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Emory to pursue AIDS trial site

University's decision comes amid campaign by activists to bring experimental AIDS drug and treatment trials to Atlanta

by JAMES FITCH

Atlanta—Emory University is in the process of applying for federal permission to conduct clinical treatment trials for adults with AIDS, the first step in establishing a full AIDS clinical trial group site in Atlanta by 1995.

HIV/AIDS activists who had been pressuring Emory to become a trial site—and were planning a protest next week—learned about the application in a meeting last Thursday.

"We're shocked and delighted," said NAPWA/Atlanta executive director Mark King. "These trials are just as valid as anything they could do."

An AIDS clinical trial group site, or ACTG, would provide local AIDS patients with access to early trials of experimental drugs and treatments years ahead of schedule. Its advocates say such a site would also be likely to attract millions of dollars in AIDS research to Georgia.

While a number of drug trials are conducted locally through the AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta, the nearest full-blown ACTG site to Atlanta was an hour and a half away at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. Twenty cities smaller in size than Atlanta, many with smaller numbers of people afflicted with HIV/AIDS, had trial group sites in place. And what activists found particularly troubling was that Atlanta lacked a trial site even though the city is home to Emory, one of the top medical universities in the country.

Earlier this year, ACT UP and NAPWA began lobbying Emory officials, asking them to enthusiastically apply this year for an adult ACTG site in 1995. King says university officials were polite and receptive and exchanges were mild-mannered. But when advocates learned—mistakenly, as it turns out—that the deadline for application was approaching and Emory appeared to be dragging its heels, they became impatient.

Flyers reading "Help Us Emory" were passed out by ACT UP at the October dedication of Grady Hospital's new Infectious Disease Clinic. A recorded message from ACT UP greets callers with, "Yo, Emory University. Don't you think it's time for some AIDS research?" A demonstration at Emory had been scheduled for Nov. 30.

"The reason that we started bugging Emory was that we thought the application deadline was this year," King said. "It's not. But having started that action, we thought it's certainly not too soon [to apply]."

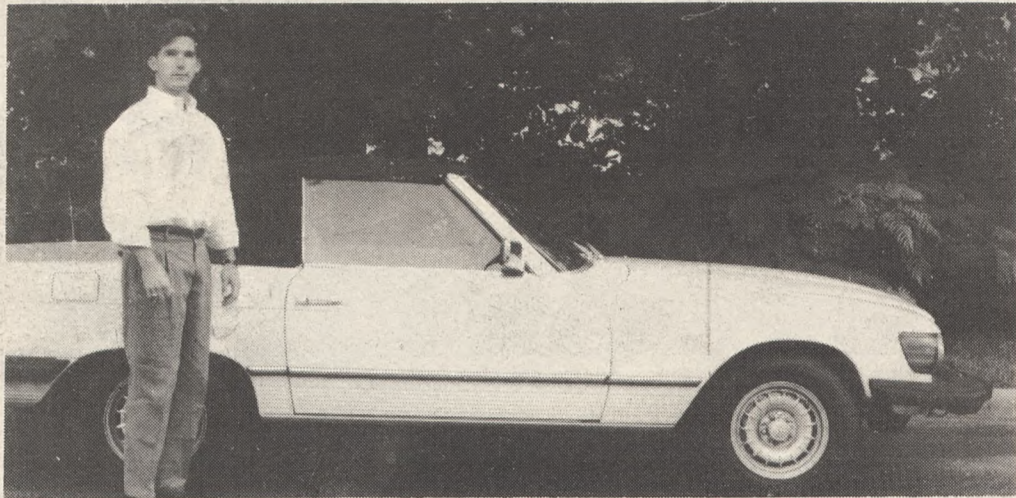
King said that despite an initial perception that Emory was ignoring requests from advocates, they now appear to have been working on implementing AIDS research for quite some time. A goal for NAPWA, he says, is to get involved in the process—if nothing else, for the sake of support.

"Scientists and doctors have to learn that in the AIDS arena, you'd better make sure that you have people with AIDS in the know about what you're up to," King said. "Otherwise, we'll be at cross purposes. And we don't want that. We would rather be supporting Emory's progress than throwing red paint on their buildings."

Last week's meeting revealed that Emory is currently applying to conduct four individual trials. Particularly heartening to NAPWA members is the fact that one of those trials is for CD4 cell expansion, a project in which NAPWA has a strong interest. For this lab-intensive procedure, HIV-infected blood is taken from a patient, T-cells are grown in the laboratory, the blood is enhanced and then put back into the individual.

King says he believes Emory's interest in AIDS research is sincere but that a follow-up meeting with a panel of physicians has been scheduled.

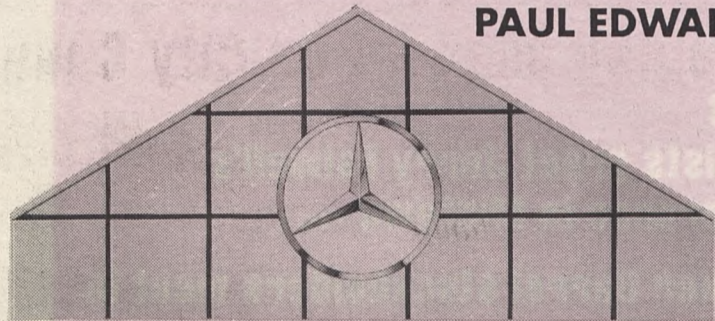
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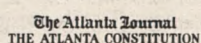
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Fundies converge on Midtown

Speaking at First Baptist, Jerry Falwell implies Hillary may be a lesbian, while another speaker says that "sticking your finger in the dike is not going to work anymore."

Atlanta—Jerry Falwell came to town, and nobody noticed.

Nobody, that is, except 20 anti-religious right activists and about 150 attendees at Falwell's speech, held Nov. 19 during Nancy Schaefer's 1993 Family Concerns Conference at the First Baptist Church.

Falwell was the first major keynote speaker in the last four years to actually speak at the conference. Three years ago, North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms cancelled, and then-vice president Dan Quayle was a no-show two years ago.

But Falwell did attend, delivering an address

touting the virtues of a Christian education, a tape recording of which was obtained by Southern Voice.

"Christian education, I believe, is the only hope for this country," Falwell said, adding that 104 of the first 119 colleges in the United States were Christian schools. "Is it any wonder that this country is clearly a Christian nation?"

"If we don't turn this country around now...we're absolutely going to lose the country," Falwell said. "Ten to 15 years from now, I see no hope because where are the leaders coming from?"

Friday night's theme at the conference was indeed on saving the children from a "wicked" society gone amuck from pornography. The first speaker of the evening was Robert Showers, an anti-porn attorney, who warned the audience that pornography "is growing so fast that sticking your finger in the dike is not going to work anymore."

Pornography, Showers said, can now be found in convenience stores, grocery stores, on television and computers.



About 20 anti-Falwell demonstrators picketed his speech, including a contingent from Dykes and Faggots Bash Back.

"The 1990s may go down in history as the decade that scrapped morality," he said.

To stem that tide, Falwell, an avid anti-gay crusader and founder of Liberty University in

Lynchburg, Va., urged that Christian parents send their children to Christian schools. Public schools, he said, have been ruined by "liberal,

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More gay support on City Council

GAPAC-backed candidates win, right-wing candidates lose in last week's Atlanta runoff election

Atlanta—Candidates friendly to the gay/lesbian community swept through last week's city election runoffs, ushering in a city government that, at least on the surface, will apparently be more friendly to community's concerns.

Before the election, nine of the 18 seats on the City Council were held by generally gay-supportive candidates. In all nine, either the incumbent or a gay-supportive candidate was returned. And of the other nine seats, four will now be occupied by people who appear to be more gay-friendly than their predecessors.

Chief among the victories for the community was the defeat of the City Council's most intractable foe of domestic partnership, District 12 incumbent Dozier Smith, who lost to university professor Gloria Tinubu by a 57 percent to 43 percent margin. And both remaining council candidates with ties to Jacob's Well—the religious right's attempt to use homophobia to link black and white conservative voters—were beaten handily.

"We were especially happy that Ari Casper-Silberman and Hiram Scott had a poor showing," said GAPAC lobbyist Larry Pellegrini, referring to the candidates believed to have Jacob's Well ties. Casper-Silberman lost to incumbent Jared Samples in District 9 and Scott lost to Michael Julian Bond in District 3.

Both Scott and Casper-Silberman had been trying to distance themselves from the Jacob's Well campaign, which was masterminded by defeated anti-gay mayoral candidate Nancy Schaefer. The District 9 race turned into a choice between Samples, who as a member of the council was hostile to partnership and joined a lawsuit to overturn it, and Casper-Silberman. GAPAC had recommended that voters "hold their nose" and vote for Samples.

All but one of the GAPAC recommended candidates in the mayoral, City Council and school board runoffs won last Tuesday. The lone defeat was in the District 7 school board race, where Monica Jones lost to Norman Johnson. And candidates endorsed by two openly lesbian/gay candidates who ran but failed to make the runoffs also won—Debi Starnes, endorsed by Eric Spivey in District 2, and Vern McCarty, endorsed by Carolyn White in District 1.

One victory of a lesbian/gay supportive



Dozier Smith, the most strident foe of domestic partnership, lost his southwest Atlanta seat.

candidate was the election's biggest surprise. District 18 incumbent Morris Finley, who had abstained throughout last summer's partnership battle, was defeated by newcomer Pamela Alexander, who actively sought GAPAC's support.

In the mayor's race, Bill Campbell's landslide win, with 73 percent of the vote, was mirrored in neighborhoods with concentrations of gay and lesbians, though Lomax tended to run slightly better in some of these areas than he did in the city as a whole. The only precinct in the city where Lomax won was in the area just north of Ansley Park. He ran neck-and-neck with Campbell in the other Ansley Park precinct and drew more than 40 percent of the vote in some areas of Morningside.

The mayor-elect said his first order of business would be to improve public safety and reorganize the police department. Throughout the campaign, Campbell refused to say whether he would keep Police Chief Eldrin Bell, saying any decision would be made after he was elected and had the chance to reevaluate personnel.

The chief, whose retention is opposed by many in the lesbian/gay community, was on hand at Campbell's victory rally, even though, throughout the campaign, he was believed to be quietly backing Lomax.

Lomax's pledge to retain Bell strained his relationship with the lesbian/gay community, which had been a base of support in his previous campaigns for county offices.

RICHARD SHUMATE

Cracker Barrel reforms rejected

But lesbian/gay-supportive stockholders gathered enough support to raise issues again next year

Lebanon, TN—Lesbian and gay advocates failed to generate enough stockholder support to force Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores, Inc. to institute a non-discrimination clause for the company's gay employees.

At a shareholders' annual meeting last week, only about 9 percent of the company's shares were voted for proposals to end discrimination against lesbians and gay men and to change the composition of the board of directors to reflect parity along the lines of gender, race, sexual orientation. But gay and gay-supportive stockholders hailed the votes on the two proposals "a moral victory," and they garnered enough support to guarantee that they can be brought up again at next year's shareholders meeting.

"We knew we had 3 percent (the number required to allow the proposal to be reintroduced) and thought we had 6 percent," said Lynn Cothren, a stockholder and Atlanta activist who spearheaded Queer Nation/Atlanta's protests against the company in 1991, when Cracker Barrel instituted a company-wide policy of firing employees perceived to be gay or lesbian. "This

was major for us to get this much."

"It was a moral victory," said Zan Thornton, an Atlanta lesbian who holds stock in the company. "Usually on a stockholder issue like this, you only get 3 to 5 percent."

Earlier this fall, separate decisions by a U.S. District Court judge and the Securities and Exchange Commission forced Cracker Barrel to put the proposals before its stockholders. The discrimination measure was proposed by the New York City Employee Retirement System and the board of directors proposal was made by Atlanta stockholder Carl Owens.

Cracker Barrel's board included the proposals grudgingly, including a recommendation that shareholders vote against both. The recommendation included a warning that Congress has never passed the lesbian and gay civil rights bill, and that "proponents of this...proposal are attempting to circumvent the legislative process...to promote a 'social policy' concerning gay and lesbian sexual preferences, thereby forcing your company to do what Congress has declined to force companies to do."

The recommendation repeated the company's assertion that "Cracker Barrel is an equal opportunity employer that adheres to the letter and spirit of the law."

That has been the company's response to all queries about its anti-discrimination policy since the spring of 1991, when CEO Dan Evins was

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Young Democrats spurn Cobb County

Atlanta—The Young Democrats of Georgia have voted to hold their annual convention at Emory University in 1994, rejecting a bid from Cobb County because of that county commission's August votes to eliminate arts funding and to condemn homosexuality.

By a 12-3 vote, the Young Democrats rejected the Cobb bid and went with the Emory bid, despite the fact that a Cobb convention would not have been held at the county's new Galleria Centre—the target of the Cobb boycott.

In a statement released last week, the organization cited "reluctance of some members to convene in Cobb County in light of the recent controversial actions of the Cobb County Commission."

The boycott, called by the Cobb Citizens Coalition, a group organized to fight government-sanctioned bigotry in Cobb, is beginning to pick up steam. Although one organization that originally cancelled a scheduled meeting at Galleria Centre later rescinded that decision, two other organizations cancelled negotiations for use of the space. And earlier this month, Sprint cancelled a planned meeting for January.

Sprint officials said that organizational restructuring was the real reason for the cancellations—the business marketing group that would have held the meeting no longer exists—but media relations director Norman Black acknowledged that the company heard from those who opposed the Cobb Commission's actions.

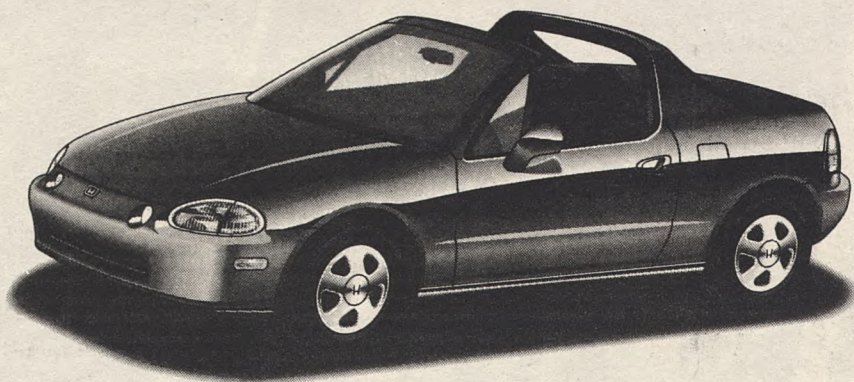
"Obviously we have certainly been aware of the controversy," Black said. "And we received a fair amount of correspondence and phone calls. But in this particular case [the cancellation] has been driven by a reorganization...announced two months ago."

Black added that the company had no other meetings planned for the Galleria Centre at the moment and that all such meetings are planned on a case-by-case basis.

Last week, the Cobb's Citizens Coalition presented a \$2,000 check to Marietta's Theatre in the Square, which was one of the arts organizations stripped of funding by the Cobb County Commission. The money came from a benefit concert held Nov. 2, featuring Kristen Hall, Dede Vogt and Pierce Pettis.

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Three men under arrest for French Quarter bias murder

New Orleans—Three men were arrested Nov. 18 in connection with fatal stabbing of a Gulfport, Miss., man who was the victim of an apparent anti-gay hate crime.

Joseph Balog was walking through the French Quarter with a friend after some early morning bar hopping when the two were attacked. Police said at the time that witnesses reported the attackers were shouting anti-gay jeers, apparently in the mistaken belief that Balog and his friend were gay. Police said the victims were not gay.

Booked Nov. 18 for first-degree murder were Grant Wayne Gunderson, 24, Ronald D. Graves, 24, and Mingo Graham, 23. All were from Metairie, a New Orleans suburb, and were being held without bond.

Police may have other suspects. Balog, 23, and a 26-year-old man from Biloxi were reportedly attacked by four or five people in the Nov. 11 incident.

Balog's friend, whose identity has not been released, was seriously injured in the attack.

Lin-Todd Soldani, a liaison between lesbians and gay men living in the French Quarter and the New Orleans Police Department, said the attackers referred to Balog and his friend as "gay" and "faggot" during the assault.

Many in the city's gay and lesbian community responded Nov. 19 with a rally and candlelight march to the intersection where Balog died. March leaders said it made no difference if the men were gay, only that they

were attacked by people who believed they were gay.

"It used to be just harassment, but it's gotten worse in the last few years," said Soldani. "I think people are getting the signal from the government on down that gays are second class citizens and it's OK to treat them anyway at all."

Bryan Sanchez, a 22-year-old college student, was kicked and taunted by a group of six, well-dressed young men in the French Quarter exactly a year before the attack on Balog. Sanchez, who is gay, was kicked so hard in the head that his ear drum was ruptured.

"After they had all hit and kicked me they stood over me calling me names and shouting things at me," Sanchez said. "It was terrifying and it happened for no reason other than they wanted to hurt someone who was gay."

Soldani said a hostile attitude toward gays has been made worse by the military's ban on gays and New Orleans' reversal of a decision that would have extended health insurance to the domestic partners of gay city workers.

He also blamed the religious right for mounting an increasingly aggressive campaign against gays.

The attacks are even more alarming, Soldani said, because New Orleans has a tradition of tolerance.

"This has always been a diverse city and gays have been comfortable," he said.

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Student disciplined in UGA bias case takes records fight to Supreme Court

Athens, GA—The attorney for a University of Georgia student disciplined for harassing an openly gay student has asked the Georgia Supreme Court to delay release of case records while he appeals to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court on Nov. 8 that records of the University of Georgia's student court were public records that had to be disclosed under the state's Open Records Act. The Red

and Black, an independent newspaper serving UGA, had sued to gain access to those records after the university refused to make them public.

Mark Wiggins, attorney for the unidentified student, said he will attempt to convince the U.S. Supreme Court that a federal law protecting educational information prevents such disclosure of student disciplinary records.

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Marine in Pridgen case leaves Corps

Jacksonville, NC—One of three Camp Lejeune Marines involved in a highly-publicized January brawl outside a gay bar in Wilmington has dropped his appeal of a separate assault conviction and has left the Marine Corps.

Lance Cpl. Walter G. Watkins III, 26, was scheduled to go on trial last week in Onslow County Superior Court along with Lance Cpl. Patric G. Cardone. The two Marines were appealing their June conviction in District Court of assault on a woman in connection with a Jan. 28 brawl at Shooters, a topless bar in Jacksonville.

The brawl took place a day before the two participated in a fight that drew national publicity. Cardone, Watkins and Lance Cpl. Colin C. Hunt were charged with assaulting Crae

Pridgen and three other patrons at Mickey Ratz, a Wilmington gay bar.

The three Marines were acquitted in the Mickey Ratz assault case. However, Cardone and Watkins were found guilty in June of assaulting a bartender at Shooters. Under North Carolina law, Cardone and Watkins could appeal their misdemeanor conviction by asking for a trial in Superior Court.

The appeal was scheduled to go to trial last week, but the prosecutor was notified that Watkins had dropped his appeal and left the Marine Corps. Cardone's case was postponed.

Both men and Hunt face a lawsuit filed on behalf of Pridgen by the Southern Poverty Law Center, a civil rights organization in Montgomery, Alabama.

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Ray boys' mother seeks Florida post

Orlando, FL—Louise Ray, mother of the late Ricky Ray and two other hemophiliac sons infected with HIV, filed papers Nov. 19 to run for a state House seat next year.

Ray announced her plans to run as a Democrat this week for the Oviedo-area District 33 seat held by Republican Marvin Couch in a speech to the Rainbow Democratic Club, a lesbian and gay rights group.

Ray's sons Ricky, Robert and Randy, who were believed to have contracted the deadly virus through tainted blood products, gained national attention in 1986 when they were barred from attending public school in Arcadia. The family's home was later burned down.

Ricky died last year of complications from AIDS at 15. Robert is 15 and Randy 14.

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Novelist Leavitt Sued For Plagiarism: Novelist David Leavitt ("Lost Language of Cranes," "A Place I've Never Been.") is being sued for plagiarisms by English poet Stephen Spender, who says the gay writer used parts of his 1948 biography in his new novel, "While England Sleeps." A trial on the lawsuit, which was filed in England on Oct. 22, was set for Nov. 28, and British publication of Leavitt's novel has been suspended by court order pending results of the trial. Neither Spender nor Leavitt will comment publicly on the lawsuit, but in a September interview with the Washington Post, Leavitt acknowledged that he used Spender's life "as a springboard." Spender seeks to permanently enjoin the publication of Leavitt's novel in Britain, as well as unspecified damages.



AIDS Czar Christine Gebbie is under attack for not wanting to be part of the "condom war."

Activists Disrupt AIDS Czar: AIDS activists, angered by recent statements from AIDS Czar Kristine Gebbie, disrupted an AIDS Policy Town Hall Meeting on Nov. 9 at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. The activists took issue with statements Gebbie made to the Baltimore Gay Paper, where she said she would "like as much as possible to stay out of the 'condom war'... simply because it remains such a sensitive and divisive issue with a lot of people." Gebbie was confronted by activist Luke Sissyfag, who charged the Clinton administration with "passing the buck" on AIDS prevention. Sissyfag was dragged out by police while other activists blew whistles and held signs before they were also removed from the auditorium.

Uruguayan Transvestite Runs For Office: Miguel de Oxum, a priest in the Afro-Latin Umbanda cult and owner of a gay bar in Montevideo, Uruguay, has filed to run

for the Uruguayan Senate. "I am Miguela to the world of the night so that, as a hostess of the gay movement, I can show everyone a strange world they don't know about." He said. De Oxum is a candidate of the Progressive Republican Party, a small party made up largely of ex police officers, former military men, soldiers, and gays.

Court Upholds Lesbian's Claim Against Military Recruitment: The State University of New York at Buffalo's law school cannot bring military recruiters on campus because the Pentagon discriminates against gay men and lesbians, a judge has ruled. State Supreme Court Justice Diane Lebedeff ruled last week that military recruiting at the school violated an anti-discrimination order issued by Gov. Mario Cuomo. Evan Wolfson, an attorney with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund representing Terri Mayo, who filed the suit in 1990, said that the ruling should legally be applicable to the entire state university system.

Drugs, Soured Lesbian Relationship Uncovered In Double Murder: Two women found murdered in Fort Worth, Texas last week were apparently killed by one of the women's former lovers. Sherrie Sikes and Brandi Cirelli have been charged in the murders of Channing Frelove and Melanie Golchert. Sikes and Cirelli have been identified as former lovers of Frelove, and witnesses have claimed that both women were looking for someone to "take care of Channing." Police also said that Frelove had been dealing drugs and was in debt \$6000 to her dealer.

Pajama-Clad Morals Campaigner Fails To Block Gay Rights Bill: A Protestant clergyman with three broken ribs left the hospital in a wheelchair to argue against a gay rights bill in the New South Wales, Australia, state parliament. But the parliament approved the measure, despite the efforts of Fred Nile, a lawmaker who disobeyed doctor's orders and arrived in the chamber in pajamas and on painkillers. He delivered a five-hour filibuster and quoted extensively from the Bible in a bid to stop passage of the bill, which bans open hatred and violence against gay men and lesbians. The measure passed after parliament agreed to exempt clergy from its provisions.

Alaska School Board Votes To Keep Children's Book About Gay Men: Juneau's school board has voted to keep "Daddy's Roommate" in the district's elementary school libraries. But access to the book will be restricted to the libraries' family section and will no longer be available at the more accessible picture book section. Superintendent Bob Van Slyke recently ruled after a series of public hearings that the book could stay. The board's 6-1 vote upheld that ruling. Board member Edith McHenry, who cast the lone no vote, said she wanted to place further restrictions on access to the book.

Airline Issues Apology For Removing AIDS Patient From Plane: American Airlines apologized for causing any "inconvenience, discomfort or embarrassment" to a passenger with AIDS who was dragged off a flight when he refused to disembark. Timothy Holless was taken off a plane in Chicago, and was arrested by police immediately afterward. Holless, who was screaming as he was dragged off the plane, allegedly hung his IV bag over his seat, violating company policy, according to an American spokesman. In its apology to Holless, American said a review of the incident showed flight attendants "genuinely felt they were acting in your best interest and in the interest of all passengers on board the flight."

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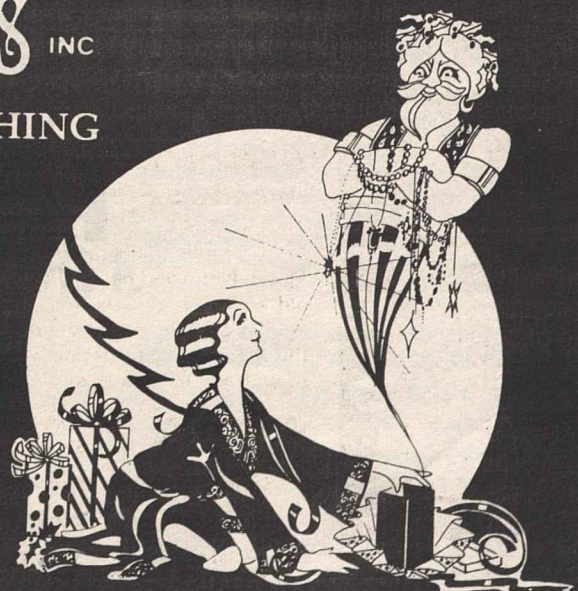
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left wing dogma."

But, Falwell added, that may be changing as graduates of his school and others become public school teachers.

"That's an exciting thing, because we are as bigoted to the right as they are to the left," he said.

Outside the First Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall in Midtown, about 20 activists picketed and chanted, protesting the fundamentalist preacher's presence. Members of ACT UP, Dykes and Faggots Bash Back and several pro-choice groups reported no problems with police and no confrontations with fundamentalists.

At last year's Family Concerns Conference, several activists were physically thrown out of the meeting when they attempted to hand out condoms to those in attendance. At this year's meeting, community activist Brian Rountree made it through almost to the end before he, too, was removed from the building.

"[Falwell] said something about supporting

Nancy in her fight [against gays]," Rountree said. "He said that 'In Biblical times they were called sodomites. In my day they were sissies and tarts. In the 70s they were homosexuals, and in the 80s they were gay. In the 90s they're called Democrats.' That's when I stood up and said 'Jesus did not preach hatred like that.'"

Rountree was escorted out by Schaefer aide Tim Echols and the security guards.

Other than those references, Falwell said little directly about homosexuality. At the beginning of his speech (Rountree provided Southern Voice with a tape of the meeting), Falwell referenced the number of openly gay officials in the Clinton administration, saying that if he were president he "would have no idea where to find them."

"But Hillary," he said. "It kind of makes you wonder."

Falwell also praised Schaefer, the Family Concerns president and recent mayoral candidate, calling her "a great hero," and adding that her 11 percent total from this year's election was "unbelievable." He urged other Christians to run for office and claimed that a future Schaefer mayoral candidacy would garner 40 percent of

the vote.

The Family Concerns Conference continued on Saturday morning Nov. 20, with educator Anita Hoge speaking on outcome-based education and "Educating for the New World Order?" and Dr. Michael Yousef delivered an address on "Standing Firm."

Schaefer's highly publicized—at least in the lesbian/gay press—attempt during the mayoral campaign to coalesce the African American and white Christian communities through the Jacob's well organization seemed not to have carried over to the conference. Rountree reported that the Rev. Robert C. Weaver was the only African American in the room, delivering the invocation. Schaefer's campaign manager, Rep. Billy McKinney, did not attend Falwell's speech.

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forced to rescind an official company policy banning lesbians and gays from employment,

instead referring the decisions to individual store managers. Evins refused to comment on reports that gay employees continued to be terminated long after the policy was supposedly rescinded. As many as 17 gay employees may have been fired from the company's 152 restaurants.

Cothren said that another barrier was broken this year, when the Tennessee-based chain of roadside restaurants added its first woman—and African-American—to the board of directors.

"That was another thing we pushed for, to change the all-white male make-up of the board," he said.

Cothren said that gay and gay supportive stockholders will meet with Martha Mitchell, a senior vice president and partner with a St. Louis public relations firm.

"We're going to work on educating [the board members] and look at different retirement funds who hold Cracker Barrel stock, to enlist their support of the proposals," he said.

"We look forward to coming back," Cothren said he told Evins, at the conclusion of the Nov. 23 meeting. "And we have time on our side."

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Lesbians who cut hair also cut against the stereotype

Aren't gay men born to cut hair, while dykes do their best work with a socket wrench? Not at some of Atlanta's trendiest intown salons.

by CECI MITCHELL

Lesbians who do hair. Isn't that a contradiction in terms? Aren't gay men born to cut hair, while dykes do their best work with a socket wrench? And what of Hairanoia, the lesbian-identified hair salon—are dyke beauty parlors and butch hairdressers a new trend in Atlanta?

The answer to those questions is, "No," according to Hairanoia manager Deni Swanstrom.

"Lesbians have always cut hair. I've been duckin' and weavin' for 14 years," she said. "It's just that now I think people are coming out. We were very closeted before."

"That's a myth that we can only be mechanics," she added. "We're as versatile as everybody else—although one of my friends about dropped her jaw when she saw me cutting hair. I've been a mechanic, I'm an ex-Marine, I've built houses..."

Hairanoia is not the only hair salon in the city that has a large number of lesbians behind the blow driers. Some of the trendiest of the trendy intown salons are owned, managed or staffed with women who cut against the stereotype (However, Hairanoia was the only such salon that agreed to participate in this story).

Along with lover Pat Calcagani, Swanstrom opened Hairanoia about five years ago. The

two women had worked together at other shops for seven years. Calcagani ("she's the butch, although I look butch," said Swanstrom) had been cutting hair since the age of 16.

While working for other salons, the two women filled in as manager from time to time. Finally, they decided that if they could run other people's shops, they could run their own.

"We wanted to be in a female-dominated business," Swanstrom said.

As greater numbers of lesbians come out, and as more women become business owners, it's only natural that lesbians would own a hair salon, she added. It really doesn't have anything to do with debunking that myth that butches can't handle a pair of hair shears.

Like many lesbians, Swanstrom said being out on the job makes a world of difference. She spent years playing a dual role—living her life as a lesbian but talking about her boyfriend while cutting hair.

Apprentice Phillip Lawson, one of the gay men at Hairanoia, put it differently. He works part time at the shop and part time in Cobb County.

"Working here—it affirms the comfort zone," he said. "It's a vacation, a getaway."

Swanstrom stumbled into hair cutting after Emory University fired her for being gay in 1980, she said. Ready to take the summer off, she got into the hair business after a friend asked her to come to her shop and wash heads.

Two weeks later, the petite Swanstrom decided "I wanna do this." Her sister's husband owned salons around Atlanta. He showed Swanstrom one basic layer cut. She was off and doing hair. But closeted.

At Hairanoia, "an equal opportunity employer," all but one staff member is a lesbian or



Deni Swanstrom (right) and Pat Calcagani (left) are the forces behind of Hairanoia

a gay man. Calcagani and Swanstrom didn't plan it that way. Straight people get interviews, and in a nice twist, they are told about the lesbian clientele.

Mary Case is Hairanoia's "token straight employee," Swanstrom says with a chuckle. Case loves it.

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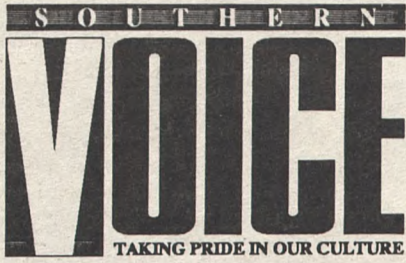
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EDITORIAL

Gay Games bid effort served community well

After working the better part of a year in an effort to land the 1998 Gay Games, the men and women of Atlanta Gaymes Inc. were understandably disappointed by the decision to award the event to Amsterdam.

While we share that disappointment, we also feel that the community needs to congratulate Dan Easton and the rest of the crew for the outstanding effort they made in pursuit of this dream. Atlanta Gaymes clearly put together the best financial package of any city competing to host the event, and as a host city, Atlanta would have attracted the largest number of participants. In the end, the sentiment to move the games from North America was the main force driving this decision, and there isn't a thing in the world Atlanta Gaymes could have done about that (although in these dreary days of winter, the notion of up and moving the city to, oh, say, the banks of the Mediterranean does have appeal).

Though Atlanta did not win the ultimate prize, there are several silver linings here.

First and foremost, Atlanta Gaymes managed to build a tremendous coalition with the city's straight business and political elite that included both candidates for mayor, Gov. Zell Miller, the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Carter Center. They managed to do this by stressing the economic benefits that the 1998 Gay Games would bring to the city.

Convincing the powers that be of the economic clout and importance of lesbians and gays helps stem the tide against intolerance because, frankly, money talks. Georgia's business community, with its strong influence in state and local politics, could be an important ally in fighting Cobb-style resolutions and discriminatory actions in the General Assembly.

A letter of support from the governor for the bid—for which Miller will no doubt take abuse during his upcoming re-election campaign—was a coup. Though Miller has been no outspoken champion of queer liberation, his participation in the Gay Games bid process

allowed him to demonstrate that the gay/lesbian community is a legitimate part of the Georgia community. That is progress.

Also, the Carter Center agreed, as part of the Gay Games, to host an international conference on human rights that would include recognition of lesbian/gay concerns. Though the games aren't coming here, there is still hope that Carter Center will go ahead with the conference, perhaps during the 1996 Olympics.

But perhaps the biggest silver lining is that Atlanta Gaymes demonstrated that Atlanta's lesbian/gay community was capable of making a concerted, focused effort toward a highly-visible goal and could provide the financial and organizational resources to back up the vision. It was a demonstration of our growing maturity as a community, and, if we can translate this to our fights for equality in the political and economic arenas, it will serve us well in the battles to come.

RICHARD SHUMATE

L E T T E R S

Gay men not left out at Charis

While the women of Charis Books and More celebrate and welcome Outwrite Bookstore and Coffeehouse to our city, we feel that it is important to set the record straight after the article in Southern Voice [SoVo, Nov. 18]. It seems that the author of the article is not familiar with Charis, therefore we want to be sure that your readers know what we actually carry. Charis has a selection of fiction and poetry for gay men, some periodicals, plus an extensive section concerning such things as gay and lesbian studies, gay history, coming out, gay spirituality, gay theater and film, gay parenting, etc. This is part of our collection of

more than 13,000 titles of new and classic books that we have offered for the last 19 years.

Charis proudly identifies as a feminist bookstore, and for us, feminism includes a deep commitment to lesbians and gay men. Our community is large and diverse, and it is exciting to see new lesbian and gay businesses sprouting.

Linda Bryant
 Sherry Emory
 Charis Books & More
 Atlanta

Out-of-town queers should help Pride too

OK, you queers that marched and partied at "Atlanta Pride '93." It's time to help. If you are from out of town, as I am, this letter is also for you. Many people from outside Atlanta are "Part Time Queers." That is, they will not support their local Pride groups but show up at Atlanta's Pride events. If you people won't get out of the closet, at least let some of your money out to help the Atlanta Pride pay their debt. You people who want to complain about the '93 Pride fine, but make sure your ass is on the '94 Atlanta Pride Committee. Apathy on the part of many gays and lesbians is hurting the struggle for our equality and civil rights and gives me a pain in my ass.

Marvin Parker
 Chattanooga

Outwrite article ignored Charis' work

For more than 19 years, if anyone in Atlanta wanted "topics and titles relevant to the lives of gays and lesbians" they could easily be found on hundreds of shelves at Charis Books and More, in Little Five Points.

The opening paragraph of your Nov. 18 article on Outwrite ignores Charis' 19 years of service to the community.

As a feminist, it is my job to speak out when women's work is totally ignored.

Charis has over the years not only been the "first place in town to carry" gay and lesbian

books, it has been the meeting place for both gay and lesbian author presentations, poetry readings, theater presentations, discussions and book signings.

As a lesbian, it is my goal that we all work together by recognizing all of our accomplishments. It is in this spirit that I welcome all that Outwrite will offer without overlooking the contributions Charis makes to the community as well.

Wendy E. Belkin
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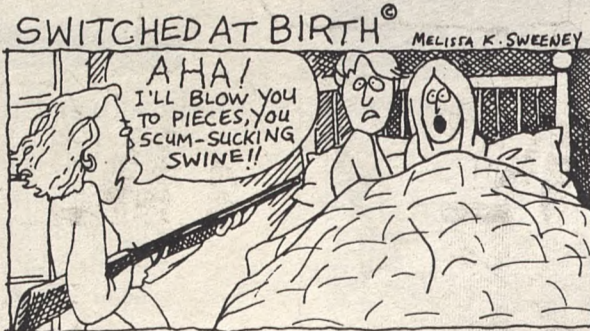
Co-opt fundies' language tricks

Yes, even here in North Carolina, we occasionally are able to pick up a copy of Southern Voice.

I know everyone's a critic, but just a suggestion: The religious right has made a conscious effort to use demeaning and slanted words such as the "gay agenda" to describe us. Why haven't we used the same tactics? It may not turn the tide, but it couldn't hurt.

I was thinking of every time you use the term "religious right" in your magazine, add the term "agenda" to it, or even more ominous... "the religious right manifesto." You might toss this around with your writers at your next meeting and see if we can enter these terms into our constant vocabulary. If we can get these terms, especially "manifesto," to be used in everyday usage, maybe it could put a slant on them.

Ben McInnes
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The end—finally—of the Real Estate Adventure

At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Three, I became a homeowner for the first time—a townhouse just east of Avondale Estates. And considering all the difficulties I had getting a contract, it certainly did feel like I was signing an armistice with Goddess of Real Estate, and not just a simple mortgage.

Yes, this summer was Al's Excellent Real Estate Adventure. I spent almost all of it looking at homes and offering to purchase them from their owners. Four contracts, if memory serves, were offered and not accepted and a fifth was offered a day too late. I seem to be an expert in sniffing out the "emotional sellers," as my agent termed it. And for some reason, every owner I offered a contract to was out of town when I offered it—Dallas, Minneapolis, Newark and somewhere in Florida. I thought about advertising the fact that a contract offer from me carried a guaranteed vacation with it.

It wasn't until Sept. 24 that I finally found someone willing to sell me their house. And since I paid all my points up front in the form of Contract Karma, the actual closing went as smoothly as it could go.

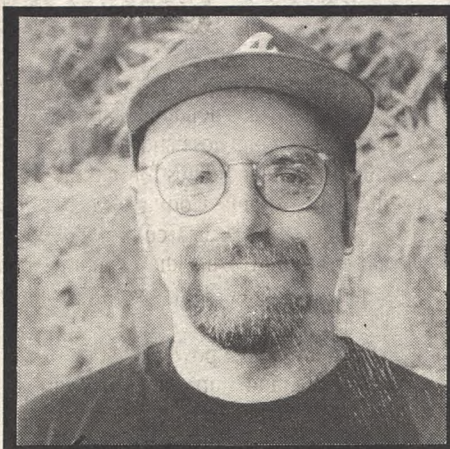
So, for those of you out there considering whether this historic drop in interest rates is the right time to buy, let me share with you some of the joys, tragedies and ironies encountered in my version of the real estate experience.

Joy: Required shopping. My seller took her refrigerator and washer/dryer with her, which means I had to purchase at least two major appliances. So we got our seller to pay extra closing costs to leave some cash available to do that.

But do you think that's *all* I bought?

This is not only the greatest single adrenaline rush connected with real estate, it is the life blood of our consumer oriented economy. Ultimately, many people's employment depends on my moving to a new house and needing a refrigerator and a washer/dryer, and then wanting a new bed and dining room table and chairs and sofa, etc. And believe me, I was glad to do my duty as a proud American.

Just one example—it took two sales clerks, Lynn and Margaret, to ring me up and wrap up the new dishes, and five shopping bags to get me out the door of the new and fabulous Crate and Barrel store at Lenox. To quote Tammy



Southern Queer-ies

by AL COTTON

Faye Bakker, boy my shoppin' demons were hoppin' on Sunday. And let's not talk about Target or the Linen Loft, OK?

Tragedy: Now that I closed, I actually had to move my belongings, again. This is my sixth move within Atlanta in the last 10 and a half years, and I've tried all the methods. Hiring movers, renting trucks, coercing friends and abandoning furniture are all parts of the moving process that I am intimately familiar with. At least this one is my last for a while.

So, as a good Southern Voice writer, what did I do? I picked up our paper and called an advertiser and had the best moving experience of my life. Done in two hours for less than \$170. Thanks, James.

Irony: I am less than two miles from the apartment complex I lived in when I first moved to town. If I remember correctly, they were being built just as I moved in with a roommate on Coventry Road in Decatur.

What I forgot about living here before was how often I had to drive into the city and how glad I was when that stopped. I ended up driving in four times on my first full day on the outskirts of Avondale. I will miss the convenience of living in a Midtown high rise, or even in Lake Claire.

Joy: I did manage to remain inside the Perimeter and certainly never even considered looking at houses in the Hat County of Cobb. But I am far enough outside of the city that I

suspect I will have to stop using the phrase "way out yonder in the Pawpaw Patch" to refer to friends' suburban homes.

Tragedy: No one good to vote for. I also remember how happy I was to get out of DeKalb County because at last I would get to vote in real elections. The first chance I got to do that was in 1986, when I traded in an apartment in the evil Pat Swindall's district for a basement apartment in Midtown and the chance to help John Lewis in his come-from-behind upset of Julian Bond.

Now that I'm back east, I find the charming John Linder has been sent to Congress to represent my best interests. Let's not all applaud at once.

Joy: Rooms that fit. The absolute joy of confirming that you picked the right place is an almost indescribable feeling. So far, this is ongoing, as I discover little touches built into my townhouse that aren't appreciated until you find them, like the two telephone jacks in the same corner of the bedroom that lets me plug my telephone and computer in separately. A house built in 1985 with Cyber-needs already planned for.

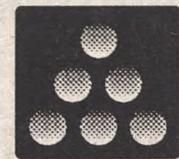
Irony: Is there some law of thermal dynamics that says that the first fire in the new fireplace *must* set off both smoke alarms 30 seconds apart? I felt like I was in a lost episode of "I Love Lucy" as I tried to find chairs to stand on and figure out how to unplug the darned thing.

Joy: Being able to give to my friends the gift of not having to listen to me bitch about crazy sellers any more.

Joy: The generosity of my parents, whose gift made it possible for me to consider this move in the first place.

Proposition: As of this writing, I have yet to "christen" the apartment. Anyone out there with a bottle of champagne and a free Saturday night? I'm taking applications.

Final Joy: As someone who moved with his family eight times before college and about 13 times since then, having a place I will never have to move from again is a remarkable gift. It feels right, and that is ultimately the final test.



GLAAD News

by CARL LANGE

Queers on Comedy

They're here, they're queer and they're on TV. Comedy Central will present its new all gay and lesbian comedy and variety special "Out There," on Dec. 3 at 10 p.m. "Out There" is hosted by Lea Delaria of "The Arsenio Hall Show" fame, who gained national attention as the first out lesbian comic on national television.

The special, which was taped in San Francisco on National Coming Out Day, is uncensored in its coverage of politics, love, religion, sex, dating, AIDS and other topics of concern to gays and lesbians.

"Out There" features comedians Bob Smith, Suzanne Westenhoefer, Marga Gomez, Steven Moore, Mark Davis, Pomo Afro Homos, as well as singer Phranc and cameos from Kathy Najimy, Bea Arthur, Sir Ian McKellan, and Melissa Etheridge.

Comedy Central has taken a bold step with this project. "Out There" makes no apologies to straight audiences. It speaks with candor to the experiences of gays and lesbians...as with most comedy, cutting to the truth, not always being "PC." The show permits the same freedom to lesbian and gay comics that straight comics have in discussing their own lives.

Comedy Central (which is owned by Home Box Office and Viacom International) and its who's who list of advertisers will undoubtedly receive flack over the airing of the show. Set those VCR's (or if you have no cable, GLAAD will be presenting a showing at a later time) and write Robert M. Kreek, president and CEO, Comedy Central, 1775 Broadway, New York, NY 10019 and show producers Trevor Hopkins and Juliet Blake c/o Comedy Central. Or phone (212) 767-8600.

Other Mothers

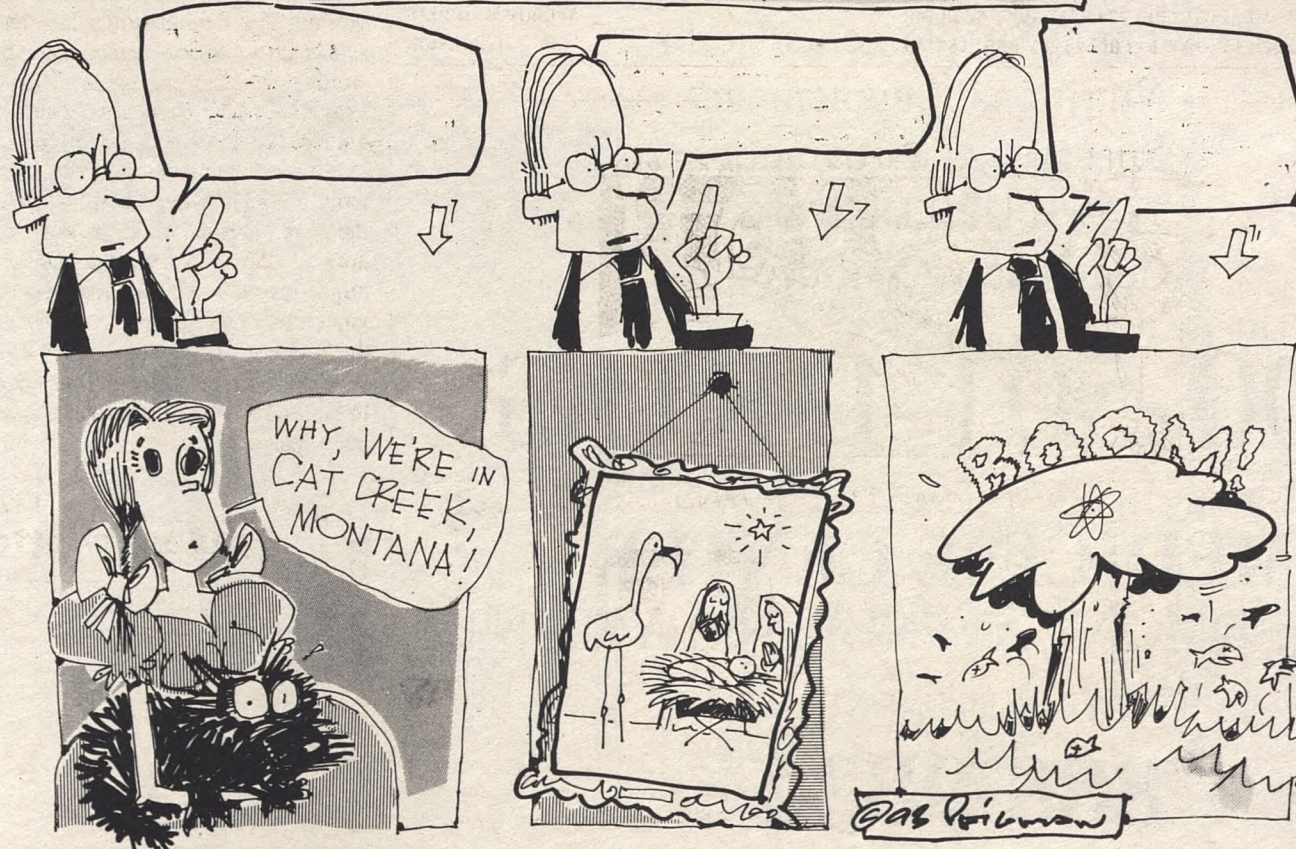
The CBS School Break Special, broadcast nationally on the afternoon of Oct. 15, yet not locally on WAGA-TV, depicted the travails of a high school freshman who weathers homophobic ostracism when his peers discover that he has two lesbian mothers. "Other Mothers" depicts a happy home life for teenager Will Jergenson (William Russ), his biological mother Linda (Jonna Cassidy) and his "other mother" Paula (Meredith Baxter).

We desperately need more programs like this, and it's unfortunate that local CBS affiliate WAGA did not air the show. WAGA only airs one or two afternoon specials per year, their claim being that "Family Feud" gets better ratings. Gay and lesbian parents need to tell WAGA they missed a great opportunity. Write Jack Sander, general manager, WAGA-TV, 1551 Briarcliff Rd., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. Comments should also be sent to Jeff Sagansky, president, CBS Entertainment, 7800 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90213.

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THE STRAIGHT AGENDA



French abortion pill RU-486 approved for breast cancer trial

Long Beach, CA—The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved clinical tests of the French abortion pill RU-486 to treat women with advanced breast cancer.

The Breast Center and Cancer Institute at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center is seeking 40 women whose cancer has spread beyond the breast for the trial. The subjects must have responded in the past to some form of hormonal cancer treatment such as removal of the ovaries or use of the drug tamoxifen, center director Dr. John Link said.

RU-486 is used in Europe to terminate pregnancies but hasn't been approved for that purpose in the United States.

In a class of drugs called antiprogesterins, RU-486 works by blocking the action of progesterone, a natural steroid hormone essential for maintaining pregnancy. When used in combination with another hormone, pro-

taglandin, the drugs cause an embryo to be expelled from the uterus.

The FDA approved the Long Beach trial several weeks ago, and the hospital's research board granted its approval this past week. In the past year, the Breast Center has treated three breast cancer patients with RU-486, but has needed case-by-case approval from its board, the FDA and the drug maker, Roussel-Uclaf.

Of the three patients, one responded, one didn't and treatment of a third was canceled

because she developed a severe skin rash, Link said. Similar trials have been under way in Canada and France, he added. No results have been released from those studies.

RU-486 works in breast cancers that contain a progesterone receptor; in such cases the drug goes into the cancer cells and turns off the mechanism that causes them to divide, Link said. Tests indicate the drug produces side effects that are much milder than chemotherapy, but may include nausea, vomiting, fatigue and rashes.

"Along with tamoxifen, we hope that this will be the best agent that oncologists have to treat breast cancer," Link said. "This could add a second drug that will be extremely helpful."

In September, the National Academy of Sciences released a study saying RU-486 could be useful in treating breast cancer, brain tumors and some female reproductive disorders. And noting that RU-486 had been used for abortions by more than 60,000 women in Europe, the academy recommended the drug be approved quickly for that use in this country.

Roussel-Uclaf did not promote RU-486 in the United States during the Reagan and Bush administrations, both of which opposed abortion. In January, President Clinton called for research on the drug.

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World Health Organization calls for research into HIV barrier gel

Geneva, Switz.—The World Health Organization, in a new research strategy that it says could revolutionize AIDS prevention, is searching for a safe foam or gel to kill HIV inside a woman's vagina.

The U.N. health agency held out hopes that such a substance could be ready within two to three years. Trials for such a product based on nonoxyl-9 were announced in the U.S. several weeks ago. Scientists working on the product said that it might be modified so that it could be used anally also.

Research has focused on the high-profile, high-cost search for a vaccine, while prevention campaigns have concentrated on promoting the use of condoms by and among men. Barrier methods for women—who now account for nearly half of all newly infected adults—have until now been low priority despite lobbying from women's health groups.

"Faced with the prospect of at least an additional 1 million women infected worldwide with HIV every year—two every minute—it is clear that we need a new method to enable women to protect themselves from HIV infection," said Dr. Michael Merson, head of WHO's Global Program on AIDS.

The health agency estimates that 75 percent of all HIV infections are spread through heterosexual intercourse. It says an estimated 13 million adults have been infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus since it first spread in the early 1980s. More than 2.5 million are thought to have gone on to develop AIDS.

The toll is expected to rocket by the end of this century.

Even with billions of dollars being spent in the United States and other countries on research into a preventive vaccine, WHO officials concede there is not likely to be an effective preventative before the year 2000. In the meantime, condoms continue to offer the only real form of protection for sexually active adults. But men frequently refuse to wear them. The female condom is becoming more available but is expensive and—for many—inconvenient.

A meeting between WHO experts and about 70 representatives of pharmaceutical companies and research agencies agreed to coordinate and foster research into a vaginal microbicide.

"There is lots of research going on but it's not being very closely coordinated and there's lots of duplication," said Dr. David Heymann of WHO's AIDS research team.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Heymann said WHO wanted drug companies to research the possible use of existing spermicide substances as a barrier against HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. The main question mark is the effect of the spermicides on useful bacteria and healthy cells when used to cover the entire vaginal wall. There are fears that they could damage vaginal tissues and cause ulcers or lesions, thus allowing the HIV virus to enter the bloodstream.

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CDC says breast cancer risk and occupation are linked

Atlanta—A U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) study released in October indicates that women who work as teachers, librarians, and religious workers may have an increased risk of developing breast cancer.

In a review of 2.9 million women's death certificates from 1979 to 1987, the CDC examined whether occupation had any link to breast cancer deaths, according to an Associated Press report. The review indicated that professional women—in jobs ranging from clerical workers to executives—are as much as 60 percent more likely to die from breast cancer than homemakers and women in the service, farming or transportation fields.

The occupations themselves do not pose risks for breast cancer, the CDC study suggested, but women in these fields are more likely to fall into risk groups than women in nonprofessional occupations.

CDC researcher Carol Burnett said the

most likely explanation is that women in those occupations tend to delay having children until after 30 or don't give birth at all, which puts them at higher risk for the disease.

Lesbians are believed to have a two- or three-times greater risk for breast and gynecological cancers than women in general because they are more likely to fall into certain risk groups, an analysis of data about the community showed. For example, the lesbian community has a high incidence of women who are unlikely to give birth before age 30; abuse alcohol or drugs; are overweight; and do not seek regular medical and gynecological care.

The American Federation of Teachers responded by educating its members about increased risks for breast cancer, and announced a breast cancer awareness program to educate teachers about the need for breast examinations and mammograms.

WASHINGTON BLADE

HIV-II spreads to Japan

Tokyo—A government research center says it has discovered the first known case of a Japanese infected by a rare type of HIV found predominantly in Africa.

The man, a hemophiliac already known to be infected by the more common HIV-I, was found to have the HIV-II as well in recent examination of 300 hemophiliacs by the National AIDS Research Center, said Shudo Yamazaki, head of the center.

Several other people who were tested are also suspected of having a double infection, he said.

With the recent discovery of contaminated blood products in Germany renewing concerns in Japan, the announcement triggered numerous phone calls to the Health and Welfare Ministry from worried Japanese. Officials believe the man contracted both viruses from contaminated blood products used several years ago before Japan be-

gan sterilizing all imported blood.

The Japanese government and five drug firms have been accused of causing 2,000 hemophiliacs to contract HIV because of inadequate precautions for blood products imported between 1979 and 1985.

Although many developed countries have been testing blood supplies with processes capable of detecting both types of HIV since the mid '80s, Japan began using such tests only earlier this year.

Researchers said only about 100 carriers of HIV-II have been found in developed nations. Japan has lagged behind other industrialized nations in AIDS awareness and in official measures to combat the spread of the disease, while discrimination against those suffering from it is still widespread. Many Japanese doctors still refuse to treat AIDS patients.

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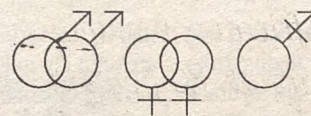
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How straight friends feel about AIDS

The topic of this month's column wasn't my idea. I have a friend in Denver to whom I occasionally send some of my columns. Bert, who is straight, said that he often reads about how AIDS affects heterosexuals who have gay friends. With that in mind, I came up with a few questions and sent them to some straight friends. Their responses were mostly what I expected, but I did learn a few things.

My first question was, "How has AIDS affected you personally?"

They all said that they have known people who have died of AIDS, ranging from one to dozens. My uncle Marvin has experienced only the death of my brother, Phil. Cornel, an Atlanta artist, has lost so many friends to AIDS that he now feels a numbness that upsets him.

I was the first person with AIDS that Bert ever knew, and I may be the last. All the other gay men he has known are now dead. I'm now the only one left, and he hasn't seen me in five years. Bert and his wife, Patti, have been very supportive of the gay community, and say they enjoy the company of gays. My ex-lover and I were always invited over and introduced as their other gay friends. It wasn't possible to be closeted around them. It's sad, given Colorado's present political climate, that Bert and Patti can no longer show their respect for our community the way they did in the past.

My Atlanta friends, Brent and Stephanie, are also extremely supportive. Brent and I go back to 1967, when we were both freshmen at Georgia Tech. Stephanie, too, had gay friends well before she met Brent. They are, simply, the type of people I wish all people were. Stephanie has lost one dear friend to AIDS; Brent says that

when they learn of other friends with the disease, it takes some emotional adjustment and sorting through. It's always tough.

My second question was, "Have you discussed AIDS with your heterosexual friends, family and/or neighbors? If so, what things do you hear? Do you respond? How?"

The responses from Georgia were all compassionate, but less so in Colorado. Bert says he hears off-color AIDS jokes, and that when he objects, the clods give him looks as if he might be queer. Or at least a "queer lover." Compassion for the rights of gays in Colorado seems to be at the same stage as compassion for blacks in the Fifties. Bert said he heard off-color jokes frequently early in the epidemic, but rarely hears them now here in Georgia.

In both states, AIDS tends to still be considered a gay problem, which worries my responders. They are all aware the rate of new heterosexual infections is rising dramatically, as the rate of new gay infections is decreasing. Brent especially worries about young people who traditionally listen to no one, least of all the government. We both remembered when our hormones started rag-

ing; if the opportunity for sex came, we usually took it. Concern for precautions only came after the act.

My third question was, "Have you discussed AIDS with your children? If so, how did that go?"

Bert's oldest is just learning to look both ways before crossing the street, and will step in front of a coming car. Brent's six year old is aware that AIDS is a serious illness, but doesn't yet know how one is infected. He knows that I have AIDS.

My fourth question was, "How do you feel about the government's response? Is it enough? Do you feel some of the money would be better spent on other diseases?"

None of my friends thought that too much was spent on AIDS. Apparently from watching me, their common impression was that enough was spent on medical research, but they thought a better effort could be made in AIDS education. Brent feels that some politicians actually have an aversion to telling the public the truth about AIDS. It was also felt that, rather than cut money for AIDS research, funds for other medical research should be increased. Uncle Marvin would like to see more spending on pediatric diseases, while Bert wants better research on breast cancer.

My final question was, "How do you see the future of the AIDS crisis?"

Universally, they thought that things would get much worse before they get bet-

ter. Bert believes that there is a chance of a vaccine, but little hope for those already diagnosed. Bert fears seeing someday AIDS colonies, similar to Cuba's. The most chilling response was from Cornel. He foresees an "Ice Age of AIDS." Even if we learn to control AIDS here, the money won't be available to share

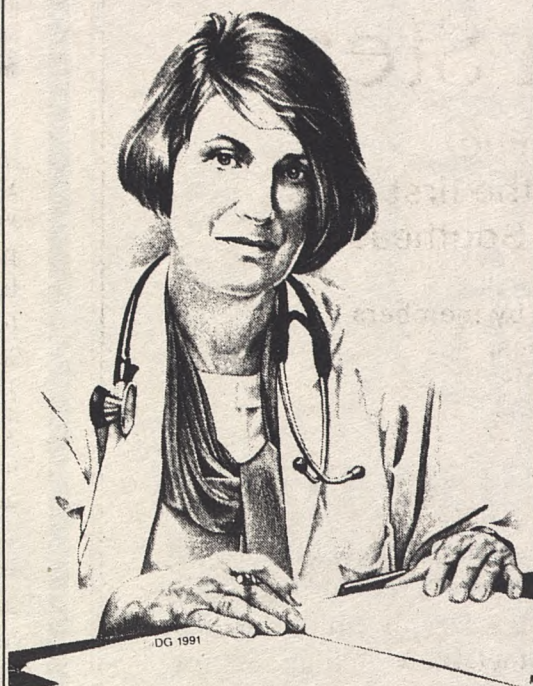
our advances with Africa or Asia, resulting in massive numbers of deaths.

I won't pretend that this is a scientific survey, but these are opinions from a variety of folks outside our community. I am surprised that most thought enough money was being spent on AIDS research. I guess I spend so much time trying to educate the AIDS community that I forget to educate my straight friends. Cornel's "Ice Age" statement had a strong impact on me. I hadn't stopped to think about who would pay for a vaccine for third world countries. Of course, by the time a vaccine becomes available, there won't be anyone there to vaccinate. Some African communities are already 80 percent infected.

The spread of HIV is a problem that is only getting worse. AIDS affects or will affect everyone. Will my friends' children be able to avoid infection? As AIDS grows in the heterosexual world, we have to work to make sure that all straight communities become as well-educated as the gay community. This must happen now.

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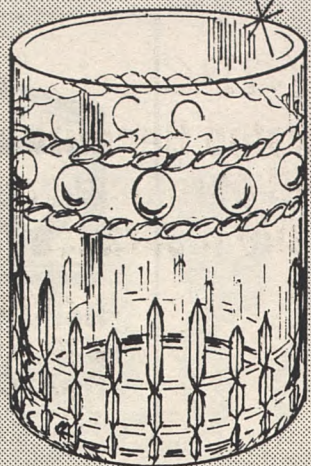
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Lesbians who do hair

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And she's willing to play along. After Cracker Barrel's discriminatory hiring policy hit the news, Hairanoia thought about putting out the word that they fired Case for being straight. They resisted the impulse.

Case and Calcagani worked together for 12 years, so it was a natural for Case to come to Hairanoia.

She came up with the name for the shop.

"I didn't want to work at 'Pat's Hair Cuts' or 'The Hair Palace,'" she said.

When Case tossed out "Hairanoia," the name clicked and the shop was off and running.

While Calcagani brought customers with her, the salon survived initially "because of the community's support," said the blonde-headed owner.

Lesbians and gays make up about 80 percent of the shop's customers, so Calcagani and Swanstrom thought they could close down and drive to D.C. for the March on Washington. But then they got booked that weekend—with straight cuts.

"Our straight customers are the best," Swanstrom said. "They have better things to worry about than sexual orientation."

Lesbians are very loyal customers, she noted. They come and they stay—year after year.

Mary Bowers, who's been getting her hair cut at Hairanoia for a couple years, said she

comes to the shop because "they have some good hairdressers" and the shop is lesbian-identified.

"I feel comfortable here. I can be open and be myself and I like to support other lesbians," Bowers said.

But what about lesbian customers? Do butches and femmes want different 'dos? Is there a lesbian look?

As many already know, the answer to the

last question is, "Yes." No gels or hair sprays for most lesbians, thank you.

Case put it this way. "With lesbians, you've gotta be able to give 'em a 'wash and go.' If you can cut hair here, you can cut it anywhere."

Everyone in the shop agreed with Case's assessment. Lesbians don't want a 'do that takes

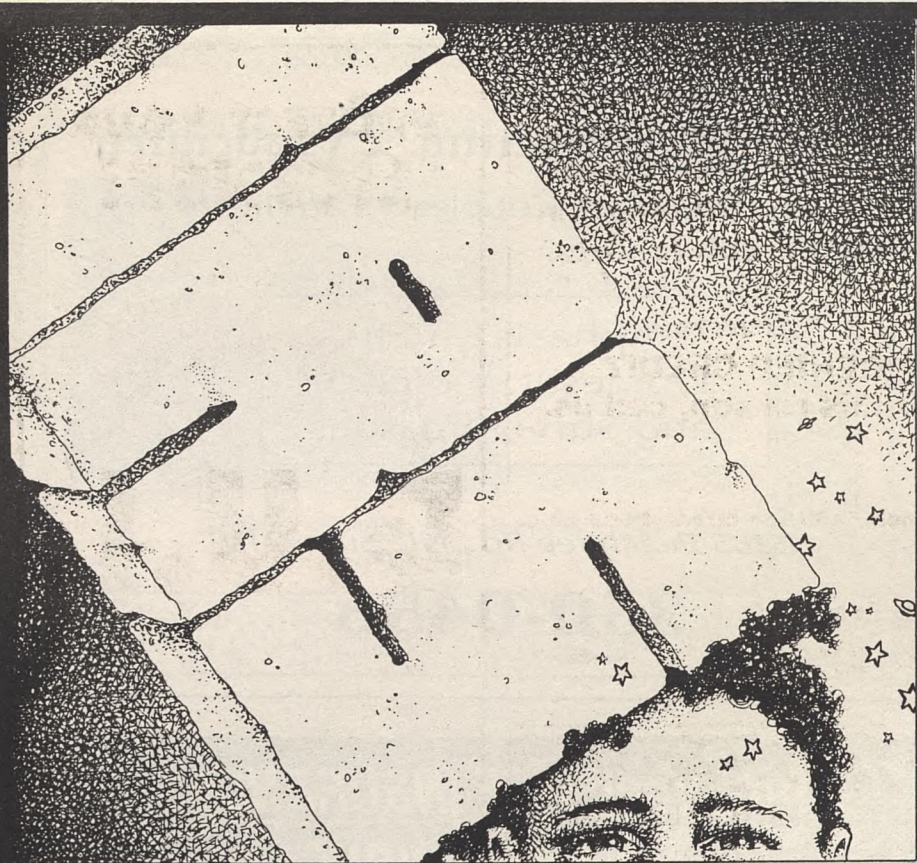
work.

John Devlin came from cosmetology school to Hairanoia. After working with lesbian clients, he moved out of state and worked at a straight salon for several months before returning to Hairanoia.

He learned a couple of lessons.

"It was a big thing to adjust to working with straight people. I had to be thoughtful about what I said," Devlin explained. "[And] I had to learn how to use a curling iron. It was the hardest thing."

"I feel comfortable here. I can be open and be myself and I like to support other lesbians," says one loyal client. But what about lesbian customers? Do butches and femmes want different 'dos? Is there a lesbian look?"



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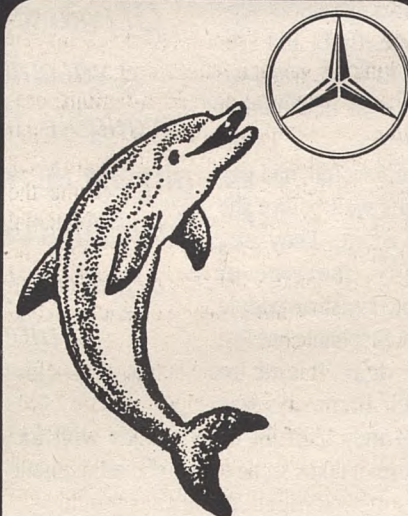
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Radecic settles in at NGLTF

Washington, DC—Peri Jude Radecic isn't intimidated by the heavy doors, marble hallways or fast pace on Capitol Hill. They've been part of her life for years.

As the new head of one of America's largest gay rights groups, her mission now is to demystify Congress for those less familiar with its ways in hopes of encouraging gays to be their own lobbyists.

"I really try to walk people through those moments when it's going to feel most intimidating, from hearing your heels click walking down the hall to having to push open those big, heavy doors, to being totally lost in these huge buildings," the veteran lobbyist said.

"Then making you feel like you've got two minutes to talk to somebody that you didn't even come to talk to."

Radecic (pronounced RAD-uh-sic) took over Nov. 1 as executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, one of the nation's largest gay lobbying and educational organizations with 32,000 members.

She replaced Torie Osborn, who quit after less than a year saying she could not handle both the public organizing and day-to-day management of the group.

Radecic had been acting executive director while the group searched for a new leader and was chosen as Osborn's replacement with little fanfare.

She assumes leadership during a turbulent period when gays are experiencing both greater public acceptance and a backlash in the form of anti-gay ballot initiatives in some communities.

Radecic, however, refuses to single out one issue as paramount for gays.

"I'm not going to...tell you health is more important than civil rights, or civil rights is more important than media, or media is more important than violence," she said in an interview. "All of these things have got to happen at the same time."

Radecic, 33, has spent more than half her life working for gay and feminist causes.

At 15, she began doing lesbian-feminist programming at a community radio station in Pittsburgh, her hometown. After graduating from the University of Pittsburgh, Radecic became the lesbian rights project director for the National Organization for Women. Six years ago, she joined the task force, where she lobbied for civil rights, AIDS prevention, health care and an end to anti-gay violence.

Radecic is steeped in the language of leftist gay politics. Words like "empower" and "gender-neutral" pepper her speech. She's careful to use the all-inclusive "gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people" when discussing her constituency.

The tricks of her lobbying trade aren't lost in her new role. Radecic tries to make sure grassroots lobbyists are well-armed—with vot-



Radecic took over the helm of the task force on November 1.

ing records, legislative summaries, names of co-sponsors, how many committees the bill's been referred to, and what action if any has been taken so far.

"So a member of Congress can't walk out of that appointment and say, 'Well, I don't know what the bill number is,' or 'I've never seen the bill,' or 'I didn't know it was introduced,' because it's all there for somebody to hand to them," she said.

Asked about her successes on Capitol Hill, Radecic is quick to take credit for passage of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act—the law requiring the Justice Department to keep track of bias crimes against blacks, Jews, gays and other minorities.

Michael Petrelis, a gay activist who recently formed the group Gay and Lesbian Americans, says Radecic's credentials are unimpressive. "She has not produced results for our community," he said.

Concerning the hate crimes statistics law, Petrelis said, "I don't think it's all that proactive or productive for our movement."

But Urvashi Vaid, the task force's executive director until 1992, called Radecic "a woman of great intelligence and a lot of experience in the gay movement."

"I think when people look at her background, they might be tempted to typecast her as a real inside Washington person," Vaid said. "I think they're going to be surprised about how aware she is about what's happening around the country."

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BIRTHDAYS

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New panels will be accepted during display hours on Sunday. If you have any questions about the display, please call Danny Ingram at (404) 894-5518 or Billee Pendleton-Parker at (404) 894-8898.

Gay therapists group

Gay, lesbian, and bisexual physical therapists are now forming a nationwide group to address political, social and support issues for gay, lesbian and bisexual physical therapists.

The formation of the group began earlier this year and currently has over 100 members. The first gathering of gay, lesbian and bisexual physical therapists was held in June, 1993 at the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) Annual Conference in Cincinnati. Approximately 15 physical therapists gathered to discuss goals, plans, and tasks for the group to address as well as to socialize.

At the 1993 conference, the APTA adopted two positions of particular importance to the gay, lesbian, and bisexual communities. The APTA adopted a long awaited amendment to its non-discrimination policy to add sexual orientation. In addition, sexual orientation was added to the policy on the provision of physical therapy services and patients rights.

The gay, lesbian, and bisexual physical therapist group is searching for a name and is planning activities for the 1994 APTA Conference in Toronto, Ontario and the 1995 Conference in Washington, D.C. A newsletter for gay, lesbian and bisexual physical therapists, "Alternative Modalities," is currently published by this group.

For more information about the gay, lesbian, and bisexual physical therapist group, contact: Julia Chevan, P.O. Box 60313, Florence, MA 01060-0313.

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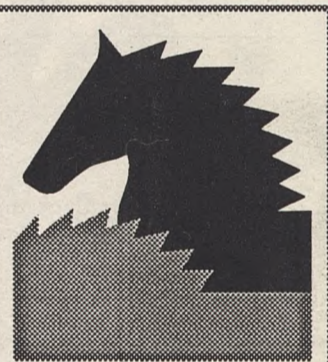
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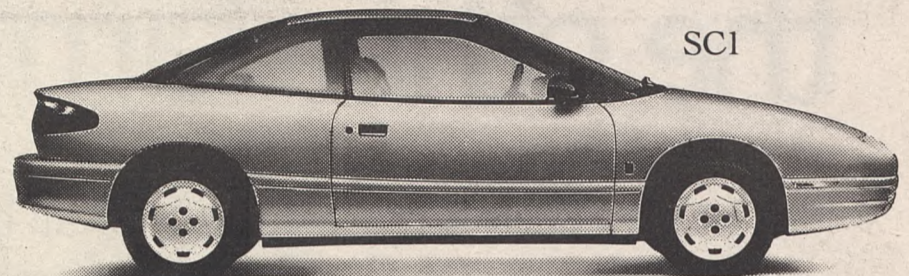
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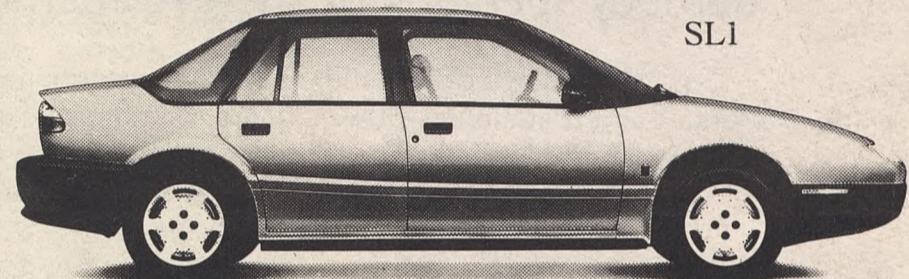
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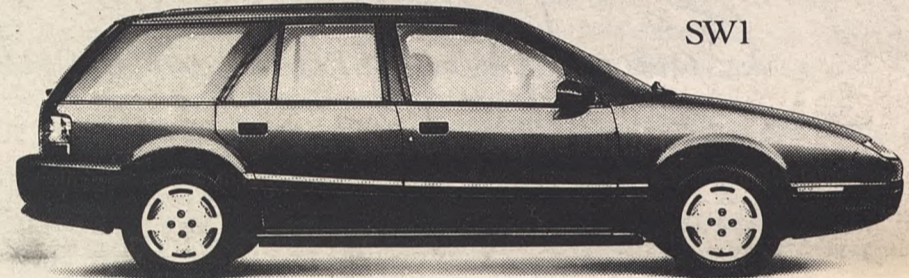
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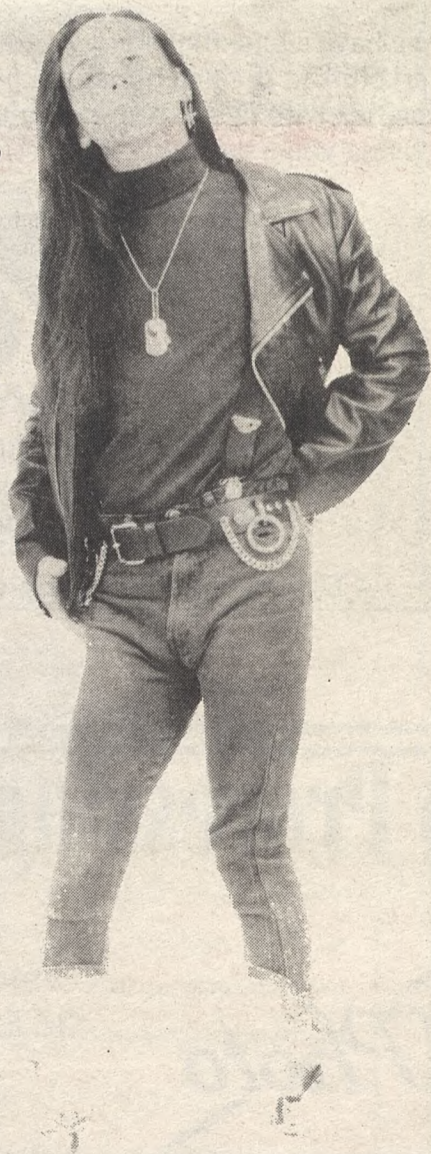
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Margie Adam ends "radical sabbatical"

Finding her Muse

again after seven

years, the women's

music pioneer is

back with a new

album and tour

by PAMELA EVANS

It has been seven years since Margie Adam, one of the "Big Four" of women's music in the early 70s, knew it was time to stop. The concerts didn't feel the same. The music felt finished. Singing was more of an effort than ever. And by the early 1980s, performers who were once out to create an industry in which women could produce and engineer music relevant to women were focusing more on commercial success than politics.

Call it intuition, a voice, or her Muse, as Adam refers to this absolute knowledge. Whatever it was, the understanding was there, and it was time for a change.

"I told everyone I was going to take a year off," explained Adam during a recent interview. "I was going to scuba dive, garden, get a couch."

Friends laughed and shook their heads, telling Adam she would be back soon. After all, she had been performing and recording for more than a decade. It was in her blood. Along with Holly Near, Meg Christian and Cris Williamson, Adam had earned a national reputation as a feminist, a passionate deliverer of love songs, a humorist and an astute political observer.

In 1977, Adam led more than 10,000 women at the National Women's Conference in singing a 3-part harmony version of "We Shall Go Forth!," her composition that was subsequently placed in the archives of the Political History Division of the Smithsonian Institution. In 1980, the National Women's Political Caucus sponsored her on the first national concert tour designed specifically to raise funds for feminist candidates.

In 1982, Adam was the headliner at a concert at Constitution Hall, which coincided with the ratification deadline for the Equal Rights Amendment and was attended by members of 80 national women's organizations. She shared the stage with feminist activists Gloria Steinem and Kate Millett, as well as performers Bonnie Raitt and Lily Tomlin.

How could she give it up?

She did. And not for one year. For seven.

During her years away from music, a time she calls her "radical sabbatical," Adam learned the lessons that those of us who are not famous, who do not spend our time writing songs



IRENE YOUNG

and giving concerts, usually learn in our 20s. How to be a friend. How to connect with other people. How to return phone calls. How to love.

During the 1970s and early 1980s, Adam had become so well known there was very little time to be just an ordinary person doing ordinary things. Once well grounded in her sabbatical, however, she discovered a calmness and freedom she had not experienced for a very long time. She took a full time job, choosing to give to her community in a different way by working with women recovering from alcohol addiction.

"I was able to go to public events unrecognized, as a community member. It was wonderful," Adam said. "I forgot all the theaters' names where I had performed, all the cities, the producers, the dates. All that information I had kept stored in my head just went away."

Then it happened again. She heard her Muse. It was the late 1990s, she was 44, and the music had returned. Only this time it was different.

"When I first wrote music, I was writing it for someone else. I wasn't a singer. It was for a mystery singer, for her voice, so the music wasn't ever right for me," said Adam who calls herself a product of the open microphone. Someone handed her the microphone during a talent show of sorts and the next thing Adam knew she was being asked to perform in California.

"I never wanted to be a singer. I looked around at other female singers and said I wasn't about to wear what they were wearing. I mean, I refused to wear a dress," Adam explained.

This time around, however, she began writing for herself, and the singer who never really liked her own voice suddenly discovered she loved the sound of her singing. She was inspired to continue writing.

"When I wrote my fifth song, I knew I would write a sixth. When I wrote the 10th, I knew I would write the 20th," Adam said.

Six months later, she had written 25 songs and made the decision to tour again. Requests for a new recording led her to put together her latest album, "Another Place," which deals with a variety of issues important to Adam, including AIDS, the environment, warehousing of the elderly, mental health and the joy and pain of love.

On Dec. 4, Adam will appear at the Georgia Tech Theatre for the Arts with the acclaimed Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus, marking the beginning of the chorus' season under its new director, Glenna Shepherd.

On her second time around in the music industry, Adam is being more open about being a lesbian. In the 1970s, she strongly desired her music to reach all kinds of women, not just women like her. At the time, choosing to be out of the closet meant choosing to be exclusionary with your music.

"Some women wanted that," said Adam. "But I never wanted to exclude anyone from my concerts. It was my decision to have my work accessible to as many people as possible. So it was a political decision not to come out. There are things that came to me because of that decision, and there are things that I lost. I took a lot of flak because of it. Some of my concerts were boycotted."

During her sabbatical, Adam listened to a man speak who she highly respected and who she had heard speak many times. She knew he was gay, but most people did not. On this particular occasion, she was astonished to hear her friend reveal his lifestyle.

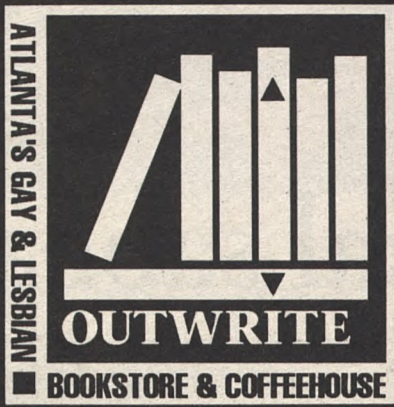
"I asked him why. Why had he decided to come out? And he gave me a very simple explanation. He said he was aware he had stature in the community, that people respected him. And he knew that his coming out would make a difference. I have to do that, too," said Adam.

She is enjoying the things in the lesbian community that were not present during the 1970s. "We're more joyous, more determined, more outrageous, more educated and more out, thank god," Adam said. "We are simply a part of the fabric of this country."

Margie Adam and the Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus

will appear in concert on Dec. 4 at 8 p.m. at the Georgia Tech Theatre for the Arts. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$16 at the door and \$12 for students and are available at Charis Books, Atlantis Connection, Brushstrokes and the Georgia Tech Theatre for the Arts box office.

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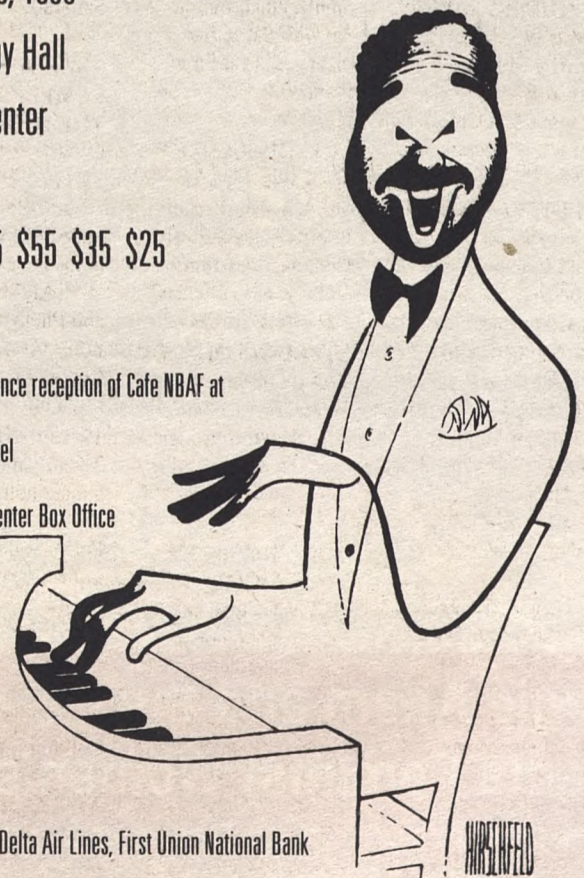
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2 THURSDAY

WOMAN FORUM. Atlanta's original women's radio program, still going strong. 6-7pm, WRFG, 89.3 FM.
GAY GRAFITTI. Out and loud lesbian and gay radio. 7-8pm, WRFG, 89.3 FM.
MEET MARGIE ADAM. Before her Sat night concert with the Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus, the singer/songwriter talks about her life and career at Charis. 7:30pm. 524-0304.
A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS IN WALES. Dylan Thomas' holiday classic is given a musical treatment

by Druid Circle Theatre Company tonight through Dec. 18. Thurs-Sat 8pm, Sun 3pm at 14th St. Playhouse. 892-2414.
GOSPEL CHRISTMAS CONCERTS. Tonight, Fri & Sat. Harvey Felder conducts the Atlanta Symphony and Sallie Parrish conducts the All-Atlanta Chorus in a holiday concert. 8 pm. at Symphony Hall. 898-1189.
A LIE OF THE MIND. Tonight thru Dec. 19. The Play Ground Theatre opens its 2nd season with the Sam Shepherd tale of love, violence and the American family. Wed-Sat 8pm at 7 Stages Back Door Theatre. 523-7647.

THE NUTCRACKER. Ballet Rotaru presents the holiday classic through Dec. 12 at the Fox Theatre. 817-8700.
ALADDIN. The Center for Puppetry Arts presents the familiar tale of Aladdin and the magic lamp today thru Feb. 16, 1994, as part of the Family Series. 873-3391.

3 FRIDAY

GOOD FRIENDS FOR GOOD CAUSES. A women-only dance at the Georgian Terrace benefits the Atlanta Women's Fund and the Komen Foundation for breast cancer research. 8pm-midnight. Tickets \$30.
THE NUTCRACKER. The Ballachine holiday classic returns to the Atlanta Civic Center, presented by the Atlanta Ballet through Dec. 26, complete with a live orchestra, flurries of snowflakes, and a ferocious duel. Evening shows at 8pm, matinees at 2pm. 817-8700.
MOREHOUSE AND SPELMAN GLEE CLUBS. The annual Christmas concert will be held tonight through Sunday at 8pm. Tonight and Sunday at Morehouse's King Chapel, tomorrow at Spelman's Sisters Chapel. 223-1482 or 215-2680.

BARRY MANILOW: THE BEST OF ME. Why not? Bette was in town, now here's a PBS produced concert by her original musical director. Aired at 9pm on GPTV, Ch. 8.
ONE OF A KIND GIFTS. Beacon Hill Artist's Open Studio Art Sale at 125 Electric Ave. in Decatur. Tonight through Sunday, and Dec. 11 & 12. 371-9583.
PUMP BOYS AND DINETTES. The down south musical hit is performed by The State Theatre of Georgia at the Gwinnett Civic Center Theater, 7:30pm. 817-7000.
HOLIDAY ARTS AND CRAFTS SALE. Show tonight and tomorrow at the 1st Existentialist Congregation. 8-11pm tonight, 10am-4pm tomorrow. Free. 378-5570.

4 SATURDAY

ATLANTA FEMINIST WOMEN'S CHORUS & MARGIE ADAM. Music celebrating a family of friends. Tickets on sale at Charis, Atlantis Connection, Brushstrokes, ArtSouth, and Georgia Tech Theatre for the Arts box office. Concert is at 8pm (one show only) at the GT Theatre for the Arts. \$15/advance; \$16 at the

door; \$12 children & with GT ID.
ACLU BILL OF RIGHTS DINNER. The ACLU of Georgia celebrates its 30th anniversary, and honors several Georgia civil libertarians, including Gay and Lesbian Rights Chapter president Larry Pellegrini. \$50. World Congress Center. 6:30pm. 523-6201.
BON VOYAGE. The High Museum shows the Hitchcock newly-restored espionage thriller at 8pm. With Robert Enrico's "An Occurance at Owl Creek Bridge." 898-1189.

5 SUNDAY

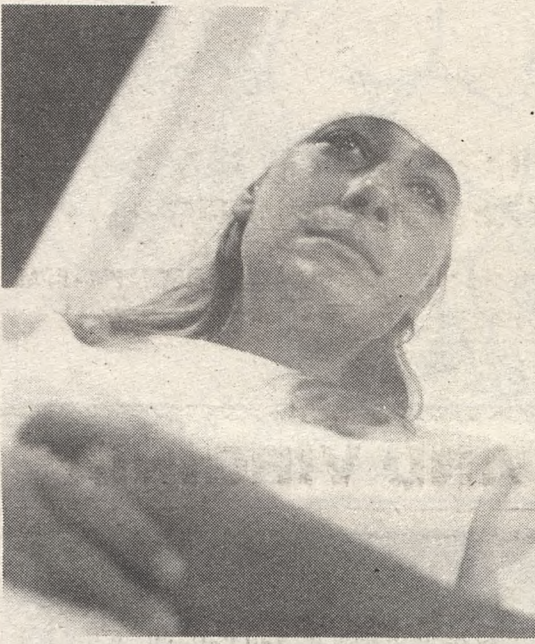
ARTS FOR PRIDE FESTIVAL. SAME's 6th annual holiday sale is open from 10am-6pm, at TULA Galleries. Artists from around the southeast present their wares. \$1 admission. 609-9590.
ATLANTA RAINBOW ENSEMBLE. Atlanta's lesbian/gay concert band performs holiday music at 5pm, Grant Park-Aldersgate Methodist Church in Grant Park. Free.
BOBBY SHORT. Jazz great performs in a benefit for the National Black Arts Festival. 4pm at Symphony Hall. 892-2414.
LIGHTING OF THE GARDEN. The Atlanta Botanical Garden hosts its annual Country Christmas Celebration from noon until 5:30pm. 876-5859.



PIED. Music and interviews from a lesbian perspective. Cool music for any queer or interested other. 7-9pm, WRFG, 89.3 FM.
OUT IN ATLANTA. Atlanta's local lesbian and gay cable program featuring interviews, news, arts & entertainment and more. 10:30pm and again, Wed 5:30pm. Cable Ch. 12.
JOSEPH KRAMER. Kramer speaks on "Queer Erotic Spirituality" at the 1st Existentialist Congregation at 7:30pm. See article on page.

8 WEDNESDAY

POSITIVE LIVING. This locally produced show about people living with AIDS airs twice every week on People TV Ch. 12, 2:30pm and again on Sat., 10pm. It also airs on City Ch. 6, Thur 5pm.
CHRISTMAS WITH ROBERT SHAW. Shaw conducts the ASO Chorus, Young Singers of Callanwolde and the Morehouse College Glee Club in this traditional holiday concert. Tonight through Sat 8pm, also Dec. 11 at 2pm. Symphony Hall. 898-1189.



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

PETER KITCHELL AND JOHNNY MYERS. Abstracts by Kitchell and wildlife by Myers on display at BurnNoff Gallery at Clear Creek Center today through Dec. 4. 875-3475.
TALLEY'S FOLLY. Through Dec. 4. Southern Fried Productions presents Lanford Wilson's story of Sally Talley and her Jewish suitor Matt Friedman, in 1940s Missouri. It is described by Clive Barnes as "a love poem for an apple and an orange." Fri & Sat at 8pm, Sun at 2pm, thru Dec. 4. Mercer Fine Arts Auditorium. 378-8646.
DOCTOR FAUSTUS. The Shakespeare Tavern presents Christopher Marlowe's tale of a man who sells his soul to the devil. Thurs-Sat until Dec. 5. Also Wed. Nov. 24, with no performance on Nov. 25. 874-5299.
EULA MAE'S BEAUTY, BAIT & TACKLE: Through Dec. 11. This hilarious local production by Frank Blocker and Chuck Richards is packed with wacky characters based on the author's families and friends. You know what they say about

truth being stranger (and funnier) than fiction. Wed-Sat with Sat & Sun matinees. 14th Street Playhouse. 355-8057 for reservations.
TOUCHABLES 1993. Unusual art exhibit encourages visitors to feel the art. Through Dec. 16. Georgia Tech Westbrook Gallery. Reception today 2:30-4pm. 992-6175.
STEEL MAGNOLIAS. Truvy's beauty salon comes alive at Neighborhood Playhouse, through Dec. 18. Thurs-Sat 8pm, Sun 2pm & 7pm. 373-5311.
JOSEPH AND THE TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT. Through Dec. 19. Stage Door Players presents the Webber-Rice show, taken loosely from the Bible, about the man who ends up Mayor of Egypt. North DeKalb Cultural Center. Thurs-Sun. 396-1726.
APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS. Theatrical Outfit's holiday offering runs through Dec. 23. 872-0665.
A CHRISTMAS CAROL. The Alliance Theatre's annual classic with Scrooge, Tiny Tim and the rest. Directed by Kenny

Leon and adapted by Sandra Deer. Through Dec. 26. 892-2414.
AN AMERICAN SAMPLER: QUILTS IN THE HIGH MUSEUM OF ART. Through Dec. 31. A superb selection of home-spun and hand-style quilts goes on exhibit today at the newly renovated High Museum of Folk Art and Photography Galleries in the Georgia-Pacific Center. Free. 892-HIGH for more info.
1940s RADIO HOUR. Theatre in the Square's annual holiday offering runs through Jan. 1. Performances will be held in the larger performing arts space at Southern Tech. The show features music, skits, sound effects, and a 10-min. condensed version of A Christmas Carol. 422-8639 for tickets and information.
ART AT THE EDGE: RAY SMITH. Through Jan. 2. This exhibit at the High, which features a new cycle of paintings by Ray Smith, is held in conjunction with "Mexican Tapestry," a celebration of Mexican culture presented by Atlanta's Cultural Olympiad. Smith, who was raised in central Mexico,

draws upon Mexican tales, popular culture and the rich legacy of Mexican modern art in his work. High Museum of Art. 892-HIGH.
DOUBLE TAKES: A NEW LOOK AT THE HIGH. Through Jan. 2. The High Museum of Art marks its 10th anniversary of its award-winning building with a major exhibition celebrating the breadth and variety of its permanent collections. Double Takes places seemingly unrelated works from every major collecting area side-by-side to illustrate the recurrence of key themes in art of every medium and genre from different periods and parts of the world. 892-HIGH.
ATLANTA GAY MEN'S CHORUS. Annual holiday concert set for Fri & Sat, Dec. 17 & 18 at Cannon Chapel of Emory University at 8 pm.
CRAZY FOR YOU. An all-Gershwin evening at the Fox, presented by Theatre of the Stars Dec. 14-19. Stars James Brennan, Karen Ziemba and Ann B. Davis, of Brady fame. 817-8700 for tickets.

7 TUESDAY

SEVERAL DANCERS CORE. The Atlanta company presents the Fall '93 Fieldwork Showcase at 5pm at 7 Stages, featuring works in progress developed during Fieldwork, a 10-week workshop series. 373-4154.
NEW WORK: GALLERY ARTISTS. Heath Gallery opens an exhibition of paintings, drawings and sculpture, through Jan. 15. 262-6407.

6 MONDAY

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 ABOVE: Bobby Short performs at Symphony Hall, 4 pm Dec. 5, in a benefit for the National Black Arts Festival.
 LEFT: Stacy Melich appears as Beth in The Play Ground Theatre Company's "A Lie of the Mind" at 7 Stages Backdoor Theatre Dec. 2-19.
 BELOW: A rare look at Alfred Hitchcock's 1944 propaganda film, "Bon Voyage," at the High Museum Dec. 4.

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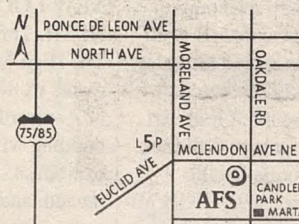
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Gay comedians take center stage on Comedy Central

Who says lesbians and gay men can't take a joke? Or even crack a good joke now and then?

Gays and lesbians have been the butt of many snide remarks from "straight" comedians for decades on television, starting in the so-called "Golden Age" when Milton Berle donned a dress and swished his way across the screen. Eddie Murphy's Home Box Office specials have become notorious for his exhibitions of outrageous and unconscionable "fagbashing."

In recent years, a new breed of comedian has arisen—men and women who take a serious look at the gay world and find the humor therein. Instead of relying on sickening stereotypes ("In Living Color"), these comedians look realistically at gay life and make us laugh loudly and proudly.

Out There,
premieres on
Comedy Central
Dec. 3 at 10 p.m.

But you've almost never seen gay comedians get on mainstream television—until now. Comedy Central, the 24-hour comedy cable network, is taking a historic step and showing television's first all-lesbian and gay comedy special, "Out There." The show, first scheduled for telecast on Dec. 3 at 10 p.m., features a wonderfully funny, insightful collection of lesbians and gays being funny.

And we laugh too, not so much at these eight comic acts as with them.

The proceedings are hosted by lesbian comic Lea Delaria, who proclaims she's "strong enough for a man, but built for a woman." She also gets off the best line of the special: "It's not that I don't like penises; I just don't like them on men." Delaria was among the first stand-up comics to break through the mainstream barrier by appearing on "Arsenio" last March.

"Out There" was taped in San Francisco on Oct. 11, National Coming Out Day and features the humor of Marga Gomez, Pomo Afro Homos (with Joan Jett Black), Mark Davis, Steven Moore, Phranc, Bob Smith and Suzanne Westenhoefer.



Lea Delaria hosts "Out There," a showcase of lesbian/gay comedy talent.

Taken as a whole, "Out There" provides a good hour's worth of comedy (well, 40 minutes plus commercials), with the requisite number of peaks and valleys. Some people may find Phranc, a Jewish lesbian acoustic guitarist (with a more-than-coincidental resemblance to k.d. lang) a one-joke comic. Judging from her performance, they wouldn't be too far wrong.

The most unsettling moments of the evening come from Steven Moore, an HIV+ comic who uses his health status as the basis for his humor. It's difficult to laugh at his material because it often isn't funny ("If you think I'm great-looking now, just wait; soon I'm going to be drop-dead gorgeous.") And while his inclusion in "Out There" represents a breakthrough for HIV humor, his delivery could probably use a bit of polish.

Pomo Afro Homos (with Joan Jett Black) is a sketch troupe which does an outsized sendup of television shopping channels. In their piece, we meet Jamaal and Rowland, hosts of QVC ("Queer Value Channel"). While their humor is outrageously funny, the best moment comes when they remind the shopping audience a portion of their purchase "goes to fight AIDS." The on-line caller then asks, "How much?" and he's cut off. Hmm.

Bob Smith gives letter-perfect description of growing up gay in Buffalo N.Y. Lesbians and gays into world history will appreciate his especially correct remarks about how gays started the Renaissance (which we probably did—see, you're nodding your head in agreement).

Generation X lesbians and gays will love Mark Davis, who properly skewers the demographic and its obsession with '70s television programs (his take on Batwoman and Jesse Helms is right on target).

Marga Gomez spends her time talking about "Love Connection," relationships ("they have their bad days and their good day"), living in California, gay politics and how she initially gravitated to San Francisco's Castro Street because she thought she'd find Cuban food there.

The best laughs of the special come from Suzanne Westenhoefer, who does a turn on lesbians on television, her frustrated ovum ("Why bother? We're not going to meet anyone.") and how homosexuals are chosen ("Well, first there's the talent competition...").

According to a spokesman for the show, the executives at Comedy Central have heard many encouraging words about "Out There," and they are already planning a second all-gay and lesbian special. If the first one is indicative of what's to come, the next ones should be a howl.

So make a date for Dec. 3 at 10 p.m. (don't worry, Barbara Walters will still be on "20/20" the following week) to see how funny being homosexual can be. After all, we not only can take a joke, we can tell a few good ones as well.

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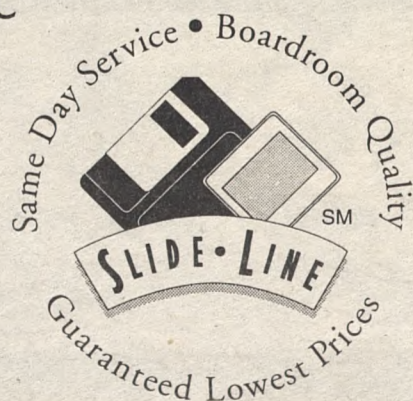


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New book documents history of lesbians who changed the world

by KC WILDMOON

Lesbians and gay men suffer a strange erasure when the histories of the world and its peoples are written. They're included, all right, but when all is said and done, the fact of their homosexuality is almost always missing. Lesbians suffer a particular double whammy in the annals of history because they are women.

A prime example has played out on the pages of local newspapers recently. Stories about civil rights activist Lillian Smith, author of the controversial 1944 novel "Strange Fruit," about an interracial relationship in rural Georgia, have only gotten as far as one mention of Paula Snelling—and that article called her partner of 40 years merely a "lifelong companion." But Smith's own letters, published recently by Mary Rose Gladney in "How Am I To Be Heard: The Letters of Lillian Smith," make clear the nature of their relationship: Smith refers to Snelling as her "darling," and urges her to "put down your feelings about you and me."

California author Dell Richards ("Lesbian Lists") is out to change those kind of omissions. Her new book, "Superstars: Twelve Lesbians Who Changed the World," tells the truth about a dozen women whose sexual orientation is often distorted, left out or just plain misunderstood when their names are mentioned in any historical context.

"In history, women are kind of lost once they die," Richards says. "Even if they are included, their sexual orientation is almost never recognized. Especially women like Jane Addams and Florence Nightingale, women who helped create the modern world—we need to know that these women are gay."

Richards points to Addams, founder of Hull House, a residence for women, as a prime example of how history neglects the contributions of lesbians.

"Some historians have said 'Oh, her father was such a role model, he was so important,'" she said. "He wasn't there when she founded Hull House. Her girlfriend was there. And he didn't keep Hull House going financially. Another girlfriend, Mary Roset Smith, was the one that kept it going financially."

Researching the book, Richards says that she found "that history is a pack of lies," and that stories such as Addams' show



Dell Richards, author of "Superstars: Twelve Lesbians Who Changed The World"

that sexual orientation is not just a private matter.

"It's an absolutely essential part of the picture," she said. "For many of these women, it was a central core of their existence. Their gayness absolutely contributed to their success."

And still historians ignore that part of their subjects lives. "I don't think it's all homophobia," she says. "People only see what they know, what they're used to. And even if they see it, they don't understand the implications."

"When we write about heterosexuals, we assume that if

they're married, or they live together, or they write love letters, or they go on vacation together, or they own property together, or they say they love each other, that they are a couple," she continued. "We take it at face value. Yet when we come to lesbians and gay men, those same standards suddenly don't apply. Suddenly it's 'Well, how do you know that they slept together?'"

Often, Richards says, we don't. But a careful examination of

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Body Electric founder Kramer to talk on erotic spirituality

Joseph Kramer was first introduced to breathwork in 1980, when his lover got a call from a woman who was teaching a yearlong class in Conscious Breathing and Rebirthing. "Healing and mother stuff," Kramer remembers as the focus of what turned out to be one of a defining event of his future. "Breath became the central tool of creating pleasure and consciousness of my whole life."

From that beginning grew The Body Electric, which founder Kramer calls "a school of breath and touch." His pioneering creation consists of a series of workshops which use massage and breathwork to heal gay men spiritually and create erotic community, using techniques arising from ancient Tantric and Taoist traditions. "What's come out of The Body Electric now is about 50 different men, and some women, around the country, teaching and doing similar work."

Queer Erotic Spirituality, a talk by Joseph Kramer, starts at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 6 at the First Existentialist Congregation of Atlanta at 470 Candler Park Dr. Admission is \$10 at the door. Call 256-4655.

Now, though, Kramer is not connected to The Body Electric at all. "Ten years ago, I created a school, and now I've turned it over to some of the teachers, so that I can pursue other directions."

Kramer will be in town to share some of those directions on December 6, speaking at the First Existentialist Congregation on the topic, "Queer Erotic Spirituality."

He likes the inclusivity of the word "queer," which to him involves people outside of the mainstream—not just men loving men and women loving women, but adventurous straight people as well. "There are straight people who are a lot more 'queer' than some mainstream gay men I know," he says.

Kramer's focus now is an effort "to pull out the most central and helpful information I've learned in the last 10 years, information that's practical in a body way—breath, nutrition, massage. There are three ways we nourish and energize our bodies: the upper energizer is our lungs, the middle is our abdomen, and



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the lower area is our genitals. We in the West don't think about sex as a kind of nourishment, but, of course it is."

Kramer feels that the question he has been exploring all these years is, "How does the erotic function in our lives?" "I like the erotic to be nourishing of different parts of my being, just as a good meal nourishes. I want my sexual energy to nourish my creativity, my spirit, my thoughts, my emotions, and on the cellular level. How does the erotic in my body help to regenerate and restore and heal itself?"

"One of the major things that I've studied is how to take the

erotic energy located in the genitals and move that energy up to the heart, and make sure the heart and genitals are connected, to fuel compassion, the feeling of connection.

"Another way eroticism manifests itself in our spirituality is in how we contribute to society—what I call our Sacred Service. Our community's amazing volunteer energy comes out of our erotic bond. Without the incredible erotic bond of gay men going into AIDS, it would be far more difficult to get people involved. Taoism says you can't have compassion without erotic energy."

Having studied to be a Jesuit, Kramer quite naturally has issues with the Catholic Church's stands on sex. "The church cuts their priests off from any sort of erotic energy. But eroticism is pro-creative, and many spiritual traditions have found ways to be empowered by the erotic, but not controlled by it."

Kramer delights in the fact that more than 100 priests and ministers (and even a rabbi or two) have taken classes under him. "A lot of gay men are understanding that eroticism is central to spirituality. Eroticism is everywhere," Kramer notes, "But we have to know how to control it. Families, for instance, have misused eroticism terribly, as John Bradshaw notes."

Kramer's topic, "Queer Erotic Spirituality," ties in with a book a friend of his, Bob Goss, has written, called "Jesus Acted Up."

"Goss writes Queer Liberation Theology, similar to the liberation theology popular in Central and Latin America," says Kramer. "It's a great book. I'm really interested in Queer Jesus, Jesus as a figure outside of the mainstream of his society. We have just as much right to Jesus as the fundamentalists."

Another of Kramer's new directions is visible in his work with women, which has taken him in unexpected directions. "Working with [performance artist] Annie Sprinkle, we have developed very powerful erotic massages for women that can be given by men or women, as a way of honoring the deep wisdom and mystery located in genital areas."

"When women have been violated, the tissue of the genitals holds that violence, like armor. For somebody to touch with love where there has only been fear and violation, for a gay man to give a deep massage there, a man with no sexual interest or hunger, is a very healing situation."

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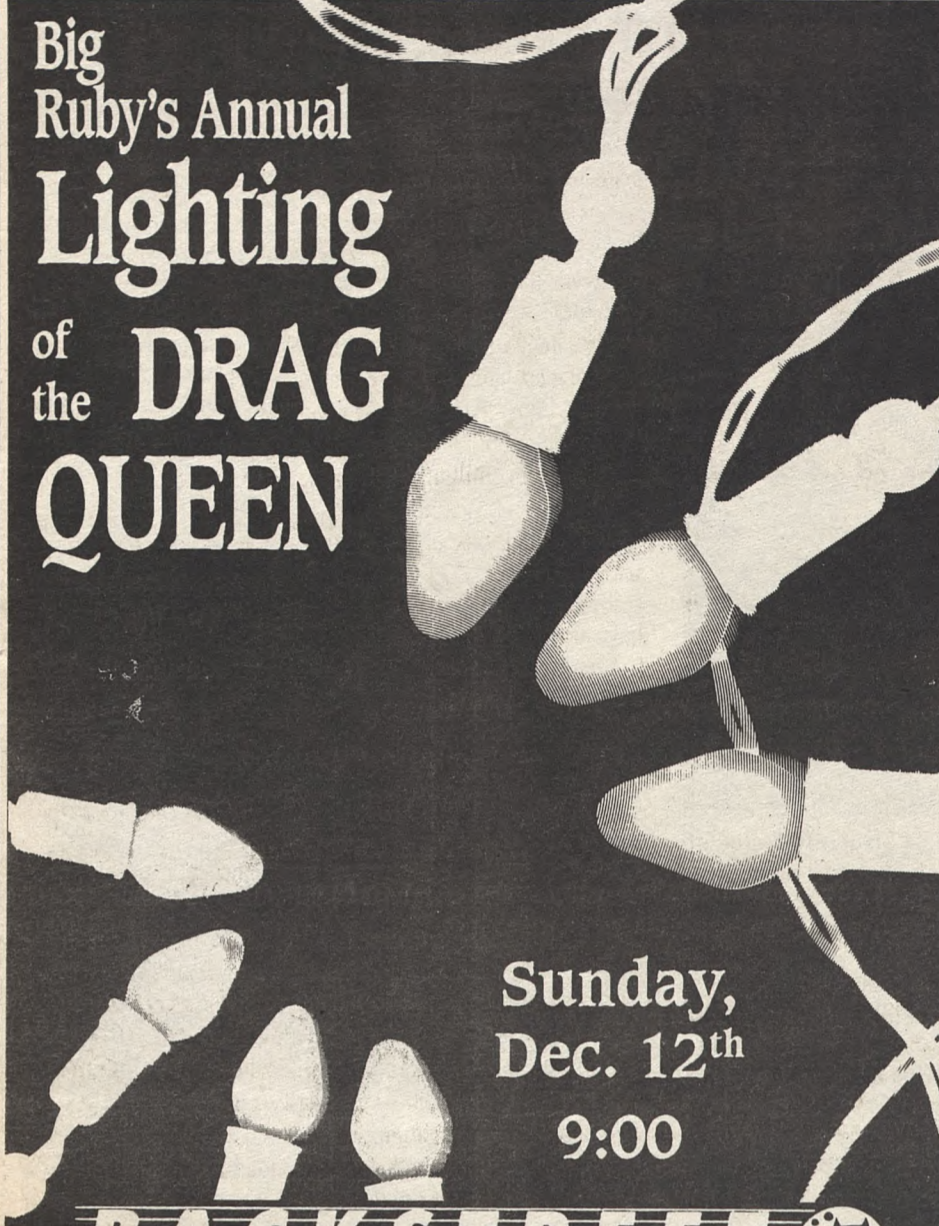
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the lives of these people often turns up the letters, property ownership and all the other signals that tell the world a couple is a couple. But still, the historians distort the truth.

"Natalie Barney's estate is trying to hide the fact that she was gay," Richards says. "They won't let people do research on her papers. They're trying to control everything that's being written."

And author Barney, who lived in Paris and had well-documented relationships with writer Rence Vivien and painter Romaine Brooks, among others, is the most "out" lesbian in "Superstars."

"Of all of them, she would be the most angry," Richards said.

More distortion comes to light in the story of James Miranda Barry, who was the first woman to receive a medical degree in Great Britain. But Barry's story has a catch—she lived her entire life, including a 43-year-career with the British Army, as a man. Not until her death was her gender discovered.

"James Miranda Barry was so interesting because you could see the biographers thought she was a thug and they were trying to hold her at arms length," Richards noted. "The feeling you get from the biographies is this weird, gross thing. The heterosexual biographers didn't get it. They wanted to know why she would do such a thing. They didn't get it."

While there is little in Barry's biographies to directly peg her as a lesbian, there are hints. One husband complained of the doctor's bedside manner, spending inordinate amounts of time with his wife while he was away at night. And Barry had more than a passing acquaintance with a Mrs. Fenton while stationed briefly on Mauritius.

But what the biographers never get in Barry's story is that she could never have done what she did as a woman and that no one ever knew about the deception.

For Richards, the stories of these women and the others in "Superstars"—A'Leia Walker, who helped make the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s what it was; nurses Lillian Wald and Florence Nightingale; Dr. Alice Hamilton and her sister, writer and educator Edith Hamilton; writer Vita Sackville-West; educator M. Carey Thomas; psychoanalyst Anna Freud; and publisher Sylvia Beach—are vital to an understanding of gay and lesbian history.

"It's important to revise the standards," she said. "This is a long process where you keep battering down the doors. And I think gays are the only ones who can do this. You can talk to heterosexuals until you're blue in the face, and they still won't get it. Even if they mention the girlfriend, they still won't understand how important it was because it's not important to them. We need to look at our own history so that it reveals what it really is."

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The furor over "outing"—the practice of blasting open the closet doors of secretly gay politicians, entertainers and other notables—has quieted since its peak a couple of years ago. But, with anti-gay ballot propositions apparently heading for the ballot in nine states next year and plenty of powerful gays and lesbians still in the closet, this may just be the calm between storms.

So it's probably a good moment to sit back and take a detailed look at the phenomenon of outing and the controversy surrounding it, which is exactly what Larry Gross, professor of communications at the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School of Communications, does in his fascinating, thoroughly-researched analysis, "Contested Closets: The Politics and Ethics of Outing."

Contrary to popular misconception, outing is by no means a new concept. The idea of exposing the secret homosexuality of prominent persons dates back at least to the embryonic gay rights movement that began in Germany and England shortly before the turn of the century. But the consequences then were so severe—certain imprisonment and ruin and probable death—that the idea, termed "the path over corpses," was rejected, not to be seriously revived until AIDS and the presence of closet gays in fiercely anti-gay Republican administrations began stirring the pot.

"Contested Closets" is both a solid academic work, heavily footnoted in good scholarly style, and a brisk, entertaining read as well. Gross not only traces the history of outing but analyzes its intellectual and philosophical underpinnings, all the while managing to keep the tone lively. Although the author clearly sees outing as being justified in many cases, thoughtful critics get their due as well.



The actions of author Michelangelo Signorile, one of the primary practitioners of outing, are discussed in "Contested Closets: The Politics and Ethics of Outing".

"Contested Closets" is particularly effective at skewering the hypocrisy of the mainstream media, which reacted to the controversy with almost universal denunciations, couched in pieties about ethics and the right to privacy.

As Gross notes dryly, "The devotion of mainstream media to discretion and privacy in the case of gays (even after they

are dead), suggests a heterosexist double standard on the part of the folks who made household names out of Jessica Hahn, Donna Rice, Marla Maples and Gennifer Flowers, who told all about Franklin Roosevelt's and JFK's affairs, but steadfastly deny the evidence of Eleanor Roosevelt's longtime lesbian relationship with Lorena Hickock."

After Outweek posthumously outed millionaire Malcolm Forbes, for example, a New York Times spokesman solemnly declared that the paper would not print "hearsay" or cover individuals' private lives without their consent—even as his paper was plastering Kitty Kelley's sensational (and sparsely documented) allegations about Nancy Reagan's supposed affairs across its front page. The real bottom line, having much more to do with homophobia than with privacy, was summed up by Randy Shilts in an April, 1990 op-ed piece: "In my experience many editors really believe that being gay is so distasteful that talk of it should be avoided unless absolutely necessary."

Also included are more than 100 pages of original articles and commentaries from both the mainstream and gay press, allowing the reader to trace the development of thoughts on the subject from Larry Bush's prescient 1982 essay, "Naming Gay Names," forward. This is an immensely valuable contribution for historians because most of the truly perceptive commentaries, pro or con, appeared in gay and lesbian publications that are almost never stocked by libraries.

It's fun to revisit Michelangelo Signorile's firebreathing Outweek "Gossip Watch" columns that moved the outing controversy into high gear. Although propelled by anger, they also have the mischievous quality of a little kid who's figured out a way to really piss off his parents while getting a lot of what he wants for Christmas at the same time. It may be coincidence, but several of Signorile's targets—notably Barry Diller and David Geffen—voluntarily came out not long after the columnist began zinging them.

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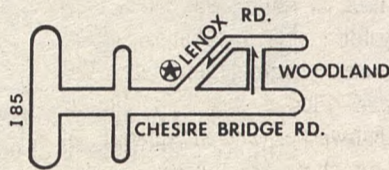


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Some of the no-no's—Haagen-Dazs ice creams, Oscar Myer Lunchables and Swanson's Great Starts Scrambled Eggs & Sausage and Hash Browns—were no surprise.

But several others might surprise you.

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Factory Food

Speaking of things that are not good for you, I'm highly suspicious of the fare being offered at the **Cheesecake Factory** (3024 Peachtree Rd. 816-2555) which is playing to packed houses in Buckhead.

I've tried to eat there twice and gave up both times when the promised 30 minute wait for a table went well past an hour. The vicissitudes of huge crowds and a brand new operation make such problems forgivable—it's just that I was hungry and my fascination with the Factory's barn-like, but very fanciful, neo-Egyptian decor was wearing thin.

So I bought a piece of cheesecake (chocolate chip to be exact) and munched on it while I drove home.

Now I must qualify all this by saying that I don't eat much cheesecake. My two reference standards are Mick's rich and gooey Oreco concoction and Abruzzi's absolutely ethereal ricotta take on the form. Surely the stuff served up by a (fancy California based) restaurant gutsy enough to call it self the *Cheesecake Factory* must be on a par with these two local pastries.

Wrong.

Resembling little more than a well-decorated wedge of refrigerated Crisco, this \$4.95 slice of calorie-laden fat was one of the all-time worst desserts I've ever touched to my tongue. The sorry thing had almost no cheese flavor, and the chocolate chips were all sunk to the bottom like so many little pebbles in a congealed pond. The almost non-existent crust was sticky and flavorless. Even Woolworth's wouldn't serve something this gruesome.

Now maybe I got a piece of a stealth cake that was part of some ill-begotten experiment and somehow escaped into the display case. But I suspect not. One of the things that I noticed while I was cooling my heels waiting for a table was that few of the trendy crowd were cleaning their plates. The number of half-filled dishes being hauled back to the dishwasher (and the quantity of doggy bags marching out the door) make me think that I'm not the only one unhappy with the vittles here.

I should mention that the menu (not including alcoholic beverages) is a staggering 14 pages long and runs the gamut from nachos to Szechwan dumplings to pizzas to teryaki chicken to a hammered veal chop. Not a promising sign. And the prices aren't exactly cheap either.

But I think the straw that smashes my camel's spine is that the menu is littered with colorful, full page ads for everything from men's clothes to spas to real estate agents. Cripes guys, even Burger King doesn't stoop *that* low.

Maybe if it's still open in six months, I'll try it again.

Comfort Food

On a slightly more cheerful note, I've had two really yummy bowls of soup in the past couple of weeks. Neither was exactly cheap, but both really did a number on my blues when the mercury plummeted and the skies turned leaden.

The vegetarian chili at **Cafe 308** (308 West Ponce Place; 370-0308) is as good as any meat laden version in the city. It's packed with veggies, light on beans and long on lots of complex flavors. A friend tells me that he had a knock out bowl of vegetable beef soup from Cafe 308 the other night, also.

At \$5.50, the price of the chili is not inconsiderable, but it's money well spent for beautifully prepared, healthy food. Sad to say Cafe 308 now closes at 6 p.m. week-nights except Friday, when you can munch 'til 9.

Even tastier, and 50 cents less, is the steaming portion of caldo de pollo at **Mexico City Gourmet** (2134 N. Decatur Rd; 634-1128). Think of grandma's best chicken veggie soup topped with chopped cilantro, onions, and jalapeno peppers. Aye, caramba, talk about flavor.

I haven't had it for several years, but the jalapeno bean soup at Mexico City used to be knock-out, too.

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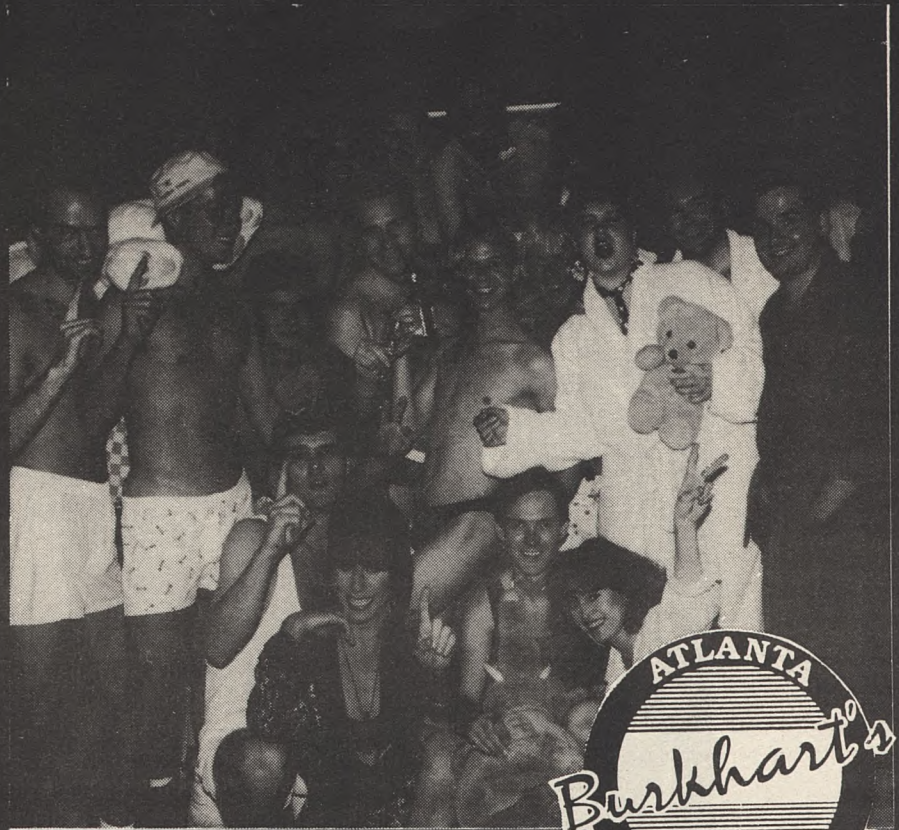
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Artist Cecile Broz uses acrylics, gold leaf, pastels and oil sticks to create her whimsical collages of color. Her engaging subjects compel a spontaneous reaction to the dreams, passions and experiences found within her work.

Works by Broz will be featured at the First Existentialist Congregation's Holiday Arts and Crafts Sale and Show to be held Friday, Dec. 3 from 8 to 11 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The show will include works by numerous artists and will offer jewelry, paintings, photography, fabric art and T-shirts, painted boxes and mirrors, pottery, ornaments, sculpture, cassettes and more.

Broz was recently featured in Atlanta Homes and Lifestyles magazine as one of "seven focused artists who epitomize the best of the next generation of art in Atlanta." In addition to numerous individual exhibitions, her work has won best of show awards and purchase awards at several juried national and regional shows.

The Friday night opening of the Holiday Arts and Crafts Sale and Show will include refreshments and entertainment. Friday and Saturday there will be door prizes. Admission is free. The First Existentialist Congregation is located at 470 Candler Park Drive. For more information, call 378-5570.

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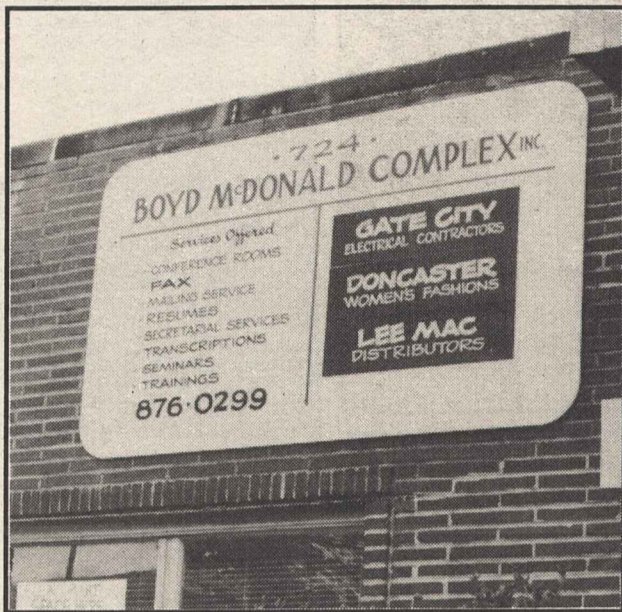
OUT & ABOUT

Boyd Be Back?: When Dish first moved to Atlanta, we rented an apartment on Monroe Drive because it was just around the corner from two Atlanta landmarks: Mrs. P's (on Ponce) and the S&M Clutch and Brake Co. (on Monroe). Both, alas and alack, are now merely memories of a more reckless time. But we are pleased to report that the "Boyd McDonald Complex" has sprung up just across from the ex-S&M location. You may remember our report a few weeks ago that the Mr. McDonald whom we knew (the sleazemeister who lived and prowled in New York City) had gone on to that big porno theater in the sky. Thus it is that we assume that the Mr. McDonald who has recently moved into 724 Monroe is not the same man. But that's OK, just seeing his name (especially attached to the word "complex," which describes the late Boyd to a T) makes us smile every time we cruise down the street where we used to live. And who knows, maybe Susie Bright will move in next door soon.

Fact and Fiction?: We're pleased to see that a London court has awarded Atlanta's (part-time) hero Elton John a big chunk 'o' bucks in a libel suit against a newspaper which claimed that Elton was seen at a party chewing hors d'oeuvres and then spitting them out. The Sunday Mirror said that Elton explained his actions as a "new diet." Tacky, tacky, tacky. Elton took journalists to task and said they should "check their facts." Which brings to mind something we heard the Johnster say at the IDC dedication and never reported here. Seems that the home in Va-Hi that we've taken to calling Eltonia Minor, and which we (and the Atlanta Journal-Constitution) have reported belongs to the Rocket Man, does in fact not belong to him, at least not any more. We hear lots of rumors about the why's and how's of that, but ol' Elton won't call us back to confirm or deny them. And since Dish doesn't want to get sued, we won't

Dish

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



Dish finds the new name of this building almost as entertaining as McDonald himself

repeat them here.

Convoluted Reasoning: We'd heard that the arguments offered by those who support Amendment 2 in Colorado in the

recent trial there were truly strange and out to lunch. And then we got our Nov. 15 issue of the New Republic, which reprints one of them. The language is so dense, the logic so convoluted and the bias so irrational that we don't know how to comment on it. We will share the following sentence with you: "Homosexual orientation—the deliberate willingness to promote and engage in homosexual acts—is a standard denial of the intrinsic aptness of sexual intercourse to actualize and give expression to the exclusiveness and open-ended commitment of marriage as something good in itself." Say what? And what the hell does this have to do with denying people jobs and places to live?"

Precious Story of the Week: Dish drove past the newly opened Outwrite Books and was a bit discombobulated to see a Fulton County Marshall's car parked in front. Concerned that the cops were trying to replicate their harassment of Christopher's Kind nearly a decade ago, we dropped in to check things out. What we found inside was about as far from confrontation as possible. Said marshall was seated at a table, smiling, eating a piece of cheesecake and sipping a cup of decaf. We like it.

Precious Story of the Week II: When Miami social worker Ken Russell (no kin to the movie director, we assume) travelled to Russia last month, he took with him a videotape of "March On!," a documentary filmed at the March on Washington last April. Ken shared the tape with Russian friends, including one Vladimir Kabakov, a mover and shaker in Moscow's queer community. Vladimir was quite taken by the colorful images of a million or so homos hanging out in one place at one time. "It's amazing," he sighed, gazing at the image of two crewcut marchers in leather jackets, "to be able to show two men kissing on TV." To which Ken replied, "Vladimir, those are two women."

DECEMBER 2 - DECEMBER 8, 1993

We are now into the Advent season with Hanukkah coming on Dec. 9, and we can wish Sinead O'Connor "Happy Birthday" on Nov. 8. All the planets are in direct motion, for a change, so life should be a little bit smoother with just a few Uranian blips of sudden and unexpected change.

ARIES, you have the Sun and three planets moving through your 9th house of world perspective, higher learning and metaphysical studies. If you have the urge to take classes that would enhance your career or seminars that could nurture your spirit, do it. **TAURUS**, what are you doing with all of your creative energy? Hopefully, you aren't sitting on it or dispersing it through exceptional and graphic worry. Creativity is a gift and needs to be used in the most positive and helpful ways possible. **GEMINI**, you can count on lots of social activity for the holidays, if you are interested. Be sure you are eating well and taking very good care of yourself. You could be making major career decisions soon, so keep a clear head, especially with business. **CANCER**, are you feeling some conflict and stress between your career and your home life or your relationships and your personal life? If so, then you may need some quiet time to evaluate

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your priorities and rearrange your schedule. **LEO**, pay close attention to the flow and direction of your thoughts. You want to move away from negative pictures and stay in a very positive and up-beat frame of mind. You currently have tremendous energy to create a better personal world for yourself. **VIRGO**, if you have been thinking about entertaining at home or having friends or relatives stay for the holidays, it could be lots of fun. Just be sure to let everyone know what needs to be done, and don't try to do everything yourself. Communicate. **LIBRA**, if you feel your creativity is being stifled at work or on a personal level, then you may need to listen carefully to your little inner voice to be sure you are not sabotaging your own efforts with negative criticism. Remember, you can do it. **SCORPIO**, with Jupiter now moving majestically through your 1st house of personal experience, your fixed nature may be a little uncomfortable with the expansive nature of this giant planet.

Use it to your advantage, relax and go with the flow. Happy birthday, **SAGITTARIUS**. Be sure to plan several fun events for yourself during this month and include some travel if you are able. Take a little time each day to do something special for yourself or something enjoyable you don't usually do. **CAPRICORN**, this is an excellent time for you to get involved with local community or political causes. Your talent for organization, setting priorities and defining the "real" issues can be extremely helpful to any organization. **AQUARIUS**, if you are feeling an urge to learn more about the spiritual areas of your life, you might enjoy a weekend workshop or working with someone who can show you how to understand your visions, intuition, creativity or flashes of the future better. **PISCES**, with your ability to tune into the emotional content of the world, you may be feeling flooded with unpleasant impressions. Be sure to expose your consciousness to uplifting, fun, creative ideas and images. You can control what you absorb.

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- STOP Bias Crimes Hot Line—605-STOP

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- Lambda Legal Defense Fund—666 Broadway, 12th floor, New York, NY 10012, (212) 995-8585
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OUTLINE

ANNISE BARBER

Age: 19

How long in Atlanta: 1 1/2 years

Relationship Status: Dating, but not committed

Last Book Read: "Invisible Lives: The Truth About Millions of Women Loving Women" by Martha Barrett

Pet Peeve: People who tell me I'm advertising when I proclaim my identity



Annise Barber's junior prom night ended in tears when a Newnan High School English teacher walked into the bathroom and found her kissing a girlfriend. For the transgression, Barber faced a 15-day suspension—only 10 days short of final exams. To avoid falling behind in school, she packed up and headed to Americus, Ga., staying with her sister and finishing high school.

And that wasn't the first time she was caught fooling around in a bathroom.

"Me and bathrooms have this thing," she says with a bittersweet laugh. "I was caught in the bathroom with a girlfriend when I was five or six."

For that, the two friends were separated. But even with such an illustrious past, Barber did not officially come out until after she graduated high school and came to Atlanta.

"I always knew something wasn't right," she says. "[Through high school] I played the role of getting the boyfriend. But I didn't get just one boyfriend. I'd have three or four."

But her best friends were three gay boys from the school.

"I kept thinking, 'What is wrong with me,'" she says. "Sometimes my feelings for women were so much stronger, and it went against everything I had learned. But you can't fight it forever."

Definitely not. Barber came to Atlanta with her fiancé, and met a woman who told her that nothing at all was wrong with her. And so, on Valentine's Day ("Of all days.") she called up her fiancé and told him she was a lesbian.

"He went through all this trying to convince me I was bisexual," Barber laughs. "But I told him no. That's not it."

On the same day, she called her parents and came out to her family, except her father.

"My brother, who is a minister, called me a demon," she recalls. "He and my mother went to an altar and prayed for me."

The relationship with her family is still diffi-

cult. Her mother, she says, uses guilt as a weapon and still prays for her. And her father found out when he saw a "dyke money" stamp on her checks.

With such a strained relationship with her family, Barber says her gay "family" is that much more important.

"The gay community, especially at first, was really all I had," she explains. "I found strength from the women at ALFA (Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance), courage from Brushstrokes and my herstory at Charis."

It's all made her one very out lesbian. She started a lesbian and gay group at Clayton State College, although the group never really got underway because no faculty member would agree to be the group's advisor. That may change, however, next spring when she returns to school—Barber says she's gotten a commitment from one of the professors to advise the fledgling group.

And she's been on talk shows and panel discussions, fighting bigotry and discrimination wherever she goes.

"Some people come out and then they're out but they're not out," she says. "They forget where they came from. I'm not going to forget that struggle."

That struggle includes the deaths of two friends to anti-gay attacks, as well as her own fight to be who she is. And she swears that neither those deaths nor her own struggle will be in vain.

"Nobody should have to face suspension from school for kissing somebody," she says. "If somebody else doesn't have to go through what I've been through, then I'm making strides."

But she's not out to change the world—just one person, once a day, she says.

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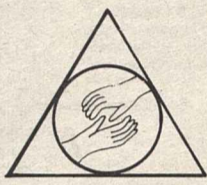
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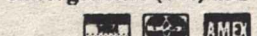
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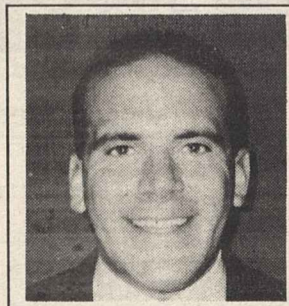
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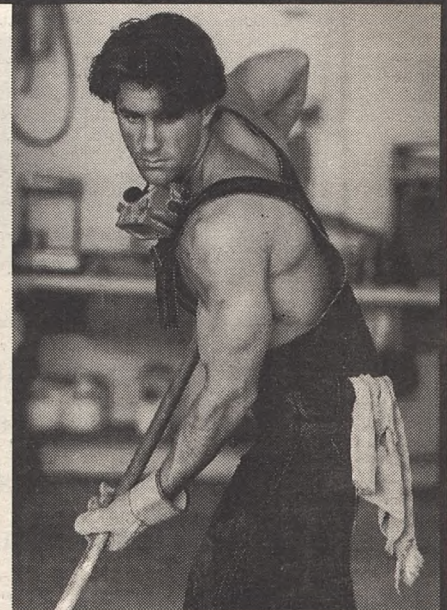
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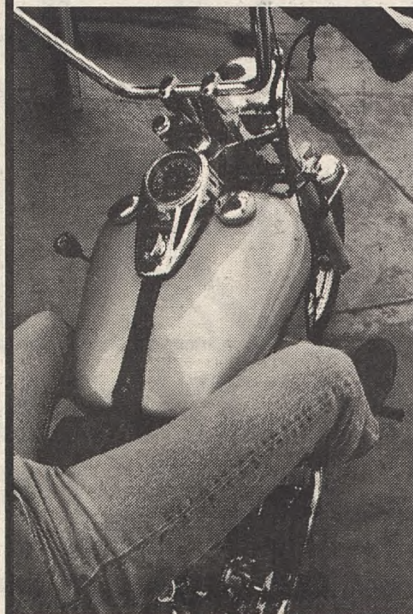
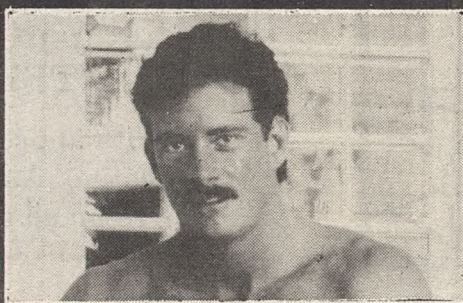
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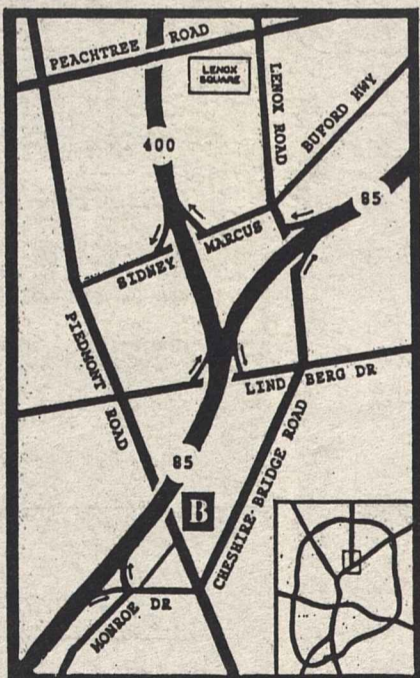
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