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## WISHFUL THINKING

*Hopes are high for 1994 among members of Atlanta's lesbian and gay community*

Well, it's 1994. Black eyed peas and collard greens have been eaten (it's a Southern thing, for those who don't quite get it), resolutions have been made—and probably more than a few have already been broken. But let's not be concerned about that—after all, there's over 350 days left to get back on track.

And speaking of all those days left in 1994, Southern Voice decided to call up a few folks and find out just what they'd like to see happen this year. There weren't many surprises—but the answers reflected a thoughtful and hopeful community going into the new year with eyes and hearts open.

"I absolutely cannot wait for that Lambda Community Center to open," said Patrick Bell, a member of the African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance (AALGA). "My wish is for it to come through and we start to see some of the potential it offers."

The promises of the new Community Center were on the minds of several respondents. But more often, those answering the question—What do you hope to see in 1994?—answered with specific goals for their varied communities.

"For me personally, I would hope that African American gays and lesbians could be more active and visible in both the gay community and the African American community," said Badili, a community activist whose work focuses on bringing communities of color together. "I hope that somehow our presence can be better felt in both those communities."

Linda Bryant, co-owner of Charis Books in Little 5 Points, looked to a better understanding between gay men and lesbians.

"It's only one of my wishes," she said, "but it would be that lesbians and gay men would learn more about communicating with each other and supporting each other."

"I have many many wishes, as everyone does," Bryant continued, "for peace in the world, a cure for AIDS, gun control, that violence against children, gay men and lesbians decreases dramatically—these are just a few."

"My biggest wish for 1994 is that gay bashers will

wake up and realize the truth about homosexuality," said Alicia Banks, host of openly gay, African American radio shows on WRFG-FM and WIGO-AM, "especially black gay bashers who are being pimped by white racists like Jacob's Well."

The plea for understanding came also from Clayton State College student Annise Barber.

"I want for people to understand," she said. "I don't want to be tolerated, I want to be celebrated. There's a lot of senseless killing out there that would end if people would stop, listen and try to understand."

Naturally, a cure for AIDS topped the lists of several respondents, including ACT UP's Jeff Graham.

"And I'd like to see a better AIDS policy—any AIDS policy—for the city of Atlanta and the state of Georgia," he said, adding that he'd also like "a fabulous outfit for Wigwood," in case anyone thought he was always serious.

Sally Ringo will be looking for more focus in 1994, both in the community and in her personal life.

"I'd like to see a commitment to focusing on eradicating the negative thinking of the Christian right," she said, "to present more of a balanced view of who we are. And to focus health care energy on a cure for AIDS. Just a focus of energy—that's where we have to start."

Up in Cobb County, the Cobb Citizens Coalition's Noel Lytle is looking for a similar attribute.

"I'm torn between wishing that the [Cobb County Commission's anti-gay] resolution is rescinded and wishing for a bunch of people to get involved with the Coalition," he said. "But regardless [of the resolution's fate], we need to have people involved. That's how we change attitudes."

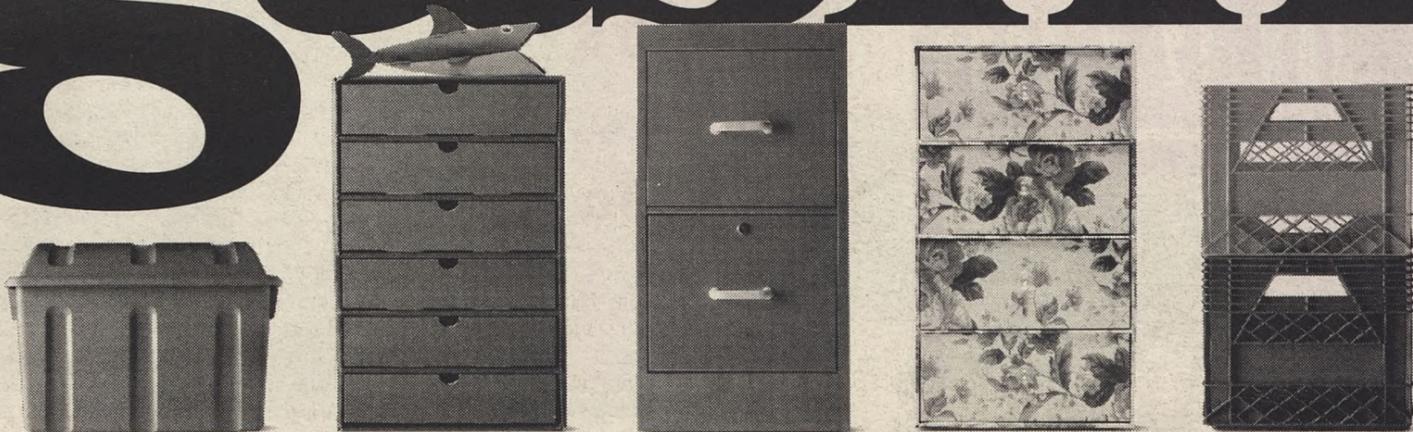
And finally, a 1994 wish from Odum's All Double-Wide Mobile Home Court in Lawrenceville: "My wish for 1994 is a vienner in every pot and peace and love between all the trailer parks of the world."

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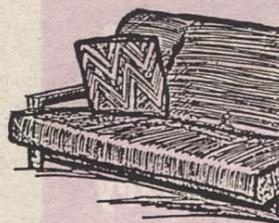
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## Atlanta police officer disciplined in Pear Garden Six case

Atlanta—The Atlanta Police Department has disciplined the officer who forcefully arrested six activists who were handing out information about domestic partnership outside an African/American lesbian/gay bar downtown last July.

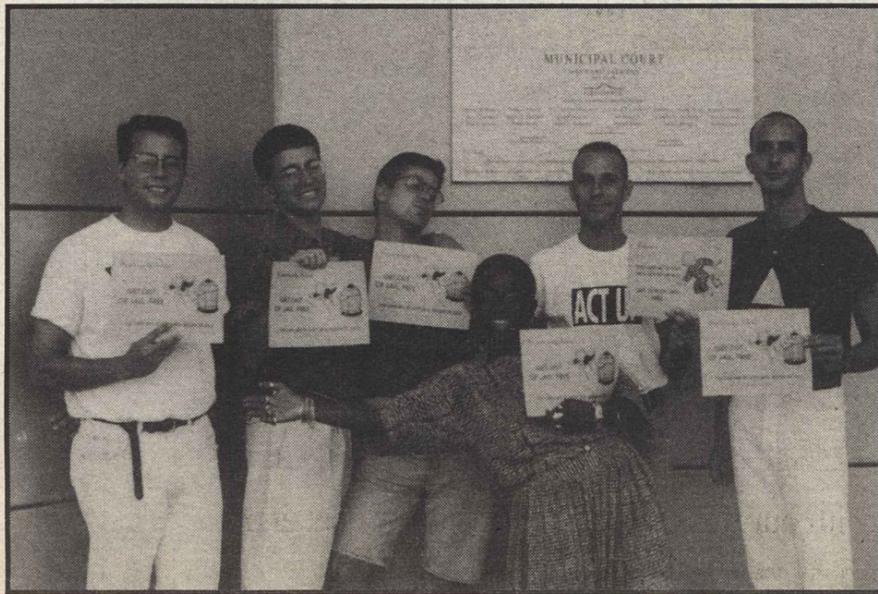
"There was sufficient evidence that Officer [J.W.] Pike did not act pursuant to department police [while making the arrests]," said Deputy Chief Eugene Robinson. "A disciplinary action has been imposed...[and] we believe the appropriate disciplinary action was imposed."

Robinson refused to say precisely what action was taken, but did confirm that Pike's

were handing out information in the wake of Mayor Maynard Jackson's veto of the city's domestic partnership ordinances. The officer ordered the six to disperse, and after a heated discussion, jumped one of them as they left the scene.

Municipal Court Judge Catherine Malicki dismissed all charges—which had been upgraded from petty offenses to misdemeanors before the trial—against the Pear Garden Six on July 20 after hearing only Pike's testimony. During his testimony, Pike complained that the activists called him a "fucking heterosexual" and that they were "touching me."

Malicki ruled that Pike was making an il-



The Pear Garden Six—Joe DeRose, Rob Harlow, Clay Calhoun, S. Faybelle Ma-Hee, Anthony Ricciardi and Uri Vaknin—celebrated their acquittal in July.

supervisor, whom he also would not name, was disciplined as well. The supervisor, who was called to the scene during the arrests, "did not act appropriately" in monitoring "the actions of his officer," said Robinson.

Pike arrested the six activists—Joe DeRose, S. Faybelle Ma-Hee, Anthony Ricciardi, Clay Calhoun, Rob Harlow and Uri Vaknin—in front of the Pear Garden on July 10 as they

legal arrest—attempting to prevent the six from exercising their first amendment right to peaceful assembly.

Pike has the option to appeal the disciplinary action to the city's Civil Service Board. A full briefing of the action taken will be given to the City Council's Lesbian/Gay Public Safety Task Force on Jan. 18.

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## NGLTF director will be honorary chair of '94 Atlanta Pride

Atlanta—The head of one of the nation's premier lesbian/gay organizations has signed on as the honorary chair of the 1994 Atlanta Pride celebration.

Peri Jude Radevic, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, has agreed to accept the honorary position. She is scheduled to come to Atlanta in June to ride in the Pride parade and speak at the rally in Piedmont Park.

"We've never had a honorary chair before," said Christopher Mills, chair of the operations committee of the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee. "We thought it would be good to get somebody national as a way to restore some credibility."

Ever since last summer's Pride celebration, the committee has been working to pay off a debt of nearly \$70,000. Amid criticism over its debt problems, and a lawsuit from the company that produced last year's Pride T-shirts, the group shook up its leadership in November and launched a series of fundraisers to help pay the debt.

Radevic will also play a role in that effort. Mills says she will be the guest of honor at a fundraising reception to be held during the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend, when

Radevic will be in town to participate in the MLK Day parade.

Radevic's position is honorary, which means that she will not actually have a role in running the Pride celebration. Mills said that, in accordance with Atlanta Pride tradition, local grand marshals will still be selected for Pride '94

RICHARD SHUMATE

## Transgender woman says she'll pursue case against Atlanta police officer

Atlanta—Stepheni Granen never planned to become a cause célèbre, but what happened to her on the night of November 20 has pushed her into the spotlight. And she is now willing to do what it takes to see her case through.

Granen, 40, was arrested for drunk driving around 1:30 in the morning on that night. At Atlanta's Pre-Trial Detention Center downtown, she was mistaken for a transvestite—she is a post-operative transsexual—and searched by a male corrections officer. Granen alleges that Dennis Lott, the officer, did more than a "simple pat-down."

"I told him 'you know I'm female,'" she said. "And he just reaches around and grabs [my breasts] and squeezes three or four times. I was shocked. I couldn't believe it. Then he pushes me against a wall, and grabs me between my legs. At that point I broke down."

Granen filed sexual battery charges against Lott, but when the case came before a city judge, the city solicitor balked at prosecuting because the sexual battery statute applies only to fondling the breasts of women. Rather than argue the point, Granen's attorney, Sonja Salo, agreed to a charge of simple battery, but the city solicitor's office refused even that, claiming to have spoken with investigators and found no evidence that events occurred as Granen reported. The solicitor refused to prosecute the case before the judge.

"The judge couldn't do anything," Salo said, "but he [reminded us that we] do have the right to go to state court."

Thomas Pocock, director of the Pre-Trial Detention Center, said that his office is conducting its own investigation, but that preliminary findings appear to concur with the solicitor's.

"What they've briefed me on...is that there is not corroborating evidence that the officer did anything incorrectly," he said.

Pocock said that two other officers present at the time back up Lott's assertion that he did nothing wrong, and that Granen did not tell the officers she was not a man until after the search.

"I personally questioned the officer about that," Pocock said. "He said when he observed [Granen] coming into the [jail], there was no question on his mind that it was a man dressed as a woman."

Policies in place at the Pre-Trial Detention Center require that "same-gender officers" conduct searches, and if there is a question, the person to be searched is the last authority. Granen says she did tell Lott she was a woman, but it comes down to her word against Lott's.

"It's a staring contest," Pocock said. "You can't convict or administratively charge a person with a rule violation if there's no corroboration."



Stepheni Granen

But Granen says that the humiliation did not end with the search. During the entire process, she says, she was repeatedly referred to as a "fucking man," and after the search, she was ordered to go with other male inmates for breakfast. When she refused, she was locked into a cell alone. And at the fingerprinting process, she was required to sign cards that indicated she was a white male. Again, she refused, but relented when she was told that if she didn't sign, she would spend 30 days in jail.

It was, she said, "the most humiliating thing I've ever been through in my life," and she rejects attempts to turn the case into a transgender issue.

"This is a woman's issue," said Granen, who underwent surgery in 1991 to change her gender after years of struggling with the issue. "I'm not a transvestite. I'm not a transsexual. I'm a woman. I have a disease called gender dysphoria that was corrected. The federal government recognizes me as a white female. The corrections department has its own rules."

"This is a very personal issue," she continued. "I can't deal with somebody else's morality. I've already dealt with mine, and I'm not going to be discriminated against because of that."

Granen and her attorney have scheduled a meeting with Fulton County solicitor Paul Howard on January 3 to discuss pursuing the case in state court.

"Regardless of what happens at that meeting," said Salo, "we will be filing a federal civil rights lawsuit against the officer and probably several other city employees."

Granen says that she hopes her case will make a difference, both for women and for others struggling with gender dysphoria.

"There's nothing to hide anymore," she said. "I hope that...we will change things. I've never been more proud all my life to be the gender that I am today."

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## As flu hits Georgia, people with HIV advised to get vaccine

Atlanta—The Department of Human Resources has reported a later than usual start for Georgia's flu season this year, but warns that this winter is expected to be a difficult one for those with compromised immune systems.

"Although influenza is surfacing in Georgia later than we expected," said Chris Harvey, infectious disease epidemiologist for DHR's Epidemiology and Prevention Branch, "that doesn't mean we're in for a mild season."

A-Beijing is expected to be the dominant strain of flu in the United States this year, and DHR warns that those in high risks groups—including people with HIV—should receive

the vaccine for the strain.

"If you're HIV positive, you should always get a flu shot," said AIDS Survival Project director Mark King.

Grady Hospital's Infectious Disease Clinic began vaccinating clients early in the fall, said Bobby Dunning, administrative coordinator of the clinic.

"We started back in September because people with compromised immune systems take longer to generate antibodies," he said.

"We've heard some reports that [the vaccine] may not take," added Dunning, who was a nurse practitioner before taking the adminis-

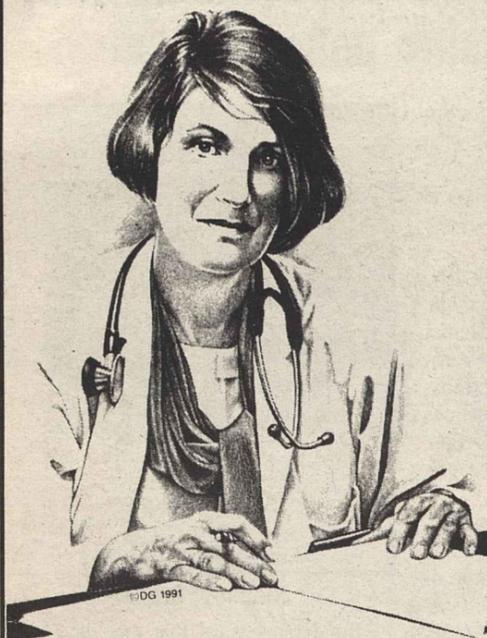
trative position, "and that some doctors are giving it twice. I don't know that two vaccines will do any good. We're recommending one."

Dunning also said that Treatment Issues, a publication of the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York, has reported that some recipients of the flu vaccine have seen an increase in HIV activity. But, he said, those with HIV should be vaccinated if they haven't already.

"We also recommend the pneumovax vaccine [against pneumonia]," he said. "One of the major complications of flu is that people get pneumonia."

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**Marine stabs gay bar owner**

*Jacksonville, NC*—The owner of a gay bar that was firebombed during the gays-in-the-military debate earlier this year is recovering from stab wounds that police say were inflicted by a Marine.

Police said Danny Leonard, who runs the Friends Lounge, was stabbed twice in the back and twice in the face early Dec. 22 by Pfc. Raul Fernandez, a Marine based at the nearby New River Air Station. Fernandez was charged with attempted murder, and Marine officials said Fernandez could face administrative charges after the civilian legal process has run its course.

The motive for the attack is unclear. But a

local television station, citing police sources, reported that the two men were engaged in a sexual act at the bar when the stabbing occurred. Police said Fernandez told them he lost control of himself after Leonard asked him to sniff a vile of liquid. Police are analyzing the substance.

Leonard occupied the national spotlight in March after his bar was firebombed. The bar is located near the Camp Lejeune Marine base. Leonard also reported that his house was firebombed recently. Police have not solved either case.

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**Please don't stare at the queers**

*Fairfax, VA*—In a leaflet handed out to students, George Mason University cautioned against offending gay men and lesbians by staring at them or by keeping a physical distance during conversation.

The leaflet distributed on campus this month classifies what constitutes harassment or discrimination against gays and lesbians. The pamphlet reminds students that discrimination against lesbians and gays is not permitted on campus.

A prominent economics professor at George Mason, Walter Williams, poked fun at the leaflet in a recent nationally syndicated column. He mused that he needed to call university president George Johnson for a ruling on exactly how many inches he should stand from a gay man or a lesbian.

"While I have the president's ear I shall seek counsel on how long you can look at homosexuals holding hands, or otherwise

physically connected, before it constitutes an illegal stare," Williams wrote.

In addition to forbidding overt discrimination and harassment such as gay and lesbian jokes or slurs, the university listed a variety of more subtle actions that may offend gays and lesbians.

"Thinking that a homosexual might come on to you," or "jumping when a homosexual touches you on the arm," are offensive reactions, the leaflet says.

The pamphlet, titled "STOP Sexual Orientation Discrimination and Harassment" says heterosexuals may not realize they are discriminating against or offending gays.

George Mason spokesman Daniel Walsch said the leaflet is part of George Mason's diversity program but does not represent university policy.

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**Hecklers attack gay play**

*Coral Springs, FL*—Police were called to a theater when shouting seniors interrupted a musical portraying gay romances.

The play "Personals," performed at the Majestic Glades Theater, apparently surprised older members of the audience, said production manager Debra Lynch.

There were 125 people in the audience Dec. 19, most of whom had paid \$15 a ticket. Lynch said people began walking out after the first scene and then came back into the theater and yelled at the actors, stopping the performance at one point.

"They were yelling things like 'We didn't pay to see lesbians and homosexuals,' and 'How dare you bring lesbians into daylight?'"

Lynch said.

The musical is a comedy about people who get into unexpected romantic entanglements after responding to personal ads. Lynch said audience members began leaving when one of the actors read a classified ad for a "bisexual male transvestite dwarf."

Some returned and disrupted the play. Kathleen Planco, 15, who ran the lights and sound, said a woman attacked her, digging her fingernails in Planco's face.

Two Coral Springs police officers quieted the audience so the show could continue. Police said no one was arrested.

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**Leader of anti-Blade fight says library collection "unbalanced"**

*Fairfax, VA*—One of the leaders in the unsuccessful fight to get a gay/lesbian newspaper banned from Fairfax County libraries has complained the libraries have too many books favorable to gays and lesbians.

Karen Jo Gounaud told the county's library board she counted 98 book titles dealing with homosexuality in the card catalog. Of those, she said 92 were "sympathetic to the homosexual lifestyle."

She listed as examples such titles as "Homophobia: How We All Pay the Price," and "Children of Horizons: How Gay and Lesbian Teens Are Leading the Way Out of the Closet."

Gounaud asked the board to buy more books that say homosexual acts are illegal in Virginia and that being gay should be avoided.

"There is no fairness and there is no bal-

ance in the books that have been bought, especially in the last few years," Gounaud said.

"We base our selection on what is selling well, what is in the national eye and what is reviewed," in journals, magazines and newspapers, said Julie Pringle, head of the four-librarian team that chooses new books. "If it looks like the collection is getting unbalanced, we do everything we can to correct that."

Gounaud was part of a group of parents and conservative Christians that sought to get the Washington Blade removed from the library's 22 branches earlier this year. When the library board refused, the county's Board of Supervisors threatened to dissolve the board if it did not reconsider. The board stood by its decision, and the supervisors backed down.

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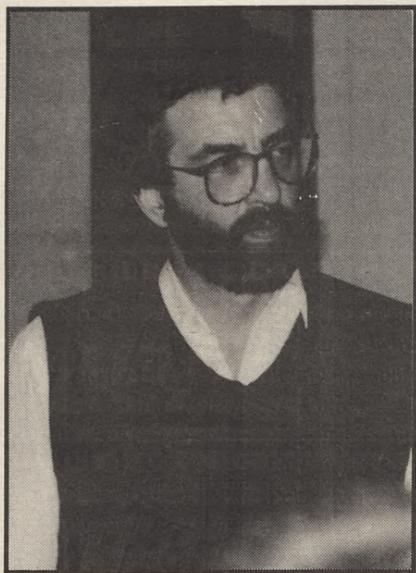
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## Students Defy Principal, Return Art To Bookstore:

A student art exhibit cancelled by an middle school principal because he objected to the lesbian/gay section of the bookstore displaying the work is still on, thanks to students who personally returned their pieces to the Salt Lake City bookstore, often accompanied by their parents. Principal Tom Hicks ordered the show shut down last week after someone complained about the lesbian/gay section in A Woman's Place bookstores, but students have returned the original work, and also brought in other pieces. A father who brought in one drawing "said at this time of year, we need to show love to everyone," according to A Woman's Place manager Katie Olson.

**Boston Passes Family Rights Ordinance:** The Boston City Council has approved a family rights law that gives unmarried couples the same rights as married couples regardless of their sexual orientation. Under the ordinance, passed 8-3, unmarried couples may register as domestic partners, ensuring rights to hospital and jail visits, some legal protections and access to school records. The law also calls for a year long study of the cost of providing health care benefits to the partners and dependents of unmarried city employees. "This begins a process that will take many years of legitimizing gay relationships," said David Scordras, Boston's only openly gay council member and the bill's sponsor. "It's a step in a self-propelled rising out of repression and into mainstream life."



**Boston City Councilmember David Scordras, who is openly gay.**

and found that the initiative, sponsored by the Oregon Citizens Alliance, did not violate state or federal constitutions. "Hallelujah," OCA head Lon Mabon said of Merryman's ruling. "Finally, an honest judge." A different judge on the Jackson Council has upheld the same state law, voiding the county measure.

**Anti-Gay Legislation In Idaho, Ballot Initiative In Arizona:** A Republican candidate for attorney general in Idaho plans to introduce legislation similar to Colorado's Amendment 2. Alan Lance is currently a state representative, and his proposed legislation received support from state Sen. Stan Hawkins, who said he would introduce a similar bill. Idaho is already under siege from the Idaho Citizens Alliance, an offshoot of the Oregon Citizens Alliance, which is collecting signatures for an anti-gay ballot initiative. Meanwhile, the Traditional Values Coalition of Arizona (TVC is headed by Rev. Lou Sheldon in California) has made Arizona the next target of the anti-gay forces, launching a petition drive for an anti-gay ballot measure three days before Christmas. "This is not an initiative that discriminates," said TVC/A chair Frank Meliti. "All we're asking for is an even ball field."

**AIDS Cure Act Introduced In Congress:** A bill pushed by AIDS activist Luke Sissyfag has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives, calling for an intensive, coordinated AIDS research initiative. The bill, introduced by Democratic Rep. Jerrold Nadler of New York would establish the long-called for "Manhattan Project" for AIDS research. "HR 3310 is the blue print of the research agenda needed to unlock the answers of AIDS and find a cure," said Sissyfag, who interrupted President Clinton's AIDS address on World AIDS Day to demand that the president follow through on his campaign promise to institute such a project.

**Judge Confirms Airman's Dismissal Over Homosexual Acts:** A federal magistrate has upheld the discharge of a former Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (Ohio) airman who engaged in homosexual activity. U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael R. Merz said that although a recently revised military policy protects gay orientation, it does not protect homosexual conduct. Merz's ruling came in the case of former Sgt. Claude E. Secora, who has fought for 15 years to be reinstated after being honorably discharged in 1978. Secora said he ended up in a gay relationship in 1977 while on a four-month drinking binge. He has been married to a woman since his discharge. Secora's case now goes before a U.S. District Court judge.

**Husband Gets Seven Years For Trying To Kill Wife, Lesbian Lover:** A Nevada man has been sentenced to seven years in prison for trying to kill his estranged wife and her lesbian lover. District Judge Dave Gamble imposed the sentence on Wilbert Banks, saying Banks wanted to kill his wife but a maximum 20-year term wasn't warranted because of mitigating circumstances. "I was upset about the breakup of my family," a tearful Banks told the judge. "I thought somehow that because my wife became a lesbian that it was my fault." Prosecutors said Banks bought a gun and wrote letters saying he planned to shoot his wife and then himself. He fired several shots at Yvonna Lamoureux, his estranged wife, and also fired at Vivian Paxton, but missed.

**AIDS Discrimination Suit Settled Out Of Court:** A Minnesota electrical workers union has agreed to pay \$100,000 in an out of court settlement of a lawsuit filed by the estate of Mark Kadinger, who died of AIDS in 1992. Local 110 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers limited Kadinger's health insurance coverage, in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. "It's not something that will help Mark, but it will help others covered by the plan," said Minneapolis attorney Keith Halleland, who represented both Kadinger and the hospital that cared for him. "Other plans should take a good, hard look at whether they have AIDS caps and if they should change them."

*"How many cares one loses when one decides not to be something, but to be someone."*

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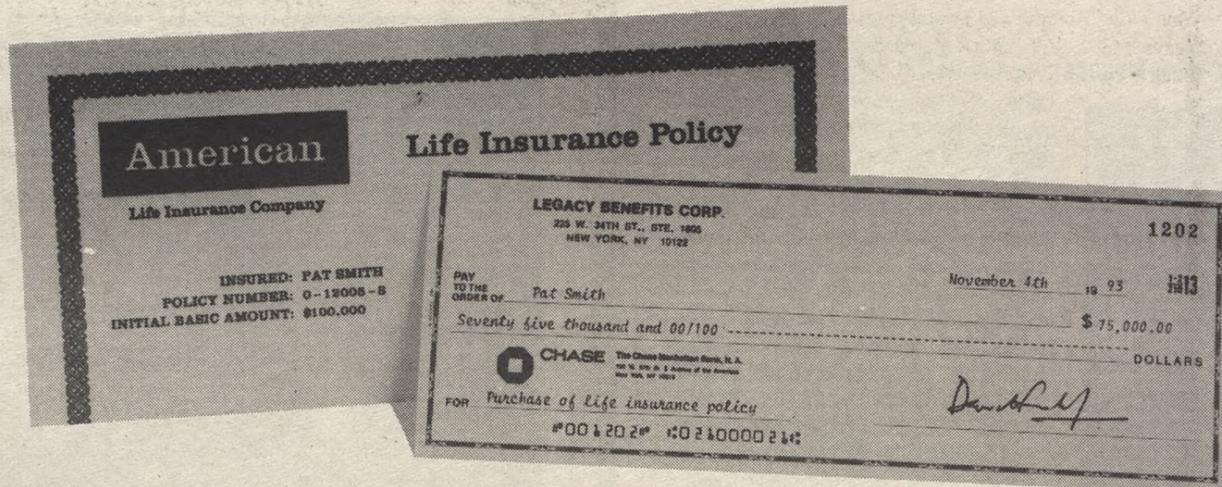


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## "Don't ask, don't tell" rules issued

Washington, DC—Go into a gay bar or march in a Pride parade and you're safe. Hold hands with someone of the same sex, and you're out.

Those are a few of the particulars from rules unveiled last week to implement the "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy on gays and lesbians in the military, a policy initiated by President Clinton after he reversed his campaign pledge to lift the ban entirely.

"The regulations are simply a repackaging of the same prejudice and discrimination that existed under the pre-Clinton policy," said Tanya Domi, a former Army captain and the legislative director for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Shortly after the new rules were unveiled by outgoing Secretary of Defense Les Aspin, the ACLU and the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund announced they would challenge their constitutionality in court.

"Ultimately, it will be the court system that will be forced to determine American policy in this area because the politicians have developed policy based on prejudice rather than reason," said William B. Rubenstein, director of the ACLU's National Lesbian and Gay Rights

Project.

The new policy reflects the resistance of Congress and the military to permitting openly gay men and lesbians to serve. But it leaves unresolved several lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of the ban, and the question of whether the "don't ask" concept can work in a military traditionally hostile to gays and lesbians.

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"If they simply put into effect a policy that punishes service members for declaring that they are gay or lesbian, such a policy cannot withstand constitutional scrutiny," said Lanny Breuer, attorney for Sgt. Justin Elzie, a Marine at Camp Lejeune, N.C., who is suing the Pen-

tagon for trying to discharge him because he announced he is gay.

"We fully expect that there will be lawsuits on this," Defense Secretary Les Aspin said in announcing the regulations. "But we would like to fight them out on the new policy rather than on the old policy."

He argued that since Congress, the military and the administration have backed the changes, the courts may find reason to support it.

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## New regulations don't quell debate

Oceanside, CA—Marine Staff Sgt. Victor Coaxum, getting his twice-weekly haircut at the Oceanside Barber Shop, says heterosexual members of the military have a right to know if anyone in their unit is gay.

"Once you come to the military, nothing should be secret," he said Dec. 23, a day after the Pentagon issued regulations that did little to quell the debate over gay men and lesbians in uniform.

Some lesbians and gay men—civilian and military alike—say that views like Coaxum's are widespread and that many commanding officers will continue investigating gays despite the "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy.

The rules attempt to define homosexual conduct and the circumstances that could lead to removal from service.

Merely going to gay bars or reading gay literature should no longer prompt investigations. But kissing and hand-holding are outlawed. Service members can announce they are gay, but then must prove they will be celibate to remain in the military.

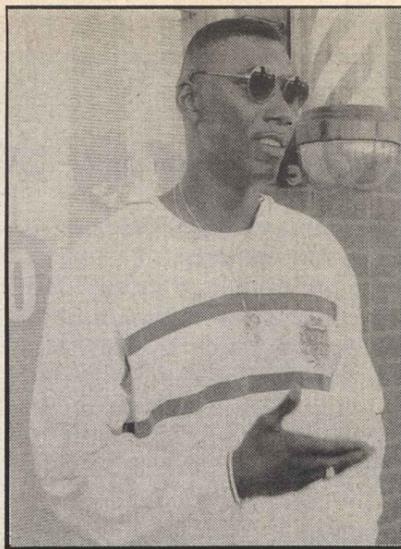
Former Petty Officer Eric Nelson, board member of the mostly gay San Diego Veterans Association, said President Clinton caved in to the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Sam Nunn.

"It's just a repackaging of the old policy that's been in effect for a long, long time," Nelson said. "Bill Clinton betrayed us completely."

Former Navy Lt. j.g. Jim Woodward was in the service for two years before being discharged in 1974 for disclosing he is gay.

"Commanding officers have never been particularly reluctant to make up facts to justify their actions. It just means they'll have to be more careful about how they do it," he said. "Even if the commanding officer decides not to start an investigation, your shipmates are still going to make hell on Earth for you."

Coaxum said commanders should be



aware of who is homosexual. "The cohesiveness is jeopardized if you don't know if someone's gay," he said. "Everyone's saying, 'Is this guy gay?' But they may be harassing him unjustly. As a supervisor, you shouldn't have to guess."

The fact that lesbians and gays who pledge to remain celibate can remain in the military bothers many heterosexuals in Oceanside, just north of the Marines' Camp Pendleton.

"I don't think it's right," said Marine Sgt. Clark Burley, who predicted the policy will force gays to keep their sexual orientation to themselves. "I don't think gays should be with the other men. They should be in separate quarters."

Outside The Capri, Oceanside's only gay bar, a lesbian who gave her name only as Karen and who is not in the military called the regulations ridiculous.

"They're still playing the same old games," she said. "They're wasting their time on what goes on behind closed doors. These people aren't doing anything wrong."

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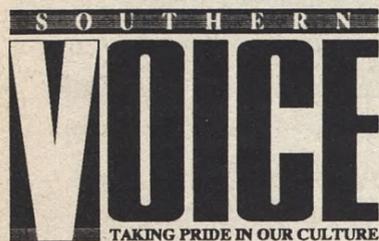
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## GUEST COLUMNIST

## Gay rights battle is a fight to uphold Constitution

by MARVIN LIEBMAN

Well-financed campaigns against gay and lesbian Americans, led by the religious right, are sweeping through cities, counties and states from Alaska to New Hampshire. By whipping up fear and loathing of homosexuals, and building on the abysmal ignorance of their constituents, these extremist groups are enlisting supporters, garnering money and growing in strength each day. This national tragedy is recorded in a report by the liberal/hongay People for the American Way, entitled "Hostile Climate." The report is frightening and must reading for lesbians and gays.

On a state by state basis, the report outlines the religious right's increasing use of democratic processes, such as "ballot initiatives," to accomplish aims that are the antithesis of our constitutional democracy—the removal of civil rights from citizens different from themselves. We are a nation committed not only to majority rule, but also to minority rights, and our Constitution embodies the insight that there are some things that the majority just can't do.

The abuse of ballot initiatives to deny and restrict the civil rights of any group of citizens, because they are somehow offensive to the majority, may be "democratic," but it is not constitutional. That is the only issue—our constitutional rights as citizens of the United States of America.

Our major allies in the struggle to maintain these constitutional rights are the courts. By fulfilling their constitutional role, they

must protect us by blunting the religious right's all-too effective efforts to date. The recent court rejection of Amendment 2 in Colorado, for instance, was a very visible defeat for the organized religious right. It was also a victory for our democracy.

The court's ruling on the unconstitutionality of Amendment 2 was saluted by the gay and lesbian community. It was simultaneously damned by the "Christian" homophobes who had sponsored the statewide referendum. They argued that, in barring enforcement of the voter-approved initiative, the court somehow "silenced the people's voice" and thus skirted democracy.

Far from violating constitutional principles, the court ruling against Amendment 2 is a parable in their protection. The inalienable right of all citizens to equal protection under the law was flouted by Amendment 2, which would have explicitly banned any civil rights laws which included gays and lesbians. So the courts must intervene, not to grant the gay community anything special, but simply to do their constitutional duty in ensuring equal protection.

Gays and lesbians ask no "special rights." We want only the same rights as our fellow Americans, nothing more or less. We are guaranteed these rights by our Constitution. Just because the self-styled "Christians" use democratic processes such as referenda, initiatives and amendments doesn't make such use necessarily democratic nor the users necessarily "Christian."

The professional homophobes have declared open war against us and, by the same

token, against the Constitution itself. Because the courts of the nation are our final recourse, it is of the highest priority that we marshal and expand all available legal resources, both from within our community and from outside through such groups as the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). Existing gay and lesbian groups such as the Service Members Legal Defense Network should be supported with money and volunteer attorneys. A network of gay-friendly and prestigious law firms should be enlisted for pro bono help with briefs, litigation and the many other legal tasks involved. We must reach out to the heterosexual majority—the ACLU, the American Bar Association, local legal organizations, whoever we can enlist—for their help in a common battle against forces that threaten the liberty of all Americans. This makes it incumbent on the leadership of our community to begin concentrating on the courts, where the final battle will be won or lost for us and for our country.

"Hostile Climate" provides extensive information, but provides few answers. The success or failure of ballot initiatives, aimed at gay men and lesbians, is of vital and immediate concern to each and every one of us. And, there is a pressing question for us to be putting to straight American. It is this:

"If the religious right prevails against us, who is next?"

*Marvin Liebman, one of the founders of the modern conservative movement, lives in Washington D.C.*

## GUEST COLUMNIST

## Lived experience is what truly defines marriage

by RICHARD D. MOHR

In October, a draft report by a national Lutheran study group on sexuality, calling for the blessing and even legal acknowledgment of loving committed relations, put the issue of gay marriage on the nation's moral and religious agenda. Last May, Hawaii's Supreme Court put the issue on the nation's political and legal agenda when it ruled that same-sex marriages have the highest level of constitutional protection.

Usually in religious, ethical and legal thinking, issues are settled with reference to a thing's goodness. Oddly, the debate over gay marriage has focused not on whether the thing is good but whether the thing can even exist. Those opposing gay marriage say that the very definition of marriage rules out the possibility that gay couples can be viewed as married.

But the definitions of marriage which one finds in dictionaries, even legal ones, are circular. They define marriage in terms of spouses, spouses in terms of husband and wife, and husband and wife in terms of marriage. No explanation is given for why a marriage's partners must be of different sexes. Sometimes judges and pontiffs try to give a functional definition by claiming that the defining purpose of marriage is childbearing and rearing. But any definition that tethers marriage to procreation is at once too narrow and too wide. On the one hand, we let people over 60 marry, though their unions will be childless. And on the other,

we forbid certain extremely fertile marriage unions—polygamous ones.

What then is marriage after all? Marriage is intimacy given substance in the medium of everyday life, the day-to-day. Marriage is the fused intersection of love's sanctity and necessity's demand. We do not count as marriages great loves, like Antony and Cleopatra or Catherine and Heathcliff, whose loves burn gloriously but too intensely ever to be manifest in a medium of breakfasts and tire-changes. Neither do we count roommates, even "domestic partners," as married if all that they do is share the common necessities of life (food, housing and the like). Marriage requires the presence and blending of both necessity and intimacy. Life's necessities are a mixed fortune: they are frequently drag, dross and cussedness, yet they can constitute opportunity, abidingness and prospect for nurture. They are the field across which, the medium through which, and the ground from which the intimacies which we consider marital flourish, blossom and come to fruition.

This required blending of intimacy and the everyday explains much of the legal content of marriage—including its various privacy rights, such as the right against compelled testimony, and a vast array of protections against the occasions when necessity is cussed rather than opportune, especially when life is marked by changed circumstance—crisis, illness, and destruction.

Currently society and its discriminatory impulse make gay coupling very difficult.

Still, even against oppressive odds, gays have shown an amazing tendency to nest. The portraits of gay and lesbian committed relationships that emerge from ethnographic studies—for example, Kath Weston's "Families We Choose"—suggest that in the ways gay and lesbian couples arrange their lives, they fulfill the definition of marriage in an exemplary manner. Both the development of intimacy through choice and the proper valuing of love are interwoven in the day-to-day activities of gay couples. Choice improves intimacy; it makes sacrifices meaningful and gives love its proper weight. Those lesbian and gay male couples who have survived the odds show that the structure of more usual couplings is not a matter of destiny, but of personal responsibility. The so-called basic unit of society turns out not to be a unique atom but can adopt different parts and be adapted to different needs.

The Lutheran document makes a major conceptual breakthrough. Against current legal thinking, it holds that religious ceremonies and legal structures do not a marriage make. Rather, the report holds that ceremonies and laws should reflect and affirm marriages as they are actually constituted in lived experience. Given, then, the nature of marriage and the nature of gay relations, it is time for religion and law to let them merge.

*Richard D. Mohr is a philosophy professor at the University of Illinois.*

## Roberts' 26 rules for successful lesbian dating

Leslie is nearly 30 now and has been serially monogamous for nearly a decade. She says that she's tired of the same old serial every morning and wants to try something new. She wants to spend the next year dating, which, by the way, hasn't made the woman she's been spending the last year with all that thrilled. ("Oh, um, Snooky-Poo, there's just a little something I'd like to discuss with you. Nothing personal, you understand.")

Leslie says that she doubts, all lesbian things being equal, that she'll make it through that long because lesbian dating is a contradiction in terms. Vera, who has her 30s half accomplished, says that sex is only good when you're with a life partner, even, oh, heck, if it's only for a few months anyway, because, at least your intentions were in the proper place. And Kristen who doesn't have to work hard at making 50 look awfully good, says that lesbians just don't have a clue how to go about doing the dating thing.

So, in the interest of your continuing proper growth and socialization, for your personal edification if necessary ("Oh, no, Pookey-ookey, she certainly doesn't mean me or anything. Why, you know, Honeybunchkin, that we'll be together forever and ever. But, uh, don't throw that paper away just yet, okay? I haven't, uh, finished the, um crossword.") and because I truly believe that we are a group of 10 million women waiting for someone else to ask us to dance, here are Roberts' Rules of Lesbian Dating:

1. It is never a good idea to ask anyone to marry you before the first date.
2. The average interval between lesbian relationships is a minus two point seven three minutes. (See also Rule #1)



### Cleaning Out My Closet

by SHELLY ROBERTS

3. All things being lesbian, if you don't want to marry 'em, don't ask 'em to a movie.
4. It is actually necessary to utter the actual words, "dinner," "lunch," "coffee," or "backrub" to the other party and to come to some kind of actual agreement on time and place before you can consider it an actual date, and not merely an appointment, although appointments are less scary and don't require you to shave above the knee.
5. You will say at least three stupid things in her presence the first time you meet. It's a law. Sometimes six, depending on the strength of the attraction. Fortunately, if the attraction is mutual, she will not notice. Until several years later.
6. As soon as you recognize a mutual attraction, it is usually a good idea to stay at least in the same house for a reasonable amount of time before making excuses to

your hostess as to the probable condition of your epileptic cat. Unless, of course, your current girlfriend was also invited to the party.

7. It is permissible, but not ever necessary, to ask for the telephone numbers prior to departures. Your hostess will have the number for you and be on the phone to your answering machine before you even have the key inserted into the front door lock. Unless, of course, your current girlfriend was also invited to the party.

8. Proper dating does not include the signing of leases within the first few minutes.

9. Ditto mortgages.

10. It is often good dating practice to ask early, any or all of the following:

- a) Is this your normal weight?
- b) Are you a Pisces? (Please feel, depending on your particular astrological inclination, free to substitute your personal zodiacal aversion.)
- c) Are you Positive? (That is a safe sex question, not a philosophical determination, although, come to think of it, that's not a bad question to ask either.)
- d) So, um, have you been collecting antique torture implements for a very, um, uh, long time?
- e) How long have you been off Prozac?

11. You should always find out if her husband knows that she's dating. Women.

12. It's never inappropriate to find out beforehand if he has a concealed weapon permit.

13. Or to ascertain the exact status of his last combat readiness evaluation.

14. With any woman who has three children under the age of consent, you will automatically come in fourth.

15. It is not impolite to determine precisely how long it has been since her last breakup. It is, however, considered in some circles extremely rude merely to slow down, open the door on her side and push as you pass her street on the ride home from the party where you two just met.

16. Charming as it might be, do not even consider buying her breathing creatures that take any more attention than a pet rock unless the U-Haul is already on reserve and you're practically packed.

17. However, the way to her heart is to arrive with a pocketful of Milkbones for her pre-existing puppy from a previous marriage.

18. Jointly signing adoption papers for a Cabbage Patch Kid is, in many states, considered grounds for punitive legal action in subsequent separation hearings. Roses are far less incriminating.

19. If it is really, really good, none of your friends will approve.

20. But you can count on them to check out any person you have dated more than once, which is, no question, less expensive than hiring a private eye.

21. If it doesn't work out, several of those same friends will refrain successfully from gloating.

22. Any friend of a friend in need of being "fixed up" is way too broken to date.

23. It is much cheaper to say, "No thank you, I have to shampoo the parakeet this weekend" now than it is to break up later. It is not, however, easier.

24. "I love you" is not a question.

25. Sex changes everything.

26. Eventually, somebody has to ask somebody to dance.

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Danny Donohoe  
Atlanta

*Editor's note: Donohoe is one of the organizers of the annual Lighting of the Tree fundraiser at the Gallus.*

### Positive statement from South Carolina group

In late November, a gay and lesbian organization known as the Rainbow Christmas Elves was born. The objectives of this venture were to provide toys and children's blankets for needy children and to promote a positive gay and lesbian image here in Greenville, S.C.

More often than not, the press here, especially the only newspaper, ignores gays and lesbians, as if by not printing our news they can dismiss our existence. Case in point—when we had our Pride march, the local and state section carried an Al Bundy look-a-like contest winner on its front page. If that weren't bad enough, there was no coverage anywhere in the paper. Protestors marching to protest the removal of the Confederate flag were given a picture and article. Pat Robertson's appearance here generated front page articles and pictures, while our protest march comprised of 75 people for diversity garnered a line or two.

The television news at times will carry a small 60-second story on an event, but this too is a rarity.

Along with these things, [we felt a need] to become active in a positive manner in our community. We live here, and we should care about what goes on around us. Toward that end, we plan to research additional community projects. By living a life by example, we hope to educate people to the human beings that we are and not the stereotypes that they have been taught.

On Dec. 21, we dropped off the fruits of our toy drive efforts. All in all, we had collected a little over 150 toys. We donated the toys to the Country Santa program that was covered in the Dec. 20 issue of People maga-

zine because we felt that his efforts to reach less fortunate children were exemplary.

All of the money that was donated went to purchase toys. Printing for flyers, gas, time and vehicles to collect the toys were all donated.

Channel 4 news was the only news source to report on the story. We thank them for their consideration.

We will continue to wage the battles for gay and lesbian rights. We also will continue to make an effort to be a part of the community that we are citizens of.

Randi M. Bearden  
Greenville, S.C.

*Editor's note: Bearden is the executive director of Rainbow Christmas Elves.*

### STONEWALL RIOTS

BY ANDREA NATALIE



Robert suddenly remembered he had forgotten to remove his cock ring.

## New study says crack users at greatly increased HIV risk

Washington, DC—Smoking crack cocaine puts young Americans—particularly women—at high risk of catching AIDS, a new study shows. While intravenous drug users who share needles are in the most danger, crack smokers aren't far behind because they're likely to have frequent, unsafe sex under influence of the drug, researchers reported in mid-December.

"HIV prevention programs that target crack smokers, especially women, are needed," said Dr. Brian Edlin of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "There is an increasing prevalence of HIV among crack-smoking women...that is very disturbing."

Although the majority of those infected with HIV still are men, the disease is increasing almost four times as fast among women. And they are passing AIDS to their babies; the CDC recorded a 16.6 percent jump in new

cases among infants and toddlers last year.

Disturbed by those numbers, the CDC is trying to discover why, despite safe-sex education aimed at women, heterosexual contact has overtaken intravenous drug use as the primary cause of infection in women. The crack study, presented at an AIDS conference here on Dec. 14, shows non-IV drugs are one reason.

Crack usage is not epidemic among gay men, but recent anecdotal evidence from several major cities suggests that HIV transmission is on the increase in men who use recreational drugs, particularly methamphetamines.

For the crack study, the CDC recruited 2,323 people ages 18 to 29 from inner-city neighborhoods in New York, Miami and San Francisco and studied them for almost two years. Among those who had never used IV drugs, male crack smokers were about 1½

times more likely to have had more than 20 sexual partners or to sell sex than those who did not smoke crack.

But female crack smokers were six times as likely as non-users to have had more than 20 sexual partners, 15 times as likely to sell sex and four times as likely to have syphilis or other genital diseases, which facilitate HIV transmission.

Blood tests showed crack smokers who had never used IV drugs were at least twice as likely to have HIV as non-crack smokers.

In New York, 22 percent of non-IV crack users had HIV, compared with 11.6 percent of people who used neither crack nor IV drugs and 40 percent of IV drug users. In Miami, the numbers were 20 percent, 7 percent and 24 percent, respectively. And in San Francisco, they were 3.6 percent, 0.8 percent and 9.8 percent, respectively.

In New York, female crack smokers were three times as likely to have the virus as male crack smokers who never used IV drugs or had homosexual contact, the main HIV risk for men.

The overwhelming majority of these women did not believe they had sex with someone who had HIV, indicating a failure to take proper precautions, the study said.

In another development, researchers at the conference also reported that a hemophiliac who passed HIV to his younger brother, probably by sharing a razor, actually gave the teen-ager two strains of the disease.

"This doesn't have implications for patients," said Dr. Harold Jaffe of the CDC. "But it makes the case interesting academically. Testing for more than one strain in transmission isn't routinely done."

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DAVID STANLEY

## Tips for keeping weight on

I've written several times in the past about my struggle to keep my weight up and the success that I have had. During the past couple of months, I've learned many things that may explain why I've been successful.

First, there have been several reports recently from noted medical researchers at Yale University, the John Hopkins Medical Center, and the University of Miami, about the nutritional needs of those infected with HIV. One of the things that they have learned is that the daily requirements of vitamins and minerals, particularly the anti-oxidants vitamins A, C, E, Beta Carotene and Selenium, can be five or six times, or even more, in those infected with HIV than what the FDA recommends for folks in good health. According to these reports, it is not possible for someone infected with HIV to get adequate nutrition from food alone. Supplements, they say, are absolutely necessary. And in some cases patients taking heavy doses of nutritional supplements have been able to reduce their doses of standard medications, reducing the toxic effects of those drugs.

I have been taking large doses of vitamins and minerals since 1977, some five years before I was infected with HIV, which may be a strong reason I've done so well. I have been one of those who gets good results from minimal doses of medication. The researchers say the earlier one starts nutritional therapy, the better.

Another thing I have learned about is wasting and how to combat it. Nutritional deficiencies can contribute to wasting, but taking supplements is only one step in fighting it. Increasing calories by whatever method works is extremely important. When one is fighting an infection, the body burns calories at an increased rate. I have had good success adding calories by greatly increasing dairy products in my diet. I eat about 1/2 pound of butter per week, I drink whole milk, use sour cream on everything, and I make milk shakes, adding food supplements to the mix. I've learned, however, that many people cannot tolerate milk products as easily I can. It gives them diarrhea, which defeats the purpose. In that case, other methods of adding calories have to be found, but one's doctor should have ideas on that.

I've also learned this year that I do have a wasting condition, but the only signs of it are from an elevated Creatine Kinase (CK) level in my blood and from muscle biopsies

examined under a microscope. Creatine Kinase is an enzyme released as muscle tissue breaks down. High side of normal is 196, and I've had levels up to 3000, though I usually run between 500 and 1000.

The theory of why I haven't wasted away to nothing is that I combine my vitamin regimen and increased calorie intake with lifting weights. Please note that I don't lift heavy weights, and that my workouts aren't that hard, but I do work hard enough that I seem to build new muscle tissue as fast as the old muscle is wasted. I'm keeping the wasting at a stand off.

Another method of fighting wasting is one I have yet to try, the use of anabolic steroids. This is a new approach that has shown some success, but very little has been written about the use of these drugs relative to wasting. Much research still needs to be done before it can be fully recommended. There is an interesting article about this, however, in the Winter, 1993 issue of Searchlight, a Southern California publication. I was able to copy it at the AIDS Survival Project (formerly Atlanta NAPWA). Their library can be reached at 874-7926, and is considered one of the best AIDS treatment libraries in the country.

Wasting isn't a problem for everyone infected with HIV, but preventing it may be the most important strategy, after taking standard medications, that one uses to survive HIV. Wasting not only weakens the muscles, but it also weakens the immune system and allows for earlier opportunistic infections.

If an HIV infected patient's doctor doesn't check their CK level during their lab work, he or she should ask for it. Even if weight loss hasn't been a problem, an elevated CK level may be a sign of a future problem and steps can be taken now to help prevent it from becoming a problem.

Taking vitamins and exercising are life choices I would have chosen regardless of HIV infection, but now this new research seems to be explaining that these are the reasons I've done so well when others on the same medications haven't fared as well. Needless to say, I know now not to slack off.

If anyone reading this wants to give any of these methods a try, just make sure that much research in a treatment library is taken before starting, and make sure that one's doctor is kept informed. None of these methods are games and should not be undertaken without proper knowledge.



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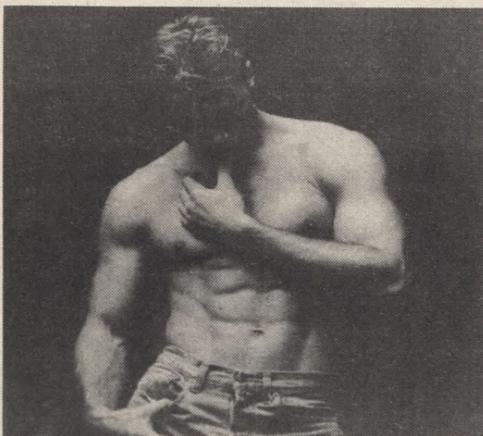
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## Risk of HIV transmission from doctor to patient is remote

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A new study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the largest yet, has found no evidence that 63 infected physicians and dentists passed the virus to their surgical patients.

Of the 22,032 patients tested in the study, 112 did have HIV. Twenty-seven were infected before seeing their doctor or dentist; 59 had numerous other risk factors, such as intravenous drug use and unprotected sex, that the CDC ruled were to blame.

The CDC did genetic tests on 16 others who had no clear HIV risks, but none had HIV that matched the genetic code of their doctors' virus. The remaining 10 cases are still being investigated.

The CDC is continuing the study, but it already shows "the risk of HIV transmission from the health care worker to the patient during invasive procedures is very small," said CDC researcher Laurie Robert at a recent conference here.

But the operating room is not totally free of danger, the CDC said. Another CDC study found that of 43 obstetricians and gynecologists cut while operating, nine continued using the same needle or scalpel to complete

the operation. These doctors did not have the HIV virus, but the numbers were disturbing, scientists said.

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The CDC recorded 903 cases of AIDS among doctors and 243 cases among dentists through 1992. The Acer case is the only one in which doctor-to-patient transmission has been proved.

Doctors are in more danger from their pa-

tients, the CDC said. In the study of obstetricians and gynecologists, some blood or other fluids from patients touched doctors' skin in 41 percent of 646 gynecological procedures and in 7 percent of those cases the doctors cut themselves with instruments already used on the patient.

In a related incident in mid-December, the Minnesota Court of Appeals ruled that hundreds of former patients of a doctor who died of AIDS can sue his estate and clinic for emotional distress, even though no patient was diagnosed with the disease.

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## FDA approves new drug for PCP

Washington, DC—A new treatment has been approved to help AIDS patients and others with damaged immune systems fight off pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP), the Food and Drug Administration said in late December. The agency informed U.S. Bioscience, Inc., that it can begin marketing trimetrexate glucuronate as an alternative therapy for moderate-to-severe cases of (PCP).

The company's brand name for the intravenous drug is Neutrexin. A second drug, leucovorin, must be given at the same time to protect normal cells while trimetrexate attacks the parasite that invades the lungs of patients with PCP.

There are three other drugs already on the market, trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole, pentamidine and atovaquone to fight PCP. As many as 80 percent of AIDS patients suffer from at least one bout of the pneumonia during their illness.

"It gives doctors an alternative. This is another weapon in the arsenal," said FDA spokesman Arthur Whitmore.

The company said the candidates for Neutrexin include the estimated one-third to one-half of AIDS patients who stop taking trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole, due to side effects or lack of response.

In the clinical trials, 48 percent of seriously ill patients survived one month after completing "salvage therapy" with trimetrexate and leucovorin. The survival rate was 67 percent in patients intolerant of both trimethoprim and pentamidine. Twelve percent of patients in the trial discontinued Neutrexin due to problems with its side effects.

The patients taking the new drug must be seen frequently by a physician and have their blood counts monitored twice a week.

The company said the wholesale price for the drug will be \$41.65 per 25-milliliter vial, with patients needing three vials a day for 21 days for a total of \$2,624. The company, based in West Conshohocken, Pa., said it has established programs to help needy patients get access to the drug.

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## Duke gets grant for HIV vaccine research

Durham, NC—An experimental vaccine being developed by researchers at Duke University Medical Center shows so much promise that federal health officials are putting \$2.2 million behind it.

The money represents one of the largest federal grants Duke has received for AIDS research. Duke scientists said they hope the money will help them develop the vaccine into an organic shield to protect humans against HIV.

The Duke prototype vaccine is made from different strains of HIV. Other AIDS vaccines under development are based on only one strain, said Alan Schultz, chief of the vaccine branch at the NIH's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

"We made this award to Duke because researchers there have developed a unique strategy of combining pieces of four different HIV strains with molecules that will directly stimulate the immune system," Schultz said. "No one else has taken this promising approach."

The four-year NIH grant, awarded in mid December, also establishes Duke as

one of eight federally funded AIDS vaccine research centers.

Over the last eight years, Duke researchers have taken short pieces of the outer protein coat of four strains of HIV and synthetically linked them together. The result is a prototype vaccine that can't pass on AIDS but can trigger an immune-system response. But the vaccine does have enough of the virus to make the body think it is being invaded and thus trigger a specific immune-system response.

The experimental vaccine has been used on mice, goats, rhesus monkeys and chimpanzees, and it successfully triggered an anti-HIV immune response in those animals, Haynes said. But one of the many questions facing researchers is whether the immune-system response in humans will be strong enough to kill the invading virus.

The vaccine would be delivered in two forms, first through a shot in the arm to stimulate an immune-system response and then in a pill.

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## Video addresses needs of women with HIV

In response to the increase of HIV disease among women, Burroughs Wellcome Co. has created Womansource HIV, an educational video series developed for HIV-infected women and their service providers. The company plans to provide this three-part series to AIDS service providers and community based organizations nationwide for use by staff and clients. The first part of this program, which presents the insights of 30 AIDS service experts and HIV infected women, has already been distributed to approximately 2,500 organizations across the country.

"We understand that women with HIV face different challenges and have different needs than men with the disease," said Fred Gregg, Senior Manager, HIV community Relations. "We hope that Womansource HIV will help community service providers to better understand these needs and challenges, and thereby ensure that HIV infected women get quality care."

Each unit in the Womansource HIV series contains a videotape and accompanying leader's guide that provides discussion

questions and resource listings. The program is designed to help service providers deliver effective and sensitive care through group discussions on issues relevant to women with HIV. The units cover topics of special interest to HIV-infected women, including providing women information about accessing services for themselves and their families, overcoming addiction and the issues that lead to the addiction, and maintaining a productive and healthy lifestyle while taking care of a family.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, AIDS and HIV infection are rapidly increasing among women. The CDC reports that: One in four newly infected Americans is female; An estimated 80,000 women in the U.S. between the ages of 15 and 44 are infected with HIV; and women represent 13 percent of all newly reported AIDS cases.

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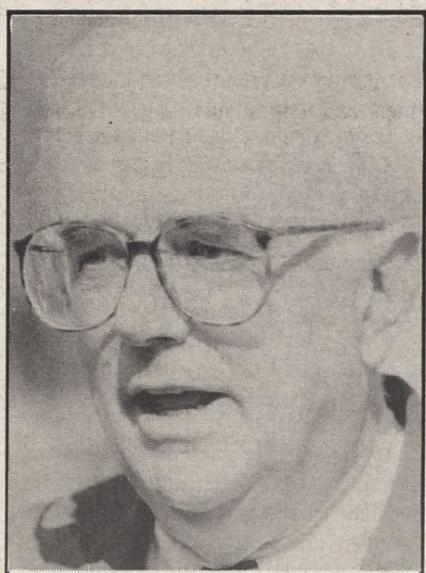
"This was an enormously divisive and emotional issue," Aspin said. "I don't want to imply that we think we have unanimous consent here. But we have proceeded to capture the broad middle with this policy."

Naval Petty Officer Keith Meinhold, who was discharged in August 1992 after coming out on national television, said Wednesday that Aspin "has utterly failed to solve the issue of gays in the military."

Meinhold said the scenarios for when not to open an investigation of a service member were meant to protect heterosexuals. Meinhold re-enlisted in the Navy this month, after a federal appeals court in Meinhold's court case upheld a judge's order banning discrimination against gays in the military.

The Pentagon laid out several scenarios to help commanders:

- A commander should not begin an inquiry if a service member is seen "hanging around" a gay bar. "Going to a gay bar is not a crime, nor does it, in itself, constitute a 'nonverbal statement' by the service member that he is a homosexual."
- Joining a gay rights march with a banner saying that lesbians in the military want to end the ban is not in itself incriminating, although it would be "reasonable" for the commander to inquire whether the woman was seeking to make public that she is a lesbian.
- Holding hands with a member of the same sex while off-duty does constitute "credible information of homosexual conduct."
- If an officer tells a friend he is gay but has engaged in no homosexual acts while in service and intends to continue to refrain from such acts, he could be allowed to stay in the military if a board of inquiry determined he had not engaged in homosexual acts and was unlikely to do so.



Secretary of Defense, Les Aspin

"The commander must assure himself that there is that credible information," said Jamie Gorelick, the Pentagon's general counsel. "Associational activities, like going to a gay parade or reading a magazine, in and of themselves are not credible information."

The Pentagon cited the complexity of the rules, and the need for time to digest them, in issuing orders keeping rank-and-file personnel from talking to reporters about the rules.

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## Michael Callen, voice of positive living with AIDS, dead at 38

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Born in Rising Sun, Ind., and raised in Hamilton, Ohio, Callen graduated from Boston University, which he attended on a music scholarship, in 1977. After college, he moved to New York, where he sang in cabarets and with the New York City Gay Men's Chorus.

Callen was an AIDS activist before there was an AIDS movement. From the time of his diagnosis with Gay Related Immune Deficiency in 1982, he was involved in virtually all of the positive responses to the epidemic. Callen emphasized that people could live with AIDS and continue to make significant contributions to society despite their diagnosis.

"If we could change our paradigm of AIDS," he said, "if there weren't that notion that it's all ultimately hopeless and pointless, it might actually increase survival rates."

Callen was a founding member of the People with AIDS Coalition, the Community Research Initiative, the National Association of People with AIDS, the PWA Health Group, the New York City Mayor's Interagency Task Force on AIDS, and the



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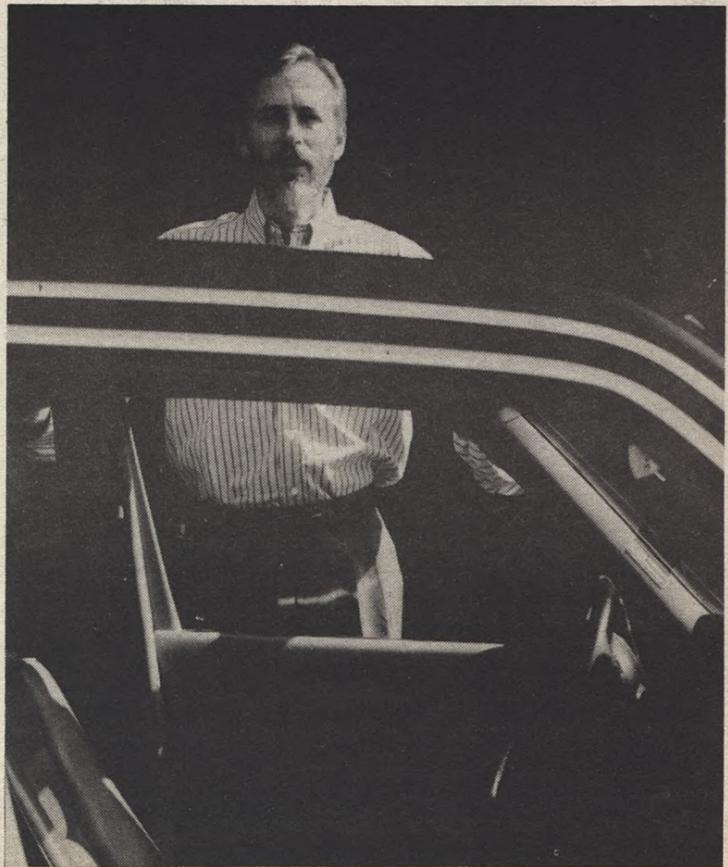
New York State AIDS Institute.

In 1983, he co-wrote the booklet, "How to Have Sex in an Epidemic: One Approach," the first guide for safe sex. The advice in the pamphlet, based on the concepts of AIDS researcher Dr. Joseph Sonnabend, has become the accepted standard of risk reduction. Callen was the first editor of the PWA Coalition Newsline and edited the two volume set, "Surviving and Thriving with

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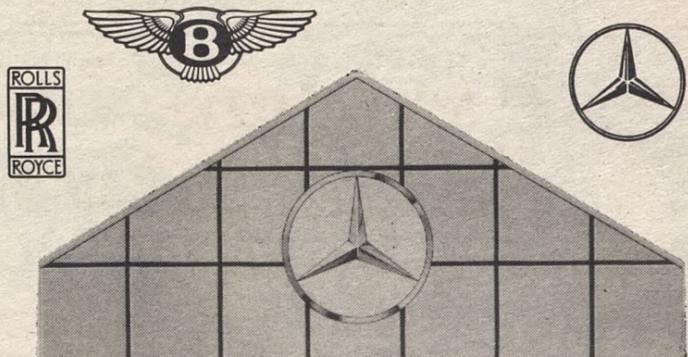
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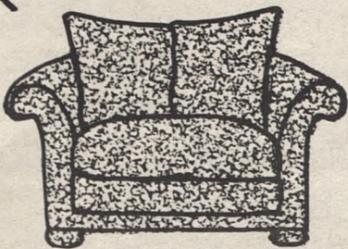
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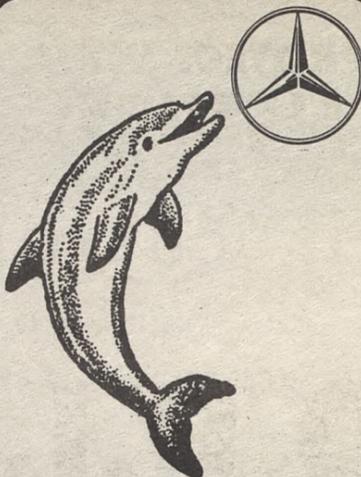
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## Michael Callen

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AIDS," published by the People with AIDS Coalition in 1988. From 1988-1989, he was founding editor of AIDS Forum. His book, "Surviving AIDS," published by Harper/Collins in 1990, received honorable mention from the American Medical Writers Association.

Along with Sonnabend, Callen was passionate in his belief that HIV has not been proven to be the cause of AIDS and the antiviral drug AZT is detrimental to the health of PWAs. He was also a strong writer on the politics of sexuality.

Through appearances on various new shows, Callen gave AIDS a human face. He also appeared in several films and documentaries, including the recent Hollywood AIDS movie, "Philadelphia" and in the HBO documentary "Why Am I Gay?" Callen sang in John Greyson's movie "Zero Patience."

Callen's work has been honored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the Gay and Lesbian Press Association, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and the Rockefeller Foundation, among others. On December 1, 1993, he received the City of Los Angeles Lifetime Achievement Award.

As a founding member of the New York Gay & Lesbian Community Center Board, and through his activities in other organizations around the country, he also became a leading voice in gay and lesbian politics.

In addition to his political work, Callen was a popular singer and composer in the gay community. Callen's AIDS activism had a major influence on his music, as reflected in his solo album, "Purple Heart" (Signifi-

cant Other Records, 1988), which The Advocate called "the most remarkable gay independent release of the past decade." As a member of the gay a cappella group The Flirtations, he toured internationally and recorded two albums, "The Flirtations" (Significant Other Records, 1990) and "Out on the Road" (Flirt Records, 1992). Callen also wrote, along with Oscar winner Peter Allen and Marsha Malamet, "Love Don't Need a Reason."

Shortly before his death, Callen completed vocal tracks for 48 new songs. This collection of songs, now in production for CD release, is named "Legacy." These songs, recorded with the help of such prominent musicians as Holly Near, Cris Williamson, David Lasley, Greg Wells (k. d. lang), Fred Herch and Steve Sandberg (David Byrne, Ruben Blades) are a testament to Callen's commitment to the gay and lesbian community as well as his own passionate struggle for gay identity and selfhood.

Callen's lover, friends and family have asked that those who wish to make donations in Callen's name should make contributions to the Legacy Fund. This fund will ensure that this historic endeavor be made available for release.

Callen is survived by his companion Richard Dworkin of New York City; and his parents, Barbara Callen and Clifford Callen; his sister, Linda Stanger; and brother, Barry Callen of Chicago, Illinois. Memorial services in New York and Los Angeles are being planned.

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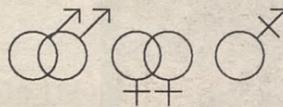
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# Right tries out new tactics

*California provides lessons of what might be headed our way*

Sacramento, CA—Right-wing lobbyists quietly changed their tactics this past election year in California, and gays are just waking up to the threat this poses. In a nutshell, three major changes occurred:

- Right-wingers moved from merely grooming candidates to funding races they were certain of winning.
- They literally bought primaries to weed out more liberal or moderate Republicans.
- They poured money into a few races, also buying those seats, instead of giving money to incumbent candidates and elected officials as is usually the case.

"This is very unusual, very new," said William Waybourn, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund in Washington, D.C. "As far as I know, the religious right has not funded political candidates before, nor have they spent large sums to run candidates."

Political action committees usually give money to incumbents, spreading the money around evenly to make sure everyone knows who they are. It's a legal way of greasing the wheels of a legislature.

This new tactic turns that age old pattern on its head.

In 1992, most large PACs in California gave an average of \$3,000 to 125 candidates, according to Common Cause. But the newest and most aggressive playing in this game, Allied Business PAC, a right wing political action committee which plays down its religious affiliations by stressing its pro-business stances, gave to only 26. But it spent approximately \$16,000 each, making its wallop that much more effective. And by targeting specific races, Allied was able to hand pick politicians that got sent to Sacramento.

"It's easier to focus our resources on someone who shares our beliefs and getting them to Sacramento rather than waiting to see who's going to get up there and trying to affect them," said Danielle Madison, chief consultant to Allied. "Looking at races after the fact seemed ineffective. We decided to be proactive instead of reactive."

Once at the state capital, the legislators are

more than willing to do the bidding of their backers.

"They are absolutely indebted, absolutely beholden," said Robert Rios, lobbyist for the Sacramento based Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality. "Look what they did. They only gave money to 'like minded individuals,' people who believe and are willing to work for the same things."

Not only will they toe the party line but already they are leading the charge against special rights and other "liberal ills."

Less than a year after allegedly using this tactic to get into the California State Senate, Republican Rob Hurtt, one of the four main founders of Allied, is trying to oust Ken Maddy, the Senate's minority leader, who is a more moderate Republican. If Hurtt succeeds, it will make it all that much more difficult for moderates to be heard by the state legislature.

Admittedly liberal organizations such as the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund (GLVF) were created to do the same thing. But while they elected six gay candidates to local office nationwide this past year, Allied elected nearly twice that many candidates in California alone during its first serious foray into local politics. And they were to statewide positions, not local.

"Whatever we do is not enough," said GLVF's Waybourn. "The quantity is so one-sided, we can't even begin to compete with them."

A comparison of numbers tells the story of this political David and Goliath. Combined funding of religious right groups runs at more than \$131 million while funding for the major gay and lesbian political groups limps along at \$8.9 million.

The membership gulf is even greater with 10.7 million people belonging to religious right groups and a mere half million to gay and lesbian organizations.

"We're not in the same ball park; we're not in the same league. When it comes to numbers, we're not even on the same planet," said Waybourn. "They are just huge compared to us."

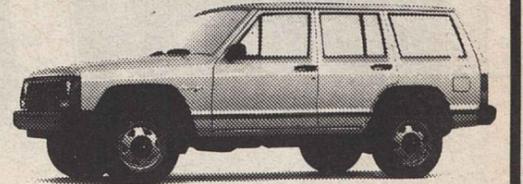
Luckily for gays in California, Allied is now under investigation for illegal campaign practices. But no matter what the outcome of that investigation, the political winds are shifting and it doesn't bode well for gay and lesbian rights.

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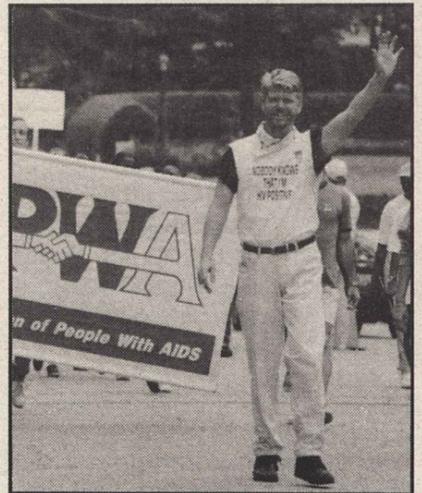
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Marcie and Karen Freed-Williams proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Marissa Nicole. Marissa was born at 10:30 am on Thursday, December 23. She weighed in at 8 lbs., 6 oz., and measured 21 inches long with black hair and blue eyes. Marice and Karen share their joy with Marissa's fathers, co-parents Charles Mathews and Ed Bender, her godfathers, Terry Williamson and Bill Dunkley of Atlanta, and her godmothers Chris Bennett of Atlanta and Sally Livingston of Tampa, FL. Marcie and Karen are grateful for the attendance and help from Marcie's parents, Jerry and Toby Freed of Brandon, FL. They also express their gratitude for the support and care shown by the involved Northside Hospital staff.



Mark King, director of the AIDS Survival Project (formerly Atlanta NAPWA) just turned 33.

BIRTHDAYS

Atlanta songwriter, guitarist and singer Angela Motter celebrated her 33rd birthday on Dec. 17.

Happy birthday to AIDS Survival Project head honcho Mark King, who turned 33 on Dec. 23.

Donna Hooper celebrated her 30-something on Dec. 26.

Girl about town K.T. Slaughter turns 23 on Jan. 6. This is the first time in four years that K.T. hasn't had a class at school start on her birthday, so she's not at all sure what she's going to do with the extra time.

Cynthia Moore, co-owner of Candler Park's The Flying Biscuit, celebrates a birthday on Jan. 7.

Happy birthday to Debbie Fraker on Jan. 9. Debbie's birthdays do not make her a year older, they're just another reason to give her presents. This year her gifts will include an overnight shopping trip to Boaz, Alabama. Outlet hounds, eat your heart out.

SoVo staffer Rob Boeger turns 29 on Jan. 12.

*When you have Occasions, let us know. Write Southern Voice/Occasions, PO Box 18215, Atlanta, GA 30316, call (404) 876-0789, or fax to (404) 876-2709. Please include a phone number for verification.*

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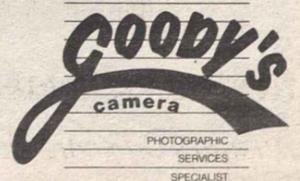
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would fall,  
Hey, who's to say, you know I might  
have chanced it all.*

*And now I'm glad I didn't know,  
The way it all would end, the way  
it all would go.  
Our lives are better left to chance,  
I could've missed the pain,  
But I'd of had to miss the dance.*

Darrell Hoggatt transcended this life December 26, 1993 at the age of 28.

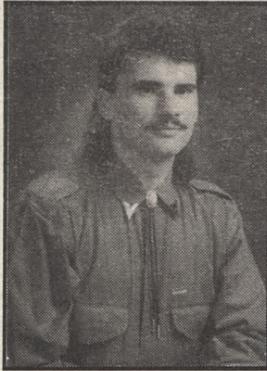
A photographer and a bartender, Darrell was the first pledge of Panther L/L, and was voted a Charter Member on Oct. 16, 1988. He held a number of offices with Panther, the latest being Sergeant At Arms.

Darrell is survived by his partner Danny Ingram, his mother Sarah Ledford, his spe-

cial brother Tommie Phillips and special friend Mark Bigler. Also surviving are brother Doug Hoggatt, special mother Ruby Shook and numerous friends and relatives.

Darrell was an energetic and charismatic friends who touched many lives with special love and memories. He will be deeply missed by his brothers with Panther L/L and his many friends at the Catholic Shrine and the Heretic.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Shrine PUPS (People United Pet Support), a non-profit AIDS outreach ministry of the Shrine, 1579-F Monroe Dr., #103, Atlanta, GA 30324.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

A memorial service will be held for Bert McDowell on Friday, January 14th at 7:00 pm at the AIDS Survival Project (Atlanta NAPWA) office at 44 12th St. McDowell, who died from complications of AIDS on Dec. 18, was president of the board of the organization for several years. For more information call 874-7926.

**COMMUNITY NEWS****Students present AIDS benefit**

Peep Show, a music and dance extravaganza created by students to promote the awareness of AIDS, will be held January 7 & 8 at 8pm. All proceeds will go to the Grady Adolescent AIDS Program, a program aimed at educating adolescents about AIDS so that they can go out and effectively inform their peers.

The performance consists of eleven danced pieces, choreographed by Jenny Millman and Chris Whitmire, including jazz, tap, modern, ballet and swing styles. Each piece has a particular message for the audience. BLIND, for example, is a powerful piece recurring throughout the show. The dancers begin blindfolded, but as the piece progresses, their eyes are opened and they become more aware of the facts of AIDS. Another selection, RIBBON, has three dancers ensnared in a red ribbon from which they cannot break free.

The Atlanta band, ROOKE, will perform two of their upcoming singles as the dancers perform a jitterbug and a pas de deux. Many other popular songs will be sung live and accompanied by dance.

The show is narrated by a vaudeville style MC, who will entertain the audience and introduce certain pieces and ideas while presenting facts and myths about the AIDS virus. The goal is an upbeat, exciting celebration of life and hope for the future rather than a memorial to the tragic past.

Special matinee performance January 8, 2pm. DramaTech Theatre, Georgia Tech Theatre for the Arts Complex. \$5 general admission, free parking available. Reservations: 894-2745.

**Open House at AID Atlanta**

Open house at AID Atlanta will be held Thursday, January 13, from 5:30pm to 8:00pm at: AID Atlanta; 1438 W. Peachtree Street; Suite 100.

The AID Atlanta Open House is an opportunity to see how AID Atlanta operates and to understand the service it provides to people living with HIV/AIDS. Volunteers and staff from the agency's various programs will be present to talk about AID Atlanta, their particular program and the different volunteer opportunities with AID Atlanta.

For more information about AID Atlanta and the Open House on January 13, 1994, please call the AID Atlanta office at 872-0600.

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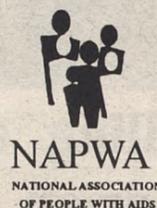
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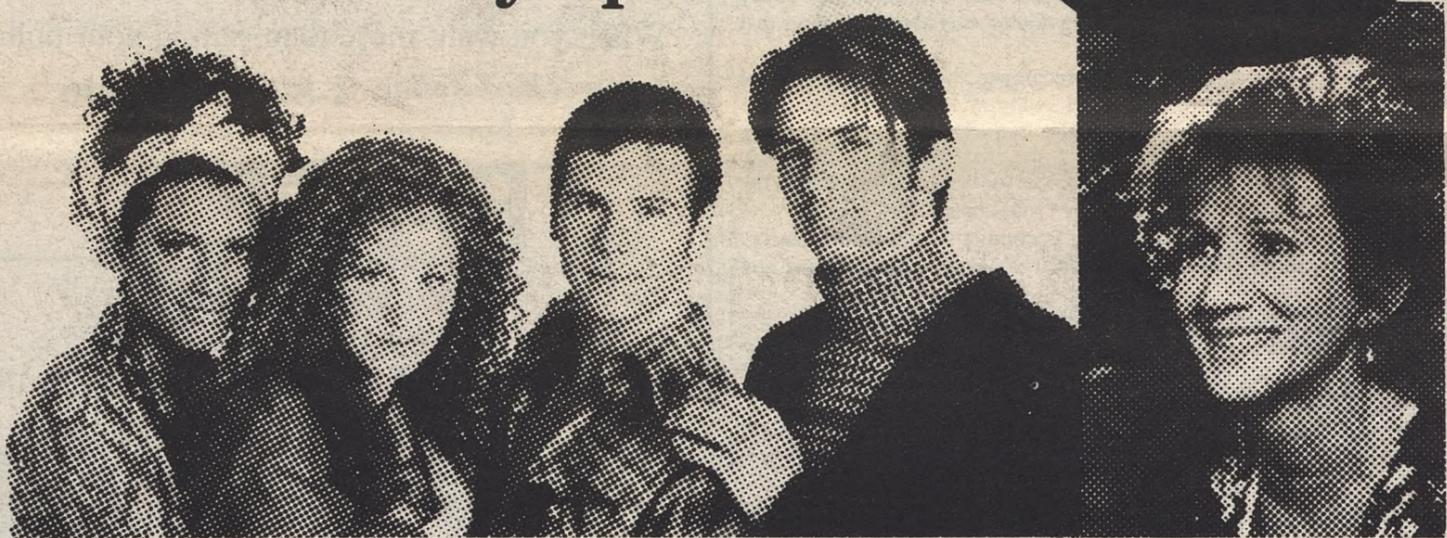
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## Tales of the City

For years, devoted readers of Armistead Maupin's "Tales of the City" novels (and if you aren't one of them, turn in your gay membership card now) have wondered why some enterprising producer has never created a filmed version of the books. Wonder no more: A six hour mini-series is on its way to PBS in January, and the list of enterprising producers includes the author himself.

To be aired in three two-hour installments on consecutive nights, "Tales of the City" is based on the first novel in the continuing saga of Michael "Mouse" Tolliver, Mary Ann Singleton, Mona Ramsey, Anna Madrigal and all of the other bizarre, amusing and highly secretive residents of 28 Barbary Lane. Readers who devoured the novel years ago when it first appeared in book form (originally the book ran as a continuing serial in the San Francisco Chronicle) may find that the story surprises them all over again. Its interwoven story lines, where characters cross from subplot to subplot effortlessly, will keep you spellbound. No small feat for a six hour mini-series.

Plans for a filmed version of "Tales of the City" lan-

*Mrs.  
Madrigal,  
Mouse and  
the rest of the  
colorful  
characters  
who inhabit  
28 Barbary Lane  
come to PBS*



Olympia Dukakis as Anna Madrigal, the gardening landlady whose secret is in her name.

guished at HBO for years. Writer/producer Richard Kramer ("thirtysomething") was originally approached to do a screen treatment of the popular novels, and his script, though approved by Maupin, was never produced. He went on to other projects, and heard about the new project at Propaganda Films.

When they learned of his previous involvement, he was tapped to write the now-produced mini-series. A fan of the novels, Kramer kept in touch with Maupin, calling or writing each time a new installment of the saga was printed.

Maupin, Kramer and other executive producers Tim Bevan and Sigurjon Sighvatsson found support for their project first at the BBC. Though the mini-series was intended to air only in England, a cast of predominantly American actors was set to portray Maupin's beloved characters. Olympia Dukakis, an Oscar winner for "Moonstruck," was Maupin's first choice to play what is undoubtedly the romantic lead in the production, Anna Madrigal. She brings, according to the author, "just the right combination of strength, warmth and intelligence" to the part.

Marcus D'Amico, one of the few British actors in the production, won the role of Michael "Mouse" Tolliver, the gay "Everyman" in the story. D'Amico's impressive credits include the London production of "Angels in America," for which he was nominated for an Olivier (the English equivalent of the Tony award) for best actor. D'Amico says he had no idea that "Mouse" was so revered by gay readers of Maupin's work.

"I had people come up to me on the street while we were filming in San Francisco to tell me how much they loved the character and the books," he says. It was an eye-opening experience for him, but apparently not a daunting one. His performance, complete with a Florida drawl, is charming. D'Amico's fresh good looks perfectly embody the spirit that was late 1970s San Francisco. The mini-series successfully captures the paradoxical innocence combined with commonplace drug use, sexual experimentation and free wheeling attitude toward life that many of us will remember with nos-

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Mona (played by Cholo Webb, left) Mary Ann (Laura Linney) and Michael (Marcus D'Amico) are neighbors with interwoven lives

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exhibit thru Mar. 6 at the High Museum.

**MARY CASSATT.** Paintings of the American Impressionist are on view at the High Museum thru Mar. 27.

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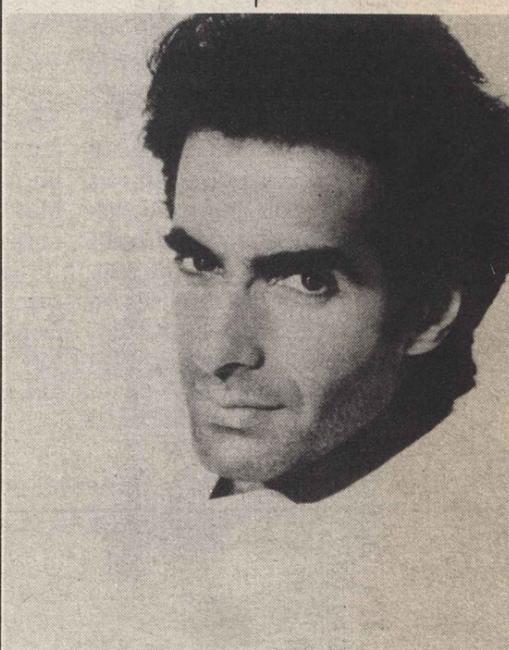
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ABOVE: Illusionist extraordinaire David Copperfield does his magic at the Fox, Jan 7-9.  
LEFT: Jennifer Cody and Gavan Pamer as Rumpelstiltskin and Mungojerrie in "Cats" at the Fox Jan 11-16. Photo by Kenneth Kauffman.

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**AMERICAN PAINTINGS FROM THE MANOOGIAN COLLECTION.** American artists of the 19th century are on



## Tales of the City

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talgia. It was a time in America that really was special. The scenes involving the parental visit from Orlando will ring true for many gay viewers.

Other roles in the production are ably filled with actors whose screen and stage credits are duly impressive. Of special interest are William Campbell ("The Rocketeer") as Michael's on-again, off-again boyfriend, the gynecologist Jon Fielden; Chloe Webb ("Sid and Nancy") as the lovable flake Mona Ramsey; and Laura Linney ("Lorenzo's Oil") as wide-eyed innocent Mary Ann Singleton.

Cameo appearances are peppered throughout the production and are made by, appropriate enough, 70s celebrities like McLean Stevenson, Karen Black, Father Guido Sarducci, Country Joe McDonald, Edie Adams and Mary Kay Place. As a coven of bitchy A-list gays, Sir Ian McKellen, designer Bob Mackie, Lance Loud and filmmaker Paul Bartel camp it up suitably.

Locations for the mini-series are a combination of sets that were built specifically for the production (including a creation of 28 Barbary Lane, complete with terraced courtyard, Mrs. Madrigal's very "productive" garden and

the famous gate) and real San Francisco landmarks such as the Golden Gate bridge, the Cliff House, the Castro and Alamo Square. Period details are finely wrought, complete with earth tones, macramé plant hangers and bean bag chairs. Watching "Tales of the City" is like taking a trip which is not very distant in time but, in attitude, is light-years away.

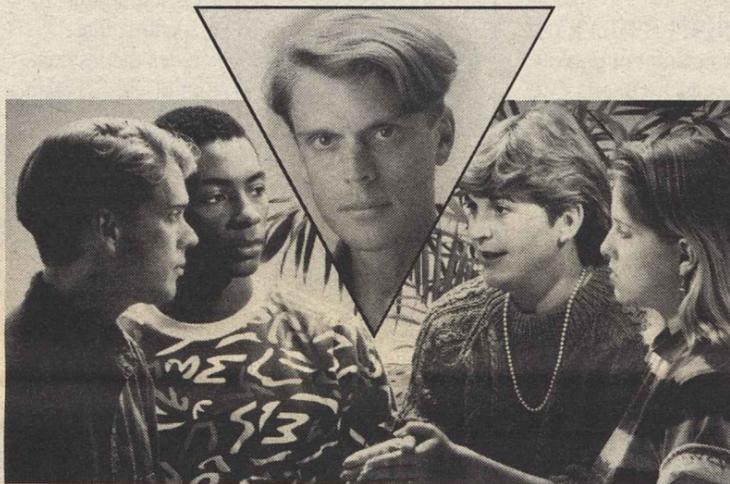
Woven through the production are several allusions to the Alfred Hitchcock film "Vertigo" which are fun to look for if you are familiar with the film. Maupin even manages to work in a cameo himself, a la Hitchcock.

"Tales of the City" has already aired in

England and was a great success there. If it is as successful on American television screens, we can look forward to more productions of the books, one of which is already in development, according to producer/writer Kramer. Nothing would please Maupin more than to see his characters live on. "I think any writer who tells you he believes his own work is deathless is probably lying," he says. "So I guess I can say that I hoped that 'Tales of the City' would last as long as it has, but I'm not sure that I really, really expected it to."

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## INTERVIEW

## Jane Olivor comes full circle

by JOSEPH LITSCH

Hard to believe, but it was 17 years ago that a frightened young woman from Brooklyn was dutifully pounding the Manhattan sidewalks, making the round of cabaret auditions so accustomed to hearing "no" that she was almost as afraid someone might say "yes."

But when the late Louis Friedman, owner and operator of an intimate 13th-street cabaret named Reno Sweeney (in honor of the gutsy belter in Cole Porter's "Anything Goes"), Jane Olivor saw the brass ring and she reached out an eager hand.

"I remember it like it was yesterday," she said laughing, during a telephone interview from her home in New York. "He had heard me sing at one of those showcases and if you were selected, you got to sing three songs. 'What are you going to sing?' he asked. I said, 'Lalena.' He said, 'Never heard of it.' Then, I told him my second one, which was a folk song, and he had never heard of that one either. And, I said, 'Some Enchanted Evening.' 'Not in my club you're not,' he said."

"Well," I said, 'I don't sing it like Ezio Pinza.' But I did sing it, and I got a standing ovation."

That was 1976. Reno Sweeney, where such notables as Peter Allen, Barbara Cook, Karen Akers and Jane Olivor were introduced to the public in a cabaret format, is but a fond memory. It was a stepping stone to the big stages, and Jane Olivor was ready—or so she thought—to take one giant step toward stardom. All the pieces seemed to be in place and the stars aligned. One year later, just three years since she decided that she really did want to be a singer, Olivor was headlining at Carnegie Hall in a one-woman show.

There were appearances on "The Tonight Show," "The Merv Griffin Show" and "The Mike Douglas Show." Her haunting rendition of "Some Enchanted Evening" was recorded by Columbia records and eased its way through all the rock and disco tunes out there and onto the charts. Experts who pride themselves on making unerrant predictions could only shake their heads in disbelief.

"That was insane," Olivor says now, looking back over her meteoric rise. "I wasn't ready for all that. I mean, Carnegie Hall in three years! I guess you could call me an overnight... whatever."

There is a long pause in the conversation before she quietly continues, "But there was nothing in it for me. I felt that my career was not mine. Oh, I was successful, and that was very important to the people around me, but I was not ready to take on the world."

"I knew I wanted music in my life, but I wasn't getting what I needed," she continues. "My voice was louder onstage than off."

Finally, she reached the breaking point and she stopped. She had recorded five albums, four in the studio and one live concert recording at Boston's Berkley School of Music, December 21 and 22, 1981, which although no one knew it at the time, would be her farewell recording. She dropped out of sight, providing a wealth of grist for the rumor mills.

Stories circulated that she was hooked on drugs. She had a drinking problem. Stagefright finally won out. "All untrue," she says with a laugh. "I wasn't smart enough to do drugs. If I had, I might have kept going. Afraid? Yes. Food? Yes. Drugs? No. But food is not glamorous. They don't make movies about food. It had all happened too fast. It was sort of like being pregnant at 10."

Jane Olivor grew up in Brooklyn, a lonely child, Jane Cohen (Olivor was inspired by the Olivetti typewriter she used as a secretary at Esquire magazine) who had been greatly affected by her parents' divorce. She and her only sister Phyllis were split, Jane living with mom and Phyllis living with dad. The man Jane's mom married ignored young Jane, so she slipped into her own world. She sang, but only for herself, to help herself deal with problems. Alone in her room, she relied mostly on folk songs for solace.

After high school graduation, she enrolled at New York's Rhodes School where she soon decided to join an all-male



singing group. There was a no-girls rule, but she swayed them and for a short time was a member of the group. During her tenure in the male group, she decided her chances were better as a solo act; she also learned that she'd rather sing songs "her" way.

"I like to try to get inside the song, almost as if I had written it," she says today. "I have to connect with the song; it has to mean something to me."

Hence, the rather eclectic collection she carried around with her to the various cabarets which sprung up and thrived in Manhattan during the 1970s and early 1980s. She auditioned a lot and if there were open mike nights, chances are Olivor was there. By the day she worked as a secretary for Esquire, by night, she haunted the clubs waiting for that one "yes."

ResortsInternational's main show room was packed to capacity that May 1982 evening when Olivor appeared onstage. CONTINUES ON PAGE 26

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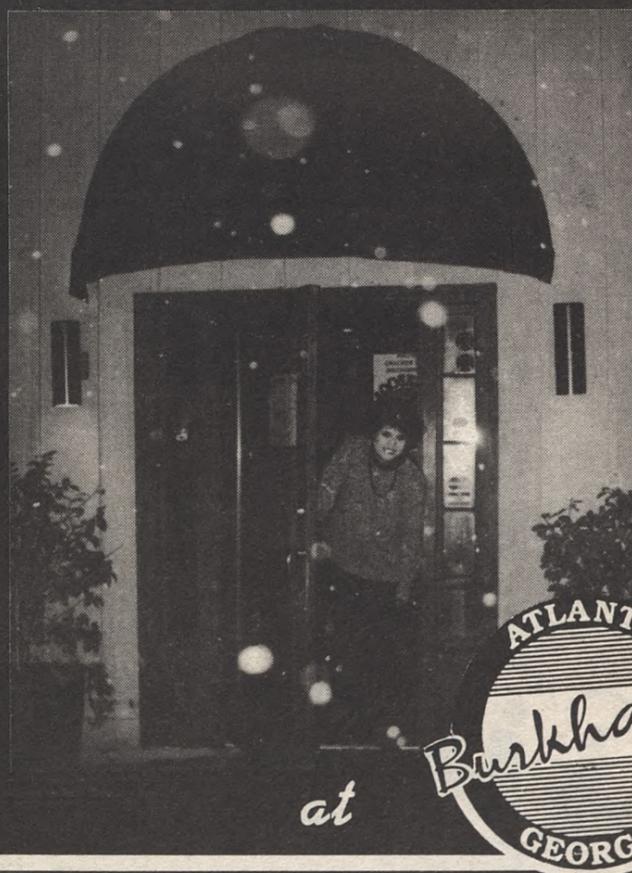
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## Jane Olivor

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She was cool, collected and very much in control. Her voice was never better, clear as a bell and as haunting as the call of an elusive night-ingale. Her repertoire included all the necessary songs come to be associated with her: "Lalena," "Carousel of Love," "The Big Parade," "Vagabond," "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows" and of course, "Some Enchanted Evening."

And when she went into "L'Important C'Est La Rose," the audience erupted into a thunderous ovation. This was what she had worked for. This was the payoff for all those open-mike nights.

Underneath that cool exterior was a frightened little girl from Brooklyn wondering what the hell she was doing on stage in front of all those cheering people. Suddenly something that had been intensely personal and private to her—singing and singing those songs—had become a main event with thousands of strangers wanting in, wanting a piece of the product. All she knew to do was shut the door.

Two days after the Atlantic City triumph, Janie and I met for lunch at a trendy eatery on New York Upper Westside. She arrived smiling and as bubbly as if she had just won the lottery. She parked a large shopping bag filled with clothes to be dropped off at Goodwill and slid into a chair.

This was the flip side of Jane Olivor the singer. She was witty, quick and tart-tongued. Her sense of humor was on a level with folks who were being paid big bucks to make people laugh. And she did it with such ease. She was totally relaxed and ready for whatever.

"Why," I asked, "doesn't this Jane Olivor show up onstage?"  
She just shrugged.

A dozen years have passed since I asked that question, and now, I ask it again. If she shrugged, I couldn't tell through the telephone, but there was no silence. "Oh, I do. Now," she answered. "I have a quirky personality and I am having more fun onstage. I don't see myself as a comedienne; there are no one-liners. I'm just me. The stage fright is gone."

But the old desire to be a singer is burning as brightly as ever. A couple of years ago Olivor began laying groundwork for a return to performing. She has been to the various cities where she had established followings and she has tested the waters. She was one of the guest performers at Atlanta's 1992 AIDS Walk. She has a new look—shocking to some—and she has a folder of new material, but the Olivor voice is unmistakable.

And the image will be even more evolved when she walks onto the Variety Playhouse stage Friday, Jan. 7 for a two-night stint there.

One of the new songs Olivor is happiest with deals with the unlikely topic of gays in the military.

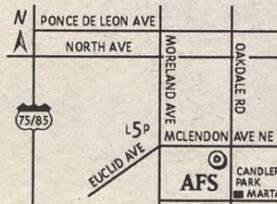
"It came out of a conversation I had with a friend," she says. "We were talking about that young guy in the Navy who was killed. Homophobia is always disastrous, but something like that brings it very close to you. It puts it all into perspective. We have got to start dealing with reality. Gay men and women are here; they always have been here and they always will be here. I am not gay, but some of my dearest friends are and who cares anyway?"

Ten years ago Jan Olivor would not have been so out-spoken, so adamant. But she is quick to state that she has more confidence now than ever before. She's comfortable with her self and her music. There are no drugs, no alcohol and no uncontrollable food binges.

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# TULA turns 10; time for a visit

You may know TULA from attending a production at SAME; or you may have gone to a film or video screening at IMAGE, the site of three of Atlanta's Lesbian and Gay Film Festivals. Maybe you've been to the annual Lambda Center Halloween Ball in the Lowe Gallery; or maybe you've visited one of the galleries housing the work of more than 40 artists. If you don't know TULA, a visit is long overdue.

On January 7, TULA celebrates ten years of serving Atlanta artists and arts enthusiasts. To mark the event, TFG (TULA Foundation Gallery) will present the work of TULA landlord, Lil Friedlander. "I'm really nervous," says Friedlander. It will be her first solo exhibit in five years. "This work on paper has been two years of work that's got a personal character to it," she adds.

TULA Arts Complex came about as a vision that had its roots in 1970's-style arts cooperatives. "Before I moved to TULA, I was in a building on 10th Street, when 10th Street was really wild," says Friedlander. In the late 70's she lived and worked in an arts community called 123 Shoe Repair, taking its name from a previous tenant's business sign.

"When I went looking for this building, I already had this idea that it wouldn't be just for myself." Her vision was of a space shared between people making art and people showing art.

Among the lessons Friedlander learned from the 10th Street community were the need for self-sufficiency and leadership.

"I was really trying to avoid getting government funding," she says. "I really didn't want to be in a position of depending on grants to pay the rent." She also learned that "endless meetings over shared expenses," in the cooperative style, were almost always frustrating and usually pointless.

Friedlander transformed the building at 75 Bennett Street from an electrical manufacturing plant that turned out circuit breakers and panel boxes into an arts collective that turns out works of the heart and soul. She has a vivid memory of the early conditions of the building and of the blood, sweat, tears, and bucks it took to accomplish the transformation. Though Friedlander has a more creative than technical perspective, she eagerly recalls details of the electrical manufacturing process which ran along a yellow line through the building, ending in about the current location of SAME for a final rinse.

Eve Mannes was the first gallery space leased at TULA. Among the first working artists leasing studio space were David Westmeier and Teri Williams, now Director of New Visions Gallery in TULA. Westmeier remains as a resident artist and Building Supervisor. Architect Gilford R. Smith, who designed the renovation, opened an office in TULA. "One of my first tenants was David Sheppard of 'Heartstrings,'" remembers Friedlander.

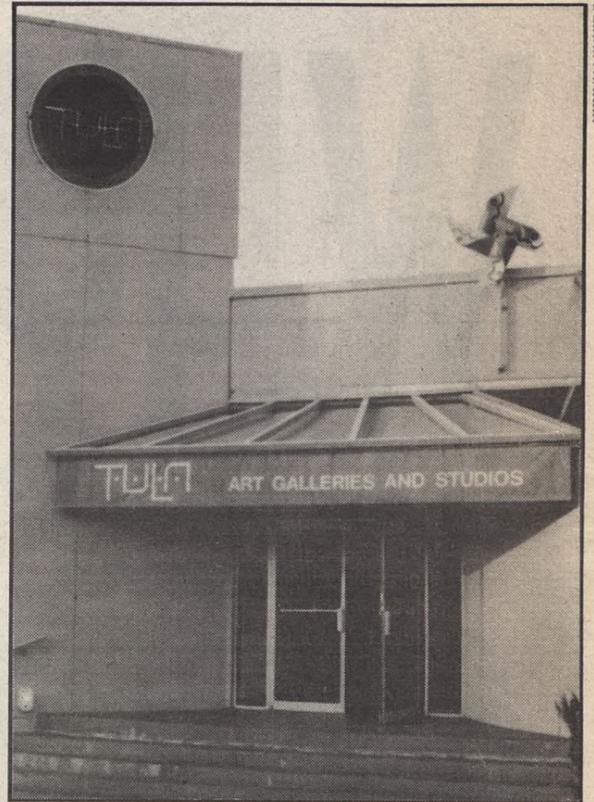
Originally, TULA included a photography studio where Friedlander worked. "I moved out because it was really difficult to work and be on the site," she says. "Also I needed the money."

In 1991, Friedlander re-established her own creative input to the building. She created the TULA Foundation, in response to censorship and decreased funding to the arts. She also opened TFG and TFG2, two not-for-profit gallery spaces. To help with the work load, she hired Kris Johnson. Johnson is Gallery Director of the two galleries and Administrative Director of TULA, Inc. Friedlander is Artistic Director of the Foundation, whose mission is "to foster community dialogs in art and ideas." In addition to the added gallery space of TFG and TFG2, the Foundation sponsors events, collaborates with other Atlanta arts organizations and maintains the two not-for-profits at TULA: IMAGE and SAME.

TFG and TFG2, in particular, "re-inject" Friedlander's vision into the space. She is proud of the fact that she has never attempted to exert creative control over the commercial galleries leasing space in TULA. But having the not-for-profit gallery space allows her to support the work that she values and to add another dimension to TULA. "Some of the galleries come in and tell me they hate the stuff I show," she adds. TFG and TFG2 have exhibited Palestinian photography, a juxtaposition of Tibetan and Hopi Indian art, and work by the children at the Atlanta Children's School.

The Foundation has even expanded into the TULA atrium to do an avant garde music series. Artists include the Shakin Ray Levis, Derrick Bailey, and the Billy Tipton Saxophone Quartet, a band of four women named in honor of a male impersonator of the 30's and 40's. "Those women were just wailin'," says Friedlander.

There is no real cohesion to the work that is presented by



DEBBIE FRAKER

the TULA Foundation and the galleries, and Friedlander has no particular expectations for expanding what the Foundation currently does. "We do it to give us pleasure," she says. "To me there's no great virtue in bigness. To do something really well on a small scale and take pride in it, that is important." As an afterthought, she adds proudly: "Maybe I just run it like a girl."

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"Peculiarities of Self," an exhibition of work by Lil Friedlander curated by Annette Cone-Skelton, opens at TULA Foundation Gallery January 7, 7:30-11:00 pm. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday, 12:00-5:00 pm and Saturday, 11:00-5:00 pm. TULA is located at 75 Bennett Street in Buckhead. For more information call (404) 351-3551.



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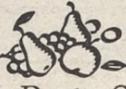
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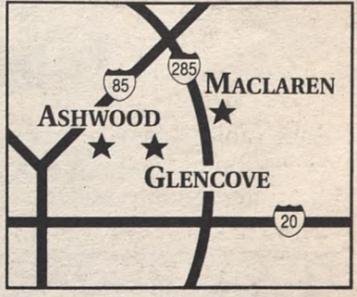
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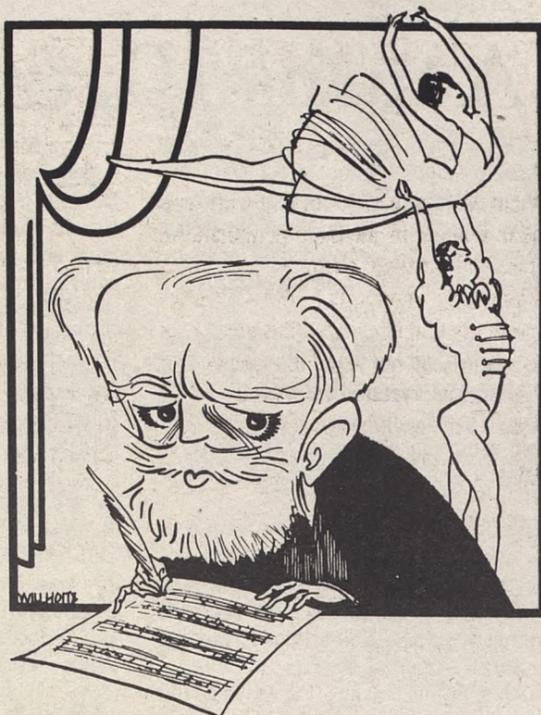
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by BRIAN COCHRAN

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not as happy and content as it should have been, given the fame and great success he enjoyed.

There seems to be ample evidence to support the theory. The mystery surrounding Tchaikovsky's death (by cholera, if we are to believe the official reports) has re-surfaced recently, and scholars are now questioning whether the original reports were a cover-up for suicide.

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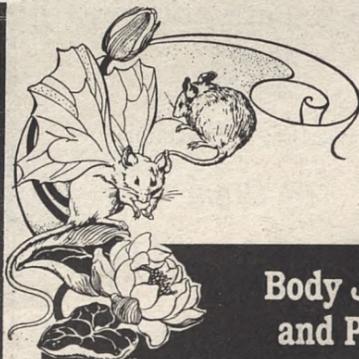
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**H**aving lived in Atlanta since 1976, I've withstood our peculiar winters in all their permutations. Temperature-wise, many Christmases have seen us sporting nothing warmer than shirt-sleeves or a light jacket. These recent below-freezing nights are sort of anomalous, as well as unpleasant, not to mention deadly for many plants—unless human intervention works well.

Unfortunately, I see many well-meaning folks do precisely the wrong thing when they try to protect the green people entrusted to their care. In order to understand wrong from right, we need to comprehend a little about plant physiology.

Let's assume that you have plants which can survive a bit of cold, as opposed to delicate tropicals which should have been taken in months ago. Did I practice what I preach? Indubitably. Indeed, my housemate and I spent an October afternoon moving the potted plants into a pseudo-greenhouse porch complete with a space heater for very cold nights.

And we spent a subsequent afternoon chopping down banana trees. This was followed immediately by digging up the roots, covering them in newspaper and storing them in the dirt-floor basement. You want them to be DRY, above all else. They store the energy for next year's growth, and need to be healthy.

If you have not done this with your bananas, shame on you! Some folks just cut them to the ground, and mulch like hell over the spot. This can work, but if you have a good-sized stump the regeneration process seems to take less time and the possibility of the plant actually bearing bananas increases. This year, Brenda wanted to play size-queen and had me just chop the tops while retaining a great deal of the

trunks (as in 6 feet or so). I will report next summer on how well these puppies do, versus the usual 6 inch stumps I always handle.

As for other fruit bearers ... I have a dwarf nectarine that I have always babied. Whenever the temp dipped to the low 30's I covered her with a blanket, placed a tarp over that, secured with ties around the tree's trunk. If the mid 20's ever made an appearance I placed an electric blanket heating pad on top of that set to "low." Every spring I was rewarded with magnificent pink flowers, and every summer with lovely fruits.

However, divorce separated me from my perfect little tree, which I grew from a puny twig. My ex phoned last month, complaining about having to take care of the thing. What's a mother to do? Digging up was the only real answer.

Waiting for dormancy, I finally approached my baby. For two hours, I hand dug, clawing around the root ball with my bare fingers, after going from the shovel to the trowel. I saved as much of the anchor roots (the big, thick ones) and the feeder roots (the wispy, white, hairy tendrils) as I could. I heeled her in (dug a small trench and laid her down, covering her with mulch) until I could actually plant her two days later. It's important not to let them dry out, nor to apply so much water that they start to root rot.

I then dug a hole about 2.5 times the diameter of the root ball (in this case, about eight feet wide) and deep enough to place her in at about the same level she had been standing before. Starting at the edges and working my way almost to the trunk, I put about 4 inches of mulch down. I'm hoping 1) she survives, and 2) the mulch will keep the worst affects of

the cold off of her. I'm afraid I had to put her in my plot, as opposed to near the house, so I can't cover her as I used to.

And plant physiology is why. What do plants need? Water and sunlight, certainly. They also need to breathe in through their extremities (actually, the stomates, or little holes, in the leaves), and they do not like anything plastic to touch them there.

So if I covered her with just a tarp that would be wrong; hence the layer in between, whether it be a sheet, a towel, newspaper or whatever. Plus, layering adds some insulating properties to the act. Never put plastic in direct contact with leaves.

And never leave plastic on for days at a time, or even past mid-morning. You'll either have a mini-thermonuclear effect which causes a mushy melt down when the sun beats continuously on the plastic, or the plant will be so starved for light that it can't photosynthesize at all.

I don't know how many times I've driven past the houses of apparently well-meaning dolts who fail to remove the plastic coverings for a week or so. And then these people wonder why the plants die despite their Herculean efforts.

And let me harp for a moment on those misguided souls who say, "Well, cold front's coming in, I'll water." Wrong. Yes, water can be insulating—if it's applied enough in advance. As in DAYS in advance, not hours. If the cold arrives mere hours after water application, you will only succeed in FREEZING the plant's roots, not in protecting them.

Briefly then, to protect against cold temps, snow, sleet, etc.: 1) cover the plant with material (I prefer cotton, but old sheets or whatever works); 2) place plastic over the material and strive for a domed shape; 3) if possible, close off or make the bottom narrower than the top to preserve heat and air; 4) don't let the plants cook—pull the stuff off if the temp rises above freezing; 5) water well in advance of a freeze, not immediately prior to one; 6) mulch, mulch, mulch; and 7) live long and prosper, and plant a lot.

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**Tchaikovsky**

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The ruling class of czarist Russia knew the dangers of drinking unboiled water, and of contracting cholera through such an act. So why did Tchaikovsky get the disease? And why were there two accounts of how the event took place? One story puts the composer in a restaurant, the other at his brother's house. Which is correct?

Perhaps even more curious is the fact that the length of the composer's illness varies three to four days in conflicting reports. Errors of this kind were not common in the late nineteenth century, especially when the subject was someone as popular as Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky, composer of "Swan Lake," "The Nutcracker" and "The Sleeping Beauty" among others. The error was discovered immediately, and morbid, detailed accounts of the composer's death soon appeared in publications all over Europe. The response had to be so rapid that apparently the writers failed to get their stories straight, thus leading to the conclusion that a cover-up had occurred.

Why the need for such a conspiracy? Simple. News of Tchaikovsky's suicide would have brought great shame upon his family. In his earlier attempt to commit suicide, he had simply stood in the Moscow river, hoping to contract pneumonia, so it would appear his death came from natural causes.

And why would he want to commit suicide? Soviet scholar Alexandra Orlova wrote in 1979 of a court-of-honour convened by some of Tchaikovsky's former

school friends from the School of Jurisprudence. They decreed that he should kill himself in order to halt an affair he was said to be having with the nephew of a member of Russian aristocracy. It is entirely possible that this shame and dishonor would have created the kind of depression that leads to suicide attempts.

Privately, within the upper reaches of czarist Russia, it seems that Tchaikovsky's suicide was known and accepted as fact. Imperial Ballet conductor Riccardo Drigo was quoted in the private papers of Swiss scholar Aloys Mooser as recognizing the fact. French writer Andre Iischke reported that his father heard it was true while attending the Petrograd Conservatoire.

Whatever date you accept for the composer's death, Saturday, the sixth or Friday, the fifth of November, the Atlanta Symphony celebrates the great man's life by performing an all-Tchaikovsky program beginning January 6 at Symphony Hall. Featured will be guest cellist Colin Carr performing the "Rococo Variation for Cello and Orchestra," the "Swan Lake Suite" and "Symphony No. 4."

Since 1993 was the actual centenary year of the composer's death, this program comes only slightly late in its aim to pay tribute to one of the most prolific great composers of all time. If only society had been more accepting, we might have known more of his powerful works.

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For five decades, Allen Ginsberg's poetry has been the voice of the disaffected. His words reflect the undercurrent of American society, from the beat generation of the 40s and 50s, through the Flower Power, anti-war generation of the 60s, and into a more reflective mood in the 90s.

It was Ginsberg who wrote the searing "Howl," an angry lash at the "All-American" ideal of the 1950s; Ginsberg who calmed protestors and police alike with a

**"The Life and Times of Allen Ginsberg"** will be shown at the High Museum of Art on Sunday, January 8 at 8pm. Tickets are \$4 general admission, \$3.50 for seniors and students with ID, and \$3 for Museum members.

chant during violent demonstrations at the 1968 Democratic National Convention; Ginsberg, again, arrested with many others protesting nuclear pollution in the 1970s; and Ginsberg in the 1990s—the elder statesman of more than one generation.

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Trail," nominated for best short subject documentary) spent ten years collecting interviews, photographs, and news and television clips about the gay poet, catching 120 hours of film and distilling it into an elegant picture, not only of Ginsberg, but of five decades of American history. "The Life and Times of Allen Ginsberg," which will be shown at the High Museum on January 8, is a telling portrait, revealing Ginsberg's troubled childhood, his insecure early years with the likes of Jack Keruoac and William S. Burroughs, his coming out at age 19, his delving into drugs with Timothy Leary, and on and on. It is a Ginsberg primer, offering enough of the poet's life and works to stir

an interest even in those who know little about him.

Born in 1926 in Newark, New Jersey, Ginsberg was the son of a poet—Louis Ginsberg, a high school teacher considered a minor poet in the lyric poetry vein. In the 40s, he joined the Beat Generation, becoming friend and comrade to Keruoac and Burroughs, when he also met poet Peter Orlovsky, who became his lover.

"We took a kind of marriage vow...not to go to heaven without each other," he says in the film. Meeting Orlovsky changed the shy, insecure young poet—"For the first time I felt accepted in my life completely," he said.

That acceptance opened new doors for Ginsberg—he stood on his own two feet and wrote clearly about what he saw.

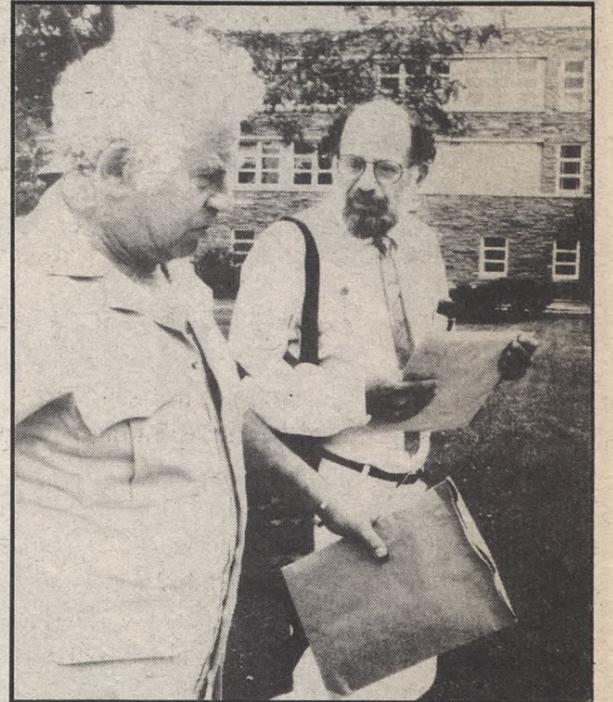
"I saw the best minds of my generation destroyed by madness," Ginsberg wrote in "Howl," and the poem struck a chord with others.

"['Howl'] attracted me even before I knew I was angry myself," African American poet Amiri Baraka relates, noting Ginsberg's clear vision of social protest.

That anger, seething inside many of the brightest minds of the 50s while mainstream America paid homage to a Donna Reed dream, stirred Ginsberg, but he relentlessly refused to succumb, taking "a hint from [his mother] not to get trapped."

Getting "trapped" was a distinct possibility—Naomi Ginsberg was "possessed by her anger" and suffered from a lifelong mental illness, dying in a mental institution in 1959. To "settle with the dead," Ginsberg wrote "Kaddish," perhaps his most brilliant work. Aronson frames Ginsberg's reading of the poem with photographs of Naomi—both before and during her institutionalization—and the result is haunting.

"Life and Times" is far from a complete picture of Allen Ginsberg—how could it be, with nearly 118 hours of



Norman Mailer joins Allen Ginsberg, one of the greatest poetic visionaries of American writing, in "The Life & Times of Allen Ginsberg" showing January 8 at the High Museum of Art.

film left on the cutting room floor? But Aronson, who first met the poet at the 1968 Democratic Convention—when a chanting Ginsberg distracted a policeman who was about to club him with a police baton—presents a moving and gentle portrait, combining interviews with friends, peers, family members, Ginsberg himself, home movies and photographs (many of them taken by Ginsberg) into a seamless whole.

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Thus you'd think that I'd be ecstatic about **Meno's New Orleans Cafe** (113 East Court Square in Decatur, 377-4405.) Like so many wonderful little restaurants in the city for which it is named, Meno's has that slightly bent, idiosyncratic feel that often presages a culinary and cultural adventure.

The long, narrow dining room (kitchen on one side, elevated tables wrapped in white lattice and twinkly white Christmas lights on the other) feels like fun. The room widens in back where there is a bar and a jazz trio holds forth later in the evening. The tables are topped with floral runners and the couples around us all seem to be having a nice time.

It looks promising.

So does the menu, which offers all the usual suspects—fried shrimp and oysters, gumbo, Cajun popcorn, red beans and rice, etouffee, jambalaya and creole—as well as sides of hummous and tabouli. Nothing as elegant as A Taste of New Orleans, or as quirky as The French Quarter, but still there seems to be the possibility of enjoyment here.

(I should mention that a fellow critic trashed Meno's so roundly a year or so ago that I've been loathe to risk spending my money in the place. But recently several friends have recommended it with some passion, so I determined to give it a try.)

The first sign of trouble comes when the host does a hard sell for a glass of white zinfandel. No offer of a wine list, no list of vintages by the glass, just an insistent suggestion that we should be drinking something that yields a really high profit.

Thanks, but I think I'll stick with water.

Then the affable waitress offers a similar armtwist for some appetizers. A \$6.95 serving of Cajun popcorn (over onion rings) doesn't sound half bad, but we'd like to think that we made the decision on our own, without coercion.

Again, thanks, but no thanks.

Entrees come with salads; that and a shared dessert should keep us happy, no?

Neither a Greek, nor an Italian salad is very ethnically authentic, but both are made with fresh ingredients and doused with assertive dressings that strongly resemble the olive, vinegar and oil goo that makes a muffaletta so much fun.

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The etouffee (cum crawfish) is thin, mild and pretty boring stuff that offers little if any sign of inspiration in the kitchen. The little nibbles of swamp lobster are, however, plentiful and tender.

"New Orleans Style BarBeQue" shrimp are a tad more amusing, but at \$10.95 for eight medium crustaceans (with salad and a side of decent red beans and rice), they are no great bargain. The shrimp are broiled (too long) in a sea of sauce that tastes like spicy Worcester and sprinkled with slightly more dried herbs than they need. A loaf of French

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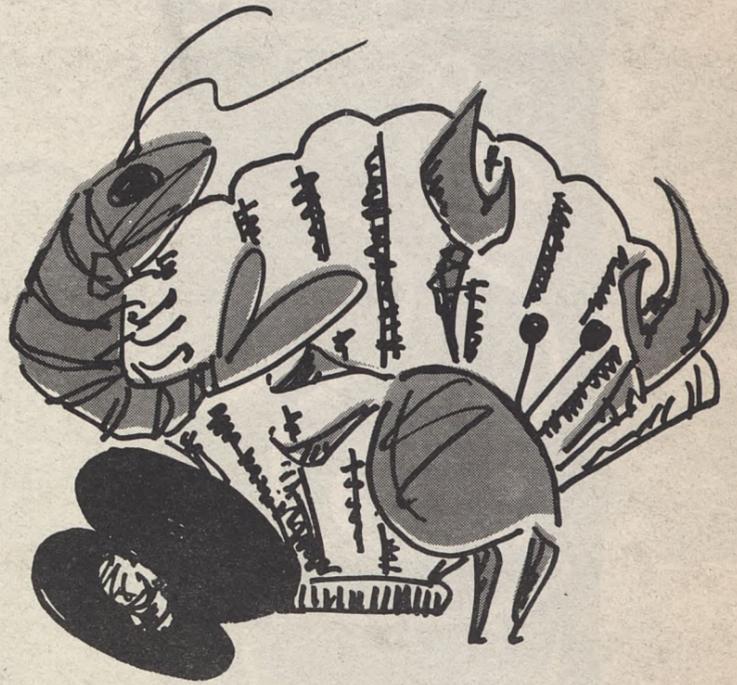
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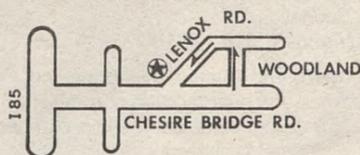
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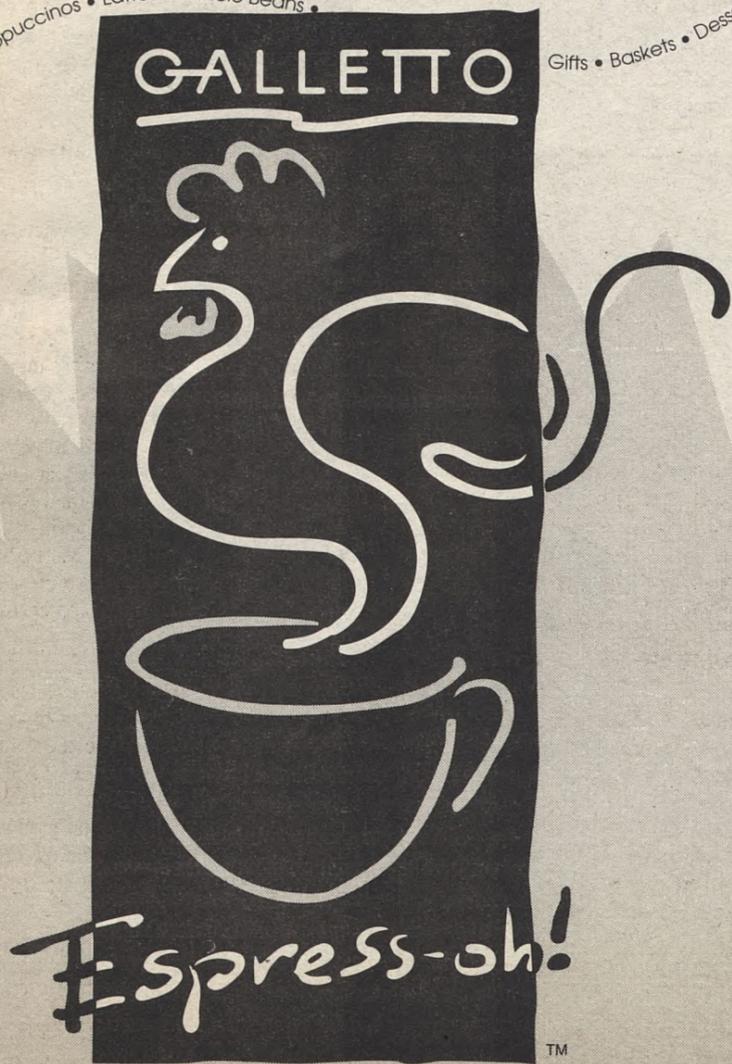


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2770 Lenox Rd. • 261-6280

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A FOOD COLUMN BY GARY KAUPMAN

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bread comes on the side to sop up the sauce; the experience is more fun than the flavors.

Which feels like a clue to abandon ship (exactly what many of the folks around us seem to be doing) rather than give in to yet another hard sell and hang on for dessert. When the waitress stands and stares as I write the amount of her tip on the charge draft, that feels like a wise decision.

Meno's might be fun for some, but I think it would take a cocktail or three to make that so for me.

## Cheesecake Round Up

Against my better judgment, I bit the bullet, waited in line and had a meal at the **Cheesecake Factory** a couple of weeks ago. I didn't hate the food as much I did the single piece of cheesecake that I reported on here a few weeks earlier, but I'll not take myself back anytime soon. The grease and salt quotients were way high and the flavors far less than inspired. The scene is the thing here, forget the food.

The waitstaff, on the other hand, was wonderful, handling the stress of overflow crowds with ease and aplomb. I complimented our waitron about all this efficiency under fire and was told about the company's extensive training program. Would that they would put some of that same energy into the edibles.

I learned another thing from said waitron. It seems that no food critic has ever given a positive review to the food at any of the Factory's seven stores—all of which are wildly successful. So much for the power of the press.

On a more cheerful note, **The Flying Biscuit**, has added some killer cheesecake to its limited menu. Goopy and sweet, it's almost the antithesis of the fluffy stuff at Pano's Food Shop, but just as much fun.

The Biscuit has added daily poultry and pasta specials that are very reasonably priced and always at least decent. I was disappointed in an ill-conceived combo of noodles, poblano cream sauce and feta cheese. But the same fettucine doused with balsamic vinegar and scattered with roasted garlic, sundried tomatoes and mushrooms was mighty tasty and a major bargain at \$6.95 with a yummy side salad. Chicken in pesto cream sauce with veggies was knockout and very reasonably priced at \$7.95, again with a salad.

I've also tried the organic oatmeal pancakes (think of exceptionally creamy oatmeal made crisp on the outside) topped with warm fruit salsa and maple syrup as well as orange wholewheat French toast covered with caramelized bananas and honey. Swoon, swoon and more swoon.

The Biscuit has been the recipient of four exceptionally positive reviews in its very short life. The result is that the place is now often packed, especially for Saturday and Sunday breakfast and brunch. Try to visit at a less hectic time.

## On the Cutting Room Floor

My review of **Tom Tom**, the wildly successful new "bistro" at Lenox Square, got cut for length a few weeks ago. The superb rotisserie half a free range chicken was one of the items that failed to make it into print.

Beautifully browned, bursting with flavor and served (with great gravy) atop a bed of gloriously creamy mashed potatoes, this is major comfort food. A sprinkling of haricort vert around the plate makes it doubly beautiful. And it's reasonably priced at \$10.95. Try it.

**S**ay It Isn't So: Dish was distressed and distraught to read an article in The Fulton County Daily Report a few weeks ago wherein openly gay writer ("The Culture of Desire") and commentator (National Public Radio) Frank Browning states that our (former) hero, NPR's legal eagle Nina Totenberg, may be a not-so-closeted homophobe. Totenberg counters the claims by saying the her "sexual taste [in public media] is very conservative.... I don't want to know how people live their sexual life, whether they are straight or homosexual." That a pretty tired old saw keeping queer hidden, Nina. And not one we would expect to hear from a woman who we've long admired.

**Musical Girlfriends:** Speaking of women we admire, "Au Courant," one of Philadelphia's gay papers, reports that k.d. lang is dating Ingrid Chavez, who you may remember was hanging pretty heavily with Madonna after the blonde one broke up with Sandra Bernhard. Of course, this was reported before Thanksgiving, and we all know how hard the holidays tend to be on relationships.

**Would Miss Scarlet Blush?** Want one more example of why we think that Atlanta isn't ready for the Olympics? Well, the word from Lillehammer (site of the '94 Winter Games) is that their Olympic Organizing Committee intends to distribute free condoms to all athletes, coaches, news media, VIP's and other accredited personnel as part of an anti-AIDS campaign. And not just condoms, mind you. Information about AIDS and how to prevent the spread of HIV will be included with the rubbers. They even considered marketing condoms as an official product, complete with Olympic rings on the package. Could this happen in Atlanta? Would Billy Payne even think of it? We hate to sound cynical, but you know the answers to those questions as well as we do. But we hope that our cynicism won't keep local AIDS educators from making ACOG

# Dish

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



k.d. lang, is she still dating Ingrid?

aware of Lillehammer's progressive move and perhaps staging a few protests to bring the issue to the public's attention. Come to think of it, given that Izzy looks like a sperm, he'd make a great spokesmodel.

**Sappho Sounds Her Siren Call:** Remember Jane Child? She of the Top 20 hit "Don't Wanna Fall in Love"? Well, now we know why maybe. The lead track on Ms. C's new album

"Here Not There" is entitled "Mona Lisa Smiles" and is packed with what one fan refers to as "self-outing stuff." Check it out: "Mona Lisa smiles/Yes I'm fluent in both tongues/She's got legs for miles/She could make it fun." And this: "...And she keeps coming back for more/And Sappho's calling me/And Sappho screams to me come on, come on." Who knows, maybe she'll be singing with the Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus come next December.

**Wreckless Acts:** Lest you think institutionalized homophobia is bad here in Hotlanta, catch this from Turkey—the country, not the bird or the adjective. It seems that country has some pretty bad drivers and consequently lots of accidents. In an attempt to quell the highway mayhem, the publishers of the newspaper "Bugun" ran an article stating that people who violate traffic laws are, or will soon be, homosexual's. The paper continued to explain it's bizarre theory with the premise that folks who drive recklessly are trying to prove their masculinity and that drivers who engage in cat and mouse are demonstrating their desire to be both top and bottom or butch and femme. Given that most of the drivers in Atlanta get real crazy when it rains, we're wondering if Nancy Schaefer may soon declare precipitation to be the cause of same sex love. Which suggests homophobes might be happier if they move to Arizona.

**Mea Maxima Culpa:** In what might will be viewed as major victory by some (and a world class cop out by others), Miller Brewing has announced that it will be the "exclusive malt beverage sponsor" of the '94 Gay Games in NYC. The press release for this factoid came from Miller, not the Games and does not indicate how much the beer dudes paid in an effort to continue to rehabilitate their image in the queer community. We'll bet its no where near \$40 million.

**JANUARY 6—JANUARY 12, 1994**

Epiphany or 12th Night, January 6, is the time in certain Christian faiths when gifts are exchanged, just as the Magi brought gifts to the Babe. New Moon in Capricorn is on the 11th, giving us a flying start into the New Year. This year has the potential to be absolutely fantastic, fun and full of surprises.

**ARIES**—Okay, it's time to get yourself organized. Thinking about it is not the same as doing it and this is the perfect time, the energy is here for you now. Tie up loose ends, clean out those closets and the rest of the year will go much smoother.

**TAURUS**—How were your holidays? Did you have fun? Are you ready for the New Year? If you are having trouble making decisions or knowing what to do next, you may be taking things too seriously! Lighten up, look for the humor in difficult situations. **GEMINI**—All Ego aside, tell the truth. What is it that you really do exceptionally well? You know, I know you do, and that is your ticket to success and happiness and doing the things you really want to do. Look yourself in the eye and be honest.

**CANCER**—Have you recovered from your holidays? Are you ready to move forward into the New Year? If you overdid it during this festive season, you may need to take a few days to rest and recover before starting new projects or making major

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decisions. **LEO**—Now that the holidays are over, what are you going to do for fun and excitement? Or, do you need a few days to rest and clean up at home. Do whatever will help you to feel grounded and centered, before launching yourself into this great New Year. **VIRGO**—You can start this year out in a wonderful creative flow if you are willing to move beyond old constrictive attitudes and thinking that you may have picked up early in life. Release as much negativity as possible and relax into a great year.

**LIBRA**—This is an excellent time to revise your personal expectations (upward) and to focus on what it is you really want to do with your life. It is possible to become so wrapped up in other people's lives that you can forget your own priorities.

**SCORPIO**—How is life in the Big City? Do you ever long for the quiet and simplicity of a small town with quaint houses and interesting people. Well, you are living in the wrong century, so do your best to create a great life right where you are. Dear

**SAGITTARIUS!** Is this planet strange or what? If you sometimes get discouraged with the difficulties of being here, then you may need an entire evening with your favorite video comedies or funny and lighthearted friends. Don't be blue!

Happy Birthday **CAPRICORN**. If you haven't learned how to have really good fun, this is the perfect time! It's time to put fun, creativity and play into your life and keep it there. Get out your Day-Keeper and write in something special for every day! **AQUARIUS**—Yes, your dreams really can come true. You can have the kind of life you have been wishing for all these years. So, rummage around in the back of your closet, haul out your dreams, dust them off and start paying close attention to them. **PISCES**—Health, Health, Health. Pay attention to your body, take good care of it and it will get you where you want to be, doing the things you want to do. Fresh food, good nutrition, plenty of rest and regular exercise will do wonders for you!

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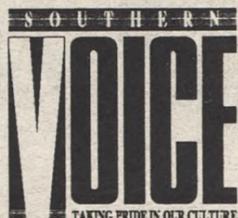
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- Catalyst—(404) 776-1478
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- Lesbian Avengers—621-5016
- National Association of People with AIDS Hotline—874-7926
- National Organization for Women, Gay & Lesbian Rights Task Force—636-7435
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- STOP Bias Crimes Hot Line—605-STOP

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- National Gay and Lesbian Task Force—1517 U. Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009, (202) 332-6483
- Old Lesbians Organizing for Change—OLOC, PO Box 980422, Houston, TX 77098
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- Atlanta Gay Center—876-5372
- Atlanta Gender Exploration—875-9846
- Atlanta Lambda Community Ctr—POB 15180, Atl 30333, 662-9010
- Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Comm—662-4533
- Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance—POB 5502, Atl 30307, 378-9769
- Atlanta Lesbian Singles Organization (ALSO)—843-4492
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- Friends Atlanta—662-4501
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- Gay Fathers of Atlanta—342-6451
- Gay Help Line—6pm-11pm 892-0661
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- Georgia Girth & Mirth—POB 9678, Atl. 30319, (404) 621-5710
- Georgia Lesbian Ecofeminists—525-9085
- Gwinnett Lambda—POB 464848, Lawrenceville 30246, 871-GAYS
- Hospitality Atlanta—627-0520
- Interact of Atlanta—984-9875
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- Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous—325-4909
- Lesbian Narcotics Anonymous—703-3897
- Lesbian Support Group—627-7387
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- Lesbians Over 50—908-6119
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- Men of Little 5 Points—POB 5425, Atlanta 30307
- Name the Violence Support Group for Battered Lesbians—822-9570; Crisis Hotline—688-9436
- Overeaters Anonymous (gay/lesbian group)—892-5868
- Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays—296-0830 or 875-9440
- Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays/Chatanooga—(615) 875-5750, (615) 622-3813
- Positive Black Lesbians United (PBLU)—294-4377
- Prime Timers—POB 29487, Atlanta 30359
- Queer Youth—P.O. Box 54032, Atlanta 30308; 605-7396
- Real Gay World BBS—404-266-0856
- Sexual Compulsives Anonymous—239-8048
- Support Group for Battered Gay Partners—(404) 350-0456
- Survivors of Incest Anonymous—POB 2502, Decatur, GA 30031; 239-8018
- Uniformed Sves Activity—Box 6057, Arlington, VA 22206
- Women In Kahoots—(WINK) 438-1421
- Women of Wisdom—289-8819
- Wordsmith Society—Chris at 498-0137
- Young Adult Support Group—876-5372
- Zami—908-3356

**Students/Alumni**

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- Alliance of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students of GA State—605-7681
- Bi, Lesbian & Gay Student Union of West Ga. College—706-834-3569
- Emory Lesbian & Gay Organization—727-6692
- Gays & Lesbians United for Equality—Kennesaw Comm. College 423-6246
- Georgia Tech Gay Alumni Group—POB 50291, GA Tech Sta., Atlanta 30332
- Georgia Tech Gay & Lesbian Alliance—497-0684
- Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Student Union of the Univ. of Ga.—POB 2438 Athens 30612-0438 or call 404/549-9368
- S.E. Alternative Lifestyles Association—248-9307
- Univ. of Ala. Lesbian/Gay Alumni Assoc.—284-3479

OUTLINE

**JON ALLEN**

**Age:** 25  
**How long in Atlanta:** 13 years  
**Relationship Status:** Single  
**Last Movie Seen:**  
 "Addams Family Values"  
**Pet Peeve:** Pretentiousness



Twelve-year-old Jon Allen cried all the way from Dallas, Texas to Atlanta when his family moved 13 years ago. The reason? "There was this guy I was really, really crazy about," he says. "I guess he was my first official love. And I couldn't really let him know."

Allen tells the story in quiet, almost reverential terms—how 14-year-old Richard was often before him "with that look on his face...like he was going to kiss me," and how Allen pushed him away. The last time came as Richard was helping him pack for Atlanta.

"I was actually in my parents closet," he laughs, "helping my dad pack everything up. While he and my brother were gone, Richard was helping me. All of a sudden I turned around and he had that look on his face. And I was thinking, this is the last time I'm going to see him, but still I pushed him away. I got in the truck on the way here, and I have never cried so hard in all my life."

Allen says he always knew he was gay, but it wasn't until he approached adolescence that he heard there was anything wrong with it.

"I played house with boys in kindergarten," he explains. "And [throughout adolescence] I never pretended to be straight. I was pretty much this celebrate person with no sexuality."

By the time he was 19 or 20, he was out to his friends, but coming out to his family was an ordeal. The occasion came when he got in front of a television camera at a display of the NAMES Project quilt during the 1991 Pride celebration. The next day, his mother visited him where he worked.

"I had a feeling that this was the day," Allen says. "I'd sworn to myself that if she ever point blank asked me, I would tell her."

It was an uncomfortable moment. Allen says that his mother wouldn't look at him or touch him after he answered, when she asked, that he had sex with a man. Later, she called, telling him she "felt like she was dead, that I was dead."

The drama continued. Allen's mother threatened to kill him and herself, and the next day, she called from a pay phone near his Candler Park apartment to say she'd come to hurt him. Not knowing what to do, he called his grandmother, and shortly, his father and aunt arrived, the aunt waving a Bible. They drove him to the

aunt and uncle's house, while they left to search for his mother.

His uncle, he says, was very supportive. "He said, 'I don't think anyone in this family is surprised,'" Allen recalls.

And then his mother arrived. "She started hitting me, yelling at me, screaming at me," he says. "And when it was over, my uncle said 'Well, that's the worst of it.' And then he said, 'Isn't that Gay Pride celebration today? You need to get your stuff 'cause you're going.'"

At the Pride march that day, Allen says he "felt like I was in a movie. To have gone through that on *that* day—I screamed so loud I was hoarse."

And later, his mother called to apologize. Today, he says, their relationship has improved. "She's reached the point now where she realizes that's the way I am," he says.

Allen has come through that traumatic coming out process with flying colors. He's active in Queer Nation, an organization he came to after being "badgered" by a friend.

"I went to a meeting, and everyone seemed to get along so well," he says. "I liked it."

He's out at work too, working at Yerkes Primate Center, where he uses his degree in microbiology for AIDS research. He had to do "a lot of soul-searching" before taking the job, but decided it was something he had to do. He spoke about his job almost reluctantly, knowing that many members of the community oppose animal research.

"My roommate is an animal rights activist, and he still sometimes gives me hell," he says. "But there's just no way to do research without doing it on a living system."

But he's not finished yet—Allen plans to apply for medical school, and use both his medical degree and his microbiology degree to further AIDS research.

"I just hope what I'm doing is going to help," he says.

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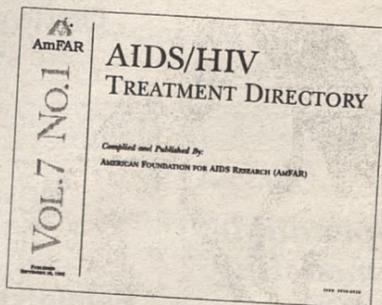
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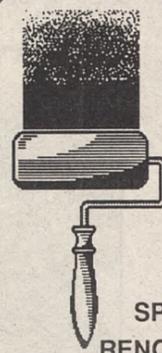
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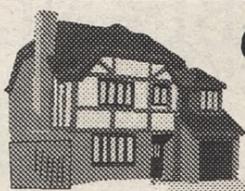


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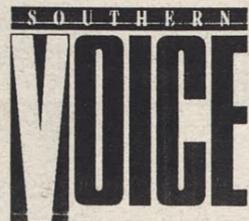
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GWF, 42, fun, adventurous, independent. Likes outdoors, sports, nice conversation and dinners. Seeks same to go with flow of universe. ☎ 1689

Black lesbian. Intellectually and physically blessed seeks dinner, theatre, bookstore, thriftstore, bowling, exercise companion. Children fine. No drugs, cigarettes, alcohol. ☎ 1672

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You: intelligent, secure BiWF, 25-45, seeking take charge partner for sensuous relationship - & willing to travel. Me: BiBF, 38, NY prof'l w/Atl. ties. ☎ 1673

Attractive GWF, 34, intelligent, professional, shapely, adventurous, sincere, new to Atlanta seeks similar GWF's. Come on Girls, I'm waiting! ☎ 1682

GBF, 33; attractive, sports/arts lover. Appreciates beautiful feminine GF with intellect and security. Call me today anyway. You'll see! ☎ 1665

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Handsome NO. GA Mountains GWM, 37, 5'8"/145 enjoys outdoors, horses, quiet times, life, seeks similar very gdlk. GWM-relationship! ☎ 1101

Masculine WM, 43, healthy, safe, in shape, 6'1", 170, Brn/Grn, beard, stable, discreet, seeks WM, non-smoker for friendship ☎ 1102

Attractive healthy HIV+ professional GBM, 5'10"/178 lbs ISO black, Hispanic or White GM who enjoys exercise, music, conversation, travel. Serious only. ☎ 1103

Attractive, professional, GWM, 42, 5'10", 160, Sp/Bl, HIV-, anti-bar, relationship oriented, smoker, enjoys movies, dining, travel, my friends, seeks similar. ☎ 1106

Strictly Ballroom! Accomplished ballroom/swing dancer, petite WF, seeks platonically partner to 5'11" for practice, workshops, possible competitions in Atlanta, Southeast. ☎ 1107

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Sat., Dec. 18, early a.m. Said nothing from Lindbergh to North Avenue, but your eyes said it for you. Call me and let's do more than just look in the window. ☎ 1108

Curious? GWM, 40s, attorney, seeks intelligent WM (under 21) for close friendship, possible relationship, growing, caring, sharing, quality friendship. Discretion assured. POB 55006, Atlanta 30308. (6.49)

KROGERS

You: Wisconsin sweatshirt, jeans, work boots and baseball cap, December 15th at fourish. Love to give you full, erotic body massage. P.O. Box 77874, Atlanta, GA 30357. (6.46)

25 y.o. GWM, hard worker/player, professional, attractive, fit. Brn/blu, 185, 6'3" seeking WM, 23-30 to brighten my day. ☎ 1093

Third Musketeer wanted. You're sincere, submissive, leather trammable with TLC and ready to make 100% permanent commitment. No fats/fems. ☎ 1097

GBM, 42, attractive, professional, outgo-

ing 5'10, 175, HIV+, very healthy seeking men under 44 for friendship, fun and possibly more. No fems please. ☎ 1094

GWM, 39, seeks companionship for theatre, movies, etc.: I am 6'1", 185, bl/bl (balding), professional. Enjoy cooking, gardening, and (of course) theatre. ☎ 1092

BM seeks masculine, persistent and assertive BM. When he wants service, he calls and gets it. Day or night. ☎ 1091

GBM, 30, tall, slim, light complexion. ISO GWM/Hispanic male for friendship/relationship under 32 y.o. ☎ 1081

Wanna Wrestle? - GWM, 33, seeks hot gym body, swimmer's build masculine male for discreet fun. Let's work up a sweat. ☎ 1011

GWM, 20s, clinically depressed, reclusive, shy. Seeks same for companionship or pen pal. PO Box 7653, Atlanta, GA 30357. (6.47)

Tall, slim, attractive, intelligent, honest, 37; seeks endowed, caring senior male. ☎ 1082

Life is Wonderful! Attractive, athletic GWM, 31, is looking for a masc., stable WM to share the great times. ☎ 1083

Healthy, fit, trim country gentleman seeks clean-cut, versatile young weekend company. Glad to make it worth your while. ☎ 1084

Here in the real world, the boys don't always WANT the girls—Healthy HIV+ GWM, 34, loves cowboy boots, button-downs, Mary Chapin Carpenter, and for too long has missed the Georgia moons. Looking for serious partner to be the final notch on my bedpost—to help me paint life's sunset, but never ride away. What I have to offer isn't found in storybooks...mine is a life yet to be told, but destined to be shared. ☎ 1085

GBM, 30, 5'10", good looking, 185 lbs., HIV-, endowed top seeks GWM 18-35 for hot safe fun action sessions. ☎ 1086

Nice guy, attractive, 30's, aggressive in bed, safe, playful, romantic. Brown hair, moustache, PO Box 13162, Atlanta, GA 30324 or call ☎ 1087.

W/M, 31, 5'8", 135, HIV+, healthy outdoors guy. Like to make friends in Atlanta. Write T. Ray, 1009 Wesleyville St., Nashville, TN 37217. (6.47)

My Sir says we can play if...I can find a hairy construction worker, trucker, or wrestler type bodybuilder with 30" thighs who enjoys bursting balloons...are you out there? ☎ 1089

Bear GWM, 40's, seeks hairy similar GWM, any size. Husky, no games, no drunks, reliable man desired. ☎ 1090

Goodlooking mid-30's, 6'2", 180, educated professional WM seeks similar. Note & photo to PO Box 13992, Atlanta, GA 30324. ☎ 1066

GWM, attractive, romantic, caring, HIV- professional seeks friendship w/same 25-35, enjoys reading, music, tennis, theatre, movies, travel...long walks, sunsets. Looking for a good friend and more. ☎ 1065

Friends say I'm a great catch. This teddy bear needs second opinion. I'm 32, like affection, romance, long walks, quiet evenings. Seeking love to last a lifetime. ☎ 1069

"Two Guys", GWM couple, 35 brn, brn, 6'0, 175, 29, bl, grn, 5'8", 140, seek new friendships, hot times. ☎ 1070

Boyish-muscle bottom, gdlk, sincere, 30, 5'5", 140#, HIV+, healthy. Sks 25-35, gd shape, gdlk for love of a lifetime. Serious replies only. ☎ 1071

Fuzzy teddy bear, youthful, sensitive, hopeful romantic, GWM, 41, bald/brn, 5'10", 170 lbs, facial hair, seeks attractive, slender, smooth GWM 25-35, professional, non-smoker, into movies, music, theater, dining out, romantic evenings, cuddling, possible relationship. ☎ 1058

Undoubtedly UNCUT, muscles in development GWM 30's seeks hairy, prof guy 30-45 for casual dates. Masc., honest, good financier sought. ☎ 1060

South Asian, physician, handsome, 28, 5'10", 150, very attractive, recently out, seeks friendship/relationship. ☎ 1061

WM, 31, searching for true romance. Never been in love. Not interested in standard gay lifestyle. Not afraid. ☎ 1064

GWM, 39, 5'11", 190, bl/bl, healthy HIV top. ISO comrade for hero's journey to new life, workout, gardening, movies, hiking. ☎ 1009

VERY HAIRY LEGS? - GWM, 43, very handsome, 5'10", slim, masculine, versatile seeks good looking, thin, healthy, safe playmate with very hairy legs for anytime fun. Buckhead. Discreet. ☎ 1048

Very handsome BM, 28, 5'11", 170 lbs, hot gym body, professional, intelligent

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seeks handsome, masculine, whitebread WM for fun, possible relationship. ☎ 1049

Horny GWM, 32, 5'10", 150#, nudist, lean runner's build, endowed, seeks endowed nice-bodied buddies for no-strings get-togethers. ☎ 1053

GWM - 28, 6'2", 175 lbs. Bottom seeks masculine, endowed top 20-30 year old GWM, GBM for French service. ☎ 1055

GWM, 33, HIV-, brn/blue, 180 lbs, muscular build. Wanted - GWM 40s, HIV-, hairy chest, moustache, endowed top or versatile, relationship oriented. I'm a great catch! No fats or fems. ☎ 1031

Daytimes, good looking GWM, cute bottom, brn/blue, 30, 140 seeks discreet convenient friendship w/TOPBLK male, masculine athletic, in shape, hungry. ☎ 1056

BM, 33, 130, 5'7", masculine bottom seeks very dominant bear type to service; 40-50, heavys. ☎ 1057

GWM, 29, brn/grn, 150 lbs, wants true romance, enjoys music, 101.5 to 99.5, long walks, dining out, looking for someone who understands waiters' hours. Loves dogs and lesbians. Non-smoker, non-drugs. ☎ 1030

Stocky GWM, 29, 5'11" wanting to meet other GWMs who're sincere and honest, who can handle a safe intimate encounter. ☎ 1027

Discreet, professional, HIV-, GWM versatile top, 40, 5'10", 155, wants buddies into exploring mutually satisfying mental/physical desires/fantasies in leather, 3-ways, spankings, etc. Inexperienced/curious OK. ☎ 1026

GWM, goodlooking, 29 yo., 5'11", 150 lbs. Seeks same - 25-35, Hispanic or Latin a plus. Couples welcome. ☎ 1025

GWM tired of maybe!! Looking for yes, ready!! Relationship!! 31, 5'9", 170, bl/bl, varied interests! Seeking 29+, 5'9"+, serious only!! ☎ 1021

Oriental man, fit, clean, 27, 5'9", 145, seeks English teach man GWM up to 38. Will be paid \$XXX. No smoker. ☎ 1019

Wanted: Big, butch WM with muscles, good looks, personality, by sexy BM HIV healthy. For fun, whatever. ☎ 1018

GWM Couple, Hot, Prof., Stable, 34, 5'11", 170#, brn/hzl, & 35, 5'11", 155#, brn/bl, seeks versatile, hot, masculine guys or couples, to 35, for safe fun. ☎ 1017

Hot and Hairy 30 yr. old GWM seeking handsome big brother for fun and more. FFBB. ☎ 1012

GBM, 32, 5'10", 150, athletic, attractive, professional, spiritual, various interests, newly relocated, seeks friendships, possible relationship, 25-40, race unimportant. No drugs, non-smoker. ☎ 1010

LEGS IN THE AIR?? attractive top, 38, brown hair, blue eyes, Scotch/Irish seeks cute hot bottom for safe fun. ☎ 1007

BM seeks masculine BM for uninhibited times. ☎ 1006

Wanna fight? Like to box with tough men. Dirty talk, leather fights and more. 6', 185 lbs. built. Put 'em up! ☎ 1005

AFRICANIZED USA-born, raised in West Africa, not your basic WM seeks BM for friendship/relationship. Please be 5'10"+, 30-30 y.o. ☎ 1004

Goodlooking WM, 32, 6', 170#, hot gym body, seeks same for friendship/relationship. Must be masculine, non-smoker, healthy, professional. Do you exist. ☎ 1003

GWM, 30, 6'2", looking for college graduate, masculine, thin, GBM 22-30 to share in building the good life, must be spontaneous & possess a sense of humor. ☎ 1015

Take charge! GWM, athletic, 28, professional, great looks seeks safe, dominant, older, endowed inshape WM who needs oral service. ☎ 1850

GWM, top, dominate, 45yo, 6', 180 lbs, clean shaven, seeks under 30 men also clean shaven for fun safe hot times. ☎ 1851

Masculine GWM, 26, 5'10" 160 lbs, blond/brown, hairy, seeks goodlooking butch top to 40 (sane, sexy, safe) for direct manly maneuvers. ☎ 1852

Attractive interracial couple seeks attractive male(s), any race, for very good times, humor/friendships. No attitude, tops, bottoms welcome. ☎ 1849

Attractive BM, 33. Educated, fit, fun, honest, financially secure professional, many interests, ready for relationship. Seeks WM, 29 and over. Serious replies only. ☎ 1842

GWM - HIV+ - very attractive, 28 yo, physically fit healthy, Br/bl, 5'9", 160 lbs, professional, masculine, clean cut, smooth. Likes - a normal life, good times and great sex. Would like to meet/date similar, very similar! ☎ 1843

GBM, 6', 200 #, 38, seeks blue collar type BM, 190+, 25+, looks unimportant, endowment and personality are. Not into bars. ☎ 1846

Bald 46yo, masculine, sincere, executive seeks same, 30-45. Enjoys tennis, exercise, outdoors, theater, symphony. Looking for monogamous relationship. ☎ 1847

Sexy, hairy leatherboy, 33, 5'8" 150 br/br HIV seeks hairy, affectionate, nonsmoking, intelligent, kinky, horny, top/daddy to 45. ☎ 1840

Handsome GWM, 21, mature professional, 6'1" - 185, brwn/brwn sks sincere GWM, 30-40. Take charge kinda guy - romantic, cultured, not only interested in a pretty face but what's inside. Let's talk!!! ☎ 1839

GBM, 29, 6'1", 240 lbs, competitive body-builder, professional, masculine, discreet, seeking BM with similar characteristics and interests to spend time with. ☎ 1836

Looking for you! Me: Handsome, sexy, 5'8", 165 lbs, workout, professional, romantic, adventurous. You: sexy, my size or bigger, well-built, romantic, adventurous. Call to talk! Big arms, big heart preferred! ☎ 1828

BM - Handsome, athletic, muscular, romantic, honest, seek masculine, athletic, handsome, muscular, discreet men for relationship. Policemen & armed forces preferred. ☎ 1834

GWM, 39, 5'7", 135 lbs., beard, versatile, daytime playmate for all types of action. Seeks 25-45 GWM into playing hard. ☎ 1829

GWM, Attractive, witty, youngish 50, 6', 185 lbs, moustache, brn/blu, healthy HIV, interests: movies, cooking, cards, theater, dining out, travel, quiet evenings - into: cuddling, long-term companionship, Greek love, light smoker/drinker, no drugs, seeks GWM 40-55 w/similar needs/wants. ☎ 1830

DESIRED: Professional GBM, 30ish, top with average build to spend quiet evenings with professional HIV+ healthy GWM, slim build, athletic, honest. ☎ 1832

Friendship or relationship? GWM 31, HIV+, enjoys country music & dance, easy

going, seeks same/older. Call + find out more! ☎ 1833

GBM, 30, 5'10", 185 lbs, goodlooking endowed seeks guys 18-35 to share fun sessions of J/O at my place. ☎ 1837

Butch, handsome, hung, fit youngster (24) gives or receives safe, discreet French service to/from butch endowed athletes; leave message. ☎ 1838

GWM, 36, 5'11", lean, attractive, seeks similar GWM into movies, conversation, "Star Trek," safe sex and low-key lifestyle. ☎ 1826

GWM 29, Professional, attractive, sincere, honest, financially secure, relationship oriented. I believe there has to be someone out there who believes in having a loving, caring, monogamous relationship. You-Attractive GBM 20-31 professional or serious minded student. I enjoy quiet evenings at home, walks in the park, stimulating conversation, working out, traveling, and anything romantic! Interested? Let's talk. Serious only. ☎ 1824

Handsome No. Ga. Mtns. WM, 37, 5'8"/145, healthy seeks aggressive eager French active GWM for regular encounters! ☎ 1796

GWM, 27, 6'1", 175#, clean cut, athletic, non-smoker, masculine, intelligent, very attractive, seeks similar, 22-32. ☎ 1795

W/M, 35, blond, moustache, butch, handsome, 5'8", 150, fun-loving, single, wants to relocate Gulf Coast Mississippi, Louisiana, needs contacts. ☎ 1794

BM, 5'8", 160 lbs, trim, masculine, endowed, versatile. Seeks same for intense encounters. ☎ 1800

Hot GWM want out, active, confident, gdlk, hot, political boyfriends. No closet wimps! 20's/30's Adventure. Any race. I dare you! ☎ 1790

GWM, 38, 5'10", 180, somewhat attractive, tired of lonely weekends, have friends, need more, HIV-, like companionship, walks, cooking, seek similar, 36-43. ☎ 1792

I want it all! Passion, romance, sex - all that is possible in a committed relationship. I am GWM, 45, professional, athletic, non-smoker, HIV+ and healthy. Looking for fun and adventure, a kid to play with mine, sensitivity and maturity. A Prince who is self aware enough to take care of himself and to care for me. Serious replies only, please. ☎ 1791

BiBM, 32, handsome newly relocated to Atlanta. Very discreet, not into bar scene, seeks same. No fats/fems. ☎ 1799

GWM, sincere, stable, Attractive, healthy, well-educated professional, 40's, masculine. Seeks quality clean-cut WM college-student. Novice fine. ☎ 1797

GWM, 22, HIV-, swimmer's build, affectionate, stable, seeks attractive, hairy, stable, mature, HIV-, "Bruce Willis" type, 30+ for possible relationship. ☎ 1788

F.F.B.B. (Fuzzy face/back/butt) sought by GWM, 35, 6'1", 170#, smooth, bear admirer. Hibernation time is near! ☎ 1787

THREE WAY ACTION: attractive top, 30's, 5'11", 160 lbs, seeks handsome couple for safe, regular, discreet, no-strings encounters. ☎ 1786

Senior Male - seeks male 25-35 to mentor, help financially, and for companionship during week days. Clean, masculine, healthy. ☎ 1785

Horny Midtown Professional. Involved GWM, 40, 5'10", 155, HIV-, with place seeks guys for 5 pm adventurous, creative safe fun. ☎ 1784.

PERSONALS

Joven Cubana desea tener Amistad con Damas o caballeros de cualquier edad sincero y cariñoso. No Irogas. ☎ 1776

BM, masculine, built, 30, seeks Black Males for group meetings. Looks unimportant, masculinity, physique, and endowment are important. ☎ 1775

WANTED: ASSWORK. Handsome hairy autoless NE Georgia GWM 26 seeks similar but enthusiasts for indepth recreation. Couples welcome. Ideas encouraged. ☎ 1782

GWM, 34, handsome, 6'2", 175, Red/green, swimmer. You are 30+, tall, bright, adventurous and stable. ☎ 1781

GBM, athletic, college educated, sensual, sensitive 27 year old, seeking masculine, educated physically fit GBM. ☎ 1747

29, tall, educated, very handsome, quality professional WM. Seeking similar, quality WM, handsome, for potential relationship. No games please! ☎ 1751

Atlanta's Hottest GWM—best dancer, most fashion conscious, great personality, great looks — need support to attain your full potential? Let's talk. ☎ 1743

GWM 27, Little overweight seeks GM 18-30 Top for relationship. Latin, Asian, all replies answered. ☎ 1748

GWM, 6', 175, mid 40s, smooth, healthy, professional, seeks HIV- bottom into submission, humiliation, embarrassment for discreet safe sessions. ☎ 1771

Leather Daddy needs leather boy — would you look great in leather jock, chaps, harness, collar & cap — Party with the men. ☎ 1742

Hairy and stocky GWM sought by medium size GWM bear. Prefer friendly, professional, healthy, nongame, sincere, husky but trim bears. ☎ 1772

GWM Business owner needs attractive young live-in companion, relationship oriented, maintain household, help manage businesses. Some travel, I'll reciprocate generously. ☎ 1741

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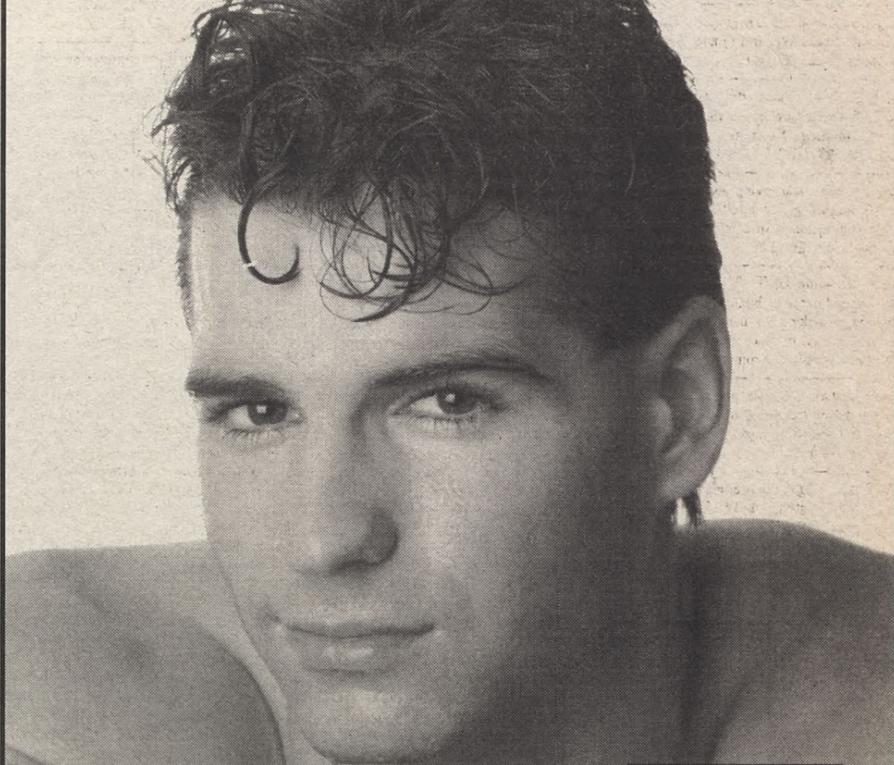
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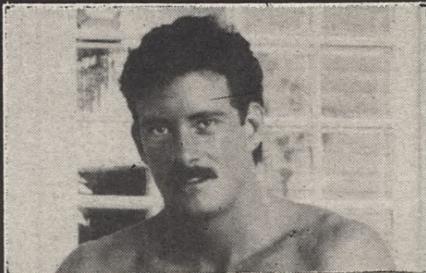
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