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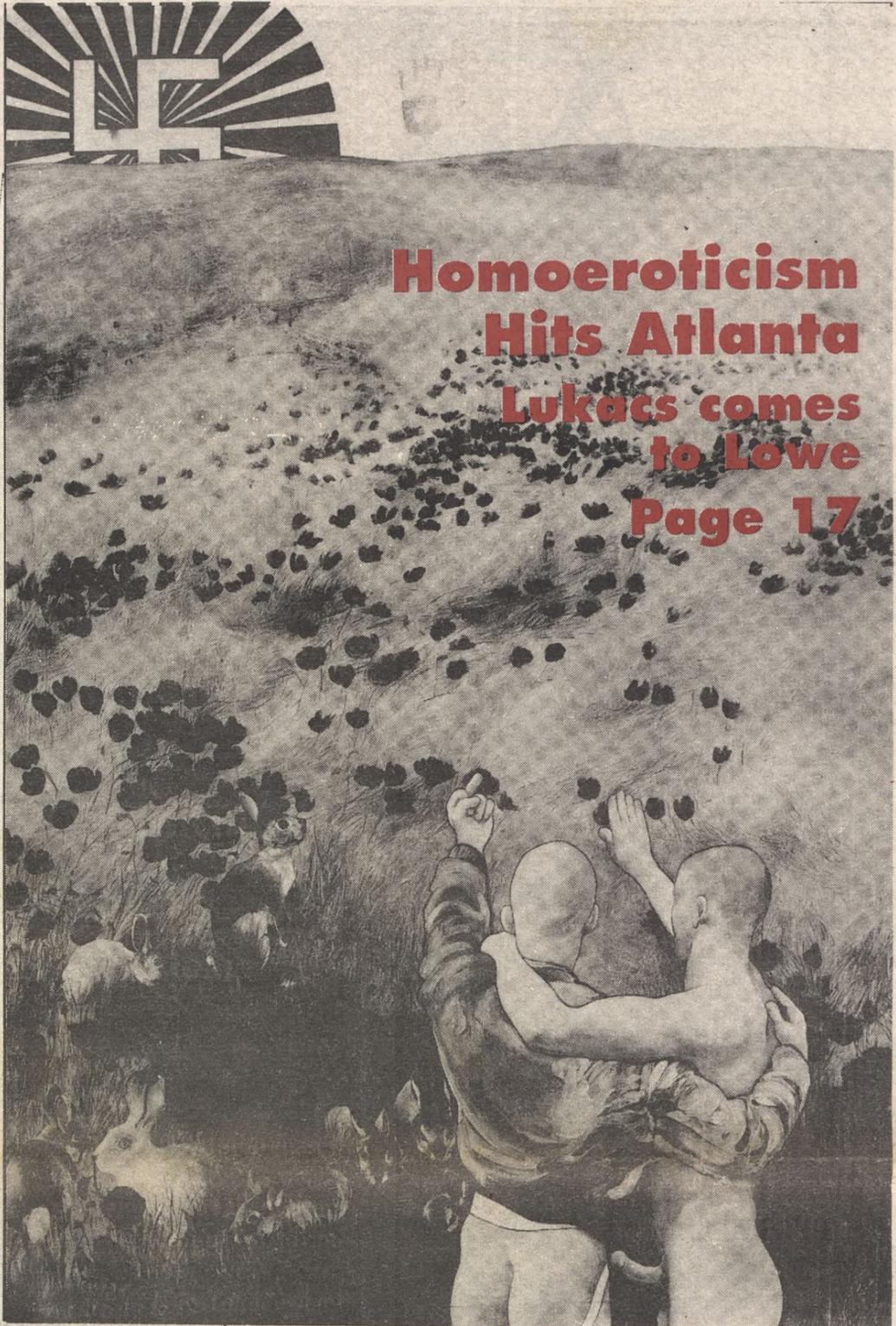
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DAYS OF RAGE

Mayor's veto has Atlanta's gays and lesbians pounding on the door of City Hall

by RICHARD SHUMATE

Atlanta—We're here. We're queer. We've been betrayed.

That is the message echoing through Atlanta in the wake of Mayor Maynard Jackson's veto of a domestic partnership benefits ordinance, which has unleashed a wave of anger without precedent in the city's lesbian and gay community.

Just hours after news of the veto hit the newspapers and airwaves last Wednesday, about 200 demonstrators turned up in searing 90-degree heat at City Hall in what was to become just the first of a series of demonstrations that continued through the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

At one point, picketers tried to storm the building, beating on the locked doors until a contingent of police forced them back. Later, a lesbian/gay variation on the American flag (red and white stripes replaced with the rainbow colors) was run up the flagpole, to chants of "Civil Rights or Civil War."

The anger was palpable. The fact that the mayor signed one of the two domestic partnership ordinances didn't seem to matter. His explanation that extending benefits to the partners of city employees was too costly fell on deaf ears. And his longtime pro-gay rhetoric just seemed to make the sense of betrayal more acute.

Jamie Davis, one of the demonstrators, said it was that sense of betrayal that led him to City Hall, carrying

a sign that read "Maynard Jackson, We Know It's True. Your Bigotry Is As Fat As You."

He remembers being at a Democratic Party celebration last election night, after the lesbian/gay vote had put Bill Clinton over the top in Georgia, when Jackson gave a speech acknowledging the contributions of gays and lesbians in the city.

"When I heard [about the veto], I realized that all of his speech was nothing more than rhetoric, the rhetoric of lies."

Julie Kubala of the Lesbian Avengers came to City
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Mayor Jackson says financial questions led to partnership veto

Atlanta—Even as he made history last week by signing legislation setting up a registry for domestic partners, Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson stunned members of the city's lesbian/gay community by vetoing an ordinance to provide insurance benefits to the partners of city employees.

In a letter to the City Council explaining his veto, and during a meeting with representatives of an angry lesbian/gay community last Friday, Jackson said he rejected the measure because of concerns about its financial implications.

"The [bill] did not identify how much would be spent and where it would come from," Jackson said at a press conference immediately after the meeting. "This is my problem."

As Southern Voice went to press, an attempt was being made in the City Council to override the veto. That was considered unlikely, however, as it could require as many as 11 votes and initial approval of the ordinance was only by a 9-7 margin.

Although rumors that the mayor might veto one or both of the ordinances surfaced almost immediately after the Council approved them on June 21, the veto—and Jackson's reasons for it—surprised the community, bringing hundreds of people into the streets in angry protest.

Ironically, Jackson had vetoed the measure via fax from the Netherlands, where he was opening an Atlanta trade office and where lesbians and gay men enjoy considerably less discrimination than in the United States.

"His reasons just don't hold water," said Marcia Okula, Jackson's special assistant for lesbian and gay issues. "I can only hope that he will follow through on what he said he'd do, which is to get answers to his legal and financial questions. But most of those questions have al-

ready been answered."

In newspaper reports immediately following the veto, Angelo Fuster, Jackson's deputy chief of staff, said that the mayor's legal concerns stemmed from the state's "home rule" laws, which specify what a local government may and may not legally legislate. However, those laws specifically grant any local government the power to determine what benefits will be provided to its employees.

The mayor, returning home from Europe to a political firestorm, angrily took the ordinance's sponsor, Councilwoman Mary Davis, to task after she publicly accused him of breaking a promise by vetoing the legislation. He went before the TV cameras and accused Davis of exploiting the issue for political reasons because she is running for re-election against an openly gay candidate, Andy Loftis.

The two had a private meeting later in the week during which they reportedly patched up their personal differences.

The financial issue has been a sore spot as well for the ad hoc committee working with Davis on the ordinances. Members of that committee say that members of Jackson's staff—specifically Chief Fiscal Officer Michael Bell and Chief of Staff Jeri Elder—have been at best uncooperative during the long process of bringing the measures before the council.

Bell's office provided what committee members say are ridiculously high estimates for the cost of the program, often ignoring the experience of other cities with similar legislation already in place. The city's finance department estimated that more than 11 percent of city employees would participate in the program, despite an overall average from other cities with domestic partnership of well below 5 percent.



Councilwoman Mary Davis accused Mayor Jackson of not keeping his promise. He said she was motivated by her re-election campaign.



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The committee provided revised figures based more precisely on the experience of those other cities, but only the finance department figures were included in the initial package sent to Jackson for his review after the bills passed the council.

"There's a failure on the part of Maynard Jackson's staff to communicate," said ACTUP's Jeff Graham, who attended the two-and-a-half hour meeting with the mayor last week. "There are members of Maynard Jackson's staff who don't want this bill to pass."

Some sources inside City Hall speculate that

it is the attitude of Jackson's "inner circle" of advisors—including Chief Operating Officer Art Cummings and Police Chief Eldrin Bell, who both actively lobbied against the bill—that brought about the veto. The financial and legal concerns, they insist, are smokescreens to divert attention from homophobia on the part of some on the mayor's staff.

"He didn't talk to anyone [before the veto], to my knowledge," said Okula. "He didn't talk to me, to the senior advisors, to any of the people who worked on this legislation. I was really

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Top civil rights leaders call on Clinton to keep his word

Coretta Scott King and Joseph Lowery among those who ask Clinton not to adopt "don't ask, don't tell" compromise

Atlanta—Standing symbolically in front of the tomb of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., an ex-

traordinary group of civil rights leaders, including King's widow, Coretta, called on President Clinton last Wednesday to keep his promise to end the ban on gays and lesbians in the military.

"I strongly believe that freedom and justice cannot be parceled out in pieces to suit political convenience," said Mrs. King, who noted that lesbians and gays had supported the struggle of African-Americans for civil rights "and I am not going to turn my back on their movement for

freedom and dignity."

"I join with my colleagues in calling on President Clinton to stand firm against all forms of discrimination in the military and to accept no compromises which undermine the principles of fairness and human dignity," Mrs. King said. "To this endeavor, I pledge my wholehearted support, and with this commitment, together we shall overcome."

Also, one of the leaders of the effort to repeal the ban, Tom Stoddard of the Campaign for Military Service, told the crowd assembled at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change that gays and lesbians will engage in acts of civil disobedience if Clinton adopts the "don't ask, don't tell" policy that would essentially force lesbian and gay service personnel to remain in the closet.

"We will turn to the courts, we will turn to the streets and we will turn to the American people," Stoddard said.

The gathering of civil rights leaders, designed to help persuade Clinton not to agree to "don't ask, don't tell," was one of the strongest shows of support ever for gay/lesbian concerns by mainstream civil rights groups. Mrs. King was joined by Rev. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Dr. Marry Francis Berry, a member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and Ralph Neas, executive director of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

Also on hand was Karen Narasaki, from the Japanese-American Citizens League, who noted that people of Japanese descent, like gays and lesbians, were once banned from the military and then, when that ban was lifted, went on to form one of the most highly-decorated units of World War II.

"History has shown us that American society is stronger when all Americans are included," said Narasaki.

Lowery told the crowd assembled in an outdoor courtyard just yards from the tomb of the slain civil rights leader that "lesbians and gays

have as much right to serve their country and fight and die like anybody else." And he said that leaving decisions on extending civil rights to the whims of the majority was dangerous, noting that popular sentiment often runs counter to truth.

"There are those who don't like broccoli, but it remains a vegetable," said Lowery.

"This is a matter of conscience. This is a matter of principle," Berry said. "Discrimination based on sexual orientation is as surely wrong as discrimination based on race."

The civil rights leaders were joined by representatives of several groups that are working to lift the ban, including Stoddard, Maurice Franklin of the National Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum, Toric Osborn of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and Laura Murphy-Lee of the ACLU's Washington office.

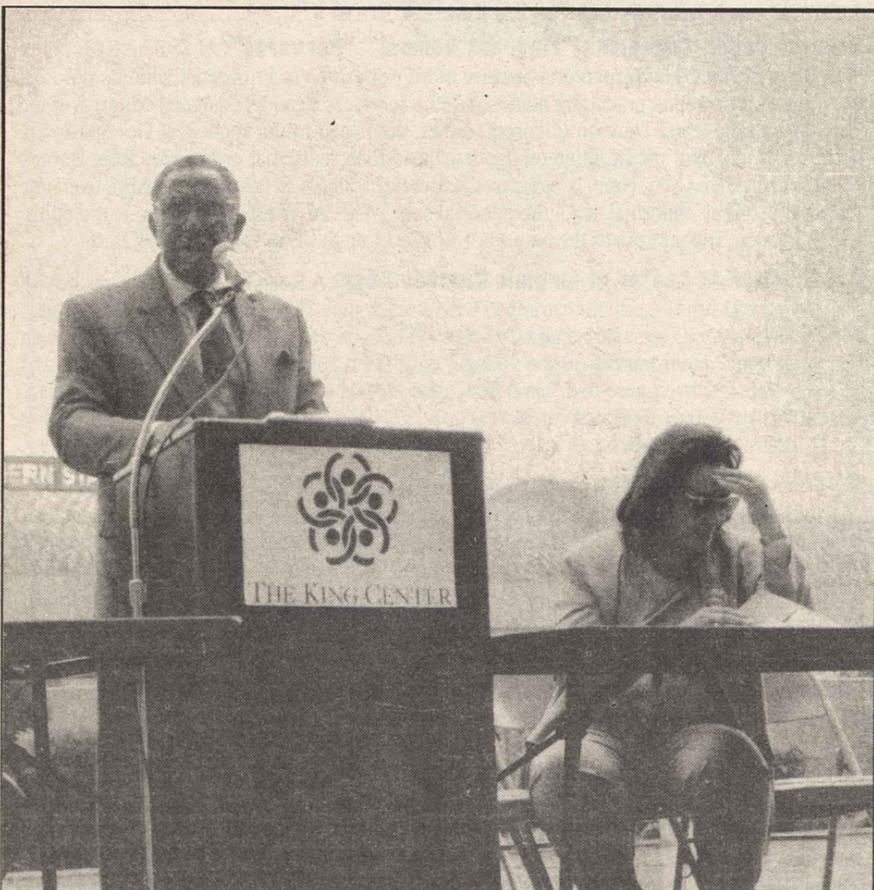
"Lesbians, gays and bisexuals can no longer accept a citizenship stamped, 'Keep It In The Closet,'" said Franklin. And he likened homophobic discrimination to racial discrimination, saying that "as a black, gay man, I can tell you the difference, and the difference is none. Discrimination is discrimination. The pain is the same."

Mrs. King also called on the military to work harder to overcome prejudice in its ranks.

"The controversy over this issue indicates that homophobia, as well as other forms of prejudice and intolerance, are serious problems in the military services, as they are throughout our society," she said. "Education programs about the destructive effects of bigoted attitudes should be made a required part of basic training for all branches of the services."

Also on hand to show their support for lifting the ban were Fulton County Commission Chairman Michael Lomax, Atlanta City Councilman Bill Campbell, who is running for mayor, Councilwoman Mary Davis and State Rep. Jim Martin, D-Atlanta.

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As Coretta Scott King looks on, Rev. Joseph Lowery says gays and lesbians have as much right to fight for their country as anyone else.

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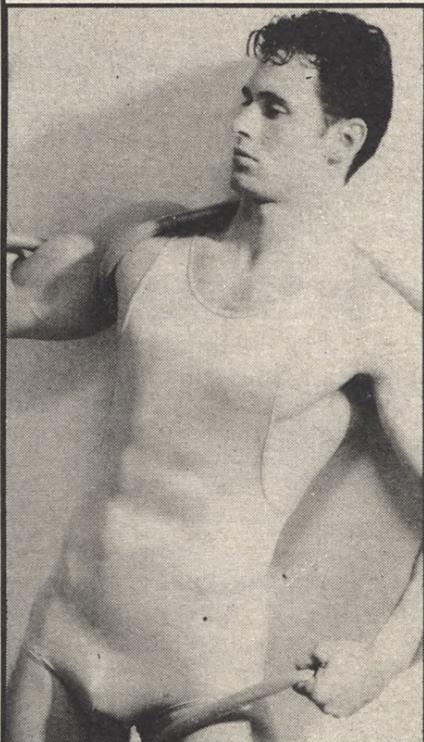
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Fundy ghostwriter to head MCC ministry in Texas

*New dean of nation's largest
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and Billy Graham*

Dallas, TX—A man who once served as ghostwriter for Billy Graham, Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson has been chosen by the world's largest gay and lesbian church to lead its national media-based ministry.

Mel White has been named the new dean of Dallas Cathedral of Hope, the 1,200-member flagship of the Metropolitan Community Church, a 30,000-member denomination based in Los Angeles. The dean job is non-paying.

White's ghostwriting jobs often brought \$100,000 for a few months' work. He collaborated with Graham on his book, "Approaching Hoofbeats." He also assisted Falwell, the former Moral Majority leader.

"Once you've ghostwritten for Billy Graham, there's not a person in the religious world who doesn't want you to ghostwrite for them," White said.

All that changed in the early 1980s when the word got out that White was gay, he said. Graham, for one, stopped returning White's phone calls.

White, 53, is starting a national media-based ministry to counter religious right figures such as Robertson, who he says wants to destroy gays and lesbians.

The MCC's movement, called Circles of Hope, will combine spiritual outreach and social action for those in communities with little or no visible gay/lesbian presence.

"Fighting the religious right or helping the churches re-examine their prejudice and their homophobia is an impossible task," White said. "My real job is to provide comfort and community to my gay brothers and sisters."

In January, White and his partner of nine years, Gary Nixon, attended services at First Baptist Church in Dallas. They were newly arrived from Laguna Beach, Calif., and Falwell had come to town to be guest preacher.

For more than a year, White had sent letters to Falwell, asking him to correct "misinformation" in his statements about homosexu-



Falwell says the gay minister who ghostwrote for him is "a man of integrity and fairness."

ality. Although there had been no response, White hoped at least to meet with Falwell.

It didn't happen.

During the service, White's anger grew as he heard the televangelist talk about President-elect Clinton's plan to lift the ban on gays in the military.

"It's bad enough to put our guys out there in the foxholes who must focus on the enemy without having to look to see who's crawling up behind them," Falwell told the congregation.

White was offended but not surprised. He has heard churches condemn homosexuality, directly or indirectly, for most of his life.

Falwell said this week that he hadn't known White was gay when they worked together. But, he added, "It wouldn't have made any difference."

About a year ago, "Mel wrote me a long letter telling me he was gay," Falwell said. "While I don't agree with his lifestyle, I'm not his God." He describes White as "perhaps the finest writer I know" and "a man of integrity and fairness."

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Georgia Paper Condemns "Flagrant Homos," "Perverts": U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn "has been vilified by some perverts because of his opposition to President Clinton's political ploy to admit open and practicing homos into the services," read an unsigned editorial in the June 17 edition of the Dawson (Georgia) News, published in the southwest Georgia town. "One for Nunn" was the headline on the diatribe, which scoffed at openly gay Rep. Barney Frank's charge that Sen. Nunn is "obsessed with sex." "That's an interesting charge from one whose lifestyle is abnormal sex," the editorial said. William Thomas Rountree is the editor and publisher. The address of the News is 139 West Lee St., Dawson, GA 31742.

Gay Brother At Center of Virginia Custody Case: A Roanoke man wants custody of his 11-year-old son because his estranged wife's other son, from a different marriage, is gay. Michael W. Scott alleges that Sandra O. Scott and her son, James McCulley, would create an "unwholesome" environment for the younger child. "I thought I was going to come out and be happy, but it's been pure hell," said McCulley, 17, who told his mother he was gay after she and his stepfather separated earlier this year. "These kids have been brought up together for 11 years," said Mrs. Scott.

NC Can't Limit HIV testing: ACT UP/Triangle has won a round in its battle to stop the state of North Carolina from limiting anonymous testing for HIV to only a few of the state's counties. Superior Court Judge Orlando Hudson issued a permanent injunction that orders the state "to provide the same access to anonymous testing in each county of North Carolina which is being provided at any other public health department within the state of North Carolina." The state Health Department is considering an appeal—and is also considering whether to comply with the ruling by ending all anonymous testing.

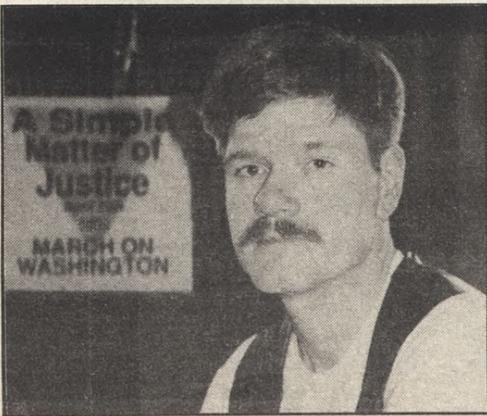
Panama City Gays Say Harassment On The Rise: Gays say fear and threatening telephone calls have increased since a recent meeting of a group pushing for a state constitutional amendment that would bar gay rights. At a recent meeting of the Florida chapter of the American Family Association, state AFA director David Caton urged people to "stop the homosexual agenda" and prevent gays from forcing a deviant lifestyle on heterosexuals. "I've had people call and say they're going to get me, that I'm disgusting," said Tanya Hutchison, president of Queer Nation/Bay County. "Whether these Christians realize it or not, they are advocating violence and I'm terribly afraid." A local radio station has been broadcasting anti-gay rhetoric and a local restaurant has posted a gay newsletter with the names and phone numbers of activists.

Irish Parliament Passes Bill Legalizing Homosexuality:

Lawmakers in Ireland approved a bill legalizing homosexuality last week, effectively ending years of official intolerance of gays and further loosening the Roman Catholic nation's social restrictions. The bill, passed by the Dail, or lower house of parliament, allows homosexual activity among people aged 17 and over. The parliament's upper chamber, the Senate, must still approve the measure, but passing the lower house was the major hurdle to approval. Justice Minister Maire Geoghegan Quinn said it will enable gays "to express themselves in personal relationships without the fear of being branded and punished as criminals," while the Irish Times newspaper hailed the bill as "a welcome reform."

Lesbians And Gay Men Go Underground: To the New York subways, that is. The New York chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation recently announced its ground breaking "Images" campaign—a series of fair, accurate and inclusive representations placed in every other subway car of the New York subway system. The posters will be visible through July 14. "Images" will educate the public about our lives by putting them on a first name basis with a diverse group of men and women who are active in our community," said GLAAD/NY director Ellen Carton.

Lesbian Appointed To St. Louis Civil Rights Commission: St. Louis Mayor Freeman Bosley Jr. announced at that city's Gay Pride Rally June 27 that he would appoint openly lesbian Laura Moore to sit on St. Louis's 15-member Civil Rights Commission. Bosley said the appointment marked the first time the gay and lesbian community would have a voice on the commission, which oversees the city's Civil Rights Enforcement Agency. Moore helped found the city's first shelter for abused women and their children, and worked for Bosley's mayoral campaign. Her appointment must be approved by the board of Aldermen. Bosley was the first elected city official to ever speak to the crowd at a St. Louis Pride celebration.



Billy Hileman, one of the organizers of the March On Washington and a part-time staffer for openly gay Congressman Barney Frank, was fired by Frank for attending a kiss-in at Sen. Sam Nunn's office.

Frank Fires Gay Staffer After Kiss-In: Openly gay Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) has fired a gay member of his staff for disobeying his instructions and taking part in a kiss-in demonstration outside the office of Sen. Sam Nunn (D-GA). Billy Hileman, a Pittsburgh resident who was one of the national co-chairs of the March On Washington, said Frank fired him from a part-time job for participating in the December 1992 demonstration, organized to protest Nunn's firing of two gay staffers in the early 1980s. "Because he had disregarded my explicit instruction that my office not be used to organize civil disobedience against Congress, I told him he could no longer work here," Frank said.

Amendment 2 Sponsor Holds Seminar To Fight Gay Community: Using a photo of a gay man with a t-shirt reading "I like boys," Kevin Tebedo, head of Colorado for Family Values, the group that sponsored the anti-gay Amendment 2, told those attending a seminar that the "militant homosexual agenda" must be stopped. "In opposing the homosexual agenda, there is no compromise," Tebedo said, countering CFV's usual claims that its own agenda is a benign one designed merely to stop "special rights." "It will have to be defeated." Tebedo used the photo, taken at PrideFest in Colorado Springs, to support his claims that the gay community consists of pedophiles and child molesters.

California Man Sues Under Hate Crimes Law: A Concord, California man has become the first to file a hate crimes lawsuit after a U.S. Supreme Court decision ruled such laws constitutional. Robert Ross was maced and assaulted by a Gilbert Lucero, a son-in-law of his next door neighbor, on Memorial Day. Lucero allegedly attempted to garner support for his attack by standing in the middle of the street and shouting to neighbors "How do you like having sick faggots living here?" Ross's lawsuit seeks over \$1 million dollars in damages. California's hate crimes law provides civil penalties for felonies committed because of bias.

Vermont Labor Board OKs Domestic Partnership: Partners of gay University of Vermont employees will qualify for health benefits just as the spouses of UVM's married workers now do, President Thomas Salmon said last week. Salmon's announcement came after a state Labor Relations Board ruling, agreeing with several gay employees that the benefits should be offered. Salmon said the university did not opt to appeal the ruling because he did not want "a protracted debate over this issue [that] could divert our attention from the critical tasks at hand." UVM is located in Burlington, which offers benefits to unmarried domestic partners—gay and straight—of city employees. UVM will restrict its benefits to the gay partners of employees, because only gay employees filed the grievance.

You Can't Say That in Utah: The Utah Board of Education has rejected a proposal that would have allowed teachers to use textbooks that are accepting of homosexuality. A textbook commission had recommended the guidelines, but the board voted to reject the recommendation and keep standards set in 1987. Those standards require a conservative sex education curriculum that emphasizes abstinence and prohibits textbooks that accept or advocate homosexuality. The board's decision was "disappointing, but not surprising," said Tommie Leydsman, a member of the textbook commission.

Three Found Guilty In Bashing: Three men were found guilty last week of assault in what prosecutors described as a gay bashing outside a city bar in Baltimore. The jury deliberated about eight hours before finding Anthony M. Ambrosino Jr. guilty of two counts of assault with intent to murder. James A. Randolph and his brother, Matthew T. Randolph, were found guilty of assault. The case stems from a March 27, 1992 brawl outside a gay bar. According to witnesses, the three men taunted and insulted bar patrons, provoking a fight in which several people were injured.

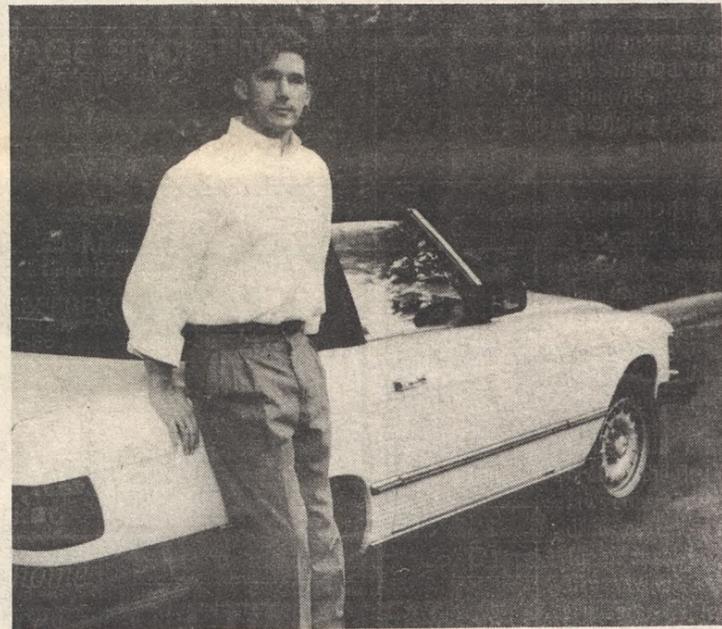
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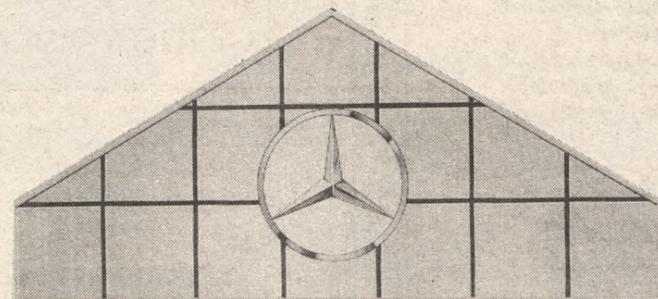
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Commission's report raps U.S. fight against AIDS

Washington, DC—After four years of work, the National Commission on AIDS has come to the same conclusion that those on the front lines of the battle against AIDS have known all along—America is doing a terrible job of dealing with the epidemic.

More people will be infected, more will die, a cure is "difficult to imagine" and a vaccine for general use in humans is at least five to ten years away, the commission said in its final report issued June 27.

"This is a short, sometimes angry report tinged with sadness and foreboding," said an introduction to the report by Dr. June Osborn, the commission's chairman, and Dr. David Rogers, the vice chairman.

"The human immunodeficiency virus has profoundly changed life on our planet," they wrote. "America has not done well in acknowledging this fact or in mobilizing its vast resources to address it appropriately."

The commission, which issued 14 reports in the past and many recommendations, has boiled its message down to two points, calling on leaders to speak frankly about AIDS and to develop a "clear, well-articulated national plan" for dealing with the disease.

"What should be done is not complicated," the report said. "But it requires leadership, a plan and the national resolve to implement it."

The commission, which started its work in 1989 and consisted of both Democrats and Republicans, often criticized the Bush administration for not doing enough about the epidemic and for being squeamish about discussing subjects such as gay sex.

In this final report, the commission said, "New hope surged with the election of President Clinton."

The administration has proposed a 1994 budget that includes \$2.7 billion for AIDS research, treatment and prevention, a 28 percent increase over this year's spending.

Nevertheless, the report said that while Clinton was sympathetic to the cause and had promised much, he had yet to deliver.

Members of the commission were apparently ready to be openly critical of the president for failure to act, but, after his appointment of Kristine Gebbie as the government's AIDS czar, decided to temper their remarks.

"We're pleased that the Clinton administration has finally started its engine on AIDS," Rogers said in a separate statement accompanying the report.

"The human immunodeficiency virus has profoundly changed life on our planet. America has not done well in acknowledging this fact or in mobilizing its vast resources to address it appropriately." — final report of the National Commission on AIDS.

An administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, claimed the timing of Gebbie's appointment and the release of the report was a coincidence.

As of March 31, acquired immune deficiency syndrome had been diagnosed in 289,320 Americans, of whom 63 percent, or 182,275, have died since June 1, 1981, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In Georgia, 8,622 cases of AIDS had been reported as of June 3, and 5,039 people have died, according to figures from the Georgia Department of Human Resources.

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Battle over AZT begins in N.C.

Burroughs Wellcome takes generic drug makers to court

New Bern, NC—Who has the right to make AZT?

A trial that began here last week will answer that question—and decide whether people living with AIDS/HIV will get relief from the high prices they now have to pay for the drug.

Burroughs Wellcome Co. is suing two generic drug manufacturers in federal court for their efforts to make and market a cheaper form of AZT. Burroughs, which has changed the name of its AZT formula to Retrovir, holds six patents naming its scientists as developing the idea to use AZT against the HIV.

But the defendants, Barr Laboratories Inc. and Novopharm Ltd., contend that Wellcome should have named three scientists employed by the National Institutes of Health as co-inventors for their contributions. The scientists tested AZT on live HIV to prove the drug's effectiveness as a treatment, and the companies say the federal help given to Burroughs Wellcome precludes the company from exclusive con-

trol of the drug.

Burroughs Wellcome, based in Research Triangle Park, N.C., has long been criticized by AIDS activists for the high cost of the drug. They are watching the trial closely because if Barr and Novopharm win and can produce AZT, the cost of treatment for people with AIDS/HIV is expected to drop.

Twelve jurors and two alternates were selected June 28 to decide the lawsuit, which is expected to take months. The jurors will decide a case deemed to be so complex that one of the attorneys has tapped a molecular geneticist as his technical adviser.

"As cases go, this may be the most interesting on which you will ever have the opportunity to serve," U.S. District Court Judge Malcolm Howard said before swearing in the jurors.

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New NAPWA director lauds community drive

Atlanta—Mark King has been on the job two months as executive director of the Atlanta Chapter of the National Association of People With AIDS. And in that time, he has come to appreciate the dedication and drive of the city's HIV/AIDS community.

"People underestimate the level of sophistication here," said King, who came to the local NAPWA chapter from a position with the Shanti project in Los Angeles. "In Los Angeles, the medical community has really taken the lead. In Atlanta, the medical community is more conservative, and it's up to us to push things along."

King's appointment to head NAPWA in May ended a six-month search. He has been active in AIDS non-profit management for eight years and had spent the last five years as director of public relations for Los Angeles Shanti Foundation, a leading HIV counseling and education organization.

"It has been my desire to return to do AIDS related work in the South," said King, who is originally from Shreveport, Louisiana. "I'm especially excited about the reputation and potential of Atlanta NAPWA. As a person with HIV, I strongly support their model of approaching counseling and advocacy from the perspective of the HIV infected."

Of special interest to King is the expansion of the agency's current programs while increasing Atlanta NAPWA's outreach into the community.

"The public is bombarded by messages from various organizations, and we need to somehow burst through with a message that we are the only organization in town which provides services for people with AIDS by people with AIDS. That is a unique mission,



Mark King was appointed executive director of Atlanta NAPWA in May.

and free from any outside influences or special interests."

"Atlanta NAPWA must also be ready and receptive to address more directly the needs of emerging populations with HIV, particularly women and people of color."

Founded in 1988, Atlanta NAPWA is a leading HIV/AIDS advocacy and support organization, offering peer counseling, an AIDS treatment resource library and newsletter, and Operation Survival, a course of education and empowerment for those who have tested HIV positive. All NAPWA services are offered free of charge.

King says he plans no major changes in NAPWA at this point, but he would like to increase the visibility of the organization's more innovative programs, particularly Operation Survival.

"The biggest thing I'm going to do is start blowing our own horn," King said.



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New York City—People with HIV who have a low immune cell count but no symptoms of AIDS should not necessarily be given AZT, according to an independent panel of experts studying HIV treatment.

The panel's recommendation marks a major shift in the strategy for treating people infected with the HIV virus.

The CD-4 count for a healthy person ranges from 800 to 1,200. The current recommendation is to prescribe AZT for HIV-infected people with CD-4 counts of 500, long before they develop the symptoms of full-fledged AIDS. But while the panel said AZT should still be the first drug used against the HIV virus and recommended starting therapy in patients with CD-4 counts between 200 and 500, careful monitoring without drug therapy is an equally valid option, according to the guidelines, with AZT therapy beginning later if the patient's condition changes.

"AZT has benefits, but we are admitting that it is not as good a drug as we thought it was," said Dr. Merle A. Sande, an AIDS expert from the University of California at San Francisco who headed the 18-member panel.

Sande said the panel's proposals—not yet official policy of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases which convened the panel—were likely to lead to a reduction in the number of HIV-infected people who take AZT. The new guidelines reflect recent studies that have shown AZT to have a limited benefit for a limited time.

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Minority HIV/AIDS funds available

The Georgia Department of Human Resources has announced that two types of HIV/AIDS education grants are available to non-governmental, community-based organizations.

Grants between \$10,000 and \$40,000 are available to provide HIV/AIDS information and education programs for ethnic minority populations. To be eligible, the applicant's governing body must be composed of more than 50 percent racial or ethnic minority group members (Asians, African Americans, Latinos/Hispanics, American Indians, Caribbean Americans, Alaskan natives and Pacific Islanders).

A \$40,000 to \$75,000 grant is also available for a coordinating center to manage and evaluate program activities of community-based organizations serving people of color in Georgia that will provide HIV/AIDS education during calendar year 1994.

The grants will become available January 1, 1994. Organizations interested in applying for these funds must submit an application by 5 p.m. on August 27, 1993 to Caesar Ross, III, Communicable Disease Branch, HIV/AIDS Section, Georgia Department of Human Resources, Two Peachtree Street, Sixth Floor Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

A pre-application workshop for community based organizations will be held on July 22 at 10 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Convention Center, 3590 Riverside Drive, Macon. To register for the pre-application workshop, contact Stacie Savage, HIV/AIDS Section at (404) 657-2590 on or before July 19.



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EDITORIAL

With friends like Maynard, who needs enemies

As domestic partnership legislation worked its way through the City Council, we all thought Maynard was on board. After all, it had been one of his campaign promises. And Mayor Jackson had long espoused pro-queer sentiment in his rhetoric (though one could argue that his record on delivering on that rhetoric was mighty spotty).

Once the bill providing benefits to the domestic partners of city employees won on a narrow 9-to-7 vote in the council, it appeared that the highest hurdle had been cleared. So the mayor's veto was like a bolt of lightning. A man who had said he was our friend stabbed us in the back.

Our illusions were shattered, and our ire was raised, and that ire has proven to be a mighty and magnificent thing. Lesbians and gay men have stood up and told this city that we are mad as hell and we're not going to take it anymore. Unintentional as it may have been, Maynard Jackson, through his veto, created a force with the potential to shake the political structure of this city to its homophobic foundations.

It is the only thing for which we can thank him.

We are angry. The mayor says the partnership ordinance may have conflicted with state law. That is by no means certain. The courageous thing to do would have been for the mayor to stand up and say that, yes, the city believes in this concept and the city will fight for it, in court if necessary.

We are angry. Jackson and other opponents of the benefits ordinance are hiding behind the cost issue, much in the same way that bigots and cowards throughout history have hid behind smokescreens that have nothing to do with the topic at hand.

The idea put forth by the city finance department that domestic partnership benefits will cost \$3 million a year is patently ridiculous. If extending the benefits increased insurance pre-

miums by \$200 a month—and those who have studied the issue think the cost would be a fraction of that—there would have to be 1,250 lesbian/gay city employees with spouses to justify the \$3 million figure. And while we wouldn't mind seeing a City Hall that was that queer, we genuinely doubt that blessed day has arrived.

We are angry. The mayor chose not to listen to Councilwoman Mary Davis and the people in our community who know the most about this issue, who have the facts about how much partnership benefits will cost. Instead, he listened to Police Chief Eldrin Bell, whose advice would be better confined to discussions about that tacky generalissimo fashion look he seems to favor, and bureaucrats in his finance department who have been openly hostile to the ordinance all along.

Why, some heterosexuals in Atlanta might ask, are y'all so up in arms about this? Most of

you are not city employees. Even those who are would have to be in a committed relationship to take use the benefits ordinance? Why? Why are you angry?

Partnership is a small crumb, to be sure, but it is the modesty of what we asked for and didn't get that explains why people were down at City Hall, pounding on the doors. Because if elected officials who claim to be our friends won't extend us such a small, symbolic benefit, what hope do we ever have of defeating our homophobic enemies?

What chance do we have of getting full civil rights? Of ever being protected from employment or housing discrimination? Of having our sexual conduct decriminalized? Of being able to have our relationships validated in the law?

What we have said in Atlanta this past week is that politicians cannot just tell us what we want to hear at election time and then refuse to do anything tangible to advance that fight.

To be blunt, we don't give a damn if politicians' hearts are in the right place. From now on, they will be judged not on their rhetoric but on our reality.

One group of people who in particular need to raise their voices high on this issue are proud African-American lesbians and gay men. Atlanta's black political power structure needs to be reminded that queer people come in a glorious array, all colors, backgrounds, shapes and sizes.

Ironically, the day after the mayor's cowardly act of betrayal, Coretta Scott King, at a press conference denouncing the military ban, reminded the crowd of the admonition of her late husband, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., that injustice anywhere was a threat to justice everywhere. And she said that "freedom and justice cannot be parceled out in pieces to suit political convenience."

To which we can only add, amen.

TAKE ACTION



To reach the office of Mayor Maynard Jackson, who vetoed the domestic partners benefits ordinance, call 330-6100 or write him at 68 Mitchell Street SW, Suite 2400, Atlanta GA 30335.

L E T T E R S

New Delta policy no great change

To the Editor:

Regarding the news feature, "We Love to Fly—And We're Queer, Atlanta's Delta lets partners use mileage," in the June 17, 1993, issue of Southern Voice, please don't be misled into thinking that Delta has taken any quantum leaps forward to benefit the lesbian and gay community. Nothing could be further from the truth.

In that article, it is stated that, "Delta Airlines...will now allow same-sex couples to

transfer frequent flier awards to each other...the catch is that the two partners have to be legally registered as domestic partners in the city where they live." The article then goes on to provide Delta's rationale for requiring legal registration and lists the few cities where such legal registration is possible.

In 1987 [I received a letter from W. Whitley Hawkins], senior vice president/marketing for Delta at that time, responding to my allegations that Delta's policy regarding transfer of frequent flyer awards to family members only, and not to singles (read lesbian and gay frequent flyers), was biased and discriminatory from its inception. He clearly [stated] that, based on my allegations, Delta revised such policy "...to the extent that we [Delta] will now allow a Frequent Flyer to transfer award travel to a non-related companion as long as the Frequent Flyer will be accompanying the companion on at least one segment of the itinerary."

Obviously, the 1987 change in policy precludes any necessity for consideration of "legally registered domestic partners" as a restriction on the transfer of awards—the policy is all-inclusive and would apply to legally reg-

istered partners, where allowed, unregistered partners and any single individuals wishing to travel in this manner.

David A. Hardy

Where art thou, Myrtle?

To The Editor:

Atlanta City Council member and would-be mayor Myrtle Davis has been something of a ghost lately.

Where was Myrtle during the finance committee deliberations on domestic partnership legislation? As chair of that City Council committee, she should be expected to be present and to lead during consideration of such an important matter.

Where was Myrtle during the City Council votes on domestic partnership legislation? Though the ordinance establishing a registry sailed through, the vote for extending benefits to partners of city employees was much closer—9 to 7. Had only one council member changed her or his vote, Myrtle's would have been desperately needed for passage.

Where was Myrtle during lesbian and gay pride? A convertible with slogans promoting Myrtle for mayor was seen along the march route last Sunday. In the back seat was a woman smiling and waving to the crowd. But that woman was not Myrtle Davis.

Does Myrtle Davis seek the support of lesbian and gay Atlantans in her campaign for mayor? If so, she certainly has a peculiar way of showing it.

John Howard
Atlanta

STONEWALL RIOTS

BY ANDREA NATALIE



Letters! We Want Letters!

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Pain of proper politics getting in the way of Florida victory

Okay, this one is really going to get the activists angry.

But I have to tell you, the activists have been making me mad for quite a while now. And I didn't even know it.

Well, maybe I knew it a little. A kind of smoldering simmer that sits there, just under your skin till flames finally erupt out of your ears.

Hey, I try to be as politically astute as the next LUPPY, which is to say, on a lot of subjects, not very. I wait for the self-proclaimed people to tell me what I'm supposed to think. It's easier. That way I can spend my life making a living, tending to the house, and generally having lesbians over for social-life dinners two by two. The important activities. And I can, of course, register to vote for properly vetted candidates, all of whom have been neatly outlined by my local generic triangle organization on a 2x3 card suitable for carrying behind curtain number one. The activists make it easy.

I can sign petitions conveniently converged at the door of whichever weekly parties, monthly meetings, or yearly festivals I choose to inhabit. So I know to recycle whales, refuse to eat asbestos, and never darken Denver's door again.

All courtesy of "activists," who are obviously independently poor, or have inadmissible trust funds. These are our selfless others, who take the time to truly study the issues, determine direction, formulate appropriate approaches, ponder policies, and harangue us into whatever it is we are supposed to do to be good little lesbian or gay soldiers in the Abomination Army (the only army in this country that actively recruits us.)



Cleaning Out My Closet

by SHELLY ROBERTS

Who are we to complain if the activist ranks get a little insular? So they're a touch over-political. And self-serving. So what if these people are a little possessive? Not to mention territorial? What difference does it make if, in return for doing our thinking for us, they begin to assume that we don't have the right to do it for ourselves? Who cares if, in their zeal, they have completely lost sight of the forest?

I do. This meeting last night drove me right over the edge.

Let me back track. I'm in Florida. We're one of the states who's next. We've got this David Koresh wannabe cult leader who is really P.O.'d that the Commies lost, leaving him enemyless. He's an admitted pornography addict who firmly believes that his cure from

God is to kill *all of us*. Just to keep him from getting a hard on. He's collecting signatures even as you read to pull a Colorado here. And we need to tell him where to get off.

But he's got money, organization, energy. He's got a winning way with words. Multiple copies of "The Gay Agenda" video. And he's got a way big head start. So if we don't get this act on the road real, *real* soon, you can just start sending our mail to the great state of "Florado." Where our activists are *still* getting organized. For months now.

Well, some of us who have done professional mind changing, and professional project managing, and professional money managing are damn mad and want to put our credentials where our convictions are. We figure it's time to stop being polite, and win the damn thing for a change.

So we called this meeting. Full of *everybody*. Leaders of *this* group. Past Presidents of *that* group. Supporters of this or that ethnic derivation, hat type or shoe size. Every grandstander in three counties. And us new players anxious to get on with it.

Oh, the turf protection! And peeing mightily into corners.

We had two, count 'em two, *gender-parity facilitators*, who conducted *introductions around the room*. Then they explained *consensus building*. And asked if there was *anybody in the room who absolutely couldn't live with conducting the meeting by this process*. They showed us *non-disruptive American Sign Language applause* which looks a lot like the stage-exit hand gestures I learned at five that went with the Shuffle-Off-to-Buffalo tap routine. Oh, boy. (OOPS!) I mean, Oh, person.

We *stacked* our responses *in turn*. We de-

bated *inclusion*. We *evaluated advisory status*. We required *equal representation* on a mythical board of directors till it numbered sixty seven. Then we *consented to reconsider*. We *suggested committees*, non-restrictively defined as "*undefined functioning committees*."

We came for structure to get us from Point A to our objective. But there were detours here that AAA never added to my tripik to Point B. Everyone applauded (ASL) when any practicalist stood up and said, "our object is winning, not debating." And then the activists would open the debate. Again. Multi-cultural inclusion. Group representation. Hierarchical structure. My god, they were building a commune. I wanted to suggest an ark.

Two and a half hours later, consensus confirmed a governing body. (Hallelujah!) Another half hour argued its theoretical membership. (Here we go again.) When somebody *finally* said, "...anybody who wants to work on this board, please stand up." (Brilliant!) Nine of us did. The nine non-activists who had come in from the private sector to get a job done. (All the activists were already overbooked.)

Thanks to the activists, we spent an entire evening learning what the non-activists already knew walking in the door.

If they continue to have their way, you can pretty well bet that we'll do it all in a politically correct manner. Which will make everybody in the process feel really good. And supportive. And loving. And polite. And thoroughly accepting and including. And, one more time, we'll be held hostage to the activists' nearsightedness. And we'll lose.

But you know what? Frankly? This time? I'm damn mad. And, personally, I'd rather win.

Conservative icon says ban on gays/lesbians in military is un-American

by BARRY GOLDWATER

After more than 50 years in the military and politics, I am still amazed to see how upset people can get over nothing. Lifting the ban on gays in the military isn't exactly nothing, but it's pretty damned close.

Everyone knows that gays have served honorably in the military since at least the time of Julius Caesar. They'll still be serving long after we're all dead and buried. That should not surprise anyone.

But most Americans should be shocked to

know that while the country's economy is going down the tubes, the military has wasted a half-billion dollars over the past decade chasing down gays and running them out of the armed services.

It's no great secret that military studies have proven again and again that there's no valid reason for keeping the ban on gays. Some thought gays were crazy, but then found that wasn't true. Then they decided gays were a security risk, but again the Department of Defense decided that wasn't so—in fact, one study

by the Navy in 1956 that has never been made public found gays to be good security risks.

When the facts lead to one conclusion, I say it's time to act, not to hide. The country and the military know that eventually the ban will be lifted. The only remaining questions are how much muck we will all be dragged through, and how many brave Americans like Tom Panicia and Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer will have their lives and careers destroyed in a senseless attempt to stall the inevitable.

Some in Congress think I'm wrong. They say we absolutely must continue to discriminate, or all hell will break loose. Who knows, they say, perhaps our soldiers may even take up arms against each other.

Well, that's just stupid.

Years ago I was a lieutenant in charge of an all-black unit. Military leaders at the time believed that blacks lacked leadership potential—period. That seems ridiculous now, as it should. Now, each and every man and woman who serves this nation takes orders from a black man—our own Gen. Colin Powell.

Nobody thought blacks or women could ever be integrated into the military. Many thought an all-volunteer force could never protect our national interest. Well, it has—and despite those who feared the worst, I among them, we are still the best and will continue to be.

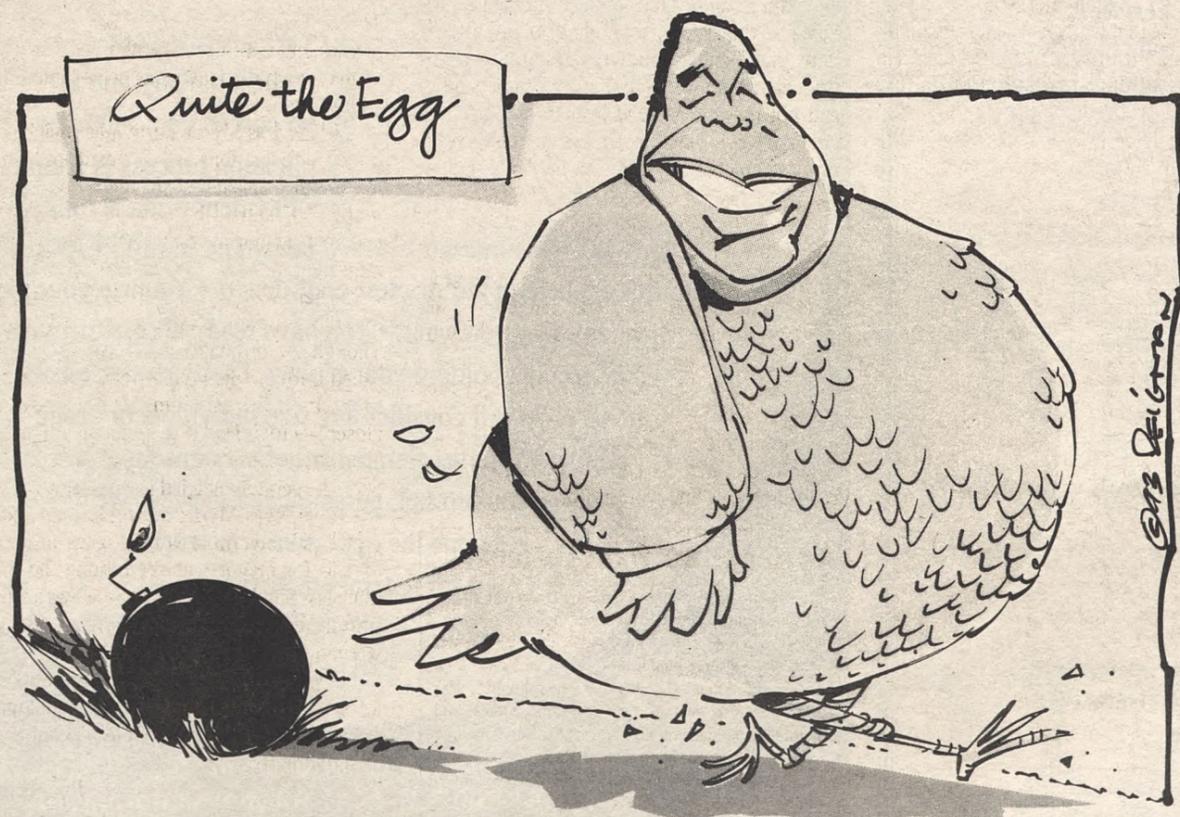
The point is that decisions are always a lot easier to make in hindsight, but we seldom have that luxury. That's why the future of our country depends on leadership, and that's what we need now.

What would undermine our readiness would be a compromise policy like "Don't ask, don't tell." That compromise doesn't deal with the issue—it tries to hide it.

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. Government governs best when it governs least—and stays out of the impossible task of legislating morality. But legislating someone's version of morality is exactly what we do by perpetuating discrimination against gays.

Under our Constitution, everyone is guaranteed the right to do as he pleases as long as it does not harm someone else. You don't need to be "straight" to fight and die for your country. You just need to shoot straight.

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Queer in Cuba

Although they face less oppression than before, young gay and lesbian Cubans are not satisfied with Castro's dream

The hundred or so young gays and lesbians hanging out along the Malecon, Havana's seawall, are part of the 55% of Cuba's 10.8 million population under age thirty. Laughing and singing, sharing beer, and obviously gay, they were born under socialism and take for granted free education, medical care and inexpensive housing. But they are not happy.

"We have no freedom or independence because we can't even rent an apartment," said an actress named Theresa. "With the housing shortage it's almost impossible for a young person to live alone."

Her friend Thomas joined in: "In Cuba gay organizations or clubs are non-existent because the government won't allow it. You see all these people here," he gestured to the crowd. "They say fuck you to this country!"

The material hardships of the current "special period" gives rise to endless complaints and dissatisfaction. Theresa stared off into the night for a long moment, then sighed. "Yes. If I had a choice, I'd leave Cuba." Her response was full of ambivalence and pain.

A murmur of "Madonna burgers" ripples through the crowd. Theresa explains that Madonna siphons off burgers sold at the state-owned shop, reselling them on the black market for twice the price. The mystery meat patties look like hell warmed over, but the severe food shortages anything edible is at a premium, and the *hamburguesas* quickly disappear.

A police car pulls up in front of the crowd and Theresa and Thomas get up to leave. "It's not illegal for us to be here, but they pick people out and ask for ID. If you don't have it, they can detain you for a couple of hours." The tactic

works and many quickly hurry away.

"The first years after the revolution, homosexuality was illegal and many people had problems. As we became more modern we changed our ideas," said Dr. Ricardo Menendez, director of the Psychiatric Hospital in Havana. "Now we consider homosexuality a sexual variant and do not treat people."

After the revolution, homosexuality was linked with Mafia controlled prostitution, gambling and drugs. Through ignorance, machismo, and adherence to Soviet anti-gay policies, Castro believed homosexuality was incompatible with the true Revolutionary spirit. At the repression's height in the 70s thousands of gays were sent to hard labor sugar cane units, some to jail. In 1980 gays, considered undesirable by the government, were among those dumped into the Mariel boats escaping to America.

Changes coming slowly

But official attitudes are slowly evolving. In a recent interview Castro softened his position on homosexuality. The National Commission of Sex Education educates health professionals and teachers that homosexuality is a healthy option. Recently the government passed a law making harassment due to clothing, appearance or behavior illegal. The sold-out play, "La Cathedral del Helado," exploring the prejudice of a young communist activist towards a gay man, received standing ovations and accolades in the press.

Prominent Cubans who are quiet about their sexuality are tolerated. It's widely known that many of Cuba's popular singers are gay; Pablo Milanese, Sara Gonzales, Amavri Peres, Albita Rodrigues, and the deceased Bolanieve. A par-



Gays and lesbians gather along Havana's sea wall, a favorite hang-out for the younger crowd.

ticularly interesting, though unsubstantiated, rumor has persisted for decades; that Raul Castro, Fidel's brother, is gay.

Subject of much international outrage was Cuba's response to the AIDS crisis by restricting all HIV positives to sanitariums. The largest facility, called "Finca Los Cocos" is located in rural Havana Province. By Cuban standards the accommodations are luxurious: modern apartments, high nutritional diet, air-conditioners, full salaries, and free medical care. Cuba now has over 800 HIV positive cases with about 50 people currently sick.

Gustaro Kouri, Tropical Disease Institute director, said, "At the time (in 1986), no one was exactly clear how AIDS was transmitted. We decided to speak with the patients and explain the social responsibility. Most accepted this restriction as a way of helping the welfare of the society."

Now, patients deemed responsible are allowed to spend weekends in the city. Those few refusing to curtail unsafe sex behavior leave only with a chaperon. Gustavo Kuri said, "The policy is always changing and will probably soon change to allow patients to work outside and to live at home if they're conscious of their social responsibility."

One couple's life

Part entrepreneur, fix-it man, procurer, and tourist guide, 29-year-old Jorge attempted to escape from Cuba on an inner-tube raft with six gay friends two years ago. A Cuban patrol boat apprehended them 30 miles off the coast and Jorge was imprisoned. While in the deplorable jail, he helped counsel other inmates, and was released after six months for good behavior.

Sonnel, 17, is studying in design school,
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Queer in Cuba

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and models clothes at the Inglatariá Hotel. Though they'd never met, when Jorge disappeared from the street after his escape attempt, Sonnel pretended to be a family member and visited Jorge in jail. Struck by Sonnel's initiative—and good looks—the two fell in love. Though the age difference sometimes causes discord, they have a monogamous relationship, the physical aspects of which are often hard to consummate because of lack of privacy. Their favorite trysting spot is an abandoned house on the outskirts of Havana.

Sonnel and Jorge pose for a photo on one of the numerous American relics from the 40s and 50s—Buicks, Chevys, Oldsmobiles, DeSotos—seen rusting away at the curb and chugging up the streets. Because of lack of cash and the U.S. imposed trade embargo, Cubans are adept at coaxing one more kilometer out of these patched-up classics.

At the geographical and social center of

Havana life is Coppelia Park, famous for its ice cream as well as its cruising. Here, hundreds of people from all walks of life queue up to enjoy one of Cuba's rare gastronomical pleasures. Along the curving wall gays congregate to eat their ice cream, while up and down the street stroll not-so-discrete covets of young men.

Near the Capitol building is Park Centrale, the cruising ground of generally older, more "butch" appearing men. Likely to be married, and closeted, these men roam the park anytime after dusk, but cruising becomes fierce after midnight. The circuit runs along the south arcade across the street from the Capitol, past the bus stop, up to corner of Simon Bolívar Avenue where the *locas*, or effeminate queens, hang out. Straight couples making out, families waiting for buses, and policemen populate the surprisingly blatant scene with little negative reaction or abuse.

Religious roots

From the Gold Coast via the holds of slave ships, the African tribal faiths spread throughout the Caribbean and Latin America. Despite the

Spanish missionaries' zeal, Afro-Cubans never entirely abandoned their beliefs and continued participating in secret *cabildos*. Over the ensuing century, the Yoruban *orishas* and Iberian saints blurred, and the pantheon of some 400 Santeria saint/deities is presided over by the Virgin Mary merged with Ochun to become Cuba's Black Virgin, the protectress of the island; Shango, a.k.a. St. Barbara, the ruler of music and thunder; Allegwa, a.k.a. St. Christopher, guardian of the roads and travelers; and Obatala, the Jesus of peace and pureness.

Practiced by hundreds of thousands of Cubans, Santeria is an integral part of the spiritual life of the island, and integral to Santeria are a disproportionate number of gay and lesbian initiates. Possession cults throughout the Caribbean and Latin America attract marginalized segments of society; the blackest, the poorest, women, and queers who have an opportunity to exercise power and gain prestige through the religion.

"Because all people are created by God, all are equal and accepted into Yoruba," explained Jorge's spiritual godfather, Lazaro, who is a high

level *santero*-priest. "Some gays quit the Catholic Church because it's homophobic and there is no place for them. Some gays recognize homosexuality in themselves before they come into Santeria, while some open to it after they join."

Jackie Lapidus of Massachusetts, who has studied the role of lesbians in Afro-Atlantic possession religions, conjectures: "Santeria is about overcoming differences. In Yoruba spirits do not necessarily possess someone of the same gender, so inherently there is a certain amount of gender bending to begin with. There is opportunity for queers of both sexes to be accepted and active as spiritual leaders."

With the demise of the Soviet Block, Cuba currently faces the most critical period in its post-revolution history. While Castro's unswerving stance of "Socialism or death!" and lack of any viable opposition precludes much hope for reform while he's alive, one questions the "democracy" the dubious Cuban exiles in Miami would install. Cubans hope the changes will evolve peacefully from within, and not be imposed by the American bully to the north.

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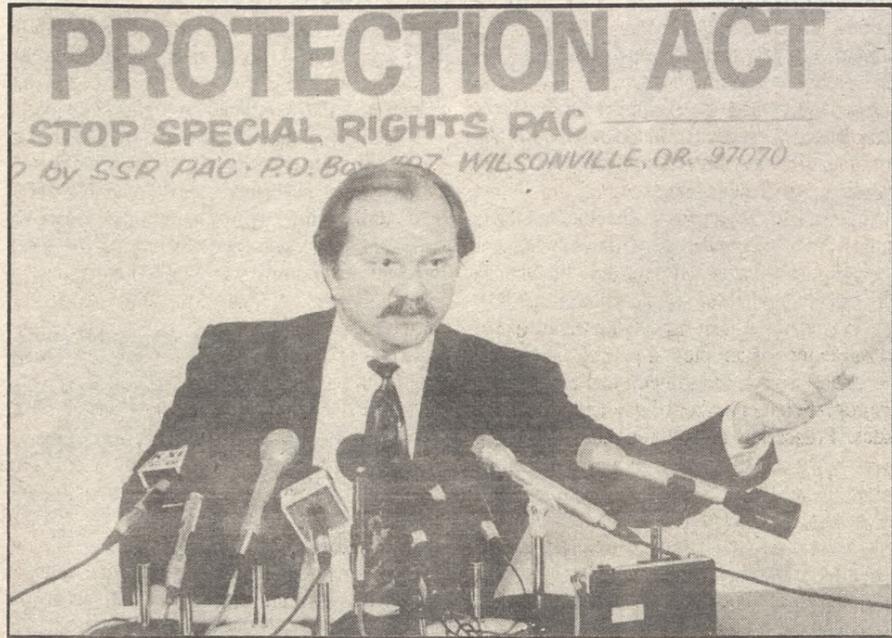
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Lou Mabon is leading the effort against lesbian/gay rights in Oregon.

Anti-gay forces gain ground in Oregon

Salem, OR—Anti-gay rights measures won approval from Oregon voters in two cities and four counties on June 29.

Voters in Canby and Junction City and in the largely rural Josephine, Douglas, Linn and Klamath counties approved measures barring local governments from passing laws to protect lesbians and gay men from discrimination.

The measures—which were endorsed by better than 2-to-1 in some places—also bar local governments from spending money to “promote” homosexuality.

“These six votes show that a vast majority of people do not want homosexuality presented as good and normal to their children,” said Lon Mabon, chairman of the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA), which pushed the measures.

Gay rights advocates said the measures would open the floodgates for hate crimes against gay men and lesbians.

“Let’s face it, we can be discriminated now in housing and employment,” said Julie Davis, executive director of Support Our Communities PAC, “but what these initiatives do is put a stamp of approval on hating us and acting out that hate.” SOCPAC was organized in March of this year to lend money and support to the 8 cities and 25 counties targeted by the OCA.

“The OCA has decided to tear this state apart city by city and county by county,” said Marilyn Wagener, who fought the measure in Linn County.

Anti-gay rights initiatives are expected to be on ballots in coming months in a dozen or so other cities and counties.

And Mabon said the victories would build momentum for a new statewide measure next year. Last year, Oregon voters rejected a statewide measure sponsored by the OCA, Amendment 9, that would have declared homosexuality “unnatural” and “perverse” and would have required state and local governments to discourage it.

The alliance then reworked the measure, along the lines of Colorado’s Amendment 2 which did pass, and began pushing the toned-down version in places where it was likely to succeed.

In an early test last month, an anti-gay rights measure won approval in the town of Cornelius, which had narrowly rejected the

statewide measure.

The closest vote was in Junction City, population 3,670. The measure passed 631-628.

Voters in Canby, population 8,980, approved the measure 56 percent to 44 percent; Josephine County, 60 percent to 40 percent; Douglas County, 73 percent to 27 percent; Linn County, 69 percent to 31 percent; and Klamath County, 64 percent to 36 percent.

The Oregon chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union has challenged the Cornelius measure, arguing it violates constitutional guarantees of equal protection and freedom of speech, religion and assembly. It also says the provision against “promoting” homosexuality is too vague to be enforced.

On the same day the anti-gay initiatives were passed, Governor Barbara Roberts called on House Republicans to pass a gay rights bill already passed by the Senate.

Gov. Barbara Roberts says Republicans in the Oregon House should stop trying to avoid tough decisions and approve the bill without referring it to a statewide vote.

“What the Legislature gets paid for is to pass legislation,” the Democratic governor said June 29. “We do not need a political cop-out. We have divided Oregon long enough on this issue.”

The governor’s stand puts her at odds with House Speaker Larry Campbell and other Republicans who say there aren’t enough votes in the House to pass anything but a measure sending the issue to voters.

Meanwhile, a group of local Republican officials from around the state came to the Capitol to urge the House to kill the gay rights bill outright.

The Senate in April passed SB34, which would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing and public accommodations.

Roberts, a longtime backer of gay rights, said Oregon voters already spoke on the issue when they rejected Measure 9.

“If there ever was a time that we needed to demonstrate responsibility and courage in this legislative session, this is the time,” she said. “People are waiting for that kind of courage. This is an opportunity to show that courage.”

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Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network Serves Dinner to 1200

The mission was the same, but the methods surely weren't—raucous pool parties, candlelit formal gatherings, small backyard barbecues, and catered parties for 100.

Supporting congregations, AIDS ministries, and individuals who consider Common Ground their spiritual home united Saturday, June 5th to raise some "dough" for Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network. They invited friends into their homes, cooked them dinners and then gave them the dinner "check"—asking for donations to fight the epidemic as payment for the meal.

By the evening's end, Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network organizers estimated that 1200 people contributed. "This is our first signature fundraiser here at AIAN, and it says that there's hope, and there are people who understand," commented Louise Hudak, co-director of the AIDS network. "As a network of 39 congregations concerned about HIV/AIDS, we have been looking for an opportunity to really bring us together. Throughout the year, we offer workshops, prayer breakfast meetings, and an annual healing service. This was a time to gather socially and get to know one another while raising some much needed funds."

At parties from Midtown to Marietta, hosts collected contributions toward the organization's three programs of care and support: educations, pastoral care, and Common Ground, the day activity home for people living with HIV/AIDS.

People strongly connected through traditional religious congregations, as well as new-age spiritual support groups were among those breaking bread together at the same tables.

Rick Piroux and Ken Moore hosted a party and were struck by the generosity of a neighbor. "A lady across the street saw the balloons and

Dining For Friends/Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network yard signs and brought over a check for \$100. She said she had always wanted to do something for AIDS and just didn't know how before that evening. Now that brings new meaning to the term "grass-roots effort," said Rick Piraud from Midtown Congregations.

GLAAD/Atlanta Receives Grant From Fund For Southern Communities

GLAAD/Atlanta was awarded a grant by the Fund for Southern Communities at the Fund's annual conference on June 19.

"We are delighted to receive this grant," stated Carl Lange, Executive Director of GLAAD/Atlanta. He continued, "it signifies the community's support of our valuable work. The money will be used for GLAAD's continued work in providing more accurate and inclusive portrayals of gays and lesbians in the media."

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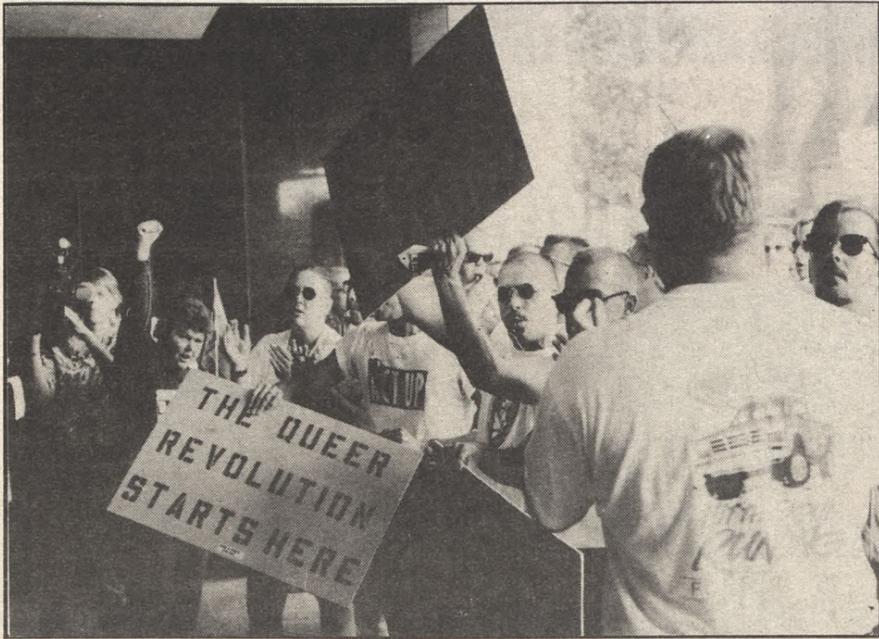
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Days of Rage

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Hall, too. She says when she heard about the veto, "I was extremely angry. I feel he's been lying to us for years."

"It seems like there are a lot of us here, angry," she said.

Perhaps the most impressive thing about Wednesday's crowd was the breadth of people participating—not just activists from groups such as Queer Nation and the Lesbian Avengers but people active in more mainstream political groups such as GAPAC, GLAAD and the ad hoc committee that worked with Councilwoman Mary Davis to push partnership through the City Council.

Thursday night, a group of 25 protestors showed up at the mayor's mansion in Buckhead, some covering themselves in ketchup and lying in hizzoner's driveway to symbolize being stabbed in the back by his veto. They disbanded after police told them they would be cited for violating a city ordinance against picketing in a residential neighborhood if they didn't leave.

Just minutes after the protestors departed, Jackson drove up, returning from a trip to Europe (he had vetoed the ordinance via fax), immediately trying to repair the damage by insisting to assembled reporters that his decision wasn't anti-gay.

But it was to no avail. On Friday, about 250 gays and lesbians and pro-queer supporters turned up for a "lunch-in" in City Hall's atrium, punc-

uated with cries of "The City Too Busy To Hate is a Lie." While leaders of various gay and lesbian groups—who had met with the mayor that morning and exacted a promise from him to implement partnership benefits by January—were en masse on the stairs expressing conciliation for the TV cameras, the bulk of the protestors were having none of it.

"You look up there at some of those people and you ask yourself, 'Who appointed them our gay leaders and who do they speak for?'" said Bill Top. "I don't think people are as willing to let others speak for them."

As Larry Pellegrini of GAPAC tried to tell the crowd that the mayor had expressed support for the concept of partnership benefits during Friday morning's meeting, demonstrators drowned him out with shouts of "It's a Lie" and "Stonewall Now" that thundered through the atrium and into city offices, drawing curious employees to the balconies.

The protests continued throughout the weekend, keeping up the pressure as the City Council's Tuesday meeting approached, during which an attempt was to be made to override the veto.

Even the 45,000 runners in Sunday's Peachtree Road Race were not immune. They were greeted near the finish line in Piedmont Park by a contingent of about 90 queer demonstrators who were holding signs and blowing kazoos. Fears that lesbian and gay activists might disrupt the race of the Fourth of July parade led to a heavier-than-usual police presence along their routes and at MARTA stations.

Partnership veto

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stunned, because he has made public statements in support of it."

Jackson reiterated that support during his press conference last week and during the meeting with lesbian and gay activists before it. GAPAC lobbyist Larry Pellegrini said after the meeting that Jackson had "pledged to make domestic partnership a reality by Jan. 1, 1994." Jackson himself told reporters only that "if the council will correct [the problems with the money], either in the budgetary process or by some other means, as quickly as possible, I'll be behind it."

Jackson has made such claims of support in the past. As recently as May 6, he told a gathering of lesbian and gay leaders that he supported the "principle" of domestic partnership and pledged to review the legislation. In a June 1992 interview with Southern Voice, the mayor said he would review the measures, as well as the report released by his own domestic partnership study committee in May 1992, before issuing a declaration of support. Those reviews apparently never happened, and that, too, is a sticking point for supporters of the legislation.

At the press conference last week, Jackson sidestepped a question about his delay in re-

viewing the measures, instead placing the blame on the City Council.

"What came as a surprise to me was the form [the bill] was in," the mayor said. "It is assumed that the council knows how to handle its business."

Gay and lesbian activists and advocates are dissatisfied with Jackson's response.

"It sounds like the same old same old to me," said Joan Garner, one of Jackson's three senior advisors on lesbian and gay issues. "The level of trust is gone. I don't buy the issue of finance. On principle I can't accept that."

Openly gay city firefighter Herb Rehberg agreed. "He's going to have to prove himself to regain the trust of the gay community," he said.

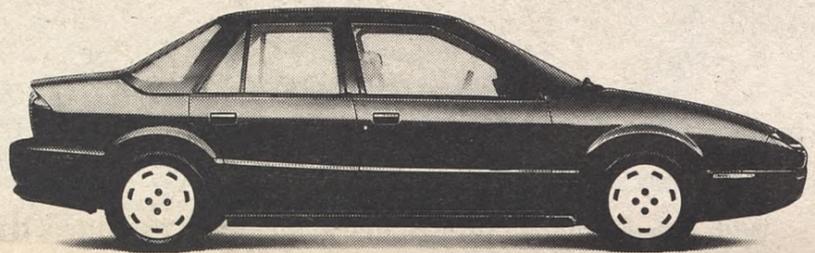
The attempt to override the veto came at the July 6 City Council meeting. A vote was also possible on Councilman Dozier Smith's bill repealing the measure and putting the issue to a city-wide referendum.

"We want to override that veto," said Councilwoman Davis. "If it's not overridden, I will reintroduce the legislation with another bill that speaks to the finance issues."

Davis, and the committee, are committed to the issue for the long haul. "I don't want to do charges and countercharges at this point," she said. "What I want to do is get it passed."

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The eroticism of Attila Richard Lukacs comes to Atlanta

Lowe Gallery to feature work of controversial gay painter in anniversary show

Because Attila Richard Lukacs' paintings are bold, graphic, in-your-face forms celebrating the power and beauty of the male form, with gay sexuality, sensibility and fantasy as both obvious and powerful themes, the comparison is natural, perhaps inevitable.

He has been tagged as the new Robert Mapplethorpe, a bad boy painter of homoerotic art, the type of artist that would send Jesse Helms scurrying for a microphone.

Like the American photographer Mapplethorpe, Lukacs, a Canadian, has seen his work dogged by controversy. When Maclean's, the Canadian national newsmagazine, ran a profile of him in 1990, it carried one of his infamous skinhead portraits in which the figure was, as Lukacs figures often are, nude. But the magazine decided it first had to airbrush away the man's genitals.

However, these comparisons with Mapplethorpe and the homoerotic label are the conveniences of writers and critics, a way for them to quickly characterize an artist who defies quick characterization. And Lukacs himself is quick to eschew these shorthand references.

As the gay painter told one reviewer, he rejects the label homoerotic because it is a "term that implies something out of the norm. For me, it was never out of the norm. It's as if I were to come up with the term 'heteroerotic.' Society wouldn't think of conjuring up this term for works of art."

The work of this celebrated artist, considered by some critics to be perhaps the finest Canadian painter of his generation, is coming to the Southeast for the first time. As part of its "An American Renaissance" exhibit, the Lowe Gallery on Bennett Street will display Lukacs' work beginning July 16.

A cutting-edge artist of international reputation is something of a coup for a local gallery, helping augment the reputation of Lowe, which now has galleries in both Atlanta and Los Angeles.

"This is going to be a knockout of a show," says Danny Beanblossom, director of sales for the gallery. "A couple of the artists we've been trying to get for years we can now get."

"An American Renaissance" celebrates the gallery's fourth anniversary. Nearly 40 artists, including at least nine gay or lesbian artists and a large contingent who work in Atlanta and the Southeast, will be represented. The local roster includes Michael Beauchemin, Harris Dimitropoulos, Michael Gibson, Tony Hernandez, Ron Lee, Donna McAfee, Todd Murphy, Robert Sherer, Jack Tucker and Ruth Zuckerman.

Those from elsewhere in the South include Judith Condon, Polly Cook, Greg Edmondson, Jean Jacques Gaudel, Ke Francis, William Lewis, Pam Longobardo, Mark Messersmith, Richard Painter, Patrician Potter, Florence Putterman and Andrew Saftel.

The show's headliner, Lukacs, who left Canada for Berlin in 1986, works on a large scale and often takes existing and classical pieces and redoes them with stark male images. His early work concentrated on using skinheads as the dominant form, and he says he started using skinheads as models for a simple reason



This Lukacs piece, "Stretching the Body," will be part of Atlanta show.

—they were cheap. Eventually, though, the skinhead milieu became, as he told *The Advocate*, "a fetish."

"Sex, power and politics. My work is about the potentiality of the very specialized and stylized culture of the skinhead."

While critics have read into his fetish their interpretation that Lukacs was using skinheads to represent his take on society as a whole as a rebellious, hard and rough place, the artist says that he himself doesn't spend a lot of time analyzing why he chooses the figures he chooses, telling one interviewer that "if I knew why I wanted to paint something, the fascination would be gone."

Artistic criticism of Lukacs runs the gamut, illustrating just what divergent reactions his images can cause. While one academic hailed him as a "painter *par excellence* of the hysterical male, of the male subject as an alternating scene of violence and discipline," another compared his effort to titillate to Madonna and asked whether he was really making a statement against violence and cynicism or whether the only thing he was seeking was to "masturbate [society's] biases."

Because of the links between skinheads and fascism in Germany, his fascination with this form and subject has led to differing interpretations. To some, his work is a denunciation of the hate and brutality of the fascist philosophy. But to others, his images seem disturbing, almost a glorification of fascism.

For example, in one painting, "Amorous Meeting," two skinheads look over a field of poppies, as the sun, emblazoned with a swastika, peeks over the horizon. One figure waves, the

other makes an obscene gesture. And it's hard to tell where the swastika sun is rising or setting.

For his part, Lukacs says he doesn't understand how anyone could look at his work as a glorification of fascism. He believes his denunciation of it clear.

In his latest works, some of which will be on display at Lowe in Atlanta, he took his usual skinheads and put them in Garden-of-Eden settings, where they are free to frolic in a world that is without sin. Except, of course, that in *this* version of the Garden story, Adam and Eve become "Adam and Steve," (actually the title of one work) and, in a bit of a misogynistic twist, there is no Eve to offer forbidden fruit and, thus, wreck paradise.

Lukacs never paints the female figure because, he says, it doesn't interest him. When he redoes classical works, the women are replaced by men, opening up new avenues of interpretation.

"An American Renaissance" will kick off with an artists' reception on Friday, July 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Lowe Gallery, which is in the Tula arts complex at the end of Bennett Street, just off of Peachtree Street in Buckhead. The show continues through August 31.

Other non-Southern artists participating include David Bierk, Roy Buchman, John Erickson, Chawky Frenn, Aurelio Grisanti, Michael Kieman, Rainer Fetting, James McGarrell, Marcia Marx, Kathleen Morris, Royal Nebeker, Odd Nerdrum, Udo Noger, Brian O'Connor, Sammy Peters and Stephen Schultz.

RICHARD SHUMATE

Gays and lesbians coming "Together, Proud and Strong"

Lesbian and gay writers, musicians, dancers and actors are coming together for OutProud Theatre's annual show in celebration of gay and lesbian pride, appropriately entitled "Together, Proud and Strong."

The show, which is the sixth annual Pride show, will run July 8-11 at the OutProud Theatre, which is at 75 Bennett Street, Suite N-1. Performances begin at 8 p.m.

Named after the official song of the March On Washington, "this is really a variety show. It's just such a hodgepodge that it's difficult to characterize," says Rebecca Ranson, artistic director of the Southeastern Arts, Media and Education Project, of which OutProud is a part. "It's a community show. The purpose is to address issues that might not be addressed in our regular season."

Issues that will be explored include breast cancer, expectations from gay/lesbian partners, coming out, AIDS, anger and the March On Washington. Stories will be told through song, dance, monologue and oral history.

Among the vignettes will be a piece by Ranson, based on oral histories from local women who have gone through the experience of breast cancer. Rob Nixon, newly arrived from Tallahassee, Fla., will perform a monologue, "Nobody Knows I'm Gay," about a visit to an uncle's funeral.

Writers whose work will be showcased include Shirlene Holmes, Charlene Ball, Kent Wilson and well-known gay and lesbian authors from Elizabethan to modern times.

Performers who will be in the show, in addition to Ranson, include Marna Ripley-Hager, Charis Ripley-Hager, Kent Wilson, Lenny Lasater, Kecia Cunningham, Jean Miller, Cheryl Pitman, Nayck Feliz, Sharon Lane, Harley Gould, Robert Johnson and Sonny Chisholm.

Ranson says she's particularly pleased this year by the strong turnout of African-American artists in the show. About half of the performers are people of color, she said.

RICHARD SHUMATE



OutProud's artistic director Rebecca Ranson is one of the show's scheduled performers.

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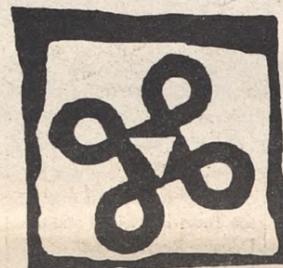
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C A L E N D A R

8 THURSDAY

GODDESSES & QUEENS. From Mississippi, widely-acclaimed storyteller Chris Vinsonhaler presents an evening of stories, both written and musical, celebrating the heritage of women around the world. Interpreted for the hearing impaired. 7:30 p.m. Charis Books & More, 419 Moreland Ave. 524-0304.

TOGETHER PROUD AND STRONG. Continue celebrating Pride with OutProud Theater's 6th annual gay pride show. The show features singing, dancing, drama and special oral history sections exploring the issue of breast cancer in women, AIDS, romance, anger and the 1987 and 1993 marches on Washington. Through July 11, 8 p.m. 75 Bennett St., Suite N-1. 609-9590.

KRISTEN HALL. Come listen to this popular local singer/songwriter whose record "Fact and Fiction" has just been re-released nationally. 8:30 p.m. Variety Playhouse, LSP. S7. 521-1786.

THE MAMAS AND THE PAPAS. For those of you that like "oldies but goodies" tunes, the historic Roswell Mill will be the place to be "California

Dreaming" tonight. 7:30 p.m. Roswell Mill. \$20. 249-6400 Ticketmaster.

9 FRIDAY

FRIDAY NIGHT OPEN HOUSE AT ALFA. The Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance is opening its doors for games, conversation and munchies. This event is for women only. 8-11 p.m. 64 Clay St. Free admission. 378-9769.

TO SUPPORT AND DEFEND... HRCF and Boneshakers Bar in Disco/Athens screen this educational video on the role of gays in the military tonight and tomorrow at 8 pm. 433 East Hancock Ave., Athens. (706) 543 1555.

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NEXUS SUMMER SOLO SERIES. Cultures explode together when Nexus Contemporary Art Center presents its annual summer solo exhibition featuring the work of a Japanese photographer, a Jewish mixed media artist and an African-American photo-painter from L.A. Opening reception tonight. 8 p.m. 535 Means St. NW. 688-1970.

LOU RAWLS. "You'll Never Find" another voice quite like Lou Rawls. Enjoy the soothing sounds of this consummate entertainer. 8:30 p.m. Chastain Park \$16-\$32.50. 898-9243.

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10 SATURDAY

FESTIVAL NEW ORLEANS. Your invited to a ragin' cajun fest featuring performers who make up the multi-hued musical heritage of Louisiana, as well as chefs and craftsmen who will offer a taste of the food and arts ingenious to the state. Noon. Coca-Cola Lakewood Amphitheater. \$14. 249-6400.

SMILES OF A SUMMER NIGHT. Ingmar Bergman, whose dark and religious visions transferred onto film created a Bergman vogue in art theaters worldwide, is uncharacteristically lighthearted in this little-seen gem. A romantic comedy set over a weekend on a country estate, inspired Stephen Sondheim's "A Little Night Music" and Woody Allen's "A Midsummer Night's Sex Comedy." 8 p.m. High Museum, Rich Auditorium. \$3-\$4.

HIV UPDATE. The syndicated cable TV show

airs every Sat at 6:00 p.m. on Channel 12.

SHIRLEY TEMPLE: AMERICA'S LITTLE DARLING. Tony Award-winner Tommy Tune hosts this biography of the child star who, at her zenith, was only 6 years old. Through clips from some of her most-loved films and interviews with some of the people who knew and worked with her, this special captures the magic of "The Little Colonel's" talent and personality. 9 p.m. GPTV Channel 8.

BONSAI SHOW. The Atlanta Bonsai Society will celebrate its 30th anniversary with a summer show, entitled "International Art of Bonsai: Japanese and Chinese Horticultural Art Forms," exploring the history and exhibition of trees. 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Atlanta Botanical Society. Admission included with Garden admission. 876-5859.

BUILDING LESBIAN AND GAY COMMUNITY THROUGH PREJUDICE REDUCTION. Explore and heal heterosexism, internalized homophobia and other internalized oppressions. Also learn methods of addressing subtle prejudices and overt discrimination (racism, sexism, classism, etc.) so we can build allies across differences within the gay and lesbian community. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Decatur Holiday Inn and Conference Center. \$60. 320-3355.

AIDS RESEARCH UPDATE: A PUBLIC FORUM. The AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta presents its 4th annual forum reviewing the recent International Conference on AIDS, AIDS research in Atlanta and discussions on important issues such as opportunistic infections, long term survivors and women. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Penta Hotel. 876-2317.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BENEFIT. Two nights of great local and national rock & roll and acoustic entertainment sponsored by Sky Records, Eddie's Attic and WRAS. All proceeds go to Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit group with the goal of eliminating inadequate and poverty housing. Through

tommorrow. 8 p.m. Eddie's Attic, Decatur. S7. 377-4976.

11 SUNDAY

THE DINOSAURS. This 4-hour series puts flesh on the bones of the jurassic creatures that are among the largest land animals that ever roamed the earth. The series airs in its entirety today: "The Monsters Emerge," the early discoveries; "Flesh on the Bones," recent discoveries and what they tell us; "A World of Dinosaurs," the 3 periods through which dinosaurs evolved; "The Death of the Dinosaur," explores one of the hottest scientific debates—why dinosaurs disappeared 65 million years ago. 10 a.m. (Parts 1 & 2 also air tonight 9 p.m., parts 3 & 4 tomorrow 9 p.m.) WGTV Channel 8.

12 MONDAY

A CRUSADE FOR LOVE. Experience Georgia's best city-wide black & white choirs, musicians and soloists as they join their creative talents to ring out sounds of harmony, unity and hope for our nation. Through tomorrow. 7 p.m. Open Door Outreach, 2421 Roosevelt Hwy, College Park. Donations accepted. 763-4258.

OUT IN ATLANTA. Atlanta's local lesbian and gay cable program. 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.



13 TUESDAY

BEETHOVEN SUMMERFEST. Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Music Director Yoel Levi leads the Orchestra and guest violinist Shmuel Ashkenasi in a sneak preview open rehearsal kicking off the 1993 Beethoven Summerfest. Festival runs through July 31 with shows and lectures daily. 8 p.m. Atlanta Symphony, Symphony Hall. S7. 898-1182.

14 WEDNESDAY

GRAND OL' OPRY SHOW WITH BILL ANDERSON & COUNTRY STARS. The big finale in Roswell Mill's Country Concert series. 7:30 p.m. Roswell Mill. \$20. 249-6400 Ticketmaster.

TOM JONES. "It's Not Unusual" to witness the comeback of one of the greatest singing and

entertainment sensations from the 60's and 70's. He's the star of his own show on VH-1, and his performances from the NY club scene to Las Vegas are sold out. 8:30 p.m. Chastain Park. \$16-\$32.50. 817-8700.

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



Pictured: ABOVE: The Southeast Festival of Fools is at Theatrical Outfit this weekend. LEFT: Lou Rawls performs July 9 at Chastain Park. Photo by Francisco Scavullo. BELOW: Ingmar Bergman's "Smiles of a Summer Night" screens Saturday night at the High Museum.

O N G O I N G A N D U P C O M I N G

FIREWORKS. Through July 24. Two lonely people find themselves drawn together every year at Lenox Square to watch the fireworks display. 14th St. Playhouse. 892-2414.

SO LONG ON LONELY STREET. Through July 11. The Alliance Theater presents this revival of the 1985 Southern comedy by Atlanta's Sandra Deer that

the Alliance sent to Broadway. Th-Sat 8 p.m., Sun 2:30 & 7:30 p.m. \$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.

YOU, THE NIGHT AND THE MUSIC. Through

Aug. 1. Actor's Express presents its own irreverent evening of cabaret compiled from classic popular songs of the 30s, 40s and 50s. 221-0831.

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.

HOTLANTA RIVER EXPO. August 5-8. This year's theme, "Magic Believe In It!," is destined to bring all you River and swimsuit fans a fabulous weekend. 607-8390.



20 OUT & ABOUT

THIS OLD HOE
EARTHSHAKIN' OBSERVATIONS

MARIA HELENA DOLAN



Why yes, I'm afraid that was me on the wheeled stretcher at Pride last week! As you might surmise, a slipped disc renders me temporarily unable to perform gardening chores...or much else.

Realistically, there's never a good time to experience excruciating pain, coupled with almost helplessness. But I'm particularly chafing under this burdensome yoke now because so many different gardening details need tending to.

For instance, who is going to pinch off the spent blooms on my dahlias, mums, roses, crape myrtles and flowering annuals? Not just cosmetics are involved here; removing the dead heads forces the plant to put more energy into producing more blooms. Not that I can enjoy them at the moment. But, gardeners plan ahead...

And some of my direct-seeded starter beds (e.g. 'maters, peppers, corn—yes, corn) should have been planted out by now. However, being a typically procrastinating Aquarian, I let this go a little longer. So permanent bedding incessantly beckons. That's a job for the able-backed I fear.

Then there are the bugs. Insects require hand picking if they're a problem at this time. Caterpillars in particular attack the leafy vegetables.

I feed grubs and squished beetles to the birds. However, since butterflies ultimately come from caterpillars, I usually move them to another area or just plant enough. I find the latter a viable solution to the problem of human-caterpillar existence. Our species can simply plant enough to go around.

So more leaves get chewed—we all inhabit an imperfect world.

Our species can also cease destroying native plants that caterpillars depend upon, and even incorporate some natives into the landscape for them. This step will surely lessen conflicts, as well as being environmentally sane.

You should also realize that, while pruning is in order at this time of year, I usually avoid it unless dead wood is involved. However, now is the time to trim any spring-flowering shrubs or trees. And keep on weeding! Weeds just LOVE those summer thundershowers and spread like...well, you know.

Tall plants may require staking after those same storms (e.g., gladioli). Too, some of the sprawlers (buddleia, which are peaking now) may need tying in order to grow up and not just out. Green wire or yarn suits this purpose—less obvious than twine, clothesline or even pantyhose.

If you want to grow 'em big, keep fertilizing and provide a steady helping of water. A monthly side dressing of manure will keep tomatoes plumping out; weekly if you can. And a sprayed application of manure tea or liquid seaweed really makes the viney plants go nuts, promoting good growth.

If you pull tomato suckers (those in-between main branch appurtenances) they can be rooted right into the soil for more plants. In fact, now is the time for grafting or rooting for fall plantings. You might, for example, layer deciduous azaleas now. Basically, bury part of new-growth leaf stem an inch or so into the humousy ground, cover with mulch, water well, and Mother Nature presents you with a daughter, suitable for Fall transplanting, in just a few weeks.

This is also an opportune time to sow different sorts of beans, and start seed flats for Autumn plantings of collards, onions and the brassicas.

Plus, you need to set out the last of the zinnias, petunias, etc. for a colorful Fall.

Yep. Real gardening requires improving the present while keeping an eye on the future. I wish each and every one of you a strong back for the immediate tasks, while I can only fantasize about weedin', waterin', sowin' and hoein'.

Butterfly Gardening

Marian Stern scoops up two potted buddleias, called "butterfly bushes" because they're irresistible to the gaudy insect.

"One's for my mother, one's for me," she says at a Washington-area nursery. "My whole neighborhood's into butterflies."

The ubiquitous butterfly, long taken for granted in the United States—North America is home to some 700 species—has new cachet. Attracting butterflies has become a gardening trend.

The notion of a back yard alive with great spangled fritillaries and black swallowtails is compatible with the latest gardening techniques.

It has become increasingly popular to use fewer chemicals, lure wildlife with plants and grow old-fashioned cutting flowers, like cosmos and hollyhock, which butterflies prefer.

"It didn't take a rocket scientist to see the butterfly garden coming," says Doug Jimerson, gardening editor of Better Homes and Gardens magazine, which featured butterflies on its May cover.

The promise of a quick payoff helps drive the trend. A garden plot as small as a crib mattress can lure painted ladies and skippers the first year. What's required are plenty of fragrant, funnel-shaped flowers, splashes of purple—and no chemicals.

Novice butterfly gardeners look for a simple approach, says Jill Gonzales of Behnke Nurseries Co. "They want low-maintenance plants that produce flowers most of the summer," she says. "More often than not, we send them home with a buddleia."

Buddleia has become the unrivaled star of the butterfly-garden trend. The fast-growing, airy shrub sends up cluster after cluster of flowers that are magnets for monarchs or painted ladies cruising the neighborhood.

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T H E A T R E

FIREWORKS

We all knew someone like Martin in high school. He was the nerd on the A/V crew, president of the chess club, leader of the debating society, and was known to participate in the Latin Club's functions. Indeed, many of us were like Martin. We were never the school's biggest jock or the guy who was a winner on the dating circuit.

We all knew someone like Rita as well. She was a free-thinking radical who smoked dope and was known to be a little "loose" with her sexual favors. There was even that rumor about an abortion...but no one was about to confirm it.

Imagine what happen to Martin and Rita ten years later. They are both still the lonely people they were then, only more so. Put them together on a hilltop overlooking Lenox Square on the Fourth of July. Thus "Fireworks," the new play by Atlanta writer Brian G. Smooke, begins.

The play tells the story of these two lonely souls, Rita and Martin, who accidentally on purpose meet each July 4th in the same secluded spot in order to watch fireworks explode over the mall. No, it's not "Same Time, Next Year"; this play delves far more deeply into the wells of despair facing its characters than that sitcom ever did. This play covers all the major themes—love, death, abortion, and not getting to play Cinderella (though there is a pair of glass slippers which is quite instrumental to the action).

Both Martin and Rita are searching for a reason to go on, and by the end of "Fireworks," they seem to tentatively find one—in each other. Though seemingly different, they share the common bonds of loneliness and an overwhelming affection for fireworks. For them, it's enough to start with (and



Brian Bascle and Susie Spear, friends since their days at Dunwoody High, star in "Fireworks."

we've all started relationships on less, haven't we?).

Smooke's play depends heavily on monologues to delve into the psyches of Rita and Martin. Thus we learn Rita's boyfriend is sleeping with her best friend, her father walked out when she was eleven, and she had an abortion at the age of 15. No wonder she tried to slit her wrist, she explains to Martin. But he also has not had it easy. He was always able to charm his teachers by getting good grades, but his father never approved of him, especially when he broke his hand in a futile effort to make the football team.

These two 20-somethings are a mess—but they can find redemption through each other. And the way in which they do

it is moving, funny, and ultimately quite touching.

Director Robert Putnam has been overly enthusiastic in staging this play. His cast literally bounces from pillar to post in the limited space it has, sometimes moving around for no other reason than being told to do so. Furthermore, Putnam has set up "Fireworks" to play in a near-arena style. The audience surrounds most of the set, with just a small, fragile piece clinging to the wall of the theatre. If we are to believe the action is taking place in a secluded wooded spot on a hill near Lenox Square, that wall should not be there. Yet the cast plays the wall as if it were part of the set. Both actors bang on it at times. One leans against it. The director breaks the illusion he has tried valiantly to create. It's sloppy work, but in the overall scheme of things, it is pardonable.

The program tells us Brian Bascle (Martin) and Susie Spear (Rita) went to Dunwoody High School together, and they have performed in tandem before. Clearly the two actors trust each other and know each other's rhythms well. Indeed, it is difficult to separate their performances, since both bring such a high level of enthusiasm to their roles. Both Bascle and Spear know how to evoke the right emotional response in an audience (when he cries at the thought of being rejected by her—and she comforts him—they have beautifully succeeded in their roles).

Mr. Smooke's play is highly developed, though he still needs to listen more carefully to the way people talk. His ear for dialogue is somehow lacking, as if to indicate he knows how to put words on paper, but hasn't yet figured out how they are going to sound when spoken.

Still, "Fireworks" is a moving, funny and accessible piece. Their loneliness and redemption are emotional set pieces we can all share.

MICHAEL KAPE

Fireworks is at the 14th Street Playhouse in Midtown, Wednesdays through Saturdays until July 24. Call 892-2414 for more information.

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July 15 is also special for Ric Royster and Irin Brown. They will be celebrating 17 wonderful years together.

BIRTHS

Steve Fund proudly announces the birth of his first child. Baby Jessica was born during Pride Weekend on June 25. Welcome to the world, Jessica. And congrats to your dad.

BIRTHDAYS

July 4th marks the 17th birthday of Killer Parker, longtime companion and confidant to local playwright Pamela Parker. Happy Birthday, Killer.

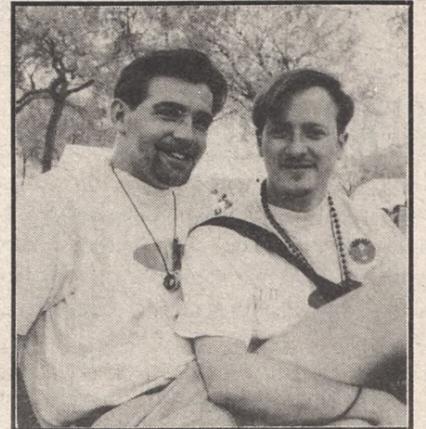
EDUCATIONAL OCCASIONS

Linda McGehee graduated from Georgia State University on June 19 with a Ph.D. in Nursing. (Sorry we're so late with this one Linda. You were part of our unfortunate loss a couple of weeks ago.)

And, speaking of nurses... Karan Mason called to let us know that she has gained admission to Abraham Baldwin College in Tifton, Georgia. This is a very well respected nursing school which she has been trying to get in for over a year. Good Luck, Karan.

JOBS

Congrats are in order for Cecily Walker who was recently named General Manager of WRAS-FM (better known as Album 88). She



Michael Lally and Ashley Boyd enjoy a quiet moment in DC.

assumed her new duties on July 1.

WEDDING BELLS

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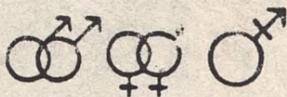
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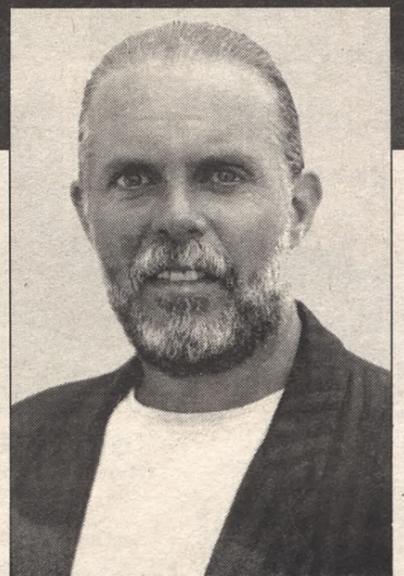
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The national touring company of "Evita" pulls into town this week to start a run at the Fox Theater from July 6-11. This Andrew Lloyd Webber musical tells the story of one of the most famous/infamous women of the century, Eva Peron, wife of the Argentinean president, Juan Peron.

The play traces Eva's rise from her lower-class youth, through her early career as a radio actress and eventually into the political sphere. After becoming First Lady of Argentina, Eva lavished money and favor on those who supported her, and those who didn't had a unique habit of dropping from the scene, never to be seen again. Instead of social welfare programs which would have helped the entire populace, Eva preferred to play the role of a glamorously coiffed and bejeweled saint, arbitrarily dispensing fortunes to randomly selected people in the throngs who came to adore her.

She used her iron fist in a velvet glove to extract "donations" from wealthy businessmen and old money aristocrats whom she hated for their thinly-veiled disdain of her. Much of this money went to finance her lavish lifestyle, which included a wardrobe of Parisian haute couture.

One of the most popular numbers from the show takes place when Eva is preparing for a tour of Europe to meet with the heads of state of several countries to create a favorable impression of Argentina. Eva imperiously demands to be made even more beautiful for this important trip—she needs "to be rainbow high. They must have excitement, and so must I."

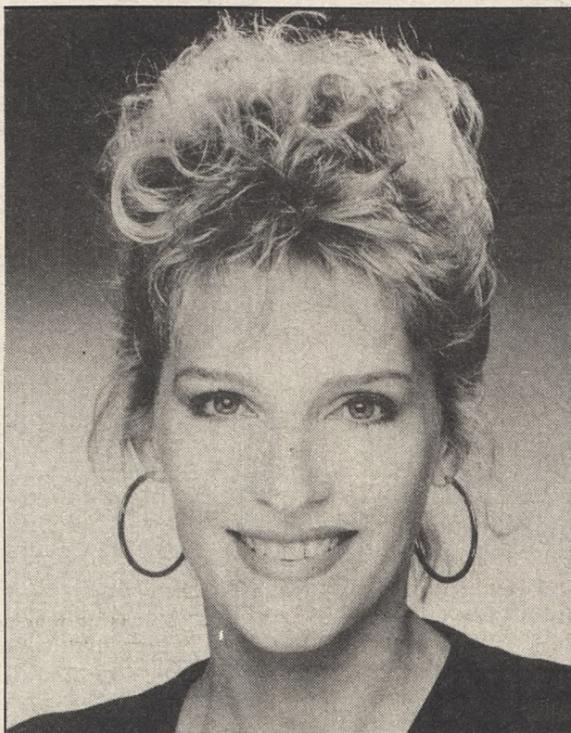
Rainbow High is also the name of a musical variety show featuring 16 members of the touring company of "Evita," which will be presented on the stage of Charlie Brown's Cabaret on Thursday, July 8 at 11 p.m. This show will feature one of Atlanta's favorite entertainers, **Stacia Fernandez**.

Stacia has been with the cast of "Evita" for the past year and is excited to be performing here in Atlanta. She has been in New York since 1991 and was flown in to perform in "Straight From The Heart" in February of last year. Prior to that, she was on the road for six months with the national touring company of "Heartstrings." Stacia has also performed her own one-woman show as a benefit for NAPWA called "Next That's Me." The cast has performed "Rainbow High" in four cities to sold out crowds, with all money raised divided between NAPWA (the National Association of People With AIDS) and Equity Fights AIDS/Broadway Cares.

I spoke with Stacia recently about "Rainbow High." In

AFTER HOURS

DANNY ROBLE



"Evita's" Stacia Fernandez brings "Rainbow High" to Backstreet.

response to my question about the content of the show, Stacia replied, "We're doing the '42nd Street' opening, so there will be a big tap number at the beginning, sort of like everything and the kitchen sink. There are a few comedy numbers, a few duets, several dance numbers, a couple of Manhattan Transfer quartets. It's very much a variety show. It is a review, like a lot of other

AIDS benefits, but this one is a really good caliber show. That's the difference.

"Another difference that people will appreciate is that "Rainbow High" is only an hour long. I like to stress that. I tell everybody [in the cast], 'You can do one number and one number only, and nobody is going to do 'Wind Beneath My Wings.'"

"We've raised a lot of money as a cast for Equity Fights AIDS as well as having great fun doing it. We like to bring everybody in and meet everybody, and almost everyone in the cast is always looking for a date, so everyone has a great time."

I asked if Backstreet was helping out the effort. Says Stacia, "Yes, Backstreet is donating everything—the sound system, the lights, everything. Charlie Brown has been wonderfully supportive. She has opened her stage up to us.

"I heard someone say the other day, 'Oh, not another AIDS benefit show.' And I know we are all sick of going. But it's easy. It's the easiest thing you can do. Go pay for a ticket, have a few cocktails and see a show. The show is short and sweet."

My next question was about what Stacia herself would sing in "Rainbow High." "I'm doing a great song written by the show's musical director, Kevin Farrell, called "Christopher," which is one of the few wrist slanders in the show, and a song as my Spanish character, Consuela Binaca, that must be seen to be believed."

Valerie Perri, who plays the title role in "Evita," is expected to attend "Rainbow High." Tickets are only \$10 and may be obtained by calling NAPWA at 872-4728 or at the door.

In bar news, a new dance club is opening this week on Cheshire Bridge Road called **The Crown Club**. Formerly a strip club, the new incarnation opens on Friday, July 9 and hopes to become THE place to dance. DJ Greg Causey (formerly of the Collier Library) will be spinning as well as lining up entertainment for the coming weeks.

Look for a little of everything to grace the stage there, from female impersonators to male strippers to comedians. The club is located at 2050 Cheshire Bridge Road and is probably familiar to passersby as the only building on the street featuring a huge pink triangle on the facade. For more information, call the club at 636-5470.

Atlanta's own **Kristen Hall** will perform at the Variety Playhouse on July 8 at 8:30 p.m. Kristen has been busy touring in support of her "Fact and Fiction" release. **Shawn Mullins** will open, and tickets are \$7.

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A FOOD COLUMN BY GARY KAUPMAN

This past week three people asked me where they should go for good Thai food. I sent them where I usually send folks, Hot Pepper Thai Cuisine at the intersection of Cheshire Bridge and Lenox Roads. But if you are a regular reader you already knew that.

Much as I like Hot Pepper, I do wish the spicing and flavors there were a little more complex. I really wanted to tell these folks to go to **Zab-E-Lee Thai-Oriental Restaurant** (4835 Old National Hwy. 768-2705) where I have, in the past, had the most authentic Thai food in the city.

The more I thought about Zab-E-Lee's fantastic coconut soup and squid salad, the more my mouth watered. So I bit the bullet and set forth with a car full of friends to brave College Park's version of suburban sprawl and chow down on some *real* Thai food.

(Lest you think I have taken leave of my senses, other critics with credentials far more polished than mine have also waxed eloquent about Zab-E-Lee, and bemoaned its distant location.)

The physical surrounds here are pretty stark: white walls, dark brown table cloths, a murky fish tank, and a little too much air conditioning. I have never been here (lunch or dinner) when more than a few tables were occupied (though there is a brisk take-out business) so service is generally fast and friendly. The operators are very cheerful and have good command of English—far, far better than my facility with Thai.

The menu is simple with a mix of Thai and very pedestrian Chinese dishes. Forget the latter, you can find the same thing or better at any Chinese restaurant at a strip center in your own neighborhood.

A starter of slender spring rolls is crisp and free of grease but without much else to recommend it. Mee Krob (deep fried rice noodles slathered with sticky sweet sauce and garnished with cilantro) is far more fun, though not the sort of thing that every palate will find amusing.

Better probably to start with any one of the three hot and sour soups that combine lemon grass, peppers and broth (or coconut milk) with shrimp or chicken to stunning effect. Every Thai restaurant in town serves some variation on these, but the layers of flavor at Zab-E-Lee put them all to shame.

The same complex tongue teasing is in evidence in any of the seven salads offered next on the menu. My fave is yum ba munk which combines paper-thin slices of squid, lime juice, onion, lemon grass and a mysterious "Thai ingredient" which turns out to be rich, aromatic spicy basil—the stuff that makes Thai green curries so spectacular.

We also tried som tom—a mix of shredded papaya, dried shrimp, peanuts and assorted citric juices. Just a tad on the sour side, think of it as a more elegant take on kim-chee. Yum!

Any of the meat salads is equally enticing. I'm partial to neau nam tok which combines smoked beef with mint leaves, onion, lime juice and some searing peppers. And larb, which can be had made with beef, pork or chicken.

In general, the salad courses do just what an appetizer is supposed to do—set your tongue tingling and demanding *more*.

Would that I could tell you that—at least on my most recent trip—the entrees delivered so unflinchingly as the earlier courses.

Curry shrimp in a bright yellow coconut milk and basil base are pleasing as punch and well worth ordering. So is a sweet pud Thai flecked with chewy pieces of pork, but missing the strong shot of fish sauce that enlivened it so the last time I ate here.

I should mention that, chastened by the fire level we've become accustomed to at Hot Pepper Thai, we ordered our entrees spiced

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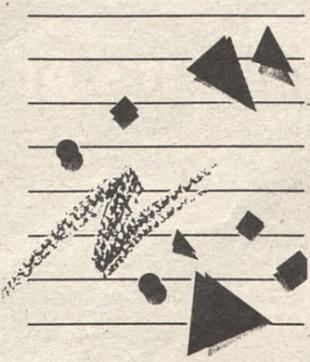
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"mild." A simple survival tactic on Cheshire
Bridge, this may turn out to be the kiss of
culinary death on Old National Highway.

A green curry spiked with green beans,
chicken, and bamboo shoots (pad ped) was
just plain bland and had me wondering if we'd
suddenly been transported to the King & I.
Almost as lackluster, a big plate of squid,
shrimp, scallops, peppers, and onions left me
one disappointed puppy. All the ingredients
were fresh and cooked to perfection, but the
flavor level was about as exciting as a bowl of
shredded wheat.

Prices at Zab-E-Lee are reasonable: \$10-
12 a head should fill you well.

If you already live in the area, the place is
definitely worth visiting. A week ago, I would
have said the same thing even if you reside in
Roswell. But after this visit, I'm reticent to
recommend that you drive to south hell just to
sample some (albeit fine) soups and appetiz-
ers. If you do go, by all means don't order
anything "mild."

Bad News Dogs

Every Fourth of July I spend at least 15
minutes cruising the hot dog section trying to
figure out which brand is least likely to clog
my arteries and hike my hypertension. I usu-
ally wind up getting something made with
turkey or chicken and not being very pleased
with how they interact with my tongue.

Thus I was happy as a clam to see that
"Consumer Reports" had rated hot dogs in its
July issue.

Unfortunately, there is little good news in
the health/flavor contest to be found here.

Most dogs get 70-90 percent of their calo-
ries from fat. Even if you aren't concerned
about limiting your fat intake, that's simply
not healthy. Three brands (Healthy Choice,
Hormel Light & Lean 97, and Oscar Mayer
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calories from fat, but the sodium level of all
three is high and C.R. found the sensory ap-
peal of the latter two totally unsatisfactory.

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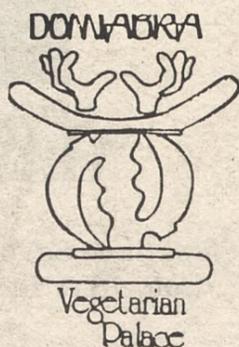
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Straight, But...: Dish was fascinated by how healthy, chipper, and flat attractive were most of the Straight But Not Narrow Contingent at Pride. Several made us downright moist. And speaking of hot hets, we've heard more than one (gay) man wax eloquent about the comely visage of State Sen. Ron Slotin, who was also very much in evidence at Pride. (Slotin is not our type; if we were attracted to men [or politicians], Bill Campbell would be more likely to fill the ticket.) Anyway, we noticed that Slotin was wearing a T-shirt with the sleeves neatly rolled up. Dish did not know that hets even knew how to do this—unless they have BIG biceps and need a place to stash their weeds. Makes us wonder if Sen. Slotin's queer political consultants are also giving him fashion clues.

Homo TV?: Well, not quite, but we think that WPBA (Ch. 30) deserves kudos and congratulations for airing the locally produced video on gay male spirituality, "Voices From the Sixth World" (reviewed in SoVo a couple of weeks ago.) Next time you get your checkbook out to contribute to public TV, remember that Ch. 30 is run by the Atlanta Public School System and is not a part of the statewide GPTV network which would not touch "Voices." Spend your pledge bucks wisely. One quibble, though: As the music over the credits for "Voices" came to a poignant and touching close, the next sound to be heard was a booming baritone suggesting "Now let's turn to the bible!" We understand that Ch. 30 has other programs to promote, but was *this* the place to plug a Billy Graham profile? Dish thinks not. And as for the content of Mr. Graham's suggestion—let's not...and say we didn't.

The San Francisco Treat: Actually we can think of hundreds of treats (and almost as many tricks) out in Baghdad by the Bay, but this is one that surfaced recently during Dish's regular Saturday night canasta game. It's a new product with a variety of uses (and its own share of abuses) and it's call Testosteroni. Dish thinks that muscle queens, insecure tops, and those with too much hair will be first in line to try this exciting new product. A compacted sausage-like form of the stuff is said to be in the works so that you'll be able to order it atop pizza pie. Look for a

Dish

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



Dish votes for Slotin and Campbell as the hottest hets in the Pride March this year.

review in "Eat" soon.

Flag Faeries: Cheers for queers to whoever the activists were that decorated homo spots all over Intown with hundreds of rainbow flags on the Friday before Pride. They decorated the entire block where the SoVo offices are located, Etcetera's offices, John Howell Park, the Piedmont Grove, and Piedmont Park. Little notes wishing recipients a "happy pride" accompanied each delivery. We don't know who these fun faeries are, but if they'll make themselves known to us, we'd like to acknowledge them by name.

JULY 8 - JULY 14, 1993

Mercury is still retrograde through July 25, so be sure that all your communications are clear, concise and prioritized. Think things through clearly before you speak or act, and check back with others to be sure you were understood.

ARIES, if you are feeling restless or slightly out-of-sorts, then you may need to get out of town for a few days. If you are driving, be sure to check all the major systems in your vehicle and have any overdue maintenance work done. **TAURUS**, you need to be paying serious attention to your overall health and well-being. If something in your system is out of balance, then take care of it NOW! Don't put it off until your body is completely drained and you are flat on your back. **GEMINI**, Venus is now in your 1st house making it possible for you to see yourself in a more positive light. This is the perfect time to take stock of all your abilities and talents, including the ones you have a tendency to overlook. Have fun.

Happy Birthday, **CANCER**. Hopefully you are having an absolutely wonderful birthday month. Do something special for yourself every day even if it means releasing some responsibility. Be sure to do things that nourish your Spirit and your Soul. Dear

STARSIGNS

LEO, as you may know, Fire Signs have a tendency to be impatient with themselves and others. So do your best to be aware of the onset of this difficult quality, take a deep breath, count to 10 and relax as you exhale. **VIRGO**, if you are not pleased with the state of your love life, you may need to be patient at least till Fall. Use this time to get out of any workaholic ruts, develop your social life, and spend time with old friends while getting to know new folks.

LIBRA, Mars is circulating through your 12th house of dreams, visions and your connection with the collective unconscious. Be prepared for a more active dreamtime which means your sleep may be interrupted or restless. Be aware of dream patterns.

SCORPIO, this is the perfect time for a trip to the beach. Load up your beach togs, towels, umbrella, cooler, friends, family and S.O. (significant other) and head for the sand and surf. Time for

Shame Raiser: We don't want to be harsh (especially since the folks from GAPAC were heavily involved in getting domestic partnership passed), but the fundraising letter that we recently received from that organization raised more ire than money in Dish's neck of the woods. Said letter, personalized on a computer, lists all of our contributions to GAPAC, by quarter for the past four years. In our case (and in the case of all those who we know who got this letter) that amount is ZERO, NADA, ZIP! We know that we've been remiss, but we also know that shaming us is no way to get us to cure the error of our ways. For GAPAC's sake we hope this bit of shockery works, but we fear that it may have done more harm than good...at least with the folks who got this particular letter.

Mountain Madness: Actually, it's more like mountain porn that an eagle-eyed reader sent us a photo of from up Dallas (Georgia) way. The sign (in front of a liquor store/titty bar) says "Screw you Bill Clinton let the gays give you a [sic] enema." Grammatical dysfunction aside, we wonder if the bozos who writ this piece of pseudo wit know anything at all about the joys of recreational enemas. Probably not...and that's their loss. If they did, they might not be so all-fired up tight.

Not This Woman: Speaking of grumpy, that's how we felt when we saw a new magazine called "Woman" that doesn't have much to do with how we see ourselves reflected in that venerable word. This (\$2.95) rag is an orgy of slick stories and romance novels and is aimed at "folks who like taking fiction to the beach." Now don't get us wrong, we like trash as much as the next dyke, but call it what it is, not "Woman" for goddess sakes! Wanna' bet the publisher is a (straight white) man?

Elton Error: Pardon us, but we're a mite confused here. An AP story about the recent Elton John brouhaha in Israel says that some Israeli citizens were embarrassed when the Rocket Man fled their country after he was treated with other than kid gloves. Seems to us that it was Elton who acted out. Cool as the dude may be, he's that one who should be red-faced.

fun and sun, and do remember the sunscreen. **SAGITTARIUS**, do you have a multitude of thoughts and ideas chasing each other through your mind at high speed? Well, before you experience a major collision take a little time each day to sit down and get your mind-mobles on paper. Even pictures will do.

CAPRICORN, if you find you are a little short-tempered or irritable lately, then you may be spending too much time indoors, hanging out around computers, paperwork and other slightly irritable people. Get out in the Sun. **AQUARIUS**, how are your emotions doing these days? Have you checked in on them lately? If not, then you may need some quiet time to reflect and feel what's going on inside. Be sure you are experiencing your emotions and not just thinking about them. **PISCES**, if you are in the least tempted to use drugs or alcohol as a means of retreating from or suppressing your feelings, wounds, recurring thought patterns, fears, terrors, tears, etc., then please reconsider and find a better solution.

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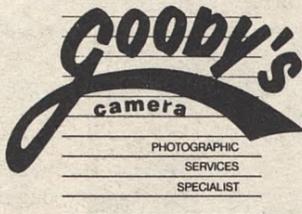
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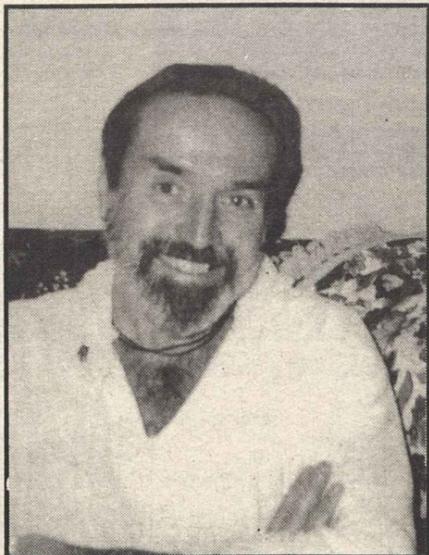
Age: 50

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Richard Fitzpatrick's life is just as colorful as his ties.

Bedecked in a black job with loud pastel flowers for a lunchtime Outlines rendezvous, Fitzpatrick describes his affinity for loud ties.

"I lived at the corner of Greenwich Avenue and Christopher Street in Greenwich Village in the mid-1960s," he recalls. "I sold books for \$85 a week. Tie City sold these ties for 59 cents each."

Many things in Richard's life have changed since then, but he still wears those 59 cent ties.

A native of Jacksonville, North Carolina, Richard was an Army brat. He went into the Army at the age of 17, telling the government he was not gay.

"I must have lied. That's all we did back then," he says, smiling through his graying moustache. "To get all the security clearances I got, I must have lied. I've been out all my life."

The Army didn't change that. During his four years of service, he spent most of it in Berlin, Germany, where he lived the gay life.

"I made a lot of friends and went to the bars. My sexuality was not the center of my life. It only posed logistical problems for me," he says, smiling slyly.

As for moves to lift the ban on gays and lesbians in the military, Richard emphatically believes that "they better lift it. Anything less would be to continue a lie."

Years ago, Richard had to confront himself with the truth that substance abuse was ruining his colorful life. He is now in recovery, and he is a chemical abuse counselor at the Veterans Administration hospital.

Richard is not interested in focusing on what exactly made him seek recovery because all abusers find individual ways out of their addiction.

"The dynamic that brings anyone into recovery is valid for them, whether it's a DUI, a spiritual awakening or the sense of missing the

excitement in life," he explains. "That was my case. I decided too much life was slipping by me. I decided not to do anything that wasn't fulfilling."

Life now is very fulfilling for him, he says. He loves his job ("I feel I'm effective at it") and he loves his home in Atlanta ("because I'm in love here.") There seems to be no pining for days gone by in Berlin and Greenwich Village.

"I was there when I was supposed to be there," he says. "Atlanta is my home now."

And in identifying that home, he has joined its causes. He's been involved in the Pride marches, he is part of AID Atlanta's Buddy Program, and he will take part in this year's AIDS walk.

"And I'm going to be actively involved in Sam Nunn's exclusion from Congress," he says, grinning. "I've got his name, and now I want to kick ass."

And you have no trouble believing that Richard will do it single-handedly. "I don't commit to anything lightly," he says.

It's easy to believe. Richard has lived his life passionately. From the beginning, he's made no apology for his sexuality—"It's a fact of life"—and he no longer accepts any of society's guilt trips pushed at gays and lesbians. A born Catholic, he says, "I couldn't keep the guilt when I dismissed the religion." Society's constraints no longer interest Richard.

"I have never found it necessary to identify myself individually by my sexuality," he says. "I identify that way socially in the sense of a movement if I need to add my support to something. I only feel I need to identify that way when there is a purpose or a cause."

But Richard himself is easy to identify, even from a distance. Just look for that loud 59 cent tie.

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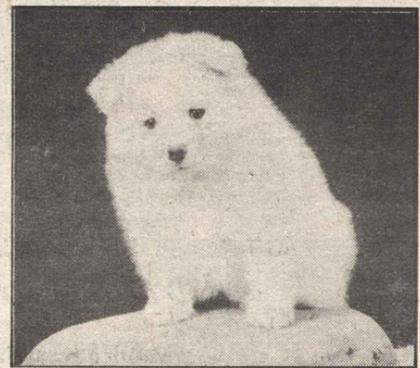
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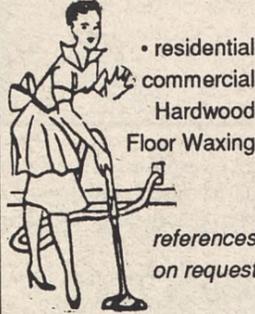
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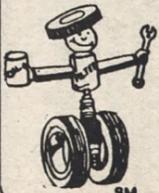
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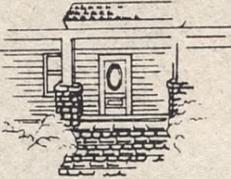
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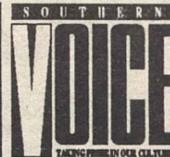
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GWF seeks GWF 35-55, average size, for friendship and possibly more. No drugs. 1523

GWF mature 24, very creative aspiring author seeks emotionally healthy, mature GWF for friendship, possibly more. Will not tolerate alcoholics, drugs or mind games. POB 2051, Greenwood, SC 29646-0051 (6.21)

Wonderful intelligent GWF looking for special lady 30-40s who has sense of humor, honesty and loyalty for relationship. 1521

BiBF, 41, auto erotic, discreet Mom, closet butch, first timer. Lonely for intelligent open minded bi/GF for friendship & mutual interest. 1495

GWF, 40's, seeks serious animal lover, vegetarian, non-smoker who has trouble with grown people who believe in supernatural beings. 1497

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Warm, cute, full-figured GBF seeks intelligent, warm, fun female for quality friendship. Variety of interests, good times w/ good friends. Be positive, honest, caring and drug-free. 1488

GBF, attractive, very feminine, seeks fun-loving, aggressive GF for friendship, possible relationship. 1462

Deep, caring love begins between my ears. Liberal, fun, professional, attractive, 36 GWF, emotionally healthy, seeking same to start gently. 1474

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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GWM, 38, 6', 155, HIV+, looking for someone to spend time with and see what happens. 1490

Relationship wanted. Cute GWM 25, 5'3", 130#, red/brn hair, blue eyes, clean shaven, versatile. Your are 18-30, slim build, sincere. 1498

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

GWM, 29, 6'4", 195, tall, dark, handsome, healthy, HIV neg., romantic, masculine, artistic, not into bars, loves outdoors, serious replis. 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. 1476

Handsome, passionate, 35, 6'1", 175, healthy GWM, 29, 6'4", 195, tall, dark, handsome, healthy, HIV neg., romantic, masculine, artistic, not into bars, loves outdoors, serious replis. 1482

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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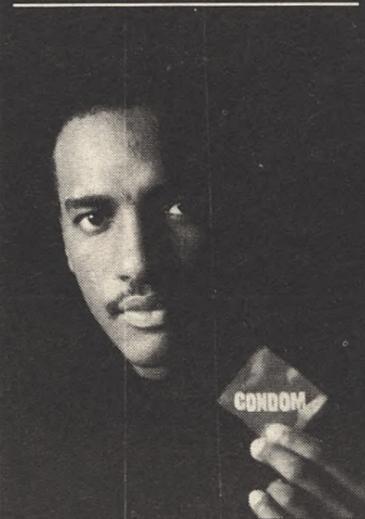
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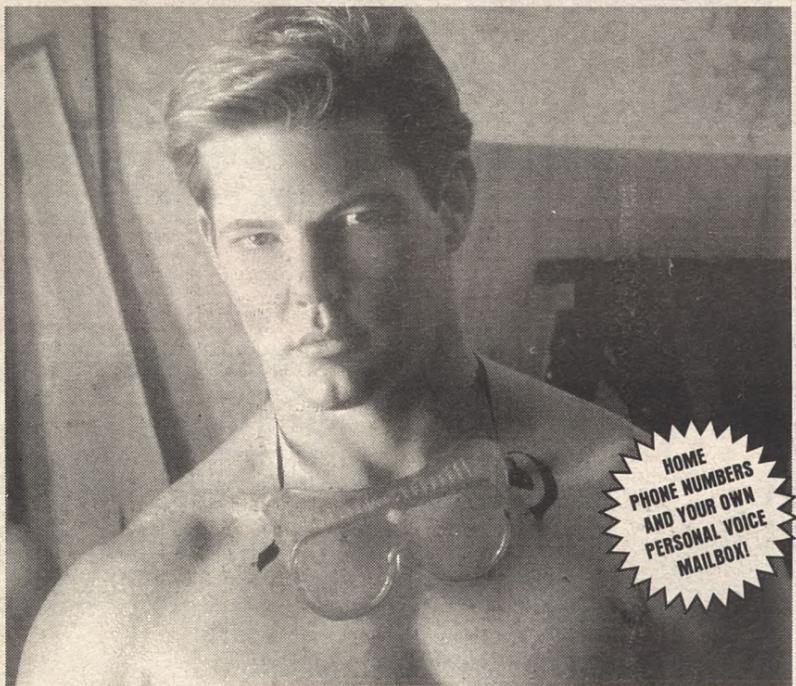
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