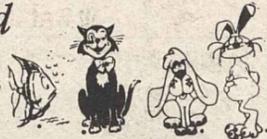
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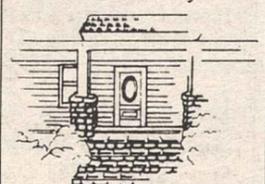
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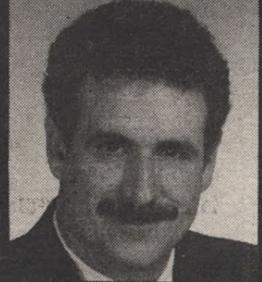
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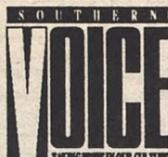
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GBF, aggressive, looking for a friendship. Seeking intelligent, career-minded, honest woman, not butch, between 20-30, no drugs. T 1461

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GWF, attractive, 34, seeks same for dinner, dancing, movies, music, outdoors, indoors,

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

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

GBF attractive romantic of 28; Searching thru ads for female life-mate. You should be attractive too - insightful, thoughtful, communicative and true. T 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. T 1354

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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. T 1483

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Looking for love? GWM, 38, 6'2" prof.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Handsome WM, 35, 6'2", 185, Brown hair / eyes, moustache. Runner, swimmer, well-educated, professional, seeking similar WM 30+. T 1377

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LAIDBACK, WM, semi-loner, 42, 6'2", 180 lbs, HIV-, seeks similar man also interested in mutually private "French" tutoring, no femmes! T 1358

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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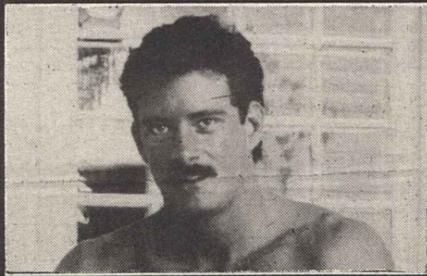
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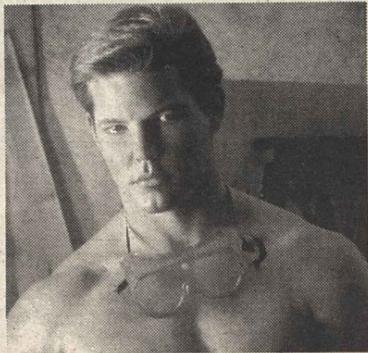
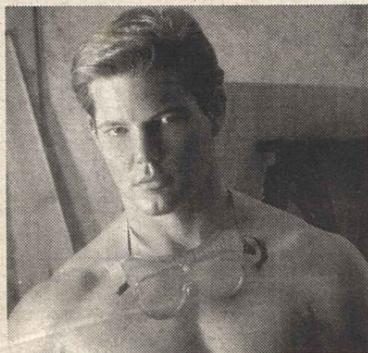
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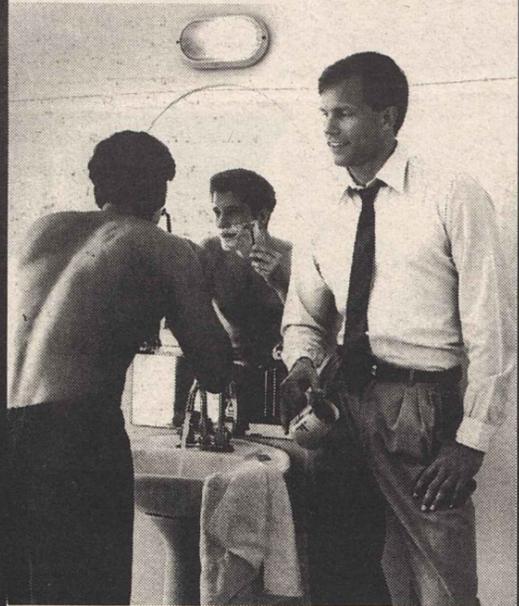
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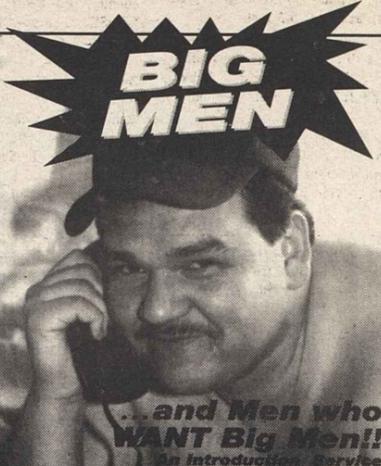
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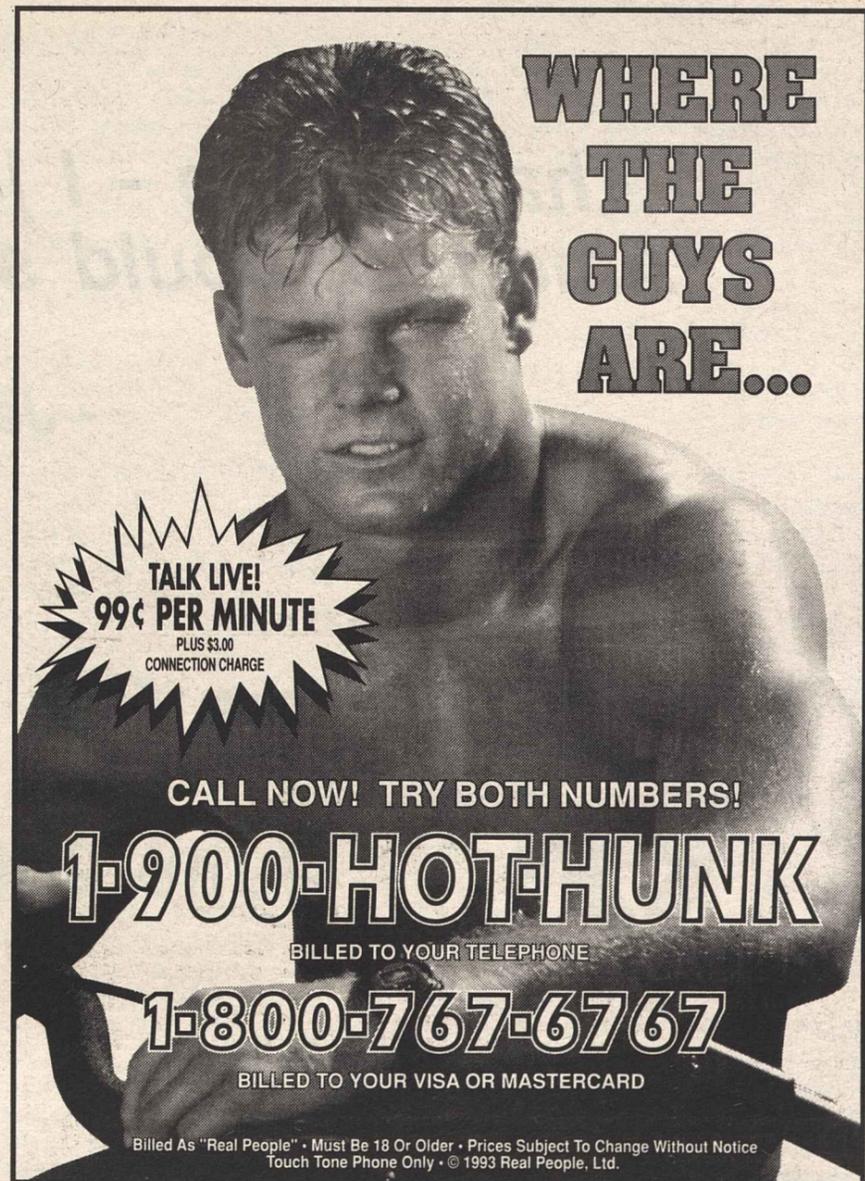
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