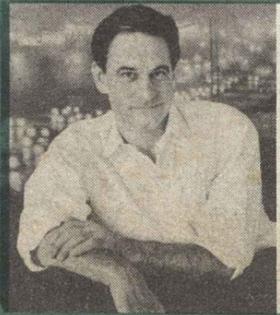


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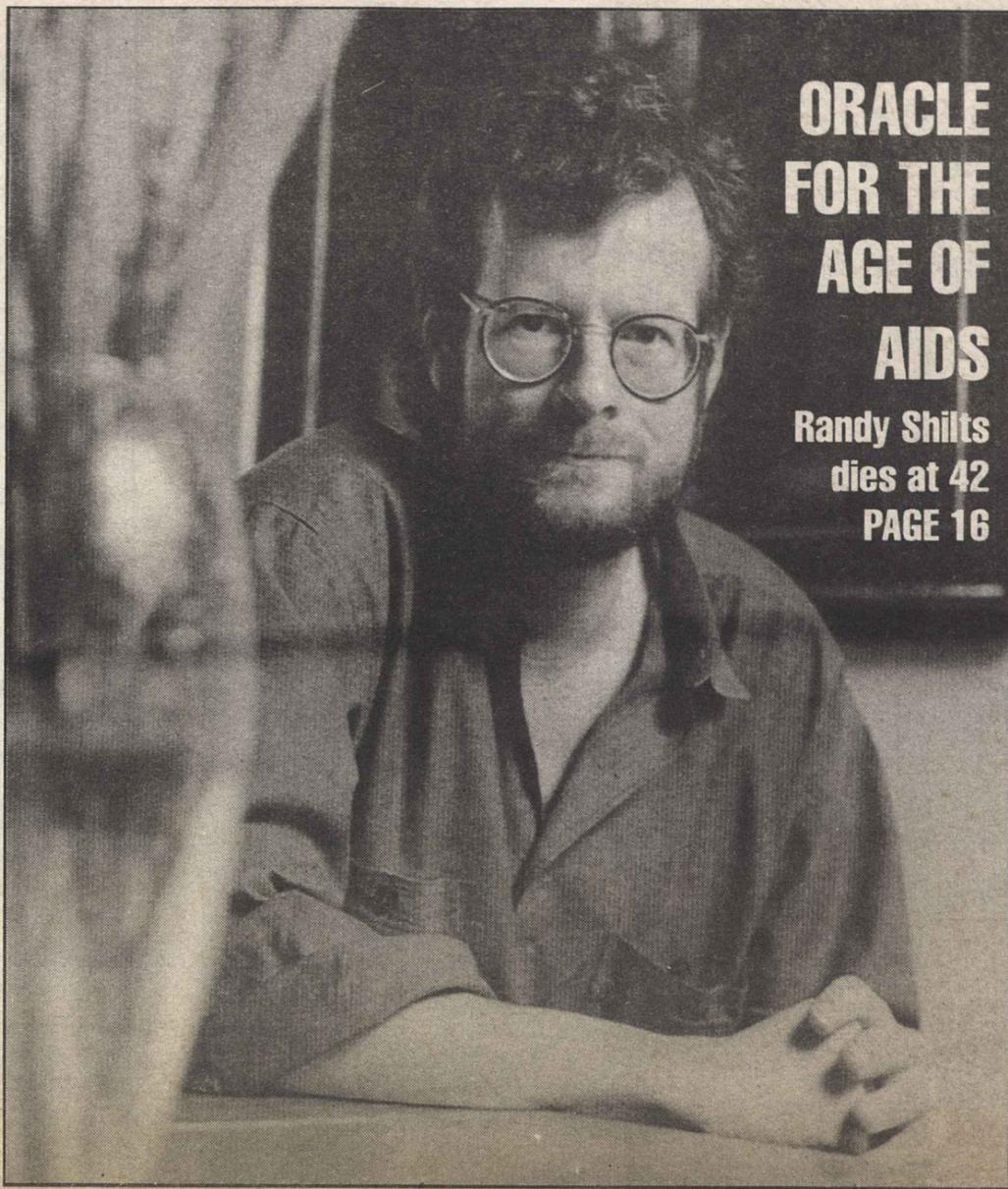
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Tony's Story

He could be angry. He could be bitter. But despite all he's been through, including living with AIDS, the 16-year-old co-writer of this year's "Straight from the Heart" has a spirit that remains unflinching.

by KC WILDMOON

Anthony Godby-Johnson was just 13 when he told the world his harrowing story.

His childhood had been a nightmare, full of incredible physical, mental, sexual and emotional abuse. He eventually escaped from the horror and was adopted into a loving family. But the story didn't end there.

Shortly after he was adopted, Tony discovered that he had contracted HIV, the result of the sexual abuse inflicted on him by his parents and their friends.

Yet, despite everything he had endured, it was Tony's unflinching spirit that made his book, "A Rock and a Hard Place," such a sensation. Perhaps the subtitle describes it best—"One Boy's Triumphant Story."

It is that spirit and courage that Tony, now 16, brings to this year's production of "Straight from the Heart," which opens in March in Atlanta. He co-wrote the show with playwright Jim Knoll.

"I never intended to actually do this," says Tony, speaking by phone from his home in the New York area. "First of all, I never thought that I would even be here. My life is very tenuous. And I'm real selective about how I want to take my time. But the bottom line was it was just so much fun...And I don't want to do anything that's not fun."

His participation in "Straight from the Heart"

was also a departure for Tony because he has largely avoided the public eye, even after his book was published.

"Here's what we had in our face—I'm a white, middle class kid. If I went on the 'Oprah' show, the 'Donahue' show, whatever, the first thing people would do is want to cuddle me. I'm little. I'm small. I got the cheeks that people want to squeeze. That's reality. 'Oh, look at this sweet little boy, and he's not even gay and he doesn't deserve it.' They're not doing that on [just] my name. Forget what I look like, forget my orientation and look at what's here. People are dying of AIDS, and it matters not what of that stuff is there."

This is an issue that Tony feels strongly about. He decries the judgment passed on people with AIDS, based solely on their mode of infection.

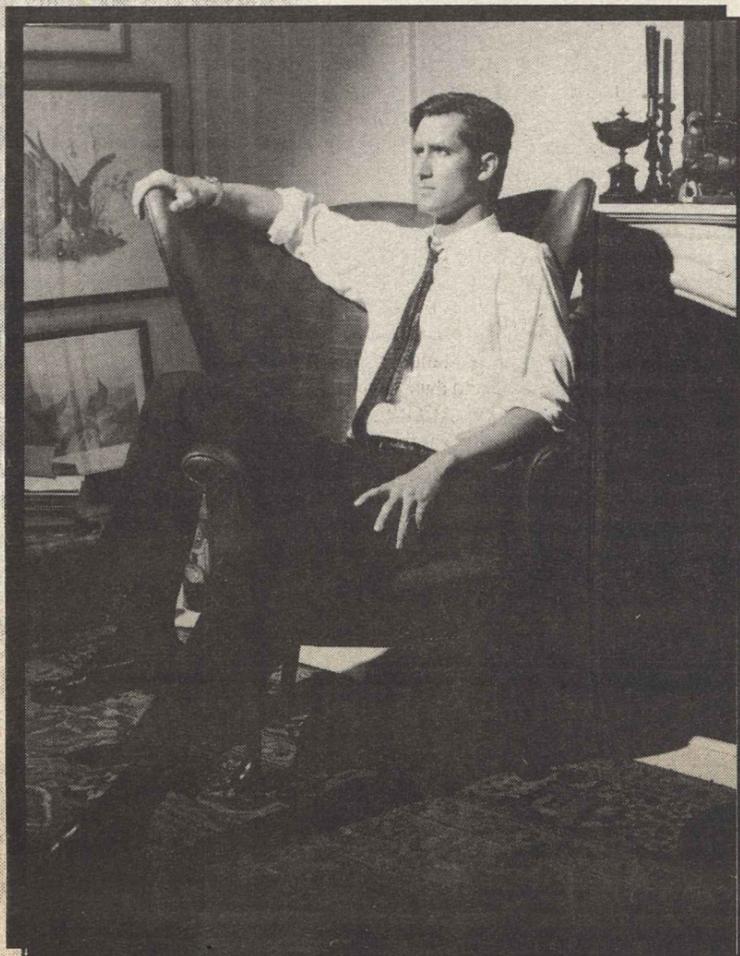
"I read this in the newspaper where this guy was saying 'I'm sick of people talking about AIDS. We have other diseases.' And we do. But the thing is nobody judges the other diseases. And that's why it makes it so hard with AIDS. The assumptions that come with it...it's amazing to watch what people do."

Following last year's production of "Straight from the Heart," Knoll decided he wanted something different, something unique for the '94 pro-

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*"If I'm too strong for some people,
that's their problem."*

Glenda Jackson

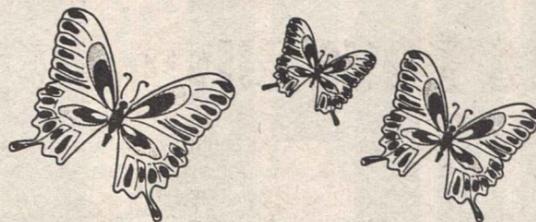


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Decision to have Olympic volleyball in Cobb draws fire

Coalition of groups will try protest and pressure to get ACOG to change its mind

Atlanta—Lesbians and gay men upset with the selection of Cobb County's Galleria Centre as the site for the 1996 Olympic volleyball events have launched a campaign aimed at forcing the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games to change the venue.

Olympics Out of Cobb, a demonstration against the decision to hold the 1996 Olympic volleyball competition in Cobb County, is set for Sunday, Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. in Woodruff Park in downtown Atlanta.

Gay and lesbian groups last summer called for a boycott of the Galleria Centre after Cobb County Commissioners passed a resolution condemning homosexuality and eliminated funding for local arts groups rather than risk

funding art that might include gay content.

The newly-formed Olympics Out of Cobb Coalition has been handing out flyers asking people to write and call ACOG. The group is requesting a meeting with ACOG head Billy Payne, and several direct action groups are planning a demonstration for Feb. 27.

"We have no problem with the people of Cobb County, just with the commissioners," said Jon Weaver, who is spearheading the Olympics Out of Cobb group. "They should not be rewarded with a prestigious event. It's a pat on the back to them, saying they're doing the right thing. But it's wrong. They have to move [the event]."

Charlie Battle, managing director of sports and international organizations for ACOG, told Southern Voice that the decision to hold the volleyball events in the Galleria was made last spring after officials with the International Volleyball Federations viewed the sites under consideration.

"It almost is like musical chairs," Battle said of the complex maneuvering to find facilities for all the events. "But [the Galleria Centre] filled our needs. It was convenient and had easy access."

Battle said that the Cobb County Commission's August action did give "us some pause."

"We were concerned about the reaction [to the commission's votes]," he said. "We don't want to get into politics, but we want to be

sensitive to people's concerns."

"[The Cobb situation] is a political issue," he continued. "We don't look upon giving venues as awarding counties...It is a sporting event first and foremost. We're about the business of putting on the Olympic Games."

Weaver disagreed with ACOG's position of avoiding any politicization.

"It's been politicized for them," he said. "The Cobb Commission started it."

Battle told Southern Voice that the chances of ACOG and the volleyball federations changing the site of the event are slim, but Weaver was not impressed.

"It can be changed," he said.

Lisa Kung, a Lesbian Avenger, said ACOG officials were being hypocritical by selecting a Cobb County site.

"ACOG is supposed to uphold the Olympic ideal of peace, love and understanding," she said. "Then they turn around and award an Olympic venue to Cobb County. ACOG is knowingly condoning Cobb County's anti-gay bigotry."

A coalition of lesbian and gay groups, including the Avengers, ACT UP and Dykes and Faggots Bash Back, have called for a demonstration on Feb. 27, to begin at 2 p.m. in Woodruff Park in downtown Atlanta.

"What they did is inexcusable," said ACT UP's Uri Vaknin. "There are certain ideals they need to uphold. The Olympic ideal is one of all inclusivity, of peace and friendship."



Jon Weaver is spearheading the drive to get the Olympics out of Cobb.

The Sunday afternoon demonstration will also serve to remind Cobb Commissioners that their anti-gay action has not been forgotten, Vaknin said.

"We need to remind them that what they did is wrong," he said. "And we need to do that economically, and by publicly embarrassing them."

KC WILDMOON

Lesbian moms battle for son in Atlanta

Atlanta—Tammy King's story is the stuff lesbian coming out movies are made of—a difficult marriage, life in the suburbs and then one day meeting a woman who changed her life. But the credits don't roll over a happily-ever-after ending—in fact, King has not come to the end of her story.

King and her partner of three years, Kay Hughes, are embroiled in an entangled custody battle with King's ex-husband over their 8½ year-old son, Ryan. The story echoes that of countless other custody cases across the nation—and King and Hughes are hoping for a happy ending.

King and her husband, Scott McClung, were divorced in April 1991, and McClung was given physical custody of Ryan, although the two shared joint legal custody. Almost immediately, conflict brewed over visitation. McClung gave King strict visitation rules—no overnight stays except at a relative's home—and Hughes was not allowed to see Ryan at all. King, without an attorney's representation, agreed to the terms.

Now, after months of court appearances and depositions over her request to change the terms of visitation, King has filed for physical custody.

"First we had to reestablish my rights to see him," King said. "The first agreement was so vague."

That change occurred last year, when Gwinnett Superior Court Judge James Oxendine ruled that Ryan could stay overnight at King's home and lifted the restriction prohibiting Hughes from seeing the boy. But McClung, just two days before the end of school last spring, suddenly moved to Pell City, Alabama, just outside of Birmingham, and again refused to honor the visitation agreement.

"He tried to say he lived in Alabama and that Georgia rules didn't apply," Hughes said. Oxendine refused to go along, and ordered a conference. But when Hughes and King attempted to hand-deliver a notice, they were met by McClung's father, brandishing a gun.

"There was lots of Alabama redneck talk

[about lesbianism]," Hughes said. "We laid [the notice] on the ground."

Two weeks later, King learned of a warrant for her arrest in Alabama for trespassing. That warrant has since been dropped to allow King to come to Alabama to pick up Ryan for her bimonthly visits.

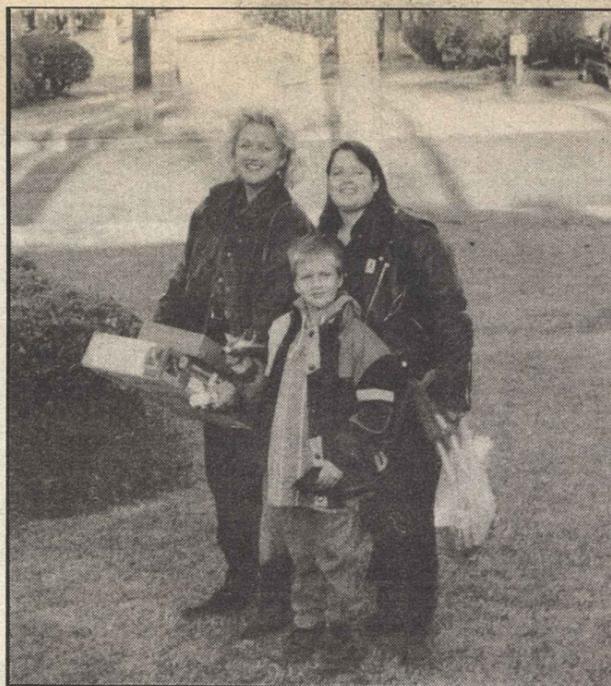
"It's a soap opera," she said. "We filed a complaint about him [McClung's father] too, but we didn't want to go so far as to swear out a warrant. We just wanted a record of what happened."

Finally, all parties appeared in Oxendine's chambers, where McClung was served with the papers for the change of custody. Oxendine ordered a psychological examination of all parties involved—McClung, his current wife, Hughes, King, and Ryan—and appointed a guardian to assess the environments in both the McClung and King-Hughes households. But even that has not gone well.

"So far Scott has refused to pay for [the guardian's] visitation there," King said. "He's trying to drag it out and praying we'll run out of money. We keep having to go back over and over again."

And yes, the issue is homosexuality, although in the initial court proceedings, McClung did not raise the issue. In later court records, he claimed that his attorney at the time (he has hired and fired several) advised him against it, but in those same records, he testified that he has "an objection to my son being exposed to...any homosexual issue."

"We kept feeling like we were the ones on trial," Hughes said. "We had to prove why we



Tammy King (left) and her partner, Kay Hughes, are battling King's ex-husband for custody of their son, Ryan.

wanted to be with Ryan, why we deserved to be with him."

As for Ryan, "he's confused, trying to sort it all out," said King, who pays McClung \$200 month in child support in addition to the over \$25,000 in court costs already incurred. "Ryan wants to be with both of us. He loves his father, he loves me. He just wants everybody to be happy, but he's uncertain who to trust. It's more than anybody, especially Ryan, should have to go through."

King's battle has been arduous from the start. She went to "four or five" attorneys—each of whom advised her to drop Hughes and deny she was a lesbian—before finding one who would take the case as it is. But honesty is vital to her, both for herself and her son.

"I have to be honest with Ryan," she said.

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Till death, or homo conduct, do us part

Atlanta—Two conservative legislators want Georgia to offer "covenant marriages" which would legally prevent spouses from ever ending their relationship—that is, unless one of the partners engaged in "homosexual conduct."

The covenant marriage bill is part a package of measures being pushed by right-wing Christian legislators down under the Gold Dome. It was introduced by Sen. Ed Gochenour, R-Macon, and Sen. Pam Glanton, R-Riverdale.

Under the bill, a man and a woman must seek counseling before signing a document declaring their intent to enter into a covenant marriage and must have permission of their parents, if they are still living. A legal separation may be granted by the court only on the grounds of physical spouse abuse, physical child abuse or homosexual conduct.

However, the bill spells out clearly that if either party engages in the "deliberate action" of those grounds "with the intention of causing a legal separation," the separation cannot be granted. The bill does not define "homosexual conduct."

The bill has been sent to the Senate Judiciary Committee, and it is considered unlikely that it will come to the floor. But the covenant marriage bill is another example of the Christian supremacist lawmakers' attempts to "legislate their version of morality," according to GAPAC lobbyist Larry Pellegrini.

"They're trying to further sanctify marriage. They do not want divorce," he said. "But I hesitate to try to make too much sense out of something that Pam Glanton and Ed Gochenour do."

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Biloxi police kept HIV list

Biloxi, MS—The city of Biloxi has been keeping a list of people it believed to be infected with HIV at its police department.

The revelation came after the city was sued by an HIV-negative man who claims police department employees not only put him on the list but also told other people he was HIV positive.

In sworn testimony, Police Chief Tommy Moffett admitted that the list was kept and said it was apparently designed to allow radio dispatchers to alert officers as to whether someone was HIV-positive in order to protect the officers' health. The Biloxi Sun Herald reported that Moffett, in carefully worded language, said that the city "did not authorize the creation or maintenance of an AIDS/HIV list."

In his suit against the city, Clyde Hall of Biloxi, who has multiple sclerosis, discovered that his name was on the list. His only contact with the police department was in early 1993, when he called to complain about unsanitary conditions at a home near his.

He says his name stayed on the list even after he told the department he had not been tested positive for HIV, and his lawsuit contends that some police employees also told people outside the department that he was infected with AIDS, resulting in an invasion of his privacy and acute emotional distress.

HIV/AIDS activists from around the

region, including Atlanta, were, at press time, reportedly planning a demonstration in Biloxi.

Just how the list was produced is unknown. Craig Thompson, director of the state's HIV/AIDS program, says his office does not produce such a list and that state records containing the names of people with HIV are kept on a secure computer system inside an old records vault with access limited to a handful of department employees.

"But there are any number of ways that a list could be compiled," Thompson said. "I think the likely ways would be random information provided by people in the health-care community, people in testing labs and a lot of times just because people think someone is positive."

Bill Brent, director of the South Mississippi AIDS Task Force, said that to his knowledge there have been no cases of broken confidentiality with any testing sites around the state, but he added that the revelation of the list in Biloxi could be harmful for some residents. That's because all Mississippi HIV tests require specific identification, unlike some surrounding states which allow anonymous testing.

"One thing that's going to happen is that the Health Department is going to see a marked decrease in the number of people who are getting tested," said Brent. "And it's horrible that has to happen."

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Justice Department to intervene in Camp Sister Spirit dispute

Ovett, MS—U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno last week ordered the Justice Department's Community Relations Service to intervene in the dispute between the owners of a feminist retreat and homophobic Ovett residents who have vowed to drive them from their land.

"I am deeply troubled by the harassment and intimidation of Brenda and Wanda Henson, the lesbian owners of Camp Sister Spirit," Reno wrote in a letter to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, which had asked Reno to issue the order. "The intolerance and bigotry dem-

onstrated by some of the people of Ovett has no place in this country."

Previously, CRS officials said they didn't have the authority to get involved in the case because the agency's mandate only allows them to intervene in bias situations based on race or national origin, not sexual orientation. But the CRS has gotten involved in other cases when federal laws have been violated, and Reno said she decided to issue the order after a threatening letter was sent to the Hensons. Sending a threat through the mail is a federal offense.

Livingston will head NC Pride PAC

Carrboro, NC—Derek Charles Livingston, a 25-year-old African American who served as national cochair for the 1993 March On Washington, has been named executive director of NC Pride PAC, North Carolina's lesbian/gay lobbying organization.

Livingston replaces Mike Nelson, who resigned last year and was subsequently elected a city alderman in Carrboro.

The NC Pride PAC board is "very optimistic about Derek," said Pride PAC chair Bob Barret, "and we particularly appreciate his articulateness, his experience in testifying before legislative bodies and his general political savvy. We are very glad to have him here."

Prior to starting work at NC Pride PAC, Livingston served as gay outreach

educator with the Health Crisis Network in Miami, Florida. He has also served as a media spokesperson for the Rhode Island Alliance for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights, an educator for Rhode Island Project/AIDS, and chair of the Rhode Island Coalition of Minority AIDS Educators and Providers. A 1989 graduate of Brown University, Livingston was the managing programmer for the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance and the African American programmer for the Third World Center at the school.

Asked why he chose to apply for a job in North Carolina, Livingston told Q-Notes, Charlotte's lesbian/gay newspaper, "Doing this work in Jesse Helms' backyard has a lot of appeal."

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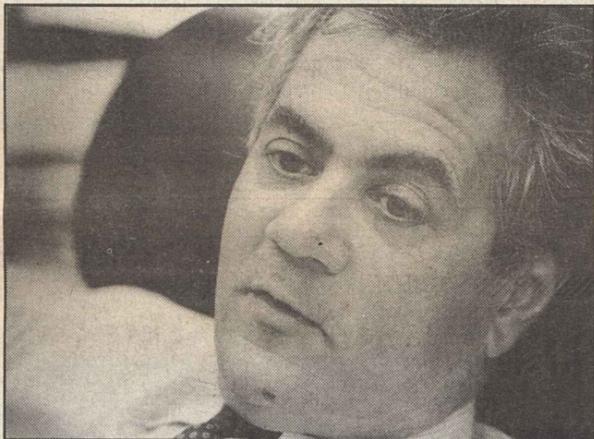
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ABC Backs Down on "Roseanne" Kiss: ABC has agreed to air an episode of "Roseanne" that shows a kiss between two women, but what the kiss will look like still remains to be seen. The network had originally spiked the March 1 episode, drawing protest from series star Roseanne Arnold and her husband and co-executive producer, Tom. ABC now says it will air the episode, with a parental discretion advisory, but that talks are continuing about "how the kiss will be depicted," a network spokesperson said last Friday. In the episode, Roseanne goes to a bar with her lesbian friend, played by Sandra Bernhard, and is kissed by one of the patrons.

President Denounces Hate Initiatives: In a letter released last week, President Clinton denounced anti-gay/lesbian rights ballot initiatives being pushed in nearly a dozen states. "Those who would legalize discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or any other grounds are gravely mistaken about the values that make our nation strong," the president said in his letter, and he added that "this is not an issue of 'special rights' for any one group. This is a battle to protect the human rights of every individual." The leaders of several gay rights groups, who had asked the president to oppose the initiatives, hailed the letter, saying it would help defeat them.

Anita Redux?: The Florida Citrus Commission says that it will attempt to ride out the storm of protest that has resulted from its decision to buy \$1 million worth of advertising on the Rush Limbaugh Show and make Limbaugh a spokesperson for Florida's beleaguered citrus industry. The decision to use Limbaugh came from the Citrus Commission's ad agency Saatchi & Saatchi and was approved by Commission chair George Truitt who is a vice president of Coca-Cola's Minute Maid Division. The Florida Citrus Department's Mike Sparks said, "We did not take into consideration all the political overtones." Gov. Lawton Chiles and other Florida Democrats have issued denouncements saying that "Florida orange juice tastes great and doesn't have any political taste to it." The decision to try to expand to new markets came because Florida is expected to produce a record citrus crop this year which may depress prices if new markets are not found.

GOP, Pentagon Reach Compromise On Gay Regulations: Wording for the Pentagon's new regulations on gays in the military has passed muster with conservatives in Congress, and the rules could be sent out later this month. The hold-up in finalizing the regulations was a provision which stated that sexual orientation "is considered a personal and private matter" and is not a bar to serving in the military "unless manifested by homosexual conduct." The provision was revised, but with no significant change. Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA), said that change "has no legal significance" and occurred only because conservative



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Rep. Barney Frank says the real fight over the gay military ban is in the courts, not Congress.

members of Congress had unsuccessfully attempted to removed all references to "sexual orientation" from the regulations. Frank also called the regulations "still lousy," and said that the squabble over language is irrelevant since the real fight over the gay ban is taking place in the courts.

Man Convicted in Gay Murder Denies Prejudice: A Pennsylvania jury has returned a verdict of guilty of first degree murder in the death of a gay man. David Riley, Jr. claimed that Scott Palmer propositioned him, and he slashed Palmer and dumped him into an icy creek, where he drowned. Riley also robbed Palmer after the crime. Riley, who denied throwing Palmer into the creek, admitted he called him a "faggot," although he insisted he was not prejudiced against gay people. "To each his own, I say," Riley testified.

Opponents Of Anti-Gay Measures On Top In Fund-raising: Opponents of two anti-gay initiatives in Washington are off to a big lead in campaign fund-raising compared with the measures supporters, so far collecting nearly \$400,000 to fight the measures. The Washington Public Affairs Council and the Washington Committee for Equal Rights, Not Special Rights, proponents of Initiative 608, have raised just over \$20,000, while the Stop Special Rights PAC and the Citizens Alliance of Washington have reported just under \$4000 in their campaign for Initiative 610. Both initiatives deny any local government the right to enact protections based on sexual orientation and prevent governments from spending money "promoting homosexuality."

Lesbian Field Hockey Player Sues University: Vicki Yost, a former University of Maryland field hockey player, has sued her coach and another school employee for allegedly forcing her to keep quiet about being a lesbian. Yost, a student from 1988-92, filed a \$1.5 million lawsuit against coach Margaret Meharg and Suzanne Tyler, a senior associate athletic director, claiming that the two repeatedly harassed her because of her sexual orientation, including ordering her to wear clothes that did not fit "lesbian stereotypes" and calling her a "raving dyke."

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duction of the AIDS benefit. Then he came across "A Rock and a Hard Place" and contacted the publisher, who put him in touch with Tony. The two struck up a friendship.

Knoll sent Tony tapes of last year's show, and copies of the script. Tony liked what he saw, and the two decided they wanted to write something together—and that something turned out to be "Straight from the Heart '94," focusing on the theme of "what you give up to grow up."

"I liked what [Knoll] was going to say," Tony says. "I like any opportunity to focus on kids that want to just get out of a bad situation. People don't understand how bad it is to be in one, and I felt the way he was going to do this, in such a fun way...I wanted to be a part of it."

Child abuse and adolescent HIV infection are not fun topics, and no one is more aware of that than Tony.

"I wasn't real interested in anything pitying," he says. "One of the things about this disease is that there are a lot of people who are mad, and they take their anger and they direct it at the world. And the world has to pay the consequences. It's not that a lot of people don't have the right to be mad, because this is the kind of disease that makes you mad for many reasons. And it's not just the obvious—that you get sick and you die."

"There's a lot of opportunity to see people being unkind. What struck me about this particular show was there was a power to people being nice to one another. There was a strength in kindness, and in love. So I figured, yeah, I want a part of that."

Living with AIDS has changed Tony in ways that can't be clearly spelled out. It has turned him into an activist of sorts, something he certainly never counted on.

"The thing is that AIDS is something that's very close to my heart, obviously. It's so personal," he says. "If circumstances were different, it probably would not have been very close to my heart. I mean, I might have cared. I come from a very un-homophobic family, and a very world-conscious family. But I doubt, if I would have had the opportunity to be living my life and doing what I do, I would have been working with Jim Knoll and 'Straight from the Heart.' I probably would have been out playing ball."

But it didn't work out that way. "There's something about being affected by something that puts you in the middle of it, that makes you have to look at it," he says. "And

because I've been put in the middle of it, I've seen a lot of different viewpoints of this disease."

"The difference between what Jim does with 'Straight from the Heart' and what I see done in a lot of other portrayals is that he makes it be something that you look at...I have the faith that someone will see 'Straight from the Heart' and say 'maybe I can be a little nicer. Maybe I need to look at something a little differently.' It's not a threatening show. It doesn't put anyone on the spot. It's just people. 'This can be you.'"

Tony and Knoll collaborated long distance on the script, keeping in touch by phone and fax.

"When I'm with Jim, I'm not long distance," he says. "It's very easy. If we were in the same room, I bet you we'd do it the same way we did it...When you do something like this, it's a process of 'Wait, I got an idea. Let's try something.' Writing is...kind of like a lonely thing."

Writing may be "a lonely thing," but for Tony, it's a chance to reach out.

"I'm a shy person, and I hide behind the keyboard. I'm not open with a lot of people. I tend to listen more than I speak, and when I sit down to write, it's the freest that I am."

Tony is at work on a second book, a fictional work called "Blame It on the East River," "about a kid who moves to New York and spends the summer with his dad and finds out that his dad is gay."

"It's a 90s thrust to this issue," he continued. "Kids' issues in the 90s are so much more different and more complex than kids' issues were in the 70s and even in the 80s."

As for his own story of adolescent HIV infection, Tony says it is one that, unfortunately, is repeated every day, several times a day.

"It's not an unusual story," he says of his life. "It's a dime a dozen."

But what is out of the ordinary is his candidness, his openness about his life and what he does with it.

"One of the most commonly asked questions of me is 'Why didn't you get out? Why didn't you leave?'" he says. "And apparently Jim listens when I talk to him, because there's that monologue in the show, the part in the script that says 'Who do I tell?' That's so true and scary."

With "Straight from the Heart," Tony and Knoll hope to tell everyone who'll listen. Maybe then it won't be quite so scary.

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Lesbian moms

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"It's important for the two of us to have an open and honest relationship. I felt like he would accept us."

King and Hughes say they have explained to the 8-year-old that they love one another and that there are many different kinds of families. When he's with his mother and her partner, King said, "He's fine with us."

Ryan has met members of Hughes' family as well, a visible sign that "we're not just two exiled individuals."

"It helps him to see that we're a whole family," King said. "I hope he grows up feeling like he can tell me everything, that he'll never, ever have to hide."

The battle goes on. Ryan visits Atlanta every other weekend now, staying with Hughes and King in Candler Park. And last year, for the first time in three years, he spent Christmas with his mother. The court ordered psychological evaluations have begun, and the court appointed guardian is continuing her assessment.

King and Hughes say they are hopeful that a happy ending is in the future, although they know the fight is far from over.

"We just hate missing out on so much of his life," said King.

KC WILDMOON

An Editor's Odyssey

With this issue, Southern Voice begins its seventh year of publication. In honor of the occasion, the newspaper's founding editor, Chris Cash, shares her own story of the people and times that have made SoVo a success.

by CHRIS CASH

Too often gay publications serve as a bully pulpit for their publishers. It's an easy way to vent their anger or puff up their egos or get themselves a date. We decided in the very beginning to not let this happen at Southern Voice, believing it was more important—and probably more interesting—to let the community speak for itself. It was a hard and fast rule that opinions of the editorial staff were to be kept at a minimum.

Since I made the rule, I felt it was particularly important that I stick to it. Other than an occasional editorial over the past six years, and a handful of stories, you have not heard much of my voice. You may not even know who I am or why I'm writing this piece on the occasion of Southern Voice's sixth anniversary.

Let me explain.

Early in 1987, I met three people who dramatically changed the direction of my life—my partner Leigh VanderEls, her 7-year old son Chase and my friend Cathy Woolard. Leigh was engaged in a custody battle at the time. Her ex-husband had remarried and felt like it was time his son came to live with him, especially given that the mother of his child was now a lesbian. By the end of January, the ex had won and Chase was gone.

Cathy Woolard was working on the Atlanta committee for the 1987 March on Washington. Leigh drug me to a meeting one night (I was not an activist in any sense of the word) and, within a week, Woolard had me editing the March newsletter. I had extra time on my hands, waiting for August to roll around to go to Smith College for my master's degree in social work. Besides, I had edited my college newspaper and that made me the perfect candidate in the committee's eyes.

For a few months, I read tons of gay newspapers from across the country. Until then, I

never knew such things existed. I had only seen publications that had hunky guys on the front and sex ads in the back. The "gay capital of the South" needed a newspaper. It seemed odd to me that no such thing existed, and I felt a tremendous sense of urgency one April morning in 1987 to get it done.

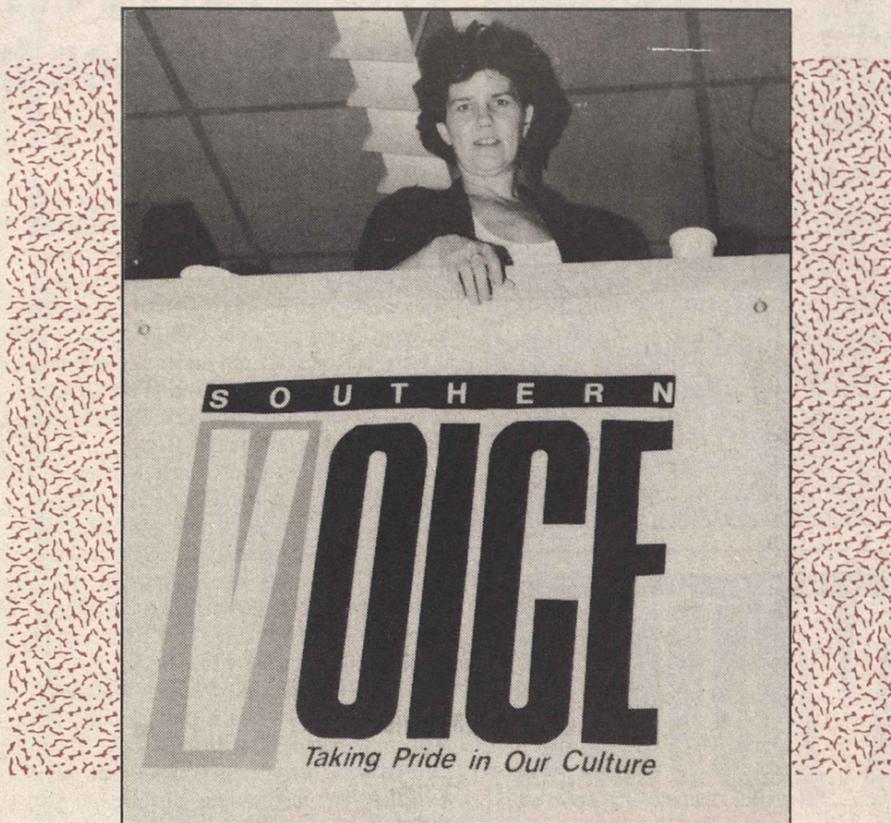
I called Smith College and said I wasn't coming, then I called Southline, an alternative newspaper then publishing in the city, and I made appointments with the editor and the bookkeeper/restaurant reviewer, Gary Kaupman. Gary introduced me to Rebecca Ranson at SAME, and soon the two of us were editing the official program for the 1987 March on Washington. It seemed natural that Southern Voice and SAME would join hands to launch the paper.

The rest, as they say, is history. What follows is a brief look at that six-year history. For every name I mention, there are dozens of others whose names do not appear. To every staff member, writer, advertiser, photographer, cartoonist, volunteer and friend of Southern Voice—thank you and happy anniversary.

1988: GETTING IT OUT

The first issue of Southern Voice hit the streets on March 1. Assistant editor Chris Duncan and I, as well as production designer Stebbo Hill and a handful of others, worked at a hellish pace for months to meet that first deadline. We had to decide on everything—the name, the format, the design. We decided to call it Southern Voice because it said who we wanted to be, a Southern paper that we hoped would become the voice of its entire community—male and female, young and old, black and white.

We hired Jessi McVay to sell advertising in the fall of that year. If anybody could sell



Chris Cash

this unproven newspaper it was Jessi, because she believed in it with all her heart and soul. Others believed too and contributed in their own way to get us started—Robin Cohn, Joan Sherwood, Mark duPont, Shelly Robbins, Shirley Brown, KC Wildmoon, Cathy Woolard, Gary Kaupman and on and on.

Pride was a success that year, 1,000 people compared to 350 the year before. We did a special Pride insert that helped create some excitement. John Howell died that summer right around Pride. Leigh and I went to see him a few days before he died. He didn't know us. At his memorial service the grief was palpable and tears flowed easily.

The relationship between the paper and SAME was very strained by the end of the year. What started as an exciting partnership too quickly deteriorated. The paper could not get what it needed to survive and grow, and Rebecca's main concern was for the organization as a whole, not just Southern Voice. We were both working out of fear and the feeling that there wasn't enough to go around. Stebbo left one day and didn't come back. I hear he's living in Seattle.

1989: NEW DIRECTIONS

We split off from SAME in January and formed a new corporation. The separation was painful, and the move left a number of people particularly angry. I was accused by some people of "using" SAME, starting the paper under its wing, using its resources and then flying away. Although we negotiated the separation fairly well, I knew it would take a long time for the wounds to heal. At the time it didn't seem possible.

I managed to borrow enough money from a few good people to get us into an office in Virginia-Highland and buy a computer. Chris worked along side me to keep it all going. Joan Sherwood put the issues out with help from KC and volunteers. Writers worked hard for next to nothing. Shelly and Mark came in every week to type. Jana Tyson took over circulation, and with her hard work we hit 10,000 copies by the end of the year.

Things were going well, except for one recurring problem. Word got back to us on almost a daily basis that we were being de-

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GUEST COLUMNIST

The difference between "mommy" and "mother"

by LESLÉA NEWMAN

When my girlfriend Flash and I were evicted last summer, I immediately called my mother. I don't know why. I wanted sympathy, I suppose. After all, we hadn't done anything wrong. Our building got sold and we had to move. And having our apartment, funky as it was, yanked out from under us, was more traumatic than I thought it would be. "It's our home," I wailed in a voice not unlike a 5-year-old's. "I want my mommy."

The trouble is, I don't have a mommy. I have a mother. A mommy gives you milk and cookies, kisses it where it hurts and makes you feel all better. A mother means well but misses the mark. A mother says things like, "Your room is always here if you need it," as if the 20 years since I've inhabited that room can be dismissed with the wave of a hand.

My mother likes the fact that Flash and I have to move. This is a normal thing that happens to people other than lesbians. This is something we can talk about. Better yet, this is something my mother feels qualified to give me advice about. Never mind the fact that my mother hasn't moved in 30 years, ever since my family migrated from Brooklyn to Long Island, and I, in typical dyke fashion, have lived in 23 different apartments since 1975. She is the expert.

"Have you looked in the paper?" she asks, as if I am an idiot.

"Yes, I've looked in the paper," I answer in my most condescending voice, as if she is an idiot.

"What about calling a Realtor?" she asks.

"Ma, we have to come up with first and last month's rent, a security deposit and money to pay the movers. We can't afford a realtor."

This is the opening my mother has been waiting for. All of a sudden she is sure that no one with nice apartments lists in the papers anymore. Anyone with something halfway decent is sure to list with a realtor. Why does she do this, I wonder, if not to make me feel bad?

Weeks pass. Finally Flash and I find an apartment. Not just any apartment. A fabulous apartment. A dream of an apartment with six rooms, wood floors, oak window frames,

French doors, two porches. I call my mother, feeling smug. All this and without a Realtor, too.

"How did you find it?" is the first question she asks.

How do I explain the dyke grapevine to my mother? Flash took a walk after supper one night and bumped into the shortstop on her softball team who had heard from her chiropractor who had heard from one of her client's that her ex-lover's hairdresser had an apartment for rent. Would my mother ever understand this?

"Word of mouth," I translate, and of course she has to have the final say: "I told you not to bother looking in the paper."

Moving day approaches and my mother is full of advice. "Pack the dishes first," she tells me. "Why?" I ask. "Because it's easier," she says, and I let it go at that, because I don't have time to argue. Moving is a full-time job: packing, unpacking, turning on the electricity and the gas, forwarding the mail, reconnecting the phone. And who is our very first caller? Why, my mother, of course.

What she's calling about surprises me. "What should I get you and Flash for a housewarming present?"

"Ma, you don't have to get us anything."

"I know I don't have to get you something," she says. "I want to get you something."

"But it's not like we bought a house or anything," I say, wondering why I am arguing with her. "It's just another apartment."

"It's your first apartment together," she says, and I'm amazed that she knows this. Our last apartment had been Flash's place until I moved in with her, and before that we had both lived alone. This is the first home we've created, and it does feel different.

"All right," I say, and make a joke. "How about a washing machine?"

"OK" she says, and I almost fall over.

"It was a joke, Ma."

"What joke?" she asks. "Do you need one or not?"

"I don't know, I guess so." Disbelief makes me brave. "Do we get a dryer, too?"

She thinks for a minute. "The washing ma-

chine will be your housewarming present and the dryer will be for Chanukah."

I am floored. This is the closest my mother has ever come to giving Flash and me her blessings. This is the woman who, when I came out to her, called me selfish, self-centered, self-obsessed and self-absorbed. The same woman who was convinced I was under the influence of someone, because I could never think for myself, or as she put it, "You were always a follower. Why, if they were all walking up Fifth Avenue stark naked with frying pans on their foreheads, you'd be the first in line."

This was the woman who had never given up hope that someday I would return to my childhood bedroom and sleep like a virgin in that single bed until Prince Charming arrived to sweep me off my feet. So this was the woman who was now buying her only daughter and her lover a washer/dryer so that their underwear, bras, socks, sweaters, shirts, blouses, pants, and pantyhose would toss and spin side by side year in and year out, happily ever after?

Of course, I had to listen to a lecture on spin cycles, bleach dispensers, gas hook-ups and the like. Of course I had to go to Sears, pick out the machines I wanted, write down the numbers and call them in to my mother for her approval (she picked out a different dryer). Of course now we have to talk about the washer and dryer every time my mother calls.

"How's the washer?" she asks me.

"Fine," I answer. I mean, how can it be?

"And how's the dryer?"

"Fine." I am tempted to say it had a slight cold last week, but I know better.

"It's drying?"

"It's drying."

"Are you using fabric softener?"

As I listen to her advising me on detergents (after all, she has been a housewife for 40 years) all I can think of is, you've come a long way, Mommy. Thank you.

Lesléa Newman, the author of 15 books including "Heather Has Two Mommies," lives in Northampton, Mass.

L E T T E R

DeKalb Rape Crisis Center offers help to all rape victims

Your article about the allegations of rape made by one Atlanta man against another man [SoVo, Feb. 10] gives me a good opportunity to let members of our community know about a service available to everyone who has endured this trauma.

The DeKalb Rape Crisis Center operates a rape crisis line 24 hours a day, every day, and can be reached at 377-1428. The center's services can be immensely valuable to those in our community who have endured this terrible crime but think there is nowhere to turn or no one who will believe them.

Crisis calls are taken by volunteer counselors who have undergone extensive training on all aspects of rape. At all times, our responsibility is to the survivor. We do our best to help him or her in any way we can, whether that means providing information about going to the hospital or police, referring him or her to a counseling program or explaining the facts about taking legal action. Sometimes the survivor just wants to talk, and we are there to listen and support. All counselors have training about male rapes, but if a caller wished to speak to a male counselor, one will be provided for him.

Researchers have shown that male victims of rape experience/suffer many of the same effects of rape that women do. Rape trauma

syndrome does not discriminate. People need to understand that men can be victims, and that male survivors' needs are valid. Unfortunately, our society's homophobia denies the experience of the male victim and refuses to respond to this problem.

Make no mistake: I do not mean for any of

this to diminish the women's rape experience. It is time to expand our thinking about sexual assault. The Crisis Center is committed to helping all survivors: lesbian, gay and straight.

Maria Bevacqua
Atlanta

STONEWALL RIOTS

BY ANDREA NATALIE



"Philly" might not be daring, but it moves anyway

Everyone has an opinion about "Philadelphia." As the first mainstream film with the box office double kiss of death—gay men and AIDS—the film has become a lightning rod for all the politics that swirls around us in society. Larry Kramer says he'd rather you not see it at all. I think there's no necessity for gay people to see it, but basically I'm glad I did.

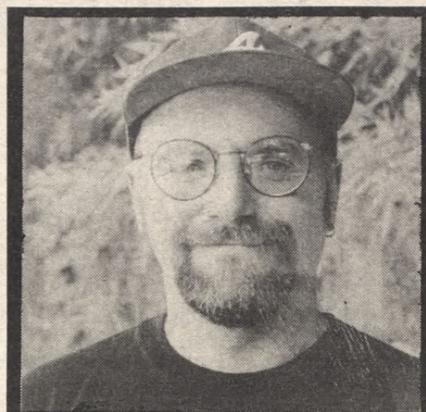
Artistically, "Philly" is one big mess, as its history would lead you to expect. There would never have been a "Philadelphia" if activists hadn't yelled loud and often at director Jonathan Demme about homophobia in "Silence of the Lambs." The noise from ACT UP and Queer Nation convinced Demme that gay stories were not being filmed. "Philadelphia" is his response.

What Demme should have done is go out and find an already existing book from a noted gay author that told real stories and hard truths, like Paul Monette's "Borrowed Time." Instead, he cherry-picked the most heartstring-pulling elements of what happens to gay men with AIDS, then hired someone to mix all these pieces into a screenplay. They're all here, all right—the long-suffering lover, the unbelievably supportive family (literally), the evil straight, white, male boss, the media hoopla.

This explains a lot of the false emotion that fills much of the movie. The family must be unanimously supportive, because there's no screen time for conflict. The jury has to be rational, because Tom Hanks has to hurry up and win, because he has to die. And Hanks conveniently dies right after winning the case—no time to show the appeal. Even the setting—the City of Brotherly Love—is chosen for the message its name sends, not because it represents any real place that exists in the world.

In one scene we cut from an ACT UP/fundie/TV gauntlet in front of the courthouse, back to a courtroom with half its chairs empty. This movie is full of spots that ring so untrue that audiences occasionally laugh audibly. "Philly's" hired pen, Ron Nyswaner, said that the reason Andy's lover Miguel is Hispanic is because that's his personal fetish. That alone explains why only accidental artistic integrity slips into this movie.

All that said, watching "Philadelphia" is still a remarkably affecting emotional experience for one main reason—we don't often get mainstream entertainment where the gay protagonist wins. In "Philly," Andrew Becker, a gay man, is the heroic center of a Hollywood movie, acknowledged as such by his family,



Southern Queer-ies

by AL COTTON

by an ethnically mixed jury, by the legal system, by all of society. "Philly's" story is life antiseptically idealized, but it's idealized in our favor, sainthood unrealistically bestowed upon a stick figure, but the stick figure is, finally, a gay man, not someone flayed alive by a gay psychotic.

And predictably enough, just as activists yelled at Demme for using gay stereotypes to demonize his killer in "Silence," they now find an unrealistically picture-perfect gay role model on display and yell still. The inconsistencies show just how angry we are as a community, as well as pointing up the fact that no single depiction, positive or negative, can encompass us.

The lesson here, really, is about Hollywood, which only makes movies for one group—bankers. Only after the money is addressed can anyone else's agenda start rolling, like directors with stories to tell, actors with careers to build, screenwriters with axes to wield and sharpen. Within this structure, Demme's agenda is radically pro-gay, going out of his way to slant every incident, every character, every scene in our direction.

"Philly" works emotionally because Demme's a good enough director to make those cherry-picked moments pay off. And he's got good actors, like Hanks, who superbly realizes the martyr character—it's unsettling to see him lose weight as the movie progresses. I feel certain that a straight actor who can explain the magic of Maria Callas will bring home the obligatory Oscar for the Queer Who Dies (let's

call it Kiss of the Spider Woman Syndrome).

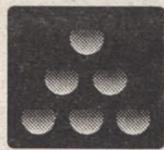
And there are gay moments worth waiting for. God bless Demme for filming the Flirtations, with the late Michael Callen. Having a Callen performance on film is a true gift to posterity. I can forgive even the relative absence of gay kisses (one filmed from behind, one for each of Hanks' fingers in the hospital) because of that wonderful image of two dress-white-clad sailors dancing, Antonio Banderas' head snuggling under Hanks' cheek. If I got hot from it, then I know there were straight people squirming in their seats.

But as always, for gay people, the timing is about five years off. Interestingly enough, that's the time frame of TV's "An Early Frost," another sick attorney, under-affectionate lover, understanding family movie. I ran across "Frost" on Channel 36 a few weeks back and kept on channel surfing. It was a pleasant Sunday afternoon, and the movie was just too hard to watch again, saying nothing I don't already know about AIDS.

It seems to me that AIDS movies are not for us anymore. We've watched these stories unfold in the lives of our lovers and friends; why spend money and an afternoon watching someone else finally figure it out? AIDS movies are for the people who haven't woken up, even in 1994, to the fact that an epidemic is out there that gay people have faced with integrity and courage while two generations of gay men have been decimated. "Philadelphia" at least does an adequate job of telling that story, and I'm glad it's finally getting told.

And in casting Denzel Washington, Demme ensured that there would be a "covert," second target audience, consisting of African-Americans who wouldn't have considered seeing "Philly" had Washington not been in it. Once in the theater, they will see a person like themselves changing. This is where "Philadelphia's" greatest potential for good deeds lies (and having gorgeous Denzel in the movie didn't hurt the box office, either).

And now that it's made significant money (take that, Mrs. Doubtfire), let's hope the next gay movie we battle over will be a bit more daring, like "The Dreyfuss Affair," Peter Lefcourt's wonderfully funny book about a major league catcher who falls in love with his second baseman. The book is pro-gay, even though the author's straight, and last I heard, Touchstone had an option on it. Hey, Mr. Eisner, Denzel would make a *fine* second baseman.



GLAAD News

by CARL LANGE

Is Limbaugh the New Anita Bryant?

The Florida Citrus Commission is at it again. Rush Limbaugh has been named the spokesperson for Florida's citrus industry. GLAAD calls upon the Florida Citrus Commission to terminate its relationship with Limbaugh.

It is reprehensible that the Florida Citrus Commission is paying Limbaugh to represent Florida citrus. Limbaugh's intemperate attacks on America's minorities makes him a contemptible symbol to those millions whom he regularly defames.

GLAAD has begun a national educational outreach. GLAAD chapters across the country are flooding the Florida Citrus Commission with calls and letters. It should be remembered that Anita Bryant, one the earliest and most potent symbols of anti-gay hatred and a pioneer proponent of anti-gay legislative initiatives, was also a spokesperson for the Citrus Commission. In hiring Limbaugh, the commission condones his prejudicial rhetoric and contributes to an atmosphere that threatens the well-being of lesbians and gay men. Prejudice is bad business.

Write the commission and demand that it terminate its relationship with Limbaugh. Let them know why you are upset, what Limbaugh represents to you and how it might affect your purchasing of Florida citrus products.

Write: Florida Citrus Commission, P.O. Box 148, Lakeland, FL 33802-0148; phone (813) 499-2500; fax (813) 499-2374.

Also send a letter to the editor of your local paper. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution should be commended for its coverage. Write: Letters to the Editor, The Atlanta Constitution (or Atlanta Journal), P.O. Box 4689, Atlanta, GA 30302; fax (404) 526-5686.

Roseanne's Kiss—Update

GLAAD is urging ABC to air the unedited version of a "lesbian" episode of "Roseanne," featuring a kiss between two women.

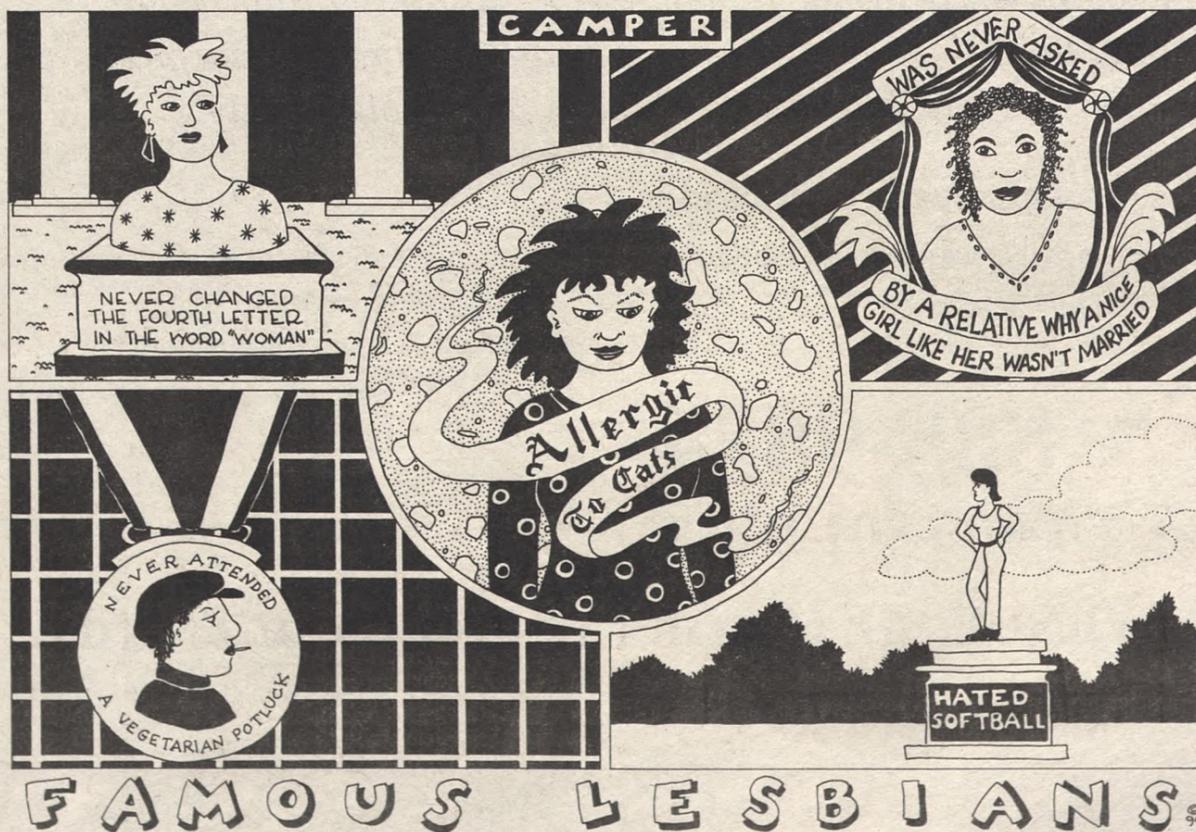
ABC had pulled the March 1 episode of "Roseanne" because it shows Roseanne kissing a woman in a gay bar. After a barrage of calls and letters, ABC announced that it would air the episode but was still negotiating with the show's producers over how the kiss would be shown.

Episodes like these, real stories about real lives in real America, have made Roseanne one of the highest rated and critically acclaimed shows on television for the past six years.

Urge ABC to show the episode in its entirety. Write: Ted Harbert, President, ABC, 2040 Avenue of the Stars, Century City, CA 90067; phone (310) 557-7777.

GLAAD/Atlanta is currently looking for individuals for the following (6 month) volunteer positions: Directors—Fund Raising, Volunteers, Community Outreach, Public Affairs, Membership, Office Manager, and Media Awards Banquet Co-Chairpersons, covering March through September 1994. Please call Carl Lange at the GLAAD office at 876-1398.

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FAMOUS LESBIANS

New magnifier makes mammograms more accurate

Chattanooga, TN—Radiologist Gordon Hixson was angry and sad when his family lost a friend to breast cancer four years ago.

If there had been a better way to detect the disease, his daughter's kindergarten teacher might not have died in her 40s, Hixson said.

After testing 75 prototypes, consulting mammography experts nationwide and investing \$200,000 of his own money, Hixson created the MammoSpot.

The device is a diagnostic magnifier—a plastic stand easily attached to a mammography machine which brings the breast being X-rayed closer to the camera, spreads the tissue thinner for better clarity and targets a specific area.

The results are more accurate diagnosis of cancers or the elimination of unnecessary biopsies. It's now being used by 400 medical and research centers worldwide.

Medical centers using Hixson's device include Emory in here Atlanta, Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota

and Yale University-New Haven.

"No woman should lose her life because cancer was not correctly diagnosed or detected," Hixson said.

"But, some doctors are quick to operate when abnormalities are found instead of doing follow-up testing," he said. "No woman should go to surgery for a breast biopsy with only the standard two mammogram pictures.

"Only 25 percent of the time is cancer found when surgery is done. If good, quality work is done, the number of unnecessary surgeries could be reduced, and women who are diagnosed could benefit from better and earlier treatment."

The MammoSpot nearly doubles the size of a mammographic image, reduces the patient's radiation exposure by as much as a third and can detect cancer calcifications less than one-tenth of a millimeter.

"Magnification image quality with MammoSpot is superior to that produced by

magnification devices supplied with the mammographic units which we use," said Edward Sickles, a pioneer in the development of magnification mammography and chief of mammography at the University of California-San Francisco Hospital. "Our technologists find it extremely easy to use."

Hixson, who practices at East Ridge Hospital, said statistics show that although mammograms are the best available early detection tool, they're not good enough to find all the problems. Traditional mammograms miss about 10 percent of breast cancers.

"A lot of patients have blind faith in their doctors," Hixson said. "It's important to have a good doctor-patient relationship, but women should question their doctors if they don't think something isn't right. A lot of women find their own cancer through self-examination, and they shouldn't be afraid to ask for additional testing."

He said mammograms are not very profit-

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Lesbian and gay doctors hold "historic" meeting with CDC chief

Atlanta—Newly-appointed Director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, David Satcher, MD, and Associate Director for HIV, Jim Curran, MD, held a meeting with the leaders of the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights (AAPHR), the national organization of lesbian, gay and bisexual physicians and medical students here on February 4. The two hour session was Satcher's first meeting with representatives of the lesbian and gay community as head of the CDC.

Representing AAPHR were the organization's President Kate O'Hanlan, MD; Executive Director Benjamin Schatz, JD; President-elect Bob Cabaj, MD; Secretary Stosh Ostrow, MD; and AIDS Task Force Chair Alvin Novick, MD.

AAPHR members urged the CDC to promote effective HIV prevention strategies for gay men and lesbians, and to promulgate a policy on HIV-positive health care workers that is based on science and not hysteria or politics. They also encouraged the CDC to develop a plan to combat anti-gay and lesbian violence, and the high rates of substance abuse, suicide and other health problems in the lesbian/gay community.

"We were delighted to have this opportunity to discuss issues of critical importance to our community with Dr. Satcher and his associates," said O'Hanlan. "I was impressed by Dr. Satcher's commitment to working with us to combat the homophobia that prevents the delivery of vital services to our community."

O'Hanlan said that there was consensus that all the participants shared the same goals and called the meeting "extremely productive."

"I look forward to an excellent working relationship with the CDC," she concluded. "After twelve years of official animosity toward our community by the previous administrations, I welcome Dr. Satcher's open door policy."

Atlanta physician Stosh Ostrow echoed O'Hanlan's feelings noting that this was the first time the head of the CDC had met with gays and lesbians and calling the meeting "his-

toric."

"We would have never had this meeting under the previous administration," said Ostrow. "The idea that we can get in and get heard is remarkable. Satcher seemed to be interested and attentive and took notes. This is an extremely hopeful first step."

The meeting came about as a result of an April 1993 meeting between AAPHR members and HHS Secretary Donna Shala who urged the lesbian and gay doctors to meet with the heads of the CDC, NIH and other agencies under her authority.

Shortly before the meeting with the CDC, AAPHR announced its publication of "The Legal Rights and Obligations of HIV-Infected Health Care Workers."

The guide is a joint project of AAPHR and the National Lawyers Guild AIDS Network, underwritten by a grant from the Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights Foundation.

Written by Oregon attorney Elise Gautier, the question-and-answer guide examines the many legal ramifications of being HIV-positive and a health care provider. The 47-page guide provides information on employment discrimination, state policies on HIV-infected health care workers, informed consent law, privacy and confidentiality, and insurance issues.

According to Gautier, "The purpose of the guide is to provide up-to-date information on the state of the laws pertaining to HIV-infected health care providers. Although the issue of HIV-positive health care workers has faded from the headlines, the fact is that discrimination persists and health care workers around the country continue to need assistance."

The guide is available from the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights, 273 Church Street, San Francisco, California 94114, phone (415) 255-4547. The cost is \$10.00 to the general public and \$5.00 for members of AAPHR. Checks should be made payable to "AAPHR-MERP".

NGLTF calls for anti-discrimination provisions in Clinton's health plan

Washington, D.C.—The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has released its analysis of the Clinton Health Security Act and how it will affect lesbians, gay men and bisexuals. The report, presented at a briefing conducted by NGLTF at the National Press Club on February 14, commends the Clinton Administration for its commitment to universal coverage. But, the analysis revealed little protection against bias and suggests uniform antidiscrimination language that guards against prejudice in giving and receiving health care.

The report follows a February 7 meeting between Mike Lux, a White House liaison on Health Care Reform, and representatives from NGLTF, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights and the ACLU.

The analysis commends the administration's proposal for including the single payer option for states, the employer mandate to provide health insurance, a standard benefits package and insurance reform.

But, the analysis points out, several areas of the plan may leave lesbians and gay men a little less covered than everyone else. There is currently no provision in the plan that would bar discrimination against lesbians, gay men and bisexuals, either as patients or physicians attempting to contract with a health plan.

And the plan discriminates financially

against gay/lesbian families because its definition of family does not include lesbians and gay men and their children. A gay/lesbian couple with a child could wind up paying \$4500 in yearly deductibles compared to \$3000 for a heterosexual family with a child.

White House spokeswoman Lorrie McHugh responded by saying that the plan's definition of family "would follow state laws."

The report also points out that Clinton's plan does not cover the services of community-based health clinics which play an important role in providing culturally sensitive primary care and HIV services.

The briefing also marked the beginning of a lobbying effort on Capitol Hill to urge lawmakers to include antidiscrimination language in the Clinton Health Security Act that protects people from bias based on race, ethnicity, gender, age, disability, and sexual orientation.

Meanwhile, 29 congresswomen have sent Rep. Jim Cooper (D-Tenn.), who has offered an alternative to Clinton's plan, a letter complaining that his proposed health care reform bill "shortchanges women's health" by not spelling out what services would be covered. Cooper replied that "Any standard benefits package...must recognize the special health care needs of women."

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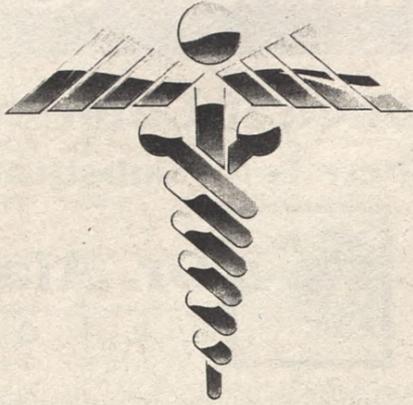
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Atlantan named to national AIDS drug research panel

Atlanta AIDS activist Charles Nelson has been named to the newly formed National Task Force on AIDS Drug Development. The 18 member panel includes doctors, researchers and AIDS activists and has been charged with speeding the search for new drugs to combat HIV.

The panel includes pharmaceutical industry executives as well as the heads of the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration. It includes 10 doctors and two Ph.D.s as well as Nelson, an Atlanta biochemist well known in the community for his work with Sisterlove and the African-American Lesbian and Gay Alliance.

Nelson, and two other members of the panel—Peter Staley, founder of the Treatment Action Group of New York, and Moises Agosto of the National Minority AIDS Council—are HIV-positive. Nelson has been involved with a NAIAD based AIDS Clinical Trial Group and has served on a state of the art panel for antiretroviral use in adults. He has been a vocal advocate for the inclusion of minorities and women in drug studies. He was also recently named to NAIAD's AIDS Clinical Drug Development Committee.

"I've asked this panel to identify new approaches in research and to remove any barriers or obstacles to developing effective treatments," Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala said.

When she announced the formation of the Task Force last November, Shalala claimed, "This is not just another government panel appointed to study an issue and write a report that gathers dust."

Members of the panel are appointed for four year terms.

Nelson says he believes that he was chosen from the hundreds of applicant's, "...because I've been really active on research and treatment issues and because of the diversity that I bring to the process."

"I don't think the selection panel knew that I'm HIV-positive," adds Nelson who says he has "no idea" why his health remains good and stable after being infected for 10 years. "I'm not taking any fantastic drugs...We could attribute it to having great sex, but I'm too busy to have any sex."

We've got a great opportunity to speed up the process and find new drugs," says Nelson.

"We need better drugs, that's the bottom line."

Nelson says it's too early in the process to voice any specific hopes about what the panel might accomplish. "We've got a great opportunity to speed up the process and find new drugs," he says. "We need better drugs, that's the bottom line."

Ben Cheng of Project Inform in San Francisco, who was also named to the panel, echoes Nelson's sentiments. "One problem right now is we have mediocre drugs out there and we still don't know how best to use them," he said.

The Task Force's first quarterly meeting is scheduled for sometime in March or April.

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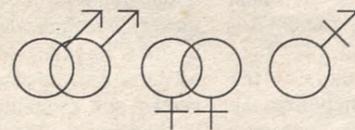


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New AIDS cases drop dramatically in San Francisco

San Francisco—The San Francisco Health Department's latest figures show that the AIDS epidemic reached its peak in that city in 1992. New AIDS diagnoses dropped by 50 percent from 1992 (3,326) to 1993 (1,507) despite the fact that the CDC issued new guidelines which would have been expected to increase the number of new cases reported in 1993.

"This is good news," Dr. George Lemp, the chief of Seroepidemiology and Surveillance Branch of the San Francisco AIDS office told the "New York Times." "We believe we've altered the course of the AIDS epidemic in San Francisco."

About four percent of San Francisco's population is believed to be HIV positive, most of them gay or bisexual men. Only seven percent of the city's 1992 cases were reported in IV drug users, about half the number in East coast cities such as New York and Atlanta. San Francisco has been on the forefront of comprehensive community-based safer sex education campaigns that appear to have had a significant effect in the city's new infection rate.

The CDC's Dr. John Ward, chief of HIV and AIDS surveillance, said that San Francisco could serve as a model for effective prevention programs.

But around the country others warned that San Francisco's declining numbers did not signal a reason to stop worrying about AIDS.

The trend of new cases in Georgia is less clear cut than in San Francisco. On February 16, 1994, the Department of Human Resources was reporting a virtually identical number of new cases in 1991 (1,756) and 1992 (1,784). The number reported so far for 1993 is 1,355, but a representative for DHR warned that those numbers are far from complete. For example, at this time last year the DHR was reporting 1345 cases for 1991 and 835 for 1992, which means that 93's numbers could yet double.

Dr. Mark Chassin of the New York State Health Department said that the epidemic is still rampant in New York City where cases in gay men have simply leveled off and the number of infected IV-drug users and their sexual partners continues to increase.

Hybrid HIV tested at baboon center

San Antonio, TX—San Antonio scientists have successfully infected two baboons with a hybrid human-monkey AIDS virus, providing them another animal model with which an AIDS vaccine might be developed.

Researchers at Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research infected the baboons with SHIV, a simian-human immunodeficiency virus developed at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

Efforts to develop an AIDS vaccine has been blocked by the lack of a plentiful animal model. Chimpanzees, the closest primate to man, are capable of becoming infected with HIV.

But chimps are rare, intelligent and protected.

"They are still testing vaccines in chimps, but not at any great level because there are not many chimps," said Jonathan Allen, a virologist at Southwest Foundation. "So right now, large human clinical trials to look for vaccines for AIDS are on hold."

Baboons are the second primate species to become infected with SHIV. Two years ago, Harvard researchers successfully infected cy-

nomolgus monkeys with the virus.

The first chimpanzee was first successfully infected with HIV at the Southwest Foundation in 1984. The foundation also has one of the world's largest baboon colonies with 2,000 animals.

"This foundation in general has had pretty good collaborations in the past with a lot of different vaccine companies, who have done a lot of testing [here] in the chimp models," Allen said.

To produce the genetically engineered SHIV, the outer protein envelope of HIV is grafted onto the core of a strain of simian immunodeficiency virus, an AIDS-like virus that infects nonhuman primates.

Allen said that because most AIDS vaccines under development are designed to attack the outer envelope of HIV, scientists should be able to test their effectiveness against SHIV.

San Antonio foundation officials said the two baboons have remained infected for 36 weeks and are not expected to develop AIDS-like symptoms.

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Leukemia virus HTLV-I found to mask severity of HIV infection

Chicago—A rare leukemia virus can mask an important measure of the severity of HIV infections and make those who have the virus get sick faster, a new study has found.

The virus, HTLV-I, is relatively rare in the United States. But it has a higher-than-average frequency in people who have HIV, and especially in injection-drug users, researchers said.

The researchers studied 27 men and women who had both HIV and HTLV-I infections in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. They compared them with 99 similar men and women who had HIV infections but not HTLV-I.

The researchers found that people with both infections tended to have more CD4 cells, than people with HIV alone. Lower CD4 counts have always been associated worse HIV infections. But the dual-infected people had more severe symptoms, said the researchers, led by Dr. Mario Schechter of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro.

They reported their findings in the Feb. 2 issue of "The Journal of the American Medical Association."

Dr. Stanley H. Weiss, director of infectious diseases epidemiology in the Department of Preventive Medicine at New Jersey Medical School in Newark, said the study is important.

"This report suggests the use of CD4 counts in persons co-infected with HIV and HTLV-I ... may be more complicated than in persons with HIV alone," he said.

It could be misleading for doctors to use CD4 counts to gauge the severity of HIV infections, he said, even though the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines AIDS by it. Anyone whose CD4 count falls below 200 cells per cubic millimeter of blood can be classified as having AIDS.

People infected only with HTLV-I have a 1 percent chance of developing a blood cancer called adult T-cell leukemia, which often kills quickly. The virus is a major cause of leukemia in southern Japan and the Caribbean, where the virus is much more prevalent than in the United States.

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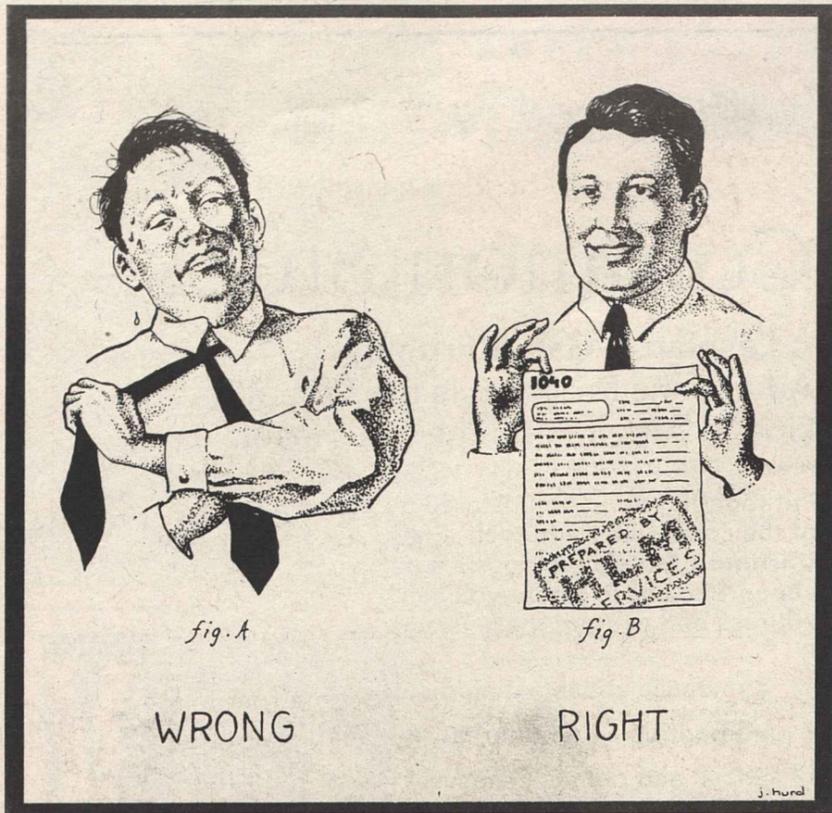
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Amnesty International takes on oppression of gays and lesbians

Washington, DC—Amnesty International, an international human rights group best known for its defense of political prisoners around the world, has announced a campaign to focus attention on oppression of gay men and lesbians in the United States.

"The international human rights movement is obligated to ensure that the basic human rights of all people are protected and promoted by governments, not abused," the organization said in a statement released when the six-month campaign was launched Feb. 8. "Our nationwide campaign will mobilize our membership and focus public attention on the issues. It is designed to break the deafening silence that surrounds abuses against [gay men and lesbians] and allows governments to kill, torture and detain with impunity."

Amnesty also released a 24-nation survey on the treatment of gay men and lesbians which the organization says will place "government repression of gay men and lesbians squarely on the international human rights agenda."

Curt Goering, acting director of Amnesty USA, said the group wants to elevate gay rights as a mainstream issue before the public and such bodies as the U.N. Human Rights Commission.

The organization's international council decided to take up gay rights in 1991. Exhaustive investigations showed that gays and lesbians, like political prisoners traditionally defended by Amnesty, are "vulnerable to the pretexts governments use to lock people up," Goering said.

Sexual orientation is not mentioned in the 1948 U.N. Declaration of Human Rights, but gay and lesbian people are implicitly protected

and Amnesty wants to ensure that "what is implicit in language is explicit in practice," he said.

The organization said it considers "prisoners of conscience" anyone detained for peacefully advocating gay rights or "solely because of homosexuality," including private sexual acts between consenting adults.

Amnesty said its six-month U.S. campaign would include the petitioning of state governments to revoke laws singling out gay men and lesbians. Five U.S. states apply sodomy laws only to gay men and lesbians, and "Amnesty International would consider an individual imprisoned under these laws a prisoner of conscience and call for their immediate and unconditional release," the organization said. The states are Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Montana and Tennessee.

Seventeen other states, including Georgia, have sodomy laws that regulate consensual sexual activity but apply to heterosexuals as well as gay men and lesbians.

Amnesty's worldwide survey said Ukraine had become the first republic of the former Soviet Union to decriminalize sexual acts between adult males. Similar steps are being taken or considered in Russia, the three Baltic republics and elsewhere in the former Soviet Union.

Mistreatment of gay people by police is frequently alleged in Britain and Northern Ireland, the report said. In Colombia, there are reports of gay people, vagrant children and petty criminals being rounded up as "social undesirables" and gunned down by police-supported "death squads," the survey found.

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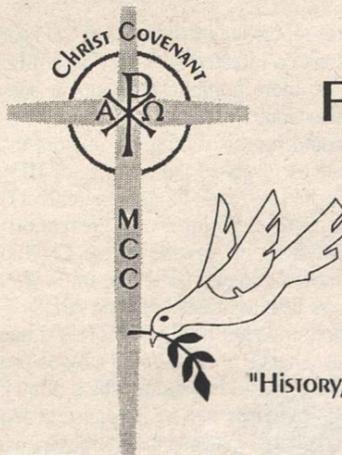
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At last year's Southern Voice Community Awards, friends and staffers of the newspaper gathered to celebrate including, from left, Ken Gallups, then with the Atlanta Pride committee; publisher Leigh VanderEls; "Ethan Green" cartoonist Eric Orner; Chris Cash; Cathy Woolard, now with the HRCF in Washington; staff writer KC Wildmoon and production manager Joan T. Sherwood.

An Editor's Odyssey

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scribed as the "women's paper" by some bars and by some men. We were known as "The Lesbian Home Journal" in some circles. I went into a rage every time I heard it. I still do because it's still said. The sexism we have had to face within our own community has been far worse than the homophobia outside of it. Because I am a woman and our staff is half female, it automatically makes us less than in many people's eyes. I've never heard a publication, any publication, described as "the men's paper" even if the staff was all male. It's a sore spot for me, and it won't go away.

Major news from the year included: 2,000 attended Pride; AID Atlanta went through a major shift after Buren Batson resigned and a third of the staff was let go; Maynard Jackson was elected mayor again. Ray Kluka, a tireless activist and wonderful man, died in June.

In the late summer, Chris Duncan told me he had to resign from the paper. He had been with me since the beginning, and I found it hard to imagine myself or Southern Voice without him.

1990: MOVING ON UP

Early in the year, I saw that I could no longer manage the business side of the paper and edit it too. We were not growing fast enough because I was spread too thin. I needed to concentrate on the advertising department, to increase our sales and to raise some outside money.

We were at a critical point that year, needing to hire more staff so we wouldn't burn out, but we couldn't quite afford it. Somehow I talked Bank South into loaning us some money. We didn't exactly look great on paper, so the loan had to be secured. I talked a few people into that too, including a staff member who let us use the title to her car. In the spring we were able to hire Gary Kaupman as editor.

Jessi, Liz Hill and the rest of the advertising staff sold their butts off that year. Gary brought a fresh voice to the paper and more writers—we were soaring. We were also outgrowing our office space. People were on top of each other, we had no private offices and tension in the office grew worse every day.

In October we moved into the office at the end of the building, almost tripling our space. My office had no windows, but at least it had a door that would close. I sat in there a lot the last few days of 1990, thinking back over the

year. It was the first time I let myself feel a real sense of accomplishment. We were better staffed, we had adequate space, we had won the HRCF award that year. Not only had we grown but the community had grown as well—which was our main goal from the beginning. There were 3,000 people at Pride that year; Maynard had named a lesbian/gay advisory team and the newly formed Queer Nation held its first action at Jocks 'N Jills. We even did a feature on gays in Cobb County. Life was sweet.

1991: GROWING PAINS

The move cost a lot of money, and we had loans to repay. Even though sales and readership were up, we were feeling the pinch. We needed to sell some stock to get an infusion of cash and not have to worry about robbing Peter to pay Paul. A handful of people trusted their money to us, mostly friends and those who had lent us money in the past.

Gary told me in the spring that he needed to quit. I was back doing two full-time jobs, managing the entire staff and editing the paper. I knew I wouldn't last long. We had gotten way too big for me to handle it alone. So Leigh and I decided she would come to work. She would manage the sales department and I would edit—and we would live happily ever after in our cozy business.

Wrong. All hell broke loose when Leigh came to work. I was accused of the "worst kind of nepotism" by one staff member (she put it in writing). Others did their best to make Leigh feel unwelcome, and a few tried their best to be gracious. Over the next year, we lost several long time staff members. How Leigh managed to hang in there and do her work is beyond me.

At the same time, the community was booming. Cracker Barrel fired Cheryl Summerville for being a lesbian, and they were stupid enough to put it on her separation notice. Queer Nation went after them and soon the whole country followed. Pride grew to an unprecedented 30,000 that year, and when we put "Queers Take Peachtree" on our cover, we heard about it for months after. I no longer saw "queer" as a dirty word, but it seems a lot of people still did. I didn't get it. I understood better a year later when we completed our reader survey and found that on a scale from 1

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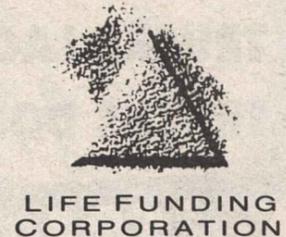
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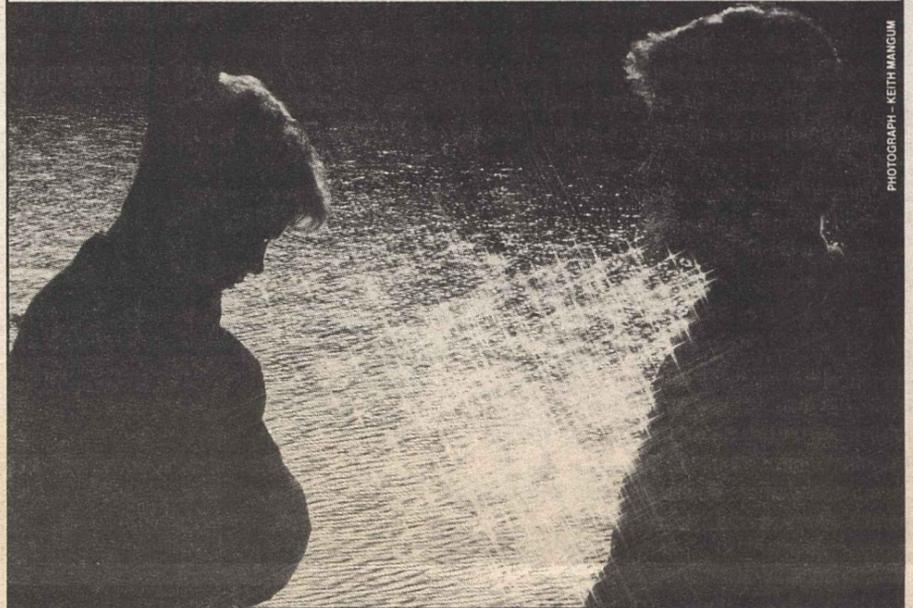


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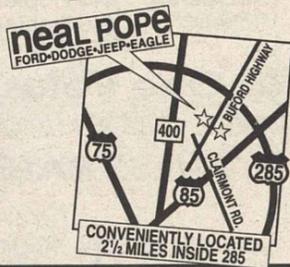
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San Francisco—When Randy Shilts wrote his chronicle of the AIDS epidemic, "And The Band Played On," he remained, true to his training as a journalist, somewhat detached from the story. His devastating history of how the pandemic came to be was painted with facts and detail, not personal invective.

But in the end, AIDS became Shilts' personal story. And last week, it took his life.

Shilts died last Wednesday at his home in Guerneville, about 60 miles north of San Francisco. He was 42.

A longtime reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle, Shilts became one of the first journalists working for a mainstream publication to cover the AIDS story. In 1987, "And The Band Played On," which was based on much of that reporting, was published. Last year, it was turned into a television movie for HBO.

The book was controversial, not only for its stinging indictment of the American political establishment but also because of its assertions that the gay community could and should have done more to prevent the spread of HIV.

"Shilts was really in exile from his own community for several years," said Lisa Krieger, a columnist for the San Francisco Examiner. "It was something that caused him a great deal of pain."

Shilts also wrote the best-selling "Conduct Unbecoming: Gays and Lesbians in the U.S. Military," published last year, and "The Mayor of Castro Street: The Life and Times of Harvey Milk," published in 1982.

A native of Illinois, Shilts moved to California in 1976, where he worked for The Advocate and later for two local television news



Randy Shilts

programs before being hired by the Chronicle in 1981. He was one of the first openly gay journalists in the mainstream media.

He said he realized that there was an element of tokenism in his hiring.

"They knew they needed a gay reporter," he said. "You can't let that eat on you. You just have to show you are good and just do your own work."

Shilts, who tested positive in 1985, didn't disclose his HIV status, even during all of the publicity surrounding "And The Band Played On." He said he feared it would interfere with his job.

"Every gay writer who tests positive ends up being an AIDS activist, and I didn't want to end up being an activist," he said. "I wanted to keep on being a reporter."

Shilts became seriously ill while writing "Conduct Unbecoming" and finally revealed that he had AIDS last year as the book was being released.

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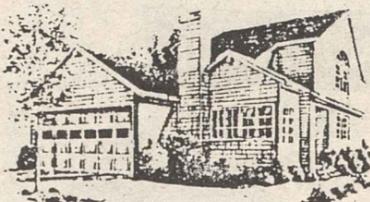
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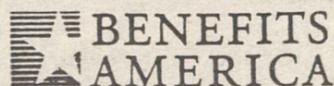
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Randy Rohl, who died New Year's Eve, gained national attention when he took a man to his senior prom in South Dakota in 1979

Minneapolis—It was a day Isolde Rohl will never forget.

Her 17-year-old son, a mischievous red-head who always had his nose in a book, told her he was taking a 20-year-old man to the senior prom.

"I was totally shocked. That was in 1979. I knew Randy was different, but I didn't know why he was different. I had no idea at that time that he was gay," Rohl, a Sears sales clerk in Sioux Falls, S.D., recalled.

But she stood by her son, just as 15 years later she stood at Randy's bedside, holding his hand as he died of AIDS on Dec. 31.

Randy gained national notoriety for that night at Lincoln High School in Sioux Falls, when he and his date made their prom entrance wearing matching powder blue tuxedos, red rose boutonnieres and silver pierced earrings.

But his mother and friends remember him for other things: his dream of being a doctor and helping other people, his sense of humor, his quiet strength and courage.

He loved skiing, swimming, riding his motorcycle and tooling around in his red Jeep. Taking flying lessons was an adventure for him, as was working with his computer and becoming proficient at 3D photography.

"He took pictures of everything—a beautiful butterfly outside, a dandelion—and enlarged it. He also loved antiques, museums and art galleries," Rohl said. "Anything interesting that was a challenge and needed concentration, Randy was into it."

Those are the memories Rohl cherishes. But she doesn't deny the rest.

"I thought, there are so many families who disown their children. I see it in the paper every week where young people are dying. Nobody dies of AIDS. It's all some other infection."

Rohl told her son she accepted him even when she was upset by something he did.

"I can't say he was wrong. I can't say he was right. Who am I to say what is right or wrong for someone else? I told him, 'Whatever you do, I love you.'"

She was in the spectator section of the high school gymnasium the night of her son's prom.

People booed. Police protected the youths, who had been threatened. Reporters recorded what the National Gay Task Force said was the first time openly gay people had ever attended a high school prom together.

When Randy looked around and saw his mother, he broke into a big grin, she said. Then the dance went on as planned.

Randy told reporters later that he and his date were just friends, not lovers, and said he hoped the prom adventure would not impair his future.

"If you think about it, the sexual part of

everyone's life is such a small part, it's unfair to judge anyone by their sex life. It's such a trivial matter," he said.

After high school, Randy moved to Minneapolis to attend the University of Minnesota. He hoped to become a doctor.

Randy never hid the fact that he was gay, said Nancy Herzog, a longtime friend who once worked with him at University of Minnesota Hospitals.

"We hit it off right away. I liked him and he liked me. He told me he was gay right away. It was no big deal," said Herzog, of Brooklyn Park.

When the two met, Herzog was single and said she and Randy enjoyed going to bars together and picking out men for each other. "He was wild. He made me laugh. We had a lot of fun," she said.

Randy later lived in Germany and California. Herzog married and moved to Nevada, where she and her family lived for about five years. Despite the distance, they kept in touch. Randy called Herzog in Nevada in the mid-1980s to tell her that he had HIV.

He believed he contracted the virus from a man he had lived with for about three years, and who died of AIDS about a year ago, she said.

"I couldn't believe how accepting he was," she said.

William "Bill" Lowell, who met Randy when both were studying genetics and cell biology at the University of Minnesota in 1988, said Randy wasn't afraid of anything.

"He was always attempting to get a reaction out of people," Lowell said. "You'd be walking down the hall with him and he'd let out a bark, then would look at you and say, 'Knock it off.' I always appreciated his sense of humor. I liked him because he did the things that I never would do."

Randy didn't tell Lowell about the prom until he'd known him about 1 1/2 years.

"He said it wasn't meant to be political," Lowell said.

Randy rarely regretted anything he did, Lowell said. "The only thing he regretted was that he didn't get to go to medical school."

He also regretted that his life was so short, his mother said.

"He would say to me, 'Hey, Mom, we all have to die sooner or later. Just not so soon.'"

As his health deteriorated, Randy talked about death, often couching it in language of the computer world he loved so much.

"He almost felt like he was a computer program that had gone awry and needed to be deleted and started over," Lowell said.

Randy, who had spent much of his life traveling and living around the United States and Europe, moved back to Minnesota from California last fall to be closer to his family. Before he died, he could no longer walk or stand up by himself and was blind in one eye.

Lowell said he believed Randy always held out hope that a cure would be found for AIDS. "At the end he said he was really disappointed, that he didn't feel they were any closer to treating the disease. In November, he said if things didn't get better he wanted to be gone by the first of the year."

Randy died at 10:52 p.m. Dec. 31, 1993.

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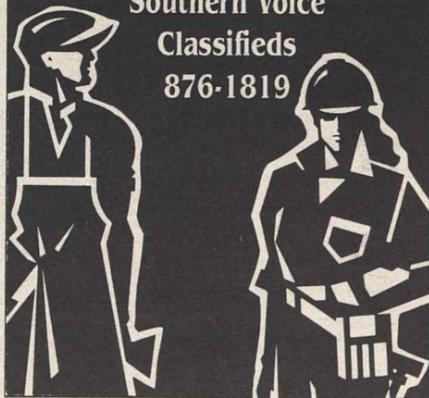
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A happy one-year anniversary to Lacy Williamson and Andrea Braslavsky on Feb. 19.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy belated birthday background artist/activist Jon-Ivan Weaver, who turned 41 on Feb. 19.

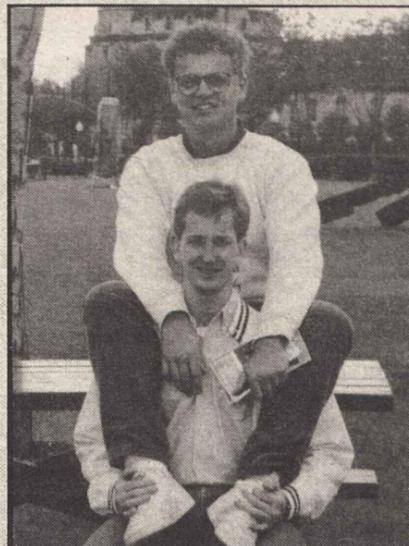
Happy birthday to Ronnie Cole of Forest Park. Ronnie hits the big 3-0 on Feb. 26 and wants Atlanta to know that he's still "in the market."

EXCHANGE OF VOWS

Jim Lipsky of Bunk Buddies and Andy Annas, Mr. SEGRA '92-'93 have announced their plans for an April 16 exchange of vows. Andy was surprised to find a "special delivery" in the mailbox for Valentine's Day—his gold wedding band.

GET WELL SOON

SoVo sends best wishes to contributor Ian Ginsburg, who is recovering from recent surgery. We also send belated congratulations to him for buying a house in that queer-trendy neighborhood just east of Avondale. If any more SoVo volunteers or contributors move out there, we'll have to put a paper box in front of that big Baptist



Scott Gullidge and George Knott had a Valentine's Day to remember in Savannah.

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VALENTINE'S DAY

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Law students sponsor seminar on legal status of gay rights

Atlanta—To call attention to the legal status of lesbians and gay men in Georgia and the United States, the Lesbian and Gay Law Student Association of Georgia State University is sponsoring a day-long multi-media forum at the school on March 2.

"It's a Question of Law: Does the Constitution Guarantee Equal Rights to Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual People" will use videos, articles and speakers to dispel the myths and point out the precarious position of lesbians and gay men under the law.

"Our focus is more on mainstream lay people who don't understand how the laws affect us," said Maureen McCain, a steering committee member of the LGLSA. "Most people don't understand that if they have a long term lover, and that lover is ill, they can be denied hospital rights. Even wills don't give any guarantees."

The student organization will show videos about lesbian and gay social and legal issues, including "To Support and Defend," about the military ban issue, Court TV's program about the Crae Pridgen-Marine assault trial, MTV's "Free Your Mind," and VH-1's "Out in America."

"We're covering social issues as well as

legal issues," McCain said, "and things that could turn into legal issues, like genetics."

At noon, local attorney Patricia Hoin will speak about family law, including child custody cases, offering tips on how to deal with unsympathetic judges.

"We're trying to put the community in a positive light to dispel the myths that are constantly put out about gay people—that we swing from trees and have sex all the time," said McCain.

The forum, which is open to all interested parties, is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the second floor of GSU's University Center, will also be an opportunity for LGLSA to educate faculty members at the law school. LGLSA is currently working to add a "sexual orientation and the law" class to the school's curriculum.

"This is already in the works," McCain said. "We have a couple of professors willing to teach it, but it must pass the curriculum committee."

McCain said she hopes the forum will clarify the need for such a class, since lesbian/gay issues are covered in a " cursory manner," if at all, in current classes.

KC WILDMOON

An Editor's Odyssey

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to 10 of outness, SoVo readers graded themselves a 4.4.

The year ended with Robin Shahar suing Georgia Attorney General Mike Bowers for refusing to hire her when he learned she and her lover had a commitment ceremony. The issue in which that story graced the cover was another turning point. We were up to 40 pages, and Liz Hill had managed to sell a full page ad to Hi-Fi Buys. It was another very good year, but it took its toll on me in ways that I wouldn't fully understand for another year or so.

1992: WEEKLY NEWS

Leigh and I decided early in the year that it was time for SoVo to become a weekly. We printed our first weekly issue on our fourth anniversary. The response was enormous from both readers and advertisers.

The year was the heaviest news year we had ever had. Presidential hopeful Bill Clinton made his famous speech in Los Angeles in May promising to lift the military ban, winning the hearts of gay and lesbian America—at least until after the election. Pride doubled in size again with 60,000 revelers. The event was marred (though most didn't notice) by the battle between the Pride committee and some who were angry that political speeches were not allowed that year. ACT UP was angry as well. They charged Pride co-chair Lynn Cothren with making AIDS phobic remarks in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution a few days earlier. Relationships were severed, and some people retreated to lick their wounds, vowing they would not return to activism. George Kish, Micky Day and Andy Bowers died from AIDS.

In July, the Democratic National Convention hosted five openly gay delegates from Georgia. History was made when the first openly gay person, Bob Hattoy, spoke at the convention. In August the Republicans took their turn and used it to bash gay people. Newt Gingrich and Pat Buchanan were especially nasty. KC and I were overwhelmed by the news to report. Phyllis Schlafly's son came out, Anthony Perkins died of AIDS and a black lesbian and a retarded gay man were murdered in Oregon by skinheads. Anti-gay measures were popping up all over the country.

The year ended with the election of Clinton

and the beginning of all the drama around the military ban. I was exhausted, not just from 1992 but from all the years before.

1993: LETTING GO

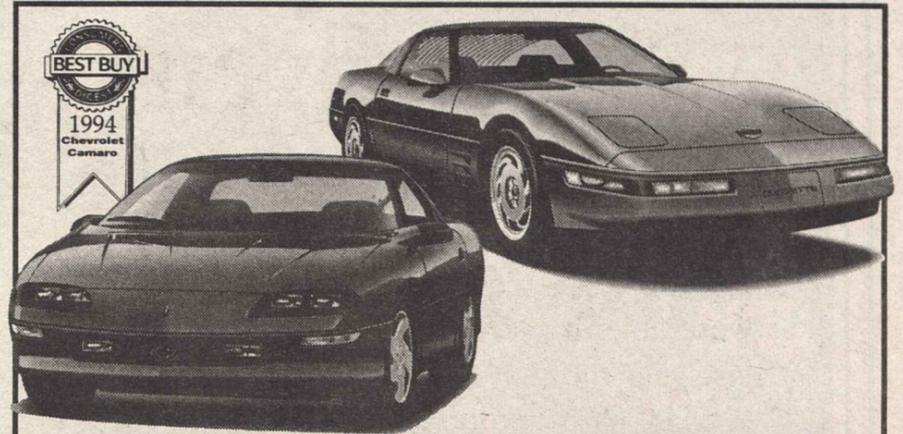
SoVo was going better than I dreamed it ever could—we had a great staff, people who genuinely liked each other and worked well together. Dixon Taylor brought in advertisers that just a year earlier had seemed impossible to get. Leigh was working hard to insure benefits and raises for everybody. And we could afford to hire an editor, allowing me to turn my attention to some special projects and to rest.

We were stunned by the murder of activist Venus Landin in March. Her killer was an ex-lover who also turned the gun on herself. The Clinton/Nunn drama continued to play out. We received more than 100 letters to the editor within two weeks. The 1st Annual SoVo Community Awards in April reduced me to tears. So many good people, so much to be thankful for. It was the high point of the year for me, but after that I seemed to lose all my energy.

I went to the March on Washington, hoping to get a shot in the arm. It didn't happen. Instead, everything I saw and did made me more tired. I returned home determined to find an editor by June.

We hired Richard Shumate, a senior writer at Atlanta magazine, as editor. I was elated. I trained him quickly, he was eager to take over and I was eager to move on to other things. But I still could not focus, the projects I was working on just didn't seem to get done. In October, overcome by my inability to contribute, I went to the beach alone and spent ten days crying and sleeping. December came, and 1993 ended with a SoVo holiday party without me. It took months to figure out what I needed to do next.

My new role will be as a staff writer. In last week's paper, I wrote the first of what I hope will be many pieces for Southern Voice. Things have come full circle. I started the paper thinking I needed to keep my mouth shut, but now I realize what I wanted all along was to say something. I am proud of what we have done, and I can't wait to see what we will do in the future. Everyone here now and everyone who came before has made that future possible. I thank you all.



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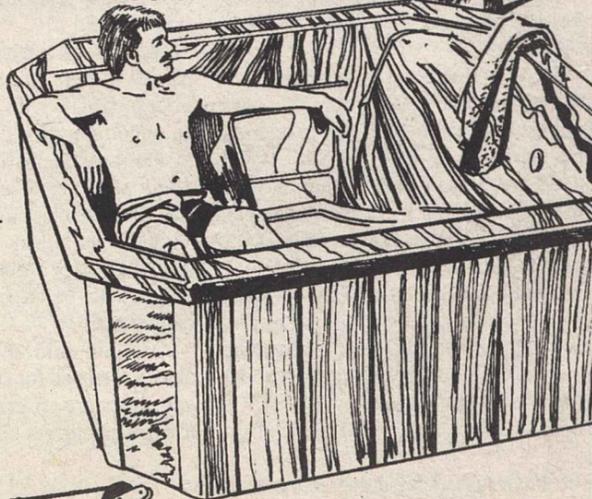
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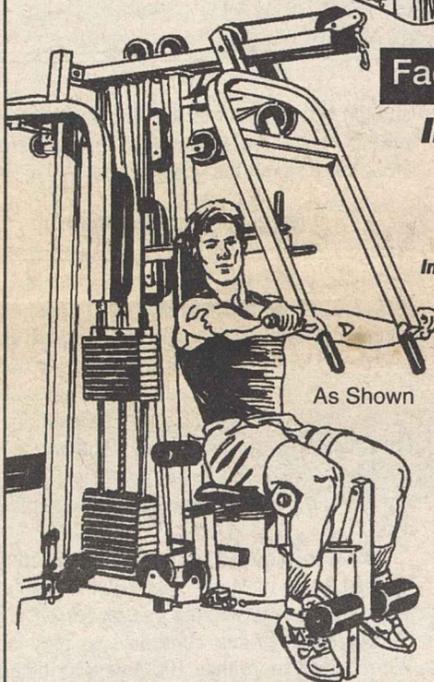
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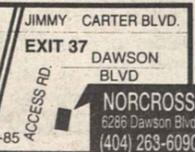
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Savannah

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John Berendt's book about the city's upper crust, "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," opens the door on its traditionally closeted gay community. But a new breed of gays and lesbians may be moving tradition-bound Savannah away from the "river of denial."

by CHRIS CASH

Savannah—It seems almost everyone in the South is talking about "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," a razor-sharp look at the eccentricities and values of Savannah's upper crust. Reviewers are gushing and bookstores can't keep copies in stock.

Gay people are among those grabbing up "Midnight" by the handful. After all, the book largely focuses on the true story of Jim Williams, a gay antiques dealer and Savannah power broker who shot his hustler/lover in 1981. Another main character in the book is Lady Chablis, a black drag queen with attitude and a penchant for straight blond men.

And "Midnight's" author, John Berendt, who serves as narrator in this non-fiction novel, is gay as well.

"It's OK to say I'm gay," Berendt offered in an interview from his home in New York City. "I intentionally kept myself ambiguous in the book. It really isn't a 'gay book' and I specifically aimed it at a broad audience. I didn't want to cut down my readership. Why shouldn't straight people read about a gay murder and not feel they are in enemy territory?"

Berendt is right. "Midnight" is not a gay book. It is, instead, the story of one very closeted and arrogant gay man, Jim Williams.

Williams, who died in 1990, was no model for the gay community, not someone you would particularly like. He had a thing for young hustlers and no real friends. The one thing he did have was money, earned by smart real estate deals and the restoration of hundreds of Savannah's historic homes. He used that money to buy himself Mercer House, which occupies an entire block in the historic downtown district, and to gain entry into the inner circles of Savannah's aristocracy.

"He was arrogant but insecure, and I liked him," said Jane Long, a Savannah native and friend of Williams. "But he always felt like he was in a battle. He was very defensive and often belligerent, mainly because he was gay and moving in those circles. He wanted very much to be a power in Savannah, and he succeeded. He loved being a part of that aristocratic crowd."

Long, who now lives in Atlanta, was always invited to Williams' famous Christmas parties. He kept an "in"

and "out" list for his parties, making sure that anyone who had not treated him right the previous year would not get an invitation.

"Jim also kept a scrapbook from each year's party and if you were really in, your photo was placed in the scrapbook," laughed Long. "He loved those kinds of games."

He also loved hustlers. Williams' house faced Monterey Square, a well-known hangout for male prostitutes. "Some people call it 'Fellatio Square,'" said Bob Strozier, director of public relations at Armstrong State College, who knew Williams.

"[He] was known to like street boys, particularly those with a streak of violence. He was very knowledgeable and an impressive restorer of homes. There were a lot of people who admired Jim Williams for his work, but they didn't agree with his lifestyle."

Monterey Square was likely the place where Williams met Danny Hansford, whom he shot and killed in 1981 inside Mercer House. Williams claimed self-defense, that Hansford had shot at him first. After four trials, Williams was finally acquitted. During one of the trials, Williams was forced to admit he had a sexual relationship with Hansford. He described it as, "a natural thing," followed by the explanation that "he had his girlfriend and I had mine. It was just an occasional, natural thing that happened."

Williams had insisted that his mother be removed from the courtroom during this part of the trial. In fact, it was the only condition under which he would admit to his relationship with Hansford.

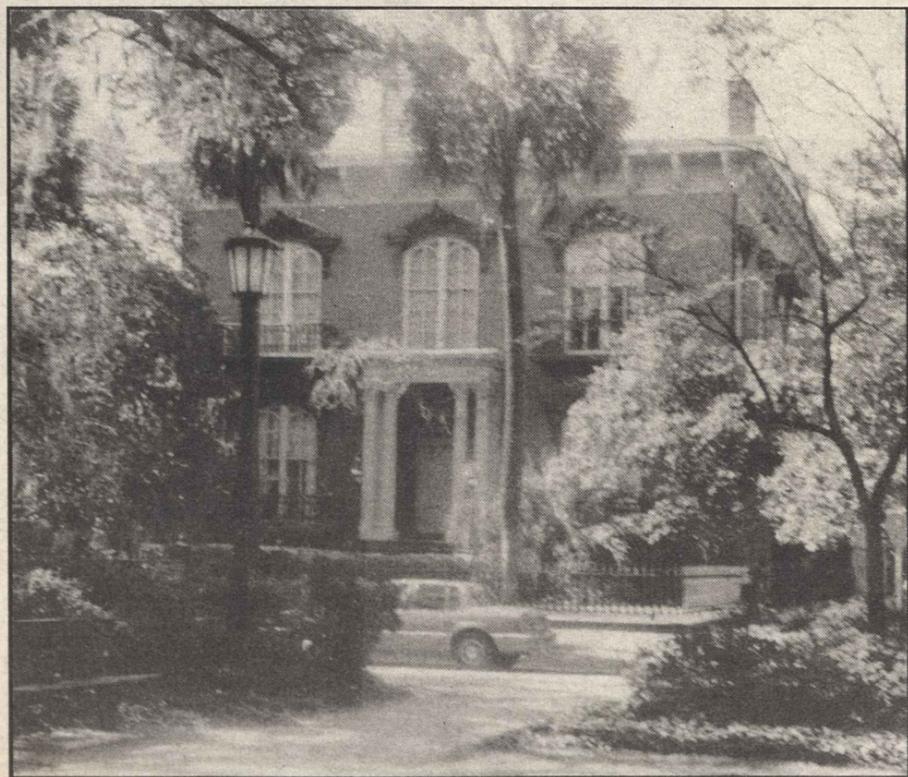
Williams never talked about his sexuality, even to his longtime friend Jane Long. "Oh, he never discussed that with me," said Long. "He was closeted to me about his sexuality. I still have gay friends in Savannah. Some of us talk about it and some of us don't. You know, it's Savannah. People there live in the river of denial."

Strozier, who has lived in Savannah for 50 years, says the city thinks Jim Williams typifies the lives of gay people there—moneyed, male and sexually promiscuous. "I don't think that way and some of my colleagues don't, but there is a large majority who do. Mostly they feel indifferent about it. There are some who are phobic about it, but not many."

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Author John Berendt with Lady Chablis, the drag queen with attitude who plays a central role in "Midnight."



Mercer House, home of Jim Williams, where he shot his lover in 1981.



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Savannah

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Berendt, who lived in Savannah for five years while he wrote "Midnight," agrees with that view, and it is reflected in his book. He says Savannah's attitude toward gays is one of live and let live, as long as they remain invisible.

"As long as you don't do it in the streets and frighten the horses, nobody really objects," he says. "Unfortunately, there is a lot of outdoor cruising, particularly on Bull Street. But nobody is going to stop someone from opening another club or a gay business or whatever. I just don't think many people would go."

But there are others who believe Savannah is changing, evolving from the closeted community epitomized by Williams in "Midnight." Newcomers willing to be out and active have challenged the status quo in a city whose old, moneyed and status-conscious families keep most of their children in the closet—a place where, as one activist, Wilson Huff, describes it, "people who grew up here and have family are choking on their coat hangers."

"Savannah is growing and more outsiders are coming in," says Mark Krueger, who moved to Savannah in 1980. "They are people who don't have the strong family ties here that preclude them from being on TV or marching down the street. The gay community is getting better because it's getting bigger."

Krueger says the main impetus for the change was the creation in 1985 of First

City Network, the city's only gay/lesbian organization, of which Krueger is a board member and past president.

"FCN was started because there was no sense of community here except midnight on a Saturday night," Krueger contends. "The most important result of FCN is that it has allowed various elements of the Savannah community to meet one another in some place other than a darkened room with liquor."

Just how far Savannah's gay community has come may be best illustrated by a meeting Krueger had with none other than Jim Williams.

Krueger asked Williams to contribute to an AIDS fundraiser. "He was out of jail on bond awaiting one of his trials. He said he couldn't give any money because it was taking all he had to fight the case. He was tense, and he was aloof."

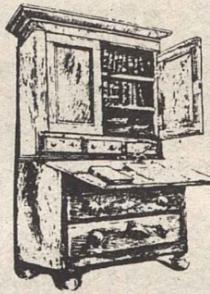
Williams did not contribute to and he may not have known anything about gay Savannah beyond his own mansion walls. Berendt may not know about it either. But there is a burgeoning community in Savannah growing its own special garden.

And last month, four members of FCN marched in the Martin Luther King Day Parade, marking the first time the group had come out to the city. Proudly perched on top of a one-horse carriage adorned with rainbow flags and a FCN sign, three women and Krueger wound their way through Savannah's downtown.

An older woman was overheard saying, "There go the gays and lesbians," as she waved to the group.

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GAY GRAFFITI. Out and loud lesbian and gay radio. 7-8pm, WRFG, 89.3 FM.
JOYCE & JACQUE. A

musical celebration of Black History Month at Charis. 7:30 pm, 1189 Euclid Ave. 524-0304.

THE LOVER. Harold Pinter's comedy about a young professional couple and their sexual fantasies is presented at 7 Stages' Heart of Gold Theater thru Mar 20. \$7. 523-7647.

INTERIORS TODAY. A six part, locally produced series exploring the world of interior design. Hosted by Shane Meder and Eileen Marzetti. Tonight: rug & carpet experts. 8:30pm, GPTV, Ch. 8. Also Suns at 4pm.

SPRING FASHION SHOW. Parisian's show benefits the DeKalb Rape Crisis Center. Parisian Phipps Plaza. \$20.

LAUGHING MATTERS. Comedy improv troupe performs Thurs & Sat at Manuel's, 8pm. 717-4714.

25 FRIDAY

THE DARK OLD HOUSE. Another classic horror film at the High Museum. 8pm.

MULTICULTURAL MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA. Music from around the world at GSU's Urban Life Auditorium. 371-8426.

BILLY TAYLOR JAZZ TRIO. Part of Emory's legendary jazz artists series. 8:15 pm in Glenn Memorial Auditorium. \$15. 727-6187.

TRUE STORY. A benefit for the Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless at the Roxy in Buckhead. \$7. Big Fish Ensemble, Gerard McHugh, Chief Seattle, and more.

Southern Communities. 7pm, Sisters Chapel on the Spelman campus. 577-3178.

CHAIRISH THE FUTURE. A benefit for the Metro Atlanta Furniture Bank features designer showroom furniture, art, food and entertainment. Warehouse sale 9-5 today, 11-4 tomorrow. Auction and gala 6:30-10 tomorrow. 500 Means St. 355-8530.

ANI DEFRANCO and CHRIS MCGUIRE. Former Ellen James Society guitarist opens for up and coming acoustic punk artist at Eddie's Attic.

HIP SPIRIT. An exhibition of five Atlanta women artists at koolhipfunkystuff, 1030 Monroe Drive. 7-10pm, benefits the Good Samaritan Project. 607-1095.

OUTLOOK. Radical talk for revolutionary intellectuals—feminist, Afro-centered and pro-gay radio on AM, with Alicia Banks. New time: 3pm-7pm, WIGO, 1340AM.

26 SATURDAY

SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK. The 20th anniversary tour benefits The Fund for

27 SUNDAY

LES CHANTEUSES AFRICAINES. The musical and literary voices of African women, with host Alicia Banks, who offers a unique perspective that includes the lesbian point of view. 1-4am. WRFG, 89.3 FM.

LIKE LIGHT. Veteran performer Gwen Hughes presents her one-woman show at 7 Stages, with high energy jazz, R&B, and theatrical readings. 8:30pm. Also Mar 6. 523-7647.

ROBERT EARL KEEN, JR. Austin folk songwriter brings his band to the Variety Playhouse in LSP. 8pm. 524-7354.

28 MONDAY

STILL AIN'T SATISFIED. Music and interviews from a lesbian perspective. Cool music for any queer or interested other. 7-9pm, WRFG, 89.3 FM.

OUT IN ATLANTA. Atlanta's local lesbian and gay cable program featuring interviews, news, arts & entertainment and more.



10:30pm and again, Wed 5:30pm. Cable Ch. 12.
DYKE TV. Activist television from a dyke perspective. 9:30pm, People TV. Cable Channel 12.

PLANET EARTH INC. Lee Bryan's fast paced musical weaves magic, puppetry and musico into a variety of featured acts. Center for Puppetry Arts, thru Mar 14. 11am and 2pm. 873-3391.

JERRY LEWIS. See what France raves about. 8pm, Symphony Hall. \$18-\$36. 892-2414.

1 TUESDAY

LUNCHTIME WITH KENNY. Join Alliance artistic director Kenny Leon and the cast of "Laughing Wild" for a behind the scenes look at theater. Noon to 1 at the Alliance. Free. 898-1132.

NICK HEYWARD. Alternative pop from the former leader of Haircut 100. Variety Playhouse. 8:30 pm.

2 WEDNESDAY

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

twice every week on People TV Ch. 12, 2:30pm and again on Sat, 10pm. It also airs on City Ch. 6, Thur 5pm.

IT'S A QUESTION OF LAW. A multi-media forum about the social and legal issues affecting lesbians and gay men. Free, sponsored by GSU's Lesbian and Gay Law Students Association. West Exhibit Area, 2nd floor of the University Center. 10am-6pm.

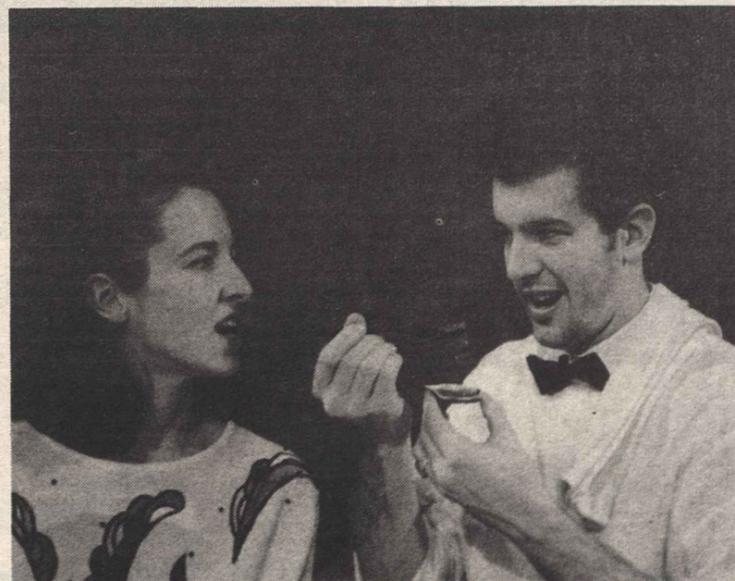
LORETTA LYNN: HONKY TONK GIRL. A lively and personal portrait of the real Queen of Country Music. GPTV, Ch 8, 9pm.

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ABOVE: Chris McGuire opens for Ani DeFranco on Feb 26 at Eddie's Attic.

LEFT: Gwen Hughes performs jazz, R&B, and theatrical readings in her one-woman show at 7 Stages Feb 26.

BELOW: Dina Shadwell and Brett Kinard star in Onstage Atlanta's "Eat Your Heart Out" thru Feb 27.



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SOAP. Comedy Central has the controversial 70s TV series. 2pm & 7:30pm, Mon-Fri.

DYING WITH OSCAR—THE ACADEMY AWARD MURDERS. Agatha's Mystery Dinner Theatre opens its first production of 1994 tonight with murder during the Academy Awards ceremony. Tu-Sat 7:30 pm, Sun 7pm. \$33-\$38 includes 5 course dinner and the deadly show. 875-1610.

THE NEAREST EDGE OF THE WORLD: ART AND CUBA NOW. Thru Feb 26. Young Cuban artists' work is displayed at Nexus Gallery, along with "Contemporary Parallels with Dante's 'Inferno,'" painting by Larry Edwards and Greely Myatt. Reception from 8-10 pm, exhibit on display. 535 Means St. 688-2500.

LOVE LETTERS. Thru Feb. 26. Mariatta's infamous Theatre in the Square offers up A.R. Gurney's touching work about 50 years of correspondence between childhood sweethearts whose lives take different paths. Starring Atlanta legends Mary Nell Santacrose and Frank Wittow in their first ever performance together. Tues.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 3&7pm. 422-8369.

EAT YOUR HEART OUT. Thru Feb 27. Onstage Atlanta presents the comedy about an out of work actor who waits tables for a living. Thurs-Sat 8pm, Sun 5pm. 420 Courtland. Actor/waiters get special deals for this show. 897-1802.

MANY THINGS HAVE HAPPENED SINCE HE DIED...AND HERE ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS. Thru Feb 27. Contemporary Southern Gothic comedy-drama about a wife and secretary who tries for perfection and fails—even after she attends the Living Loving Marriage Weekend. Sounds like a candidate for dykedom to us! At Horizon Theatre, 1083 Austin Ave. Thurs-Fri at 8pm, Sat. at 8:30pm, Sun. 5pm. 584-7450.

SPEED THE PLOW. Thru Feb 27. Actor's Express presents David Mamet's wicked comedy about the moral travails of a Hollywood screenwriter. Thurs-Sat 8pm, Sun 7pm. Tickets \$12-15. 221-0831.

OUTWRITE BOOKS. Thru Feb 28. The gay and lesbian bookstore has a double whammy this month: the art of local artist Lee Bonhoff, with proceeds going to the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee, and a book drive to benefit Jerusalem House. Book donations will go toward a library for residents and volunteers. 607-0092.

YOUR ARTS DESIRE. Thru Feb 28. A contemporary collection of the finest in handmade crafts and intriguing gifts at the City Art Works, 2140 Peachtree Rd. 605-0786.

A SALUTE TO AMERICAN BALLET. Thru Feb 28. The Heath Gallery presents works by photographer George Platt Lynes. 262-6407.

VIBRATING COLORS OF WE. Thru Feb 28. Virginia's Coffee House (1243 Virginia Ave) celebrates Black History Month with the work of Atlanta artist Karla Reid. 712-9198.

MAD FOREST. Thru Mar 4. Theater Emory presents Caryl Churchill's collaboration with London and Romanian students about the reactions of two Bucharest families to the changes in their society. Mary Gray Munroe Theater on the Emory campus.

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ART EXHIBITION. Thru Mar 4. City employees exhibit their work at the City Gallery East, City Hall East on Ponce.

WITH OUR OWN EYES. Thru Mar 5. Works from the Atlanta College of Art's Georgia Artists' Registry are on display at the City of Atlanta's City Gallery at Chastain. 257-1747.

the relationship of science to God. \$6 & \$4. 894-2745.

YOUR MOTHER'S BUTT. Thru Mar 6. Art Attack presents the Atlanta premiere of Marietta playwright Alan Ball's about a man who dreams of his mom's behind. Two other one act plays, "Bachelor Holiday" and "Power Lunch," are also on the bill. 14th St. Playhouse. 881-6304.

MY CHILDREN, MY AFRICA! Thru Mar 13. The Athol Fugard play returns to 7 Stages. Wed-Sat 8pm, Sun 5pm. \$12-20. 523-7647.

WOMEN IN FOCUS. Thru Mar 19. An exhibit of women photographers at the Red Light Cafe, 553 Amsterdam. 7-9 pm.

HOWARD COOK: THE AMERICAN SOUTH. Thru Mar 19. The Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art presents an exhibition of works by Howard Cook, a WPA (New Deal Art Program) and regionalist artist. 424-8142.

LA BETE. Thru Mar 20. David Hirson's side-splitting comedy about a troupe of actors in the service of a prince who has become infatuated with a preening, blithering phony—the beast of the title. The Alliance Theatre. Tu-Sa 8pm, Sun 2:30 & 7:30pm. 892-2414.

DRUMS AND SHADOWS. Thru Mar 20. Photographs of African-Americans from the Georgia Coast—taken by Malcolm and Muriel Bell in the 1930s—are on exhibit at Emory's Schatten Gallery of the Robert W. Woodruff Library. 727-6861.

MACBETH. Thru Mar 27. Shakespeare's classic Scottish tragedy plays at the Shakespeare Tavern, 499 Peachtree. Stars Janet Metzger and Dirkan Tulaine, who appeared together in "Dr. Faustus." Thurs-Sat 7:30pm, Sun 5:30 pm, thru Mar 27. 874-5299.

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

TREASURES FROM THE

"This Way Out" is radio for gay and lesbian America

by BRIAN COCHRAN

When gay radio producer Greg Gordon made his national debut as an anchor at the very first March on Washington in 1979, he never dreamed that someday he would be the co-host of one of the most widely heard programs on radio for gay men and lesbians.

"This Way Out," the product of the continued combined efforts between Gordon and Lucia Chappelle (also his co-host in 1979), is the most successful radio show for gays and lesbians ever, heard on more than 80 radio stations here in the United States and in six foreign countries, including Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Sweden, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

A half-hour weekly, "This Way Out" fills a void for gays and lesbians who are either isolated in small or rural communities or by their own closets. It combines national news reports culled from print and contributions from correspondents nationwide, interviews with performers and authors, criticism and historical notes.

Recent program storylines have included a profile on British gay rocker Tom Robinson, a report on the Golden Globe awards and sketch comedy by Lily Tomlin. Each segment opens with hard news stories, though, so this is not just another entertainment oriented show.

If you think "This Way Out" couldn't possibly appear on commercial radio stations because of the potential backlash from listeners, you're right. But thanks to Gordon's expertise at grant writing, "This Way Out" has found a home on public radio.

Gordon's career in radio began in the 1970's in Los Angeles, when he answered a cattle call to host a monthly gay men's show, "Gay at Heart" on KPFK. In preparation, he attended UCLA's Radio and Television Department (at which there were no actual courses in radio, he says) and worked as a traffic manager and host of a pre-dawn public affairs program on commercial radio. It also didn't hurt that he is, of course, gay. He got the job.

"We started out by going around the table—there were



The voices of "This Way Out" include Lucia Chappelle, Greg Gordon, Cindy Friedman and Brian Nunes.

four of us—and I remember giving a lot thought to whether I should use some phony name or not. I had been out, certainly, but if there were any cobwebs on my closet door, that took care of it," he says.

Soon, a merged effort, featuring issues regarding not only gay men but also lesbians and bisexuals, was born. That show, "i.m.r.u." led to the gig at the March on Washington with Chappelle.

Even though national gay radio programs had been tried twice before, with no success, "This Way Out" was the next logical step. The show went on the air in 1984 with 26 stations—almost a fourth of the number it is heard on now.

The enormous effect the show has had on its listeners is evident by the mail the staff receives. One letter, from an obviously closeted listener, states, "I listen to your radio show on my headphones behind my closed bedroom door so no one will know I'm listening."

Another distressing testimony, from a 17-year old in Missouri who was bashed, suffered a nervous breakdown and attempted suicide, illustrates the real strength of the show.

The program was recommended to him by a gay hotline in St. Louis.

He wrote, "Now I know about news that affects me; all I do is tune in. It's like finding an oasis in the middle of the desert. The only thing for gays here is the highway and "This Way Out."

The producers have also been surprised that the show reaches a non-gay audience as well. It's fast-paced radio magazine format makes it not only informative but entertaining. The producers of other programs are also able to use the show piece by piece, or however it best fits into their own program. And perhaps the most important aspect of the show is that it functions as a historical archive, making the fight for gay men and lesbians to be heard just a little bit easier.

In order for the show to stay alive, however, the money to fund it must be there. Last December, the David Geffen Foundation approved an award of \$5,000 to the non-profit operation. The Geffen gift was a matching one, so in effect the money is doubled. "This Way Out" is also on the list of gay and lesbian organizations that are eligible to receive donations from "Community Spirit" long distance telephone subscribers.

For a show operated on a shoestring budget, "This Way Out" has garnered many honors. In the past few years, it has won awards from the National Federation of Community Broadcasters, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) and the Gay and Lesbian Press Association. Not bad for a mostly volunteer operation.

Outside of the office, Gordon is just as dedicated to the show. He says, "This Way Out" is the name of my lover. I am the staff; the office is my living room. This thing that keeps me going are the letters we get from the people who really need us."

Though "This Way Out" has previously been carried in Atlanta on WRFG, it is not currently on the station's schedule. However, sample copies of the show are available by mail.

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CATALINA'S RIDDLE

Most mysteries leave me cold, and I'm even less of a fan of most historical novels. But after reading "Roman Blood" and "Arms of Nemesis," the first two excellent books in Steven Saylor's five-book series of mysteries set in Ancient Rome, I couldn't wait to get my hands on "Catilina's Riddle," his latest. I wasn't disappointed; in fact, this latest entry in this unique and increasingly satisfying series is his best yet.

The year is 63 B.C., and Rome is embroiled in a vicious election battle for consulship between two Roman senators. Cicero, the ruling statesman, skillfully wields rhetorical allusions to patriotism and family the likes of which would put even George Bush to shame. Catilina, his populist challenger, uses his brash good looks and charm to beguile and seduce the unsuspecting populace—in more ways than one. Charges of corruption, moral and otherwise, fly from both sides—and neither party seems wholly innocent.

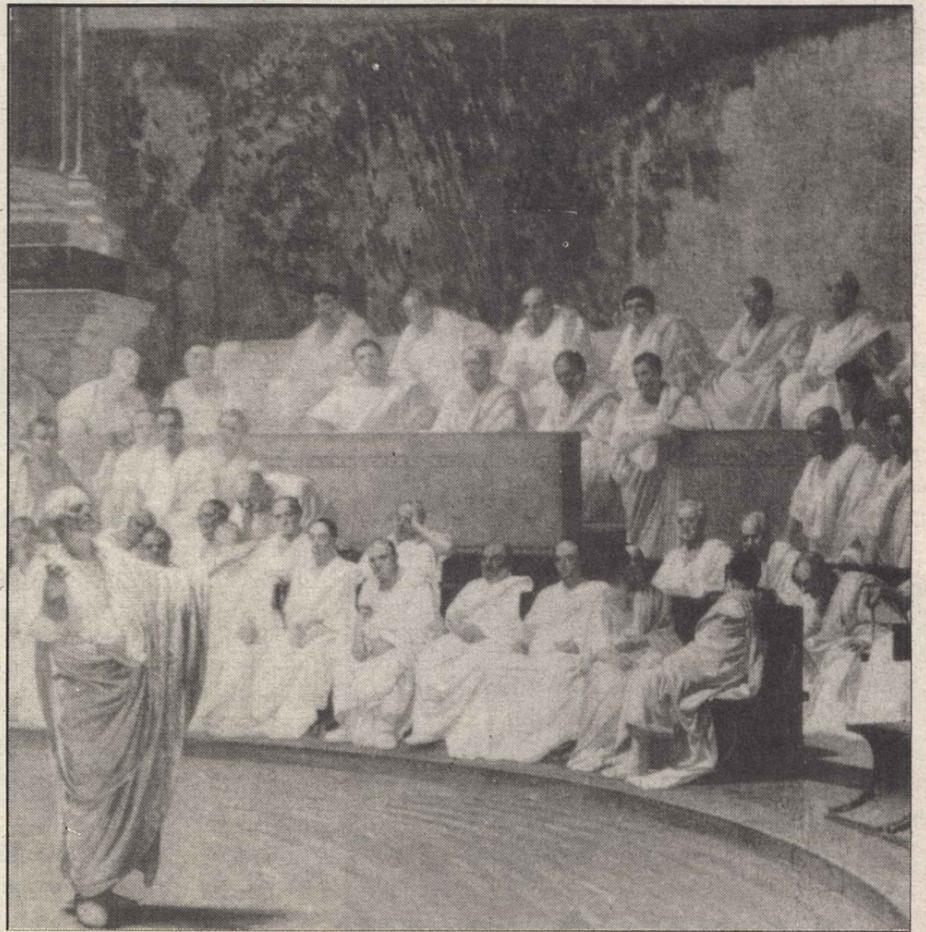
Enter Gordianus the Finder, a sort of private eye for the Roman set who has dealings with both Cicero and Catilina. Gordianus has moved to the country exactly to escape this sort of dangerous intrigue, but when mysterious visitors and headless corpses start to appear on his farm, he is unwittingly pulled into the fray. Before long, the deadly intrigue of Rome and clandestine meetings even with the likes of Catilina himself envelope Gordianus' once-peaceful farm—and soon he is fighting not only for the truth, but to save his unconventional family of freed slaves as well. The solution to it all, he knows, has something to do with Catilina's famous riddle: "I see two bodies. One is thin and wasted, but has a great head. The other is big and strong, but it has no head at all."

Gordianus' adventure leads him from the bloody battlefields of Ancient Rome to the Forum itself, from the skeleton-filled depths of an abandoned mine to the dark depths of his own increasingly bisexual sexuality; even Gordianus can barely resist Catilina's wily, masculine charms.

Saylor's factual knowledge of Ancient Rome is impressive—many of his characters are actual historical figures—but his understanding of an alien social order is even more interesting. Saylor explores Ancient Rome's rigid class and slave system but without infusing his main character with an overbearing (and unrealistic) 1990's moral sensibility. Gordianus questions the cruelty of the slave system on one hand, but keeps slaves of his own on the other.

Even more fascinating is Saylor's exploration of Roman sexuality. In Ancient Rome, Saylor tells us, sexual taboos don't involve the gender of your partner but the role one plays during sex. In other words, it was perfectly OK to have sex with men as long as you were the dominant partner. Loss of stature came only from playing the passive role—which is one reason why women were so looked down upon.

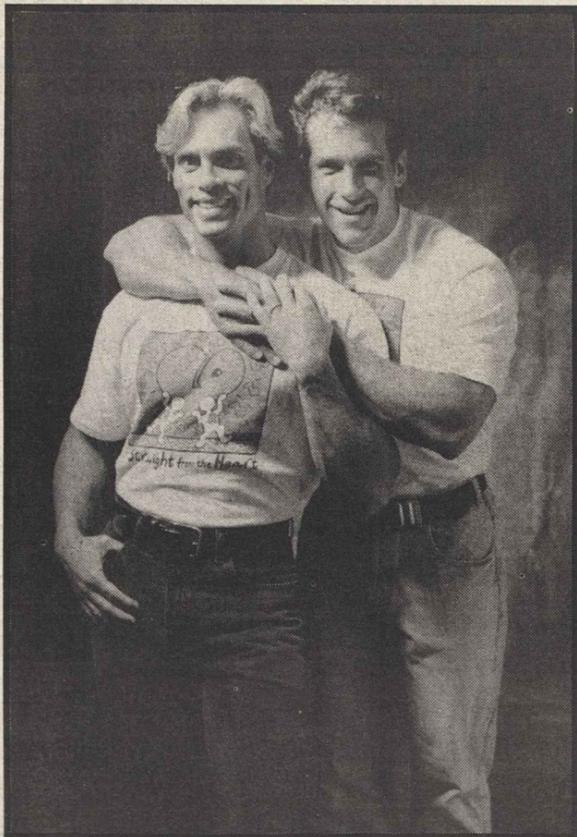
Saylor's novel also works as a mystery, with enough



red herrings to keep you guessing right up to the satisfying ending.

A mystery that is truly unpredictable? A historical novel that doesn't bore—with gay themes to boot? The real mystery in "Catilina's Riddle" is how Saylor put it all together so well.

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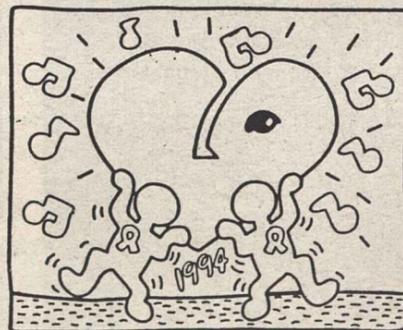
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Not too long ago, I read a letter in the Sunday paper's opinion pages from a woman who accused Atlanta of lacking world-class culture. In the "I'm madder than hell and I'm not going to take it anymore" tone typical of those type of letters, she proceeds to grill unsuspecting readers such as myself as to the whereabouts of the world-class art exhibits and the world-class dance companies. Her implication was that they were somewhere else. Paris or New York. Which is where I told this woman to go and poured another cup of coffee.

Atlanta's got plenty of culture.

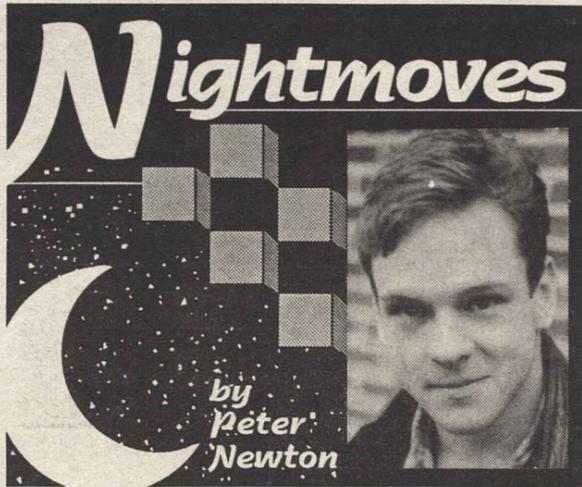
After all, if Atlanta didn't have world-class status, would **Jerry Lewis** come here? He's performing live at Symphony Hall on Monday, Feb. 28 at 8 p.m.

Talk about one extreme to another. Also on Feb. 28 is the **Tour of Hope** concert featuring **Miriam Makeba** and **Hugh Masekela**. It's legendary South African music at the Atlanta Civic Center. 523-6275.

Also, in celebration of Black History Month, there is



"The Old Dark House" at the High



the a cappella quintet **Sweet Honey In The Rock** performing at Sisters Chapel at Spelman College on Saturday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. 577-3178.

This weekend at the Woodruff Arts Center is made for the hard-core horror fan. The High Museum of Art will present **The Horrors**, a three-part series showcasing two classic horror films and culminating with a special visit by **David J. Skal**, creator of the most ambitious, provocative and entertaining history of the horror genre published to date. The first film was "Cat People" and, alas, we missed it. Well, I did anyway when I was writing my last column. But you can catch the second film, "**The Old Dark House**," which plays Friday, Feb. 25 at Rich Auditorium at 8 p.m. Anything with **Boris Karloff** as the star has to be decent.

On a lighter note, **Koolhipfunkystuff** is having a party to celebrate the opening of their new exhibit, "Hip Spirit: 5 Atlanta Women + Their Art." **Virginia Carnes, Daphne Covington, Franca Haynes, Rebecca Hose-Capps** and **Lori Walters** are the women. As for their art, come see it for yourself. Saturday, Feb. 26, 7-10 p.m. 607-1095.

Don't forget Tuesday, March 1 is Grammy night. And

what else does one do on a Tuesday night? Ever since **Amy Ray** and **Emily Saliers** of **Indigo Girls** got passed up for Milli Vanilli in 1989 for best new artist, I've had a hard time respecting the Grammy judges. It didn't help matters when Milli Vanilli were discovered as master lip-synchers and stripped of their award, becoming the only band ever to have their miniature gramophone replica taken away. The Grammys aren't as glamorous as the Oscars, but as popularity contests go, these are the most popular.

One of the more interesting play picks for the week is a series of one-acts being performed by **Art Attack** at the 14th Street Playhouse. "Your Mother's Butt," by playwright Alan Ball as well as two others, "Bachelor Holiday," and "Power Lunch" will amuse and or entertain through March 6. 881-6304. I believe these plays take the space of "**Old Flames**" that was playing at 14th Street up until one of the producers skipped town without paying the actors, without cueing the sound man, without even saying good-bye. What's the world coming to?

I attended my first **Roxy** concert ever last week to hear the new and little known **Crash Test Dummies** from Manitoba, Canada. They were great, but that's not why I'm telling you this. The Roxy is the perfect place to hear a band you really like. Not a bad seat in the house, in fact, there are no seats—except in the balcony and I think you have to be somebody to get up there. Anyway, the Roxy is sponsoring a benefit for **Task Force for the Homeless** on Friday, Feb. 25. For \$6, you get **Five-Eight, Uncle Green, Big Fish Ensemble, Gerald McHugh, Catbird Seat, Chief Seattle** and **Josh Joplin**. This is one of those rare deals for a good cause. Not to mention the perfect chance to sample some of Atlanta's best local talents.

Another benefit for the homeless that met with huge success recently was **Heartsongs**, organized by the folks at Eddie's Attic. The acoustic supershow was the sixth annual benefit for the Trinity Community Ministries. Two dozen local artists played all day and all night to raise money for food and housing programs. Mark your calendars for '95.

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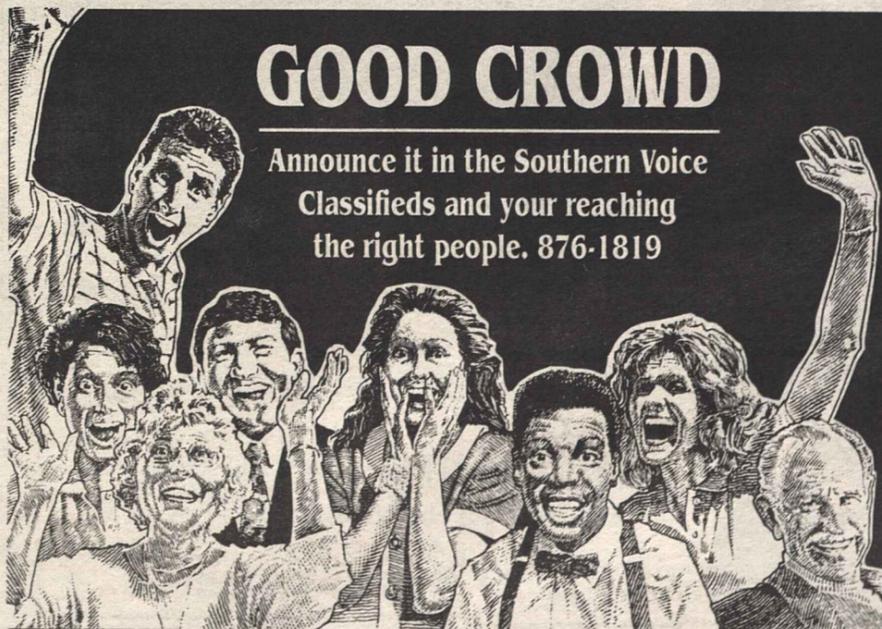
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LA BÊTE

The notion that Alliance Theatre Company's latest show, David Hirson's "La Bête," is some kind of elegant French highbrow drama is dismissed the moment the audience walks into the theater. Michael Olich's towering set is sort of an "in your face" confrontational structure stretching into the first four rows. Laid out in the front of us are all the tricks of the Three Stooges' trade—pies, meringues and cakes.

Highbrow? Hardly.

"La Bête" is described as mock-Moliere. The 3-year-old play is written in rhyme couplets, a high comedy characteristic, but there's a lot of low comedy, slapstick and bawdy behavior throughout the piece. It's a comedy of manners based on the people in the life of Moliere, the leading playwright of French Neo-Classical farce. The story revolves around a troupe of actors in the service of a prince who has become infatuated with a preening,

La Bête

blithering phony—the "beast" of the title. While it does have its serious moments, director David Bell, who is also Alliance's associate artistic director, has clearly chosen to go after all the comedy he can wring from the piece, and he's taking a decidedly different approach than the Broadway production did two years ago. "One of the things I felt about the brilliant, stylized production in New York was that it didn't tell the story very well," says Bell, "It did present the style—and even create the style—in a very

heady sort of way. But for me, the basic dilemma of the piece was ultimately short-shrifted, and the audience's participation with the show and its meanings weren't clearly revealed. We got lost in the style.

"I think that's a danger of the piece. It's written in the style of French Neo-Classicism. Although that would suggest high comedy, it's also written with the words of modern day, so the verbage is definitely low comedy. So in dealing with the material, I wanted to first create an environment that demanded behavior—that the characters could do things that would support what it is they were talking about. We got lost in the style.

Exaggerated style is certainly going to be evident in the Alliance's production. Oversized wigs and revealing costumes are gloriously evident throughout, and that towering set immediately forces us to recognize how theatrically outlandish the piece is going to be.

"I spent a lot of time thinking about this design," Bell says. "Michael Olich had just finished designing 'Kentucky Cycle' on Broadway. We had this five hour meeting in Washington. It was a disaster. We were doing two different shows. He said, 'When I sit down and look at the highly structured language of the piece, I can't go to any kind of realistic environment. I have to give you something more stylized.' And I said, 'Sorry,



The Alliance's new French farce, *La Bête*, doesn't take the high road.

you're not directing this. I need behavior.' There was a tension between what he felt was necessary and what I felt was necessary. But we eventually wed out ideas in this brilliant design which I think addresses both issues."

Bell has cast "La Bête" with an interesting mix of local and New York actors. Broadway actors John Christopher Jones is playing Valere and Michael Butler takes on the difficult role of Elomire. But popular Atlanta actors Jonathan Davis, Janice Akers, David Milford, Lee Morris, Jeff Portell, Elizabeth Wells and Rosemary Newcott comprise the majority of the company.

"It's quite a cast," Bell enthuses. "I didn't know that. I didn't know any of these people. And Jody (Feldman, Alliance casting director), she's a smart cookie. She let me go through days of open calls, auditions and call-backs. Then this was the cast list I gave her. Only then did she say, 'Do you know who these people are?' 'No,' I said. As it turns out, they were the best actors for these roles. They are the sweetest human beings.

"I have, since the last time I talked to [Southern Voice], fallen in love with Atlanta, and this theater. Before, I just wasn't sure. Nothing seemed to sell. 'Once on this Island,' which was a show I was very proud of, didn't sell at all. I was worried about 'Falsettos' doing the same. After all, it was in the middle of all the reactionary Cobb County stuff. Had it not sold very well, my feelings would have been very different. I was very proud of what we did. I've made a commitment to local talent as well."

Bell can point to "Falsettos" with some pride. The show, which he expertly directed last fall, was one of the most successful in the 25 year history of the Alliance, playing to 91 percent capacity. It had the biggest single ticket sales day the Alliance ever had.

This year has been, and continues to be, a particularly busy and productive one for Bell. At the Alliance, he's done "Falsettos," a new version of the children's tale "The Snow Queen," "La Bête," and he's co-directing "The Boys from Syracuse" with artistic director Kenny Leon. His play, "Hot Mikado," is opening its pre-Broadway tour in Washington on May 1 and its national tour in Houston on May 10. His original musical based on "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" just extended its run in Chicago.

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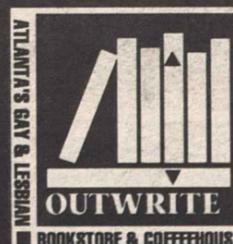
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Good restaurants usually become institutions—places that don't try to be anything, but rather, like "La Cage's" Albin, simply are what they are. Actually some pretty mediocre eateries manage the leap from upstart to success to part-of-the-landscape too. But the safety and security of that status can sometimes beget complacency.

Which pretty much described the state of things at **Partner's Morningside Cafe** (1399 N. Highland Ave. 876-8104) each time I'd visited it in the past couple of years. Friends reported the same sense of disappointment, describing a feeling that the kitchen was drifting rudderless while the owners poured energy into siblings Indigo Costal Grill (with its pretty new patio) and Indigo's Out to Go.

The white walled rectangular dining room has changed little over the years. It's high ceilinged but cozy (going on cramped), and loud as a Hawks game after filling up with folks who've had a cocktail or two. There's a patina to the place (good lighting combined with years of honest wear and tear) that feels incredibly reassuring and comfortable. And while some things on the menu change with regularity, others—like the raviolis of the week, some of the city's best homemade pasta, and a Caesar salad—have been here as long as I can remember.

The ticket here is multiple and exotic ingredients combined in ways that sound intriguing.

The pasta special, for instance: "New Bedford scallops, shrimp, Maine mussels in a Mediterranean gathering of fresh fennel, Calamata olives and red pepper coulis with a crumble of feta and lemon zest over linguine" could be either heaven or an unrepentant attack of menu hyperbole. Unfortunately, the latter is closer to the truth. Despite a plate full of posh sounding ingredients and really good noodles, the seafood is overcooked and the dish as a whole is annoyingly plebeian.

On the other hand, Tuscan pork ("a tenderloin, dry rubbed with herbs, grilled medium pink, misted with Sambuca & served with a portobello mushroom reduction, basil and pinenuts. Served with creamy Parmesan polenta & warm tomato coulis") is the kind of food that makes me sure that gods and goddesses do exist and are probably working in the kitchen at Partner's. The meat is tender and moist, the mushroom reduction absolutely ethereal, and the polenta soothing as a mother's hug. Swoon.

Similar hosannas go to an appetizer of parsnip and sweet potato pancakes served with smoked salmon and creme fraiche. The contrast of flavors, textures and temperatures is world class.

Why then is the Caesar salad lackluster? And the field green variation little better? And why does the flourless chocolate cake, iced with Khalua-spiked chocolate, also have unadvertised ancho chiles in the icing? Cool, maybe with a sip or two of red wine, but (especially with coffee) not an easy way to end a meal.

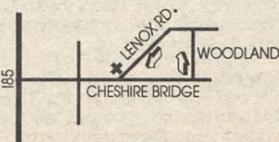
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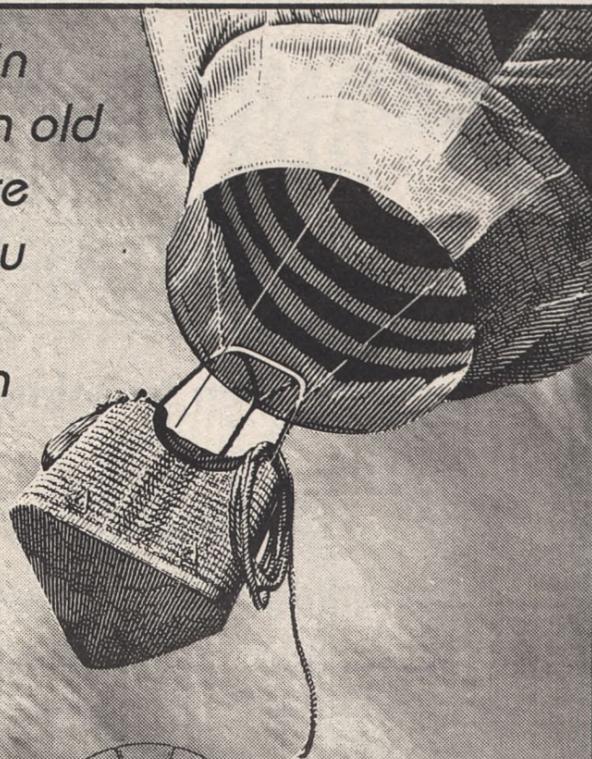
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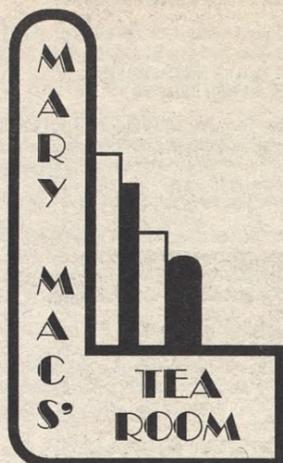
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A FOOD COLUMN BY GARY KAUPMAN

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And at 6 p.m. on a recent Friday, the number of gay men and lesbians scattered around the dining room made it feel a little like The Flying Biscuit—except the homos here were wearing \$400 sweaters and silk shirts instead of leather jackets, Levis and flannel. Two women came over to our table and told us that they thought the management should do away with the cedar menu clip boards, because they are "too much like closets."

So how could I not love this place?

Because when the bill arrives, the fun quotient does a belly flop. Sixty bucks (before a well earned 20 percent tip) for one appetizer, two salads, two entrees, one dessert, two glasses of wine and two cups of coffee should yield a meal with fewer failures.

Taste Treat

Speaking of the Flying Biscuit, the warm chicken salad there has evolved into one of the most amazingly flavored ways to spend \$8 in town.

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The combination of strong flavors is not for the weak of tongue, and there's enough fat in the dish to make me nervous, but if your taste buds are bored, it will definitely wake them up.

Consciousness Raised

Steak and Ale has never been my kinda' place. And when many of the stores in the 156-unit chain opened Rush Rooms (where like-minded cro-magnons could eat their meat and wallow in Limbaugh's unique blend of bigotry and victimhood), I wrote them off completely.

But now comes word that S&A management has decided they "shouldn't be in the political business." Even if it did increase sales as much as 15 percent. That's a really encouraging move for a business that's so focused on its bottom line.

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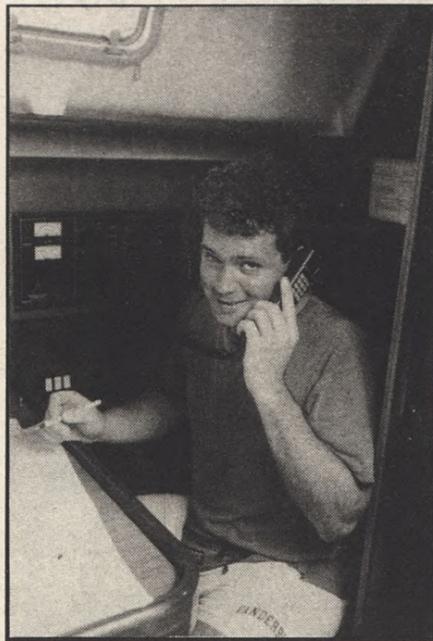
Age: 29

How long in Atlanta: 5 years

Relationship Status: Single, but dating

Last Book Read: "Eighty-sixed" by David B. Feinberg

Pet Peeve: People who don't live to their full potential



The last movie John Fritchie saw was "Philadelphia." Since then, he's been struck by some of the complaints about the movie—it's not gay enough, it's not realistic—particularly the complaints about Andrew Beckett's almost unbelievably supportive family.

"They say no family is that supportive," Fritchie says. "But that's not true. There are families that supportive, and I'm lucky enough to have one."

Of course, Fritchie's family is, shall we say, a little different. In addition to Fritchie, a brother, an uncle and several cousins have all come out to the rest of the family, making theirs the gayest tribe in Sunshine, Louisiana, the small town—less than 100 residents—on a peninsula formed by the winding Mississippi River where the Fritchie's live.

"There are almost more gay people than straight in my family," he says with a laugh. "And always having had gay people in the family, it's something we're well adapted to and supportive of."

Speculating that perhaps there is something in the swamp water to cause such a plenitude of gays, Fritchie described family holidays with his brother (who has since died of AIDS) and his partner, his uncle and his partners (through the years—Fritchie's uncle is now in his 70s), and Fritchie's own partners.

"My partner has always been included in everything the family did," he says. "My mom comes up here for Pride and the AIDS Walk."

Fritchie says his first inklings of being gay came in the 7th Grade—always a doodler with pen and paper (he still paints and draws), he noticed that he was strongly attracted to drawing male figures.

"It wasn't erotic," he says. "I guess male figures were easier to draw."

But that passion "went from art to more exciting things," he says, on the way home from his senior class trip to Pensacola. Driving a member of the swim team home from a meet, the two stopped at a hotel for the night, and...

"That fateful evening changed my life." Fritchie attended Spring Hill College, a Jesuit school in Mobile, Alabama, majoring in computer science.

"My parents wanted me to go to a Catholic college and I wanted to go to a college by

the beach," he explains. "We had different priorities, but we found a match."

And Spring Hill wasn't a typically conservative Catholic school. Fritchie and his partner at the time were out, well known on campus as a couple.

"When fraternities had parties, they would address invitations to me and my partner," he says. "It was almost unrealistic, but it was very supportive. But then, the Jesuits are known more for their academic prowess [than for conservative leanings]."

Fritchie and his partner moved to Atlanta after graduation, where he took a job with a computer company and later with a company that made software for non-profits. Through that job, he made a significant career change.

"Every time I would go to these non-profits to talk to them about software, everybody there seemed so happy with their work, really passionate," he says. "And I wasn't. I couldn't get passionate about a piece of software."

He made the shift to non-profit work, preferring to work in AIDS services.

"I felt compelled to do that after my brother died about five years ago," he says.

Fritchie is between jobs now, taking a brief sabbatical. During his free time, he took advantage of an offer to sail in the Caribbean with two friends.

"I like being outside more than inside," he says. "I'm waiting on the weather to warm up so I can go camping. I love camping. Biking, walking in the park, anything outside."

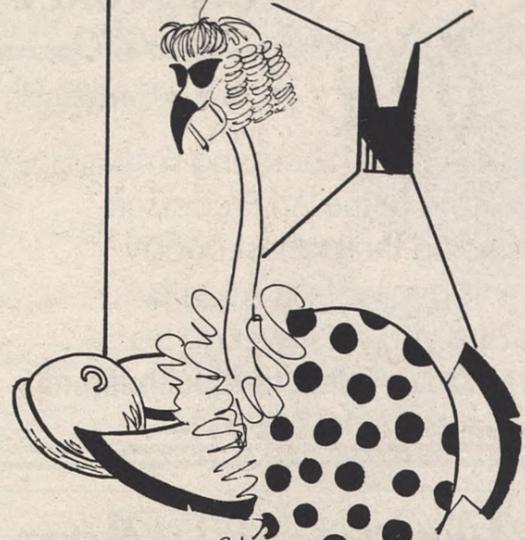
His love of the outdoors comes, he thinks, from his life in the Louisiana swamp.

"Growing up in such a peaceful environment has helped me live in the city," he says. "I've been able to stay calm and maintain a balance."

That balance includes a passion for gardening—he's getting ready to put in his spring garden and hopes someday to be an auxiliary member of the Digging Dykes of Decatur.

"I live in Decatur. My garden is in Decatur," he says with another laugh. "It's my highest aspiration."

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- Catalyst—(404) 776-1478
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- Neighbors Network—257-5550
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- Queer Nation—605-7396
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- STOP Bias Crimes Hot Line—605-STOP

National

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- National Gay and Lesbian Task Force—1517 U. Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009, (202) 332-6483
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Young Women's Brunch Network—Carolyn, 294-4233.

Spiritual

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- Women's Outdoor Network—624-3418
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Service/Support/Social

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- Wordsmith Society—Chris at 498-0137
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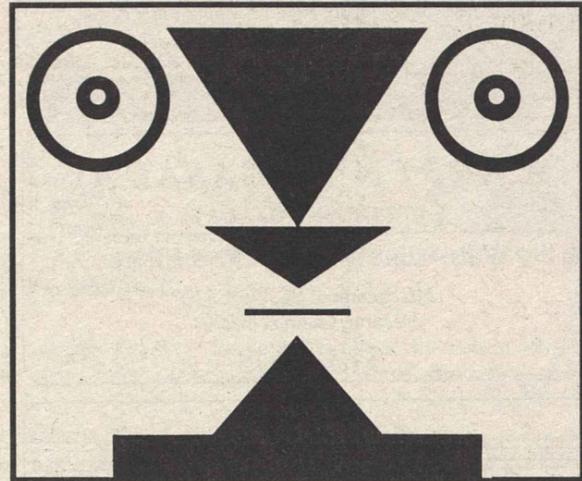
Shame, Shame, Shame: Dish's panties are in a wad over this conversation overheard between two lesbians at one of the most PC businesses in town. Lesbian #1: "Where do you go when you go out these days?" Lesbian #2: "I don't go out any more, I'm just too afraid of getting AIDS." Lesbian #1: "Yea, I know what you mean. I stopped going to my dentist. He has a gay practice and I was afraid of getting AIDS from the equipment." The lesson here? Gay people, including lesbians, are not born politically correct, not to mention sensitive or educated. Shame on these two who have an abundance of knowledge available to them and who choose to live in such ignorance. Now we know what Aretha meant by "Chain of fools."

And the Winner Is: Several months ago we mentioned that State Rep. Doug Teper was going to introduce legislation that would require hotels to post signs (with graphic images) to let visitors know what sexual acts are illegal in the great state of Georgia. (Teper has since introduced his bill, but the graphics provisions have been removed.) Good citizens that we are, we called for submissions for those images from our readers and in fact received a few. Far and away the finest came from Joe Theil, who is an illustration teacher at the Ringling School of Art in Sarasota. His images for fornication, oral and anal sex are priceless, and a bit too explicit for these pages. But we would like to share his image for same-sex smooching, which we think is pretty cool. We'll send the others to Teper, just in case he wants to share them with Tom Murphy and Pierre Howard.

Get a Grip: Speaking of the (increasingly scary) Lt. Gov., SoVo columnist David Stanley wrote to Pierre and expressed his dismay over Mr. Howard's blustering about "Tales of the City." Good pol that he is, the light governor wrote back and

Dish

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



Dish is very much amused by this new symbol for same-sex smooching.

opined in the most polite terms possible that there was already enough sex, drug use and profanity on network programming. Please, Pierre. If you can't tell the difference between the gratuitous crap on the networks and what appears on American Playhouse, you need to hang out with some homos and get a dose-o-culture.

The Kindness of Strangers: Dish was driving peacefully down North Highland last week when the two rednecks in a pickup behind us started hollering "faggot" at us. Given that their truck sported a gun rack and that the two guys were major thick-necks, we decided to ignore the taunts and turn up our Elton John tape. When we stopped at a light and their insults were plain for all to hear, the lady in the car in front of us (not adorned with any queer-identifying stickers) came back and asked if we wanted her to join us in confronting the louts. Still concerned with safety, we declined her offer...and felt very much safer in the world because of it. Thanks.

Activist Opportunity: Are you as fascinated by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution's new "The Vent" column as we are? It's supposed to be talk radio without the radio, but we think its way better—only the listeners get to talk and then only for about 15 seconds a piece. Our fave so far? "Using Phyllis Schlafly's reasoning, we could say that the earthquakes are God's punishment to California for giving us President Reagan." Surely a queer said that, and hopefully more homos will contribute their wit and wisdom to The Vent.

The Patriarchy on Parade: On the other hand, we were less than ecstatic over the way the AJC handled the birth of the new gorilla at Zoo Atlanta last week. While the front page picture showed mom (Choomba) and baby, the headline blared that it was "Willie B's firstborn." Now don't get us wrong. We're glad that after 27 years of isolation, Willie B. has been able to consummate a relationship with another gorilla. But we wonder about the mindset of a paper that (reflecting its city's values?) virtually ignores the fact Choomba agreed to have sex with Willie, carried the kid for however long gorillas do that difficult task and will be primarily responsible for raising the little devil.

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Mercury is retrograde (that means it looks like it is moving backwards) and it can effect anything electrical, as well as making communications more difficult. The key to living well with Mercury retrograde is to be sure your messages and all forms of communication are simple, direct and clear.

ARIES, are you ready for Spring? It's right around the corner, you know and that means your birthday as well as the beginning of your Solar Year is very close. Use the next few weeks to think about the coming year and get some clarity about how you would like your life to be. **TAURUS**, how are things going at work or with your career? If everything isn't as smooth as you would like for it to be, then do your best to be patient with everyone involved, including yourself. Listen carefully to what others are saying and be as clear as you can about your own thoughts and feelings. **GEMINI**, with Mercury, your ruling planet apparently moving backward, you may feel like you are meeting yourself coming and going. Stay calm, breathe deep and give yourself plenty of time to make important decisions. It's not a good time to be pressured into anything.

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CANCER, with Saturn moving through your 9th house of world travel, metaphysical studies and higher education, you may feel a little more adventurous. If you are willing to move out of your everyday routine, you could meet interesting people and have some wonderful experiences. **LEO**, if everything isn't perfect or you are feeling a little bit restless or out of sorts, then a weekend trip may be just the thing to perk you up and get things back on track. **VIRGO**, if you have been putting in too much time at work or behind your desk, then you need to take a day off, absolutely. If the weather is good, then get yourself outside and enjoy the fresh air and sunshine. **LIBRA**, your creative spirit should be all fired up with Mars moving through your 5th house of creativity, adventure and passion. You have a lot of choice about expressing this marvelous energy, so got focused on specific projects. **SCORPIO**,

as you may know, or perhaps you can feel it, Jupiter's expansive energy is sitting in your 1st house of physical appearance, self-awareness and personal intention: Use this wonderful energy to your advantage by releasing negative memories, allowing old wounds to heal. **SAGITTARIUS**, how are things at home? Are you spending enough time and energy keeping things up and paying attention to those you love. If you are moving too fast to spend any quality time with anyone, including yourself, then slow down and take a look around. **CAPRICORN**, with Mercury retrograde, you may feel some frustration with fellow workers or anyone you are working with on a project. Be patient, take time to listen and understand what others are trying to say before you make up your mind. **AQUARIUS**, are your priorities all set and clearly defined? Even if the world feels a little shaky and unpredictable, you can chart your own course just by knowing what you want and where you want to be. Shake off any accumulated discouragement and forge ahead. Happy birthday, **PISCES**. This is your month to celebrate life and start your solar year off right. If you haven't done it already, make a list of all the things you love to do and get started doing them. A well-done list should keep you busy for at least six months.

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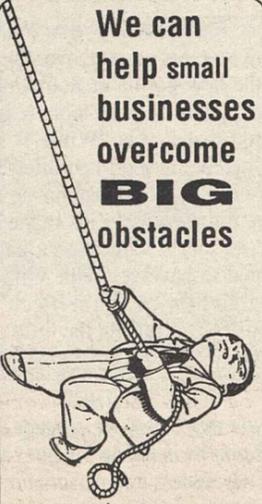
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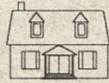
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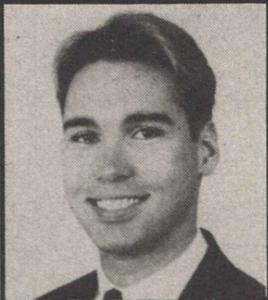
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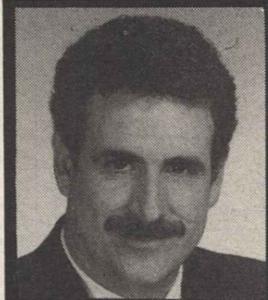
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Volunteers needed for the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee. Come to the general meetings, 3rd Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Colony Square Hotel. Hotel parking validated.

Voice Connection

WOMEN

SoVo Pick of the Week

Spring on the beach? GWF seeking attractive fun-loving female, 40-55, for quality friendship. Active, intelligent, stable, adventurous, gentle please. ☎ 1602

BiWF, 25, feminine, college student, cute, seeks feminine G/BI, 21-30, into dancing, movies, conversation, for friendship, maybe more. Please no smokers, drugs, heavy drinkers. ☎ 1250

GWF, 40s, feminine, enjoys tennis, skating, movies, seeks similar for friendship, possible relationship. No bis, drugs or butch. Nancy, PO Box 48781, Doraville, GA 30362 (7.4)

GWF 30's, attractive professional, 5'4" blondish, blue-eyed, feminine Scorpio. Works out, participates in sports. Loves humor, music, travel, spontaneity & living life to its fullest! No bi's or smokers, instead feminine, active, mature & sexy professional. ☎ 1635

Attractive White lesbian, 40's. Seeking school teacher who is honest, sincere. Do you like camping, fishing? Nature lover? No drugs. ☎ 1644

Do you pack a zucchin? Radical academic dyke seeks low-maintenance, queer-acting libido babe, 20's. Light SM, mucho bondage. POB 23052, Atlanta 30322. (7.3)

GWF, 36, wants to meet others to go 2-stepping. Enthusiasm more important than experience. ☎ 1646

Marriage Minded? Handsome French GWM, 38, seeks GF for non-sexual marriage. You get French Citizenship, he gets the right to live here. Some fluency in French desirable. ☎ 1632

GWF, 30, 5'10", 130 lbs, fit & healthy. I'm looking for a playmate, best friend and partner. I enjoy life, the outdoors, traveling, sports, animals, movies, dining out, reading and people with a positive attitude. Call me, it'll be fun! ☎ 1591

GWF, very attractive, fun, seeks F 18-30, preferably petite, for friendship, fun, and more. ☎ 1598

Depth, integrity, intelligence, compassion, independence, sensitivity, humor, humor and more humor! GWF, 38, seeks same. Dog lovers encouraged to respond. ☎

1604

GBF, 29, feminine, attractive, reliable, hard-working - theatre, walking, travel and housebroken seeks GBF feminine 30-35 for friendship and possible relationship. ☎ 1223

GWF, 41, married to a man, invites responses from all gay females in similar situation looking for quality friendship, mutual support, understanding and more. Any age, race and faith. Discretion, confidentiality assured. Don't hesitate - there's so much more we can do. Box 2109, 1189 Virginia Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306 or call 1220. (7.2)

Women are wonderful and friendship of any kind is hard to find. Would like to meet kind, smart, gentle women for lunch. ☎ 1219

GWF Professional seeks feminine companion, 35-45 who loves the arts, outdoors; honest, non-smoker; no butch; no bis. ☎ 1198

GWF, 37, int. opera, dining, animal lover, hugger, emotionally and financially stable are just a few of my features. If you have same features, I would like to talk to you. ☎ 1211

GWF, 31, cute, athletic, non-smoker, professional desires fun-loving relationship. Loves tennis, movies, the beach, cats, and sports. ☎ 1207

GBF, mid 30's. Attractive, professional, established, seeks same for dining, music, the arts, good laughter, outdoor fun, indoor fun. Friends, maybe more! No Bi's/Butch. ☎ 1195

GWF, 37, feminine, attractive, fun-loving, professional. Seeks same. Enjoys conversation, outdoors, tennis, beach, cuddling, adventure, fun, romance and more. No dykes, bi's drugs. 33+. ☎ 1192

NO EUPHEMISMS! Fat, 30-something writer nerd, half baby, half intellect wants to meet like-minded women. Political incorrectness will be encouraged! ☎ 1180

BiWF, 21, 5'7" writer, singer, creative spirit, individual - cigarettes, coffee, kaspel, Biafra, music, poetry. Sing While You May! ☎ 1182

GWF, young 40s, New Age attitude, enjoys intimate rainy days, movies, hiking, community involvement, laughing with friends and dancing, seeks GWF for fun, friendship & romance. ☎ 1175

BiWF

26, 5'4", 117#, blonde, nude dancer. Seeks attractive Bi-Females, 18-35 for Hot times. Bi females only. No men, heavies or couples! Andrea, POB 2257, Forest Park, GA 30051. Must include photo, phone and S.A.S.E. for reply!! (7.3)

Attractive GWF, 30, with a big heart and warm embrace, is ready to leap into your heart. Forever yours, E. ☎ 1157

Sexually dominant Aquarian lesbian seeks sexually submissive Pisces lesbian for possible commitment or special friendship. No alcohol abuse, drugs, bisexuals. ☎ 1162

GB fem seeks an educated, professional, aggressive GB female for friendship, possibly more. No bisexuals or fems. ☎ 1088

Attractive, feminine GWF, 26 - interested in sharing friendship, dining, dancing, and simple pleasures. Attractive, affectionate, active, and 24-30?? Let's talk! No drugs. ☎ 1045

WANTED! GWF, fem 25+. Looking for that woman who has an untamed personality like myself! Me, aggressive GWF, blond, 25. ☎ 1016

GWF, 32, feminine, fun-loving, adventurous, professional, honest, attractive, seeks similar ladies who have high ideals, are reliable and not promiscuous. ☎ 1020

Attractive, feminine, GBF, early 20's, mature and settled, seeks an aggressive GF who enjoys being pampered for friendship, possibly more. ☎ 1023

GBF seeks same for conversation & friendship. ☎ 1029

Very attractive BiWF, 28, sexy, feminine, long hair. Seeks WF, trim, under 33, for hot times. Local. ☎ 1008

I am attractive and loving and searching for Ms. Right - pretty, intelligent, active, stable companion with available time & transportation. ☎ 1848

Come play w/me; GWF - 31, wine & roses lady w/good sense of humor & a love of adventure. Looking for the right woman to sweep me off my feet. Must be lustful of all life's pleasures + romantic. ☎ 1841

GWF, 38, Lake Dweller, dog lover, con-

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MEN

SoVo Pick of the Week

GBM, 42 - Professional, varied interests, versatile, healthy HIV+, seeks stable masculine GM over 35, race unimportant. I enjoy a sense of humor, sincerity and versatility. ☎ 1259

Attractive, healthy, horny WM, football physique, 30s, 6'1", 190. Seeks a hot, regular sexual relationship, no strings. Just fun. ☎ 1258

WM, 39, seeks WM 35+. Let's have dinner, see a movie, ride through the mountains. ☎ 1257

39, 5'10", 160#, HIV+. Fit as a fiddle, smart as a whip, twice as interesting. No Yo-Yo's. PO Box 550051, Atlanta, GA 30355. (7.4)

2 many H's - Handsome, Hung, Horny, HIV-, Hardbody. GWM, 32, ready to settle down with same. RU? Military A+. ☎ 1256

Horny Midtown Professional involved GWM, 42, 5'10", 160, HIV- with place seeks discreet, adventurous, creative safe fun after 5pm. ☎ 1255

GWM, 43, 5'10", 155, attractive, midtown professional, HIV-, smoker, seeks relationship oriented, non-barfly, HIV- GWM for movies, dining in/out, more. ☎ 1254

GWM, 36, 5'11", 150, br/hz, very masculine, intellectual, socially shy but sexually dominate/aggressive, romantic, intensely loving and loyal to the right man - HIV negative, hung, artistic & fully together - I know what I want - A younger but mature, masculine, non-parting counterpart for tight, long term male bonding with no games. Photo/note to PO Box 250336, Atlanta 30318. (7.4)

GWM, 38, 6'2", 165#, smooth. Professional, non-smoker, avoids bars, seeks hairy professional 30-45 to enjoy movies, theater, dining out, travel, each other. ☎ 1253

WM, 44, 6ft/185, good looking, professional, muscular, quality, closeted, conservative life-style. Seeks quality (non drugs/bar) WM/AM bottom, (18-28), small frame/smooth. ☎ 1252

PAGAN w/m, 35, 5'8", 150, blond moustache, average looks, shy wants to meet other PAGAN good-folk. ☎ 1251

GWM, good looking, intelligent, HIV-, well-travelled ISO same 30-42, in-shape, who've lived with lover and understand compromise. Object: relationship. ☎ 1249

Northern Alabama GWM, 24, attractive, honest, sincere, relationship oriented ISO similar GWM 24-30 to explore life with.

Let's talk. ☎ 1247

GWM seeks masculine companion 30-45 for companionship with romantic possibilities. Interests should include movies, dining, 104.1, cuddling and passion. ☎ 1246

VGL GWM 35, 6'1", 190, br/br, smooth, masculine, work-out, swim/gym body, prof. romantic, healthy, non-smoke, seeks same for dating/relationship. ☎ 1260

GWM, 26, br/br, 170 lbs, handsome swimmer's build type. Seeking discreet encounters with someone who needs their back scratched...If you'll scratch mine! ☎ 1650

Blake's Gospel Hour 2/6. You: tall, blond, Savannah, New England, water. Me: blond, seated, California, Heiniken. Let's talk some more. ☎ 1638

Hot NY Latino GM, 31, seeks GBM 25-40 for friendship plus. Non drinker preferred. ☎ 1641

GBM, HIV+, seeks totally masculine GBM male 25-40. Versatility a plus. Must be ready for whatever happens. No fats or fems. ☎ 1642

Surprise!!! Didn't expect me here. GWM, tall, dark, handsome, muscular, 32 yr. old Italian professional seeks healthy professional all-American jock. ☎ 1633

Asheville Teddy, 5'7 1/2", 137 lbs, dk hair, moustache looking for hibernation or springtime playmates. Hairy & cuddly. ☎ 1660

Wanted: muscular All-American type who is very oral & submissive for good-looking muscular, healthy safe & sane GWM. ☎ 1634

GWM, 5'8", 150, blond-brown hair, 24 yr. old seeks honest friend and one-on-one relationship. Age 30-45. M.C., PO Box 703, Dalton, GA 30720. (7.1)

GWM, 25, 6'1", 180 lbs. bottom seeks sexy top GWM for hot oral service - no age requirement - all answered. ☎ 1647

GWM couple, hot, handsome, muscular, endowed 5'10", 155, 6'2", 185 seek same in bad boy(s) for fun, safe, no-strings sex-capades. ☎ 1648

GWM, 24, 6 ft. 180 lbs needs GBM, 25-40, for hot french service. Me: bottom, You: hot top man. ☎ 1649

Is there a GWM in this city, 25-40, hairy, good body seeking love? I'm 39, 6'2", 200, smooth, UC. ☎ 1637

LATINOS WANTED: Me; WM, 35, blond, moustache, 150, 5'8". You; moustache, not fat, masculine. For friendship, fun. ☎ 1643

Attention!!! Real Men 30-45, Tops seeking a fun loving Bottom 33 for a hot fun time, Fuzzy +. ☎ 1645

HIV+ ONLY

Handsome GWM seeks same for dating and possible relationship. I am a healthy 40, 6 ft., HIV+, 178 lbs., blonde, blue, many interests, Financially Secure. Take a chance and call. No games please. ☎ 1109

GWM, 40 plus - professional artists. Into Victorian houses, antiques, and old world charm. Looking for mature GBM with same interests for long term one on one. ☎ 1221

Do you want to sweat? How about a work-

out? Wanna wrestle? GWM, 33, seeks hot body for discreet fun. ☎ 1224

GWM 38, 5'10, 160#, HIV+, into swimming, philosophy, nature, politics. Seek similar 25-40 y.o. Se habla Español. No fumar. ☎ 1623

I need it bad. Desperately seeking sex with muscular WM stud under 35 who isn't too picky. ☎ 1601

Watersports enthusiast seeking other GWM into sessions of giving and receiving golden showers. Let's get wet together! ☎ 1222

True country fag seeks other urbanized males. Come play in the dirt again. ☎ 1597

Horny, attractive, GWM, 35, 5'11", 175, br/br, mustache, seeks other masculine, versatile men or couples for fun, frolic, hot times, kissing and cuddling. ☎ 1596

GWM, 32, 5'8", 145, goodlooking, muscular, safe, wants to be manhandled by hunky man. Make me serve. Leave message ☎ 1594

Like me you're 30+, tall, fit, handsome, bright, passionate and versatile. You enjoy travel, stimulation and companionship. We deserve bliss. ☎ 1592

VGL, GWM 5'11", 170, sincere seeks same 25-40, prefer slender, smooth, clean shaven college type for friendship, safe/hot fun. ☎ 1590

GWM Professional would like to meet a gorgeous young (20's) gentleman to share "honeymoon" in Hawaii. ☎ 1630

Mature business owner seeks attractive, sincere, mature GWM early to mid-20's to spoil, possible relationship, no drugs, non-smoker. ☎ 1631

GWM Leather Daddy seeks leather boy. Attractive young man to share life & the leather experience. No drugs, non-smoker. ☎ 1629

Models, GWM, 18 to 25 y.o., nude to formal wear. I'll help develop your portfolio. Expense paid travel, no experience necessary. ☎ 1627

Master seeks attractive young GWM slave boy for light S&M, piercing?, B&D, personal services, must be a serious bottom. ☎ 1626

GWM mature professional seeks goodlooking young man for dining out, travel, shopping, relationship. Not into drugs/smoking. ☎ 1625

Amateur photographer, WM, seeks built, exhibitionist BM for fun nude/semi-nude photo sessions. Discretion assured. No strings. ☎ 1204

GBM, 5'9", 148, educated, 34, handsome, healthy, humorous, non-smoker, seeking similar partner to share life's pleasures and pains. ☎ 1203

GWM, 30, 6'2", 180, blonde/blue, HIV+, attractive, Episcopalian, native Atlantan seeks quality GWM 25-35 for romantic relationship. ☎ 1202

Tired of being alone. Handsome, romantic, well-groomed BGM 30ish, 5'10" seeks BM 30-40 with varied interests to share quality time. ☎ 1201

Light-skinned GBM 34, with stocky build seeks GWM 25-40 masculine with stocky build for friendship/relationship. ☎ 1200

Good-looking, masculine GWM, 32, 6'2", 185 lbs, br/gr, bodybuilder, bottom, HIV+,

PERSONALS

healthy. ENJOYS movies, working out, quiet time and being in good company. ISO similar gdlkg, masculine, relationship-oriented top guy between ages 28-38. No heavy drinkers, drug users, bar flies. Serious replies only. ☎ 1199

Horny, hairy cowboy/bearcub, 34, 5'8", affectionate, intelligent, sexy, seeks hairy nonsmoking dominant cowboy/bear w/ brains, libido, facial hair. ☎ 1197

Masculine 30yo GWM, physician from Indianapolis, attractive, 6'0", 180#, HIV+ but asymptomatic, into sports, movies, travel looking for GBM also HIV+ and masculine with similar interests who might consider relocating. Doesn't matter if you're employed or not, just be sincere. Joe, Box 2105, 1189 Virginia Ave, NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. (7.1)

GWM, 39, 5'7", 140, versatile leather playmate willing to try almost anything once as long as it's safe. Looking for morning/daytime action. ☎ 1209

Versatile GWM 39 seeks daytime f... buddy for all types of kinky hot sessions. Expand my limit. ☎ 1208

Curious BM, 29, 6', 175#, laid back, runner's build, seeks tall masculine aggressive WM, 25-35, for relationship. No fats or fems. Serious only. ☎ 1206

Versatile young working, slim preppie WM wanted by GWM as exclusive live-in companion with home duties. Must have car. ☎ 1205

Boish GWM 30 still believes in fairytales and happy endings, seeks GAM prince. Must be masculine, honest and caring. ☎ 1216

GWM, 30, 5'10", 175#, brown/hazel, Auburn graduate student, seeks Zeusman-type buddy for rough weekends. Tobacco/drug free only. ☎ 1217

ATTRACTIVE WM 37 seeks other HIV+ WMs for cuddling & watching movies - most of all friendship. No bar types please. ☎ 1213

All work, not enough play. GWM couple, 28, 5'8, 145, bl, gr and 34, 6'0", 175, br, br, seek new friends for hot/safe fun. ☎ 1210

GWM, 28, smart, handsome, outgoing...loves travel, reading, Little Five, music, workouts, healthy cooking. ISO 23-35...dates, maybe more. ☎ 1218

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

GWM, 6'3", 190 lbs, 40's, a romantic who likes to receive and give affection to that special person who is 28-45, physically & mentally fit and loves life. ☎ 1194

Gay Asian man, 5'10", 145, sincere, clean-cut, hot, seeks WM/AM up to 30. Top, non-smk, trim, safe for relationship. ☎ 1193

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

6' top, 30's GWM, 170 lb. brunette, HIV+, seeks 6' blond bottom for friendship (classical music, movies at Screening Room...). HIV+ ONLY. ☎ 1156

Masculine WM, 33, gdlkg, hairy, private, seeks attractive, ultramasculine, private black man for very private, masculine activities. ☎ 1191

GWM, HIV+, very healthy. 5'10", 160, brown, blue, late forties. Successful, trim. Attractive, looking for someone to share life's exciting & unpredictable journey, non-smoker. ☎ 1190

Masculine, intelligent, muscular, Italian, young looking GWM, 47, bl/br, 165, 5'7", leather bottom seeks masculine endowed HIV-, leather top. ☎ 1179

Into bodybuilding? Well-built 35yo GWM, 5'10 1/2", solid 190 lbs, seeks similar for friendship, workouts and safe/hot fun. ☎ 1184

Unconventional - Nonconforming, GBM - Bewitchingly Attractive, seeks very masculine GWM or Hispanic top, relationship-minded for romantic and eventful times. ☎ 1178

GWM, 40's, youthful, fun, likes music, gardening, long mornings under heavy quilts, hiking & hot tubs. Seeks sincere, intelligent laughing men. ☎ 1169

Enemas/Water Play turn me on. 35yo attractive white male seeking hot others into same. ☎ 1183

Shy at first, 6'2" bld/blu GWM seeks romantic monogamous relationship with tall/shrt non-fat/fem GWM w/Blk/As/Lat 20-35. "I love strongly, steadfastly, & exclusively." Serious romantics only! ☎ 1181

Italian/Greek/Latin 29-40 sought by A#1 handsome Southern GWM 35, 5'10", 170 - into weights, movies, romance! ☎ 1177

WM, 36, blond/blue, mustache, HIV-, 6'4", 230. Attractive professional seeks Mr. Right. Is it you? Will answer all. Call today! ☎ 1176

Kuddly Koala Bear, moustached, hairy chested. 40 something hoping to find 30 something companion and playmate. Discreet preferred. ☎ 1174

GWM, 32, 5'9", 170, Bl/Bl, looking for serious relationship. 5'9"+, 30+. Varied interest. Masc. & serious only pls. ☎ 1172

GWM, 42, 5'9", 160, Gray/Blue, ISO GWMs 35-45 for friendship, possible relationship - enjoys movies, dining in/out. ☎ 1171

VGL GWM 33, 5'8", 145 lbs, bl/br, smooth, masculine, work out, swimmer's body, prof., romantic, non-smoker, seeks same for dating, possible relationship. ☎ 1170

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GWM 40 PLUS - into old houses and old world charm seeks GBM 40 plus - a man for all seasons - to share quiet times. ☎ 1160

BGM, 5'8", 160, 30 muscular trim professional seeks discreet BM 27-35, 5'8"-5'11", w/hard body for dating. Blue collar types preferred. ☎ 1166

Looking for some fun? Call ad #1012, especially responsive to ads 1093, 1011, 1070, 1017, 1087, and 1735. ☎ 1159

Tall, medium dark BM 29, slim, seeking to meet a dark skinned Bi or GM topman who know what he wants. ☎ 1168

Are there any other young, slim, attractive, professional, athletic, masculine, mature, healthy HIV+ men in Atlanta besides

me? ☎ 1167

Handsome, intelligent, humorous, Top WM, 30, 6'1", 210 seeks humorous BM with big, beautiful butt, smooth skin. No fats, fems. ☎ 1165

Top GWM, 35, 5'7", 135 lbs. Br/Br/beard seeks bottom GWM for monogamous relationship. No smokers/ barflies/one nighters. ☎ 1163

2 easy going to be this goodlooking, 5'10", 160, 30" Levi's for hot boys & men 30339, 30080, 30001. ☎ 1161

Recently seperated WM, 40, attractive, new in Conyers area, seeks GWM, French active, Greek passive, for evening fun and friendship. ☎ 1158

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

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 friend/relationship. Please be 5'10"+, 30-50 y.o. ☎ 1004

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

TV/TS

Pretty TV, 41, single, size 11, 36A, seeks permanent position as maid or house-servant to dominant female. ☎ 1212

BiWM, mid 40's, 6'4", 200 lbs, professional, intelligent, seeks BiWM, well-endowed, fem, cross-dresser preferred. Send photos, no fats, druggies, smokers, HIV-. Box 2106, 1189 Virginia Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. (7.1)

BM, Top, discreet seeks TV/TS/G bottom for special friendship, discretion assured. Race unimportant. Hurry - Hungry ☎ 1164

Full figured transvestite would like to have discreet encounters with real men who are

honest, sincere to appreciate my company. ☎ 1024

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MBiWM, 47, submissive seeks dominant assmaster, G/F/C for daytime training session. French lessons exchanged, HIV-, safe play. POB 567421, Atlanta, GA 31156. (7.2)

Attractive, trim, white, professional couple seeking BiWF for safe, creative encounter of fun and fantasy. ☎ 1593

BiW/Couple, 40+ professionals, 6'4" athletic, she 5'3" blonde, attractive, seeks same for mutual pleasure, send photos, no fats, smokers, druggies, HIV-. Box 2107, 1189 Virginia Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306.

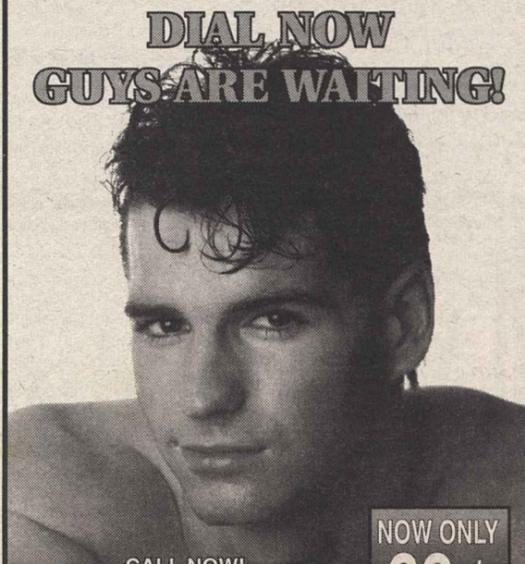
BiWM, HIV+, seeks F or TV. Am healthy. Spend this winter in Florida with me. ☎ 1022

BiWM, 33, adorable, seek Bi, G, S Females for holiday cheer. Let's visit our families, enjoy a play or coffee. Anxiously waiting - Love ☎ 1014

White couple, married, 30's, seeking BiWF to share fun and fantasy from both worlds in an intimate relationship. ☎ 1013

WANTED: fellow traveler(s) to go Ditch with bi guy 65 on land/sea/air jaunts worldwide. Leave your message anytime. ☎ 1844

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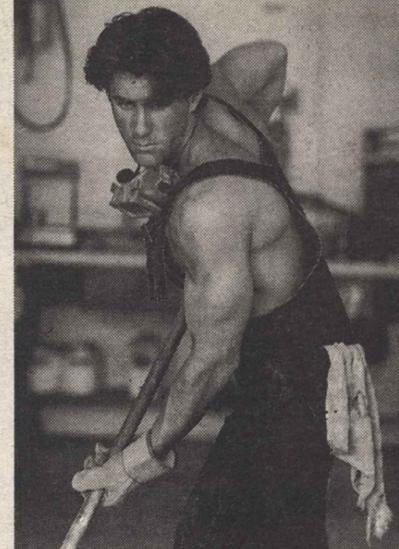


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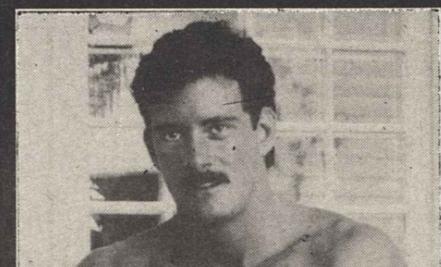
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Expert on horror genre to lecture at the High Museum

David J. Skal says he first came under the spell of vampires during the height of the Cuban missile crisis when he was just 10 years old.

As a fifth grader in suburban Cleveland, he found the images of Dracula, Frankenstein and other horror icons a kind of nuclear security blanket.

"Monsters, after all, are resurrection figures," he says. "They can survive anything. In those darkest days of the Cold War, they provided a whole generation—I call them 'monster boomers'—with a strange, but effective kind of comfort."

The Monster Show, a lecture by David J. Skal, will be Saturday, Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. in the Rich Auditorium at the High Museum of Art.

Skal, now 40 and a resident of New York City, has written "The Monster Show," a definitive but lighthearted cultural history of the horror genre that even contains an

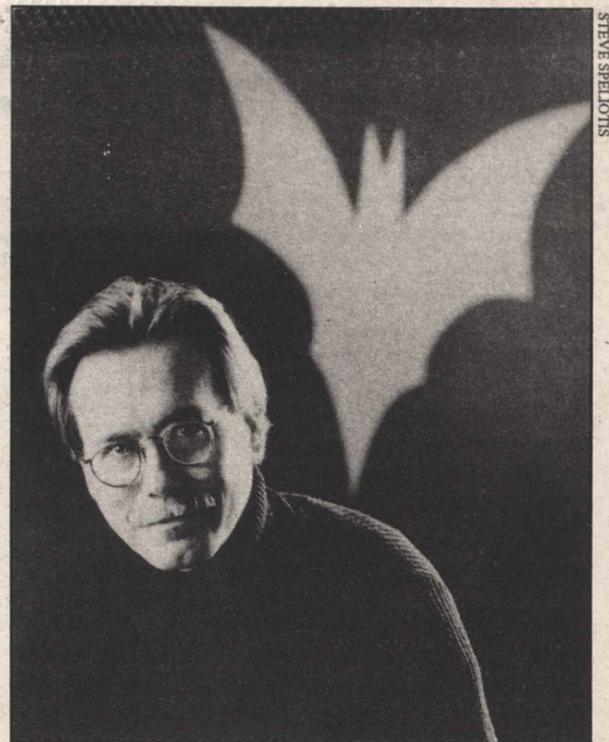
interview with a real live vampire.

On Feb. 26, the Metropolitan Film Society is bring Skal to Atlanta to discuss horror, particularly the way the genre has been used to reflect the social traumas of the 20th Century.

Skal comes at his subject not as an academic but as a writer with a background in theater promotion and marketing. He believes that the revived interest in vampires has much to do with the state of the economy, as well as a generalized anxiety about AIDS.

"Vampires have always had a way of transforming themselves into metaphors of our greatest fears. The economy is being drained by vampire-like forces no one completely comprehends or can control. Individuals are being drained by an equally uncontrollable disease spread by blood exchange, vein puncturing, and so on. In this atmosphere it's not surprising that the vampire has reasserted itself as a potent cultural symbol," he says.

Skal's appearance is part of an ongoing salute to horror at the High Museum. The day prior to Skal's lecture, on Feb. 25 at 8 p.m., "The Old Dark House" will be shown.



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David J. Skal's "Monster Show" even has an interview with a real live vampire.

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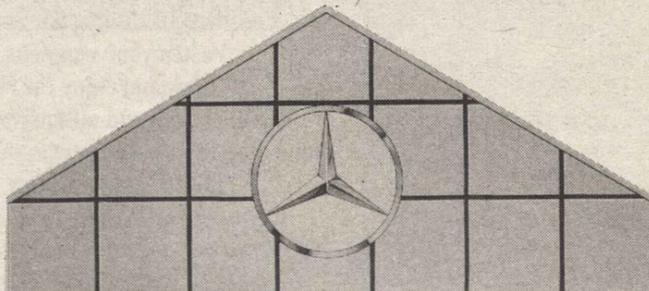
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