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10 THINGS that LESBIANS need to know about GAY MEN

By Richard Eldridge

According to my latest estimation, I have now wanted to bail on this assignment 553 times. And that's just the running total from the past hour. "The 10 Things Lesbians Need to Know About Gay Men."

Geez, it *sounds* intriguing enough. I like intriguing, heck, I even like a good challenge (this coming from a guy who was recently handed former Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights nominee Lani Guinier's complex new collection of writings, "The Tyranny of the Majority—Fundamental Fairness in Representative Democracy" and told to absorb it and to interview her on the book all in *three* hour's time).

Yeah, I like a challenge, but *this*? The biggest problem, I rapidly discovered is also a Number ten on my list—**gay men have a problem with honesty**. In most cases, we would rather concoct the most outrageous, ridiculous lie (i.e. —"No, I wasn't screwing around on you while you were out of town. Our apartment was burglarized this weekend and the robber must have left those used condoms on your side of the bed.") than actually tell the truth.

We're also better at lying to each other. Historically speaking, women have always been incredibly adept at catching us in lies. From Alice Kramden to Wilma Flintstone and Roseanne Connor, women have always been supremely talented in this area. Hence, the reluctance I encountered when I started questioning men on this issue.

Of course, I might be lying.

Number nine on the list would have to be **not all**

of us keep immaculate apartments. True, most gay men are annoyingly meticulous where their living space is concerned—the Windexed glass top coffee tables with strategically placed copies of GQ and Details (the latest issues, of course, and if we can find them at Oxford, the French or U.K. editions!) We even train our cats to projectile vomit their hairballs directly into the toilet (that's why our toilet seats constantly remain in the vertical position).

Of course, there are exceptions to this rule, like my friend Jonathan, who occasionally slides on the household chores. After cat-sitting his cat Groucho recently, I realized that Groucho projectile vomits anywhere Groucho wants to.

I, myself, fall into this unkempt category. I have a stack of Sunday New York Times so thick in my living room that it now functions as an ottoman. When my friends come by, I tell them it's "environmentally correct furniture" (see number 10). After deciding to do a little spring cleaning recently, it took me half the weekend just to fill out the forms for the bulldozer rental.

This fact, of course, brings us to Number 8—**All gay men don't listen to Madonna**. (Yup, some of us are hideously bad at being gay). After the singer's recent appearance on "Letterman" that set gay tongues

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Five arrested while protesting confinement of Kappers

DeKalb County and DHR still mum on when isolation will be lifted

Atlanta—Activists and supporters of John Kappers took their protest of his confinement to the street last week in a spirited demonstration that resulted in five arrests.

The demonstration was the latest in a series of actions protesting the DeKalb County Public Health Department's decision to confine Kappers to his home because he is infected with a multiple drug resistant strain of tuberculosis. Last month, a DeKalb County judge granted the county's request for the confinement, even though several expert witnesses testified that Kappers is not contagious, and that MDR-TB is no more infectious than other strains of the disease.

Beginning at noon on May 5, about 50 protestors circled peacefully for about a half an hour on the sidewalk in front of the Department of Human Resource's downtown office, chanting and carrying "Free John" signs. Georgia Building Authority officers prevented demonstrators from wrapping red tape around stair rails, and stopped one demonstrator as she wrote "DHR=Death" on the concrete portico in chalk. But they were taken by surprise when four protestors—Mark King, Brandon Abernathy, Jeff Graham, and Tim Boyd—unfurled a black banner urging that public health officials "Stop the hysteria" and carried it into the lunch hour traffic across the four lanes of Peachtree Street.

Traffic snarled as angry motorists beat their horns. At one point, four MARTA busses were stopped in a line in the northbound lane. Some motorists attempted to drive through the banner, and one bumped Abernathy three times trying to force him out of the way.

Two Atlanta police officers arrived ten minutes after the protestors took the street and

attempted to move the four from the street while the remaining demonstrators lined the sidewalks blowing whistles and chanting "Arrest the real criminals."

King, Abernathy, Graham and Boyd were charged with disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor, and taken to the Atlanta Pre-Trial Detention Center. They were released after paying \$113 fine each.

Almost unnoticed in the din of the first arrests, the Building Authority also had Alicia Culver arrested and charged with interfering with public property, a felony, for the chalk-writing incident early in the protest. Culver was released by Fulton County authorities on her own recognizance, and must appear in state court on Monday morning.

"It was a very successful protest," said King, who is executive director of the AIDS Survival Project. "Those at the DHR who thought we were so harmless before saw that we are much angrier. We're not going to be co-opted into accepting what they're laying down. What's two hours in jail when John Kappers has been in jail for over three weeks?"

Weeks into the controversy over Kappers confinement, neither DeKalb County nor the state has issued any policy for handling MDR-TB patients. In New York City, where public health officials have been handling MDR-TB cases for several years, patients are considered not infectious after three consecutive sputum smear tests (Kappers has now had 15 consecutive negative smear tests), but Dr. Lawrence Sanders, head of the county public health department, and DHR's infectious disease director Dr. Kathleen Toomey have been using positive culture tests to keep Kappers confined.

Kappers now has had two consecutive negative culture tests, and a third is still negative after 4 weeks (TB cultures take 6 weeks to grow), but Toomey and Sanders have not given any indication that a third negative test will result in Kappers' release from confinement. Both were out of town last week and could not be reached for comment.



Jeff Graham was one of four people arrested for blocking traffic on Peachtree St.

After a meeting last week with Toomey, King said that he came away with no clear idea what criteria would be used to lift the confinement order.

"Basically what Toomey said was that she felt confident...that three negative culture tests would be a reasonable [criteria]," he said. "But she left the door open. If they're not going to settle for that, then it's more obvious than ever that they're going to keep John confined until he dies."

"These people have got to realize that they've got a responsibility, not only to John, but to the rest of the people in the state of Georgia," said Graham, a member of ACT UP. "DHR has forced us into this [the protests and arrests] because meetings with them have been counterproductive. They've got to set a definitive policy."

The lack of a definitive policy has many in the HIV/AIDS community concerned about

how future MDR-TB patients will be treated.

"I'm concerned about patient number 2," said Boyd, who is Kappers' lover. "What if it's me? [Today's action] wasn't about being arrested. It was about public health policy."

It was also about education. One man, Keith Gleason, arrived on the scene in a wheelchair, read a flyer on the case, asked for a "Free John" sign and joined the protest.

"This is outrageous," Gleason said. "I'm HIV positive myself. There are hundreds of thousands of us, and we have a life. Nobody has the right to take away our right to have a normal life."

Kappers himself said that if the confinement order had been placed on someone else, he would have been there too.

"I hate not going to the demonstration," he said. "I would have sat out there in that street. Hopefully it will have some impact."

KC WILDMOON

Police now taking action on gay murder

Atlanta—Does sexual orientation play a part in how thoroughly Atlanta's police department investigates crimes? That's the question that cropped up at last month's meeting of the City Council's Lesbian and Gay Public Safety Task Force regarding the investigation into the murder of Raven Wolfdancer, and the answer was less than convincing.

Wolfdancer, a founder of Gay Spirit Visions, was found stabbed to death on his front steps on Dec. 13, and immediately friends began handing over to police information and names of people who could have had reason to kill him. But until the April 19 Task Force meeting, those friends say the investigation was proceeding slowly at best.

"We checked back periodically with [investigators]," said Franklin Abbott, a local psychotherapist and long time friend of Wolfdancer's. "It became apparent that not much was being done with the information. People weren't talked to."

Abbott said he believes there just wasn't enough impetus from the community to push the police further along.

"There are far many more murders than there are detectives to adequately investigate them," he said, "and those murders where there's family in Atlanta, and publicity, get attention more quickly."

Most of Wolfdancer's family lives in Indiana, and the distance made the case less immediate. But after last month's task force meeting, Abbott says, things changed.

"Since that happened, it's been like magic,"

he said. "All of a sudden Raven's case has been brought back up. Many people have been interviewed."

David MacDonald, an ex officio member of the task force, brought a letter from Abbott asking the Task Force to look into the case. Maj. Doug Worthan, representing the police department at the meeting, responded to the suggestion that the department was lax in its investigation because Wolfdancer is gay.

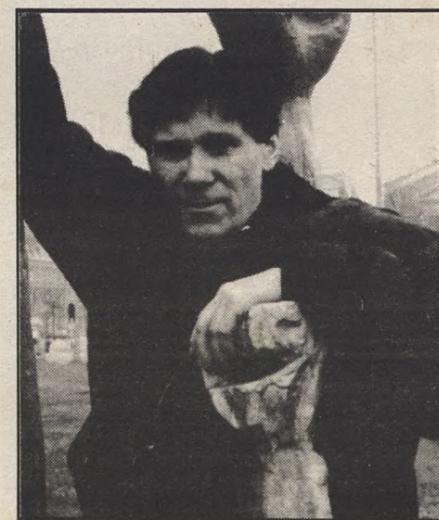
"His case is not being treated any differently," he said. "There are some [leads] that have been checked out, and some that haven't. ...It wouldn't have mattered if he'd been African American, straight, white or female. We don't put priorities on human beings, who they are, where they come from."

Worthan said that the early days of the investigation were hampered by the illness of the chief investigator, and then the disappearance of at least one of the people who was scheduled to be interviewed. And he admitted that the case has very little evidence for investigators to go on.

Abbott says he's been pleased with the activity since the meeting.

"I feel a lot more optimistic," he said. "I don't know whether they're going to solve it or not, but at least they're working on it. And I don't know that that would have been the case if the Task Force had not brought it up."

But it was Abbott's letter, and not the Task Force itself, that brought the case to the forefront. Carolyn White, chair of the Task Force, said that the panel does not act unless the



Raven Wolfdancer was murdered on December 13, 1993.

community brings forward a complaint.

"We don't so much delve into anything unless someone comes to us with a particular complaint," she said. "We can't go in and say here are our needs. We need input from the community."

Just such input came last year when reports of the murders of at least six transvestites since 1987 reached the media. The police surmised that some of those murders may have been committed by the same person, and the Task Force was called on to look into the matter.

Duncan Teague, who has since resigned from the Task Force, was the point person for that investigation.

"I left feeling like the police were doing all that they could with the information they had," he said, declining to reveal that information. "There's all sorts of stuff going on," he continued. "Unless we're willing to deal with it as a community, we need to get off the police's back."

Capt. Herb Carson, head of the homicide division, said that everything that could be done in those cases was being done.

"We're going back to every unsolved, and solved, homicide involving a woman or a transvestite, comparing the evidence, back through 1990," he said. "But we have no witnesses, and no clues."

But some cases have been solved. Police have arrested two men for the murder of Delray Green, shot to death on Nov. 6 after a night at local bars. His body was found in the parking lot of Benjamin E. Mays High School, and his burned car found in Gwinnett County. On Nov. 11, Dominique Ross confessed to his part in the killing, and implicated his accomplice, Joe Billups.

Ross confessed that he and Billups hijacked Green in his car and made him drive to Piedmont Park, where they forced him into the trunk. Then they drove the car to the high school, robbed Green, and killed him. The two were arraigned in December, and await trial on arson and murder charges.

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Another Georgia County adopts Cobb's anti-gay resolution

Jesup, GA—Another county in Georgia has adopted Cobb County's anti-gay resolution, and two municipalities in that county are studying it.

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners passed the resolution by a 4-1 vote on May 2 after heavy lobbying by local churches.

The Rev. Jack Lee, pastor of Memorial Baptist church in Jesup, a small town in southeast Georgia roughly halfway between Savannah and Waycross, led the church delegations, urging the commissioners, whom he said were "appointed by God," to pass the resolution in order to circumvent what he saw as attacks on the family.

"Traditional family values have been the stronghold and strength of the family," Lee said. "...If the family goes, so goes the nation. ...Let us not try to be politically correct but try to be true to the needs of our community and our God."

"The gay people of Wayne County certainly did nothing to be singled out for this hateful resolution," said Larry Pellegrini,

president of the Georgia American Civil Liberties Union's Lesbian/Gay Rights chapter. "One would think they would have learned from Cobb County that they are assaulting community standards rather than their gay citizens. Just as the Cobb resolution was a wake-up call to the people of Cobb, Wayne County appears to have invited the world to now view it as equally negative."

Only Commissioner James Thomas voted against the resolution, arguing that homosexuals should not be singled out when the family is threatened on other, more strident, grounds. Thomas also noted the fight in Cobb County over the placement of an Olympic venue there, explaining that the county faces the loss of millions of dollars if the venue is pulled because of the resolution.

The resolution was introduced to the commission by Wayne County resident Ira Dent, who has also given the measure to the cities of Screven and Odum. The governing bodies in those towns are studying the paper.

KC WILDMOON

Teacher with AIDS sues NC university

Raleigh, NC—A university physical education teacher ordered off campus after he contracted AIDS is suing the school, saying it violated his rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Campbell University, a 100-year-old Baptist institution, said it was protecting students by banning the teacher.

The federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission investigated the action and filed a lawsuit April 26. The teacher, identified in federal court documents as "John Doe," joined it.

He wants his job back, compensation for lost wages and unspecified punitive dam-

ages. The EEOC is asking for an injunction barring Campbell from discriminating against employees with HIV.

Campbell officials discovered the teacher's condition after he missed five weeks of work last spring while recuperating from a pneumonia.

When the university, which self-insures its employees' health coverage, received bills totaling \$20,000, it checked his medical records and discovered his diagnosis. He was told to leave May 26, 1993.

Campbell enrolls about 4,000 students at its campus in Buies Creek.

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SC gay/lesbian business guild forms

Columbia, SC—Gays and lesbians have formed a group to promote business and trade among themselves and to show how much economic strength they have in South Carolina.

The South Carolina Gay and Lesbian Business Guild helps to promote businesses either owned by gays and lesbians or ones that support them.

The group, which includes heterosexuals and people who are not business owners, is surveying members to determine buying power.

"Once we have that information, it will be one of the most effective things the guild can do," said Teresa Williams, owner of Bluestocking Books in Columbia and a spokeswoman for the group.

Its bylaws allow members to remain unidentified. "Some people are just not in a position to be open about their sexuality," said Freddie Mullis, a founder of the guild and co-owner of The Hubbard Group, a residential real estate firm.

Bill Bishop, director of procurement for the Department of Social Services, said being a guild member makes him feel part of a unit even though he is not a business owner.

"I feel there is a need for a positive gay group that is not about demanding rights or justice but just wants to be a group that gives back to the community and reminds people that we are part of the community," Bishop said.

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NC priest will not bless lesbian union after all

Raleigh, NC—An Episcopal priest backed down April 29 from a public challenge to his church when he announced he would not, after all, bless the union of a lesbian couple.

The change of heart came 10 days after Bishop Robert Estill issued a "godly admonition" warning clergy that to perform such rites would violate their ordination vows.

The couple, who are members of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Raleigh, will still exchange vows before a minister on May 14, but neither Lewis nor any other Episcopal priest will preside.

"I feel like a hypocrite, like I'm aban-

doning them," Lewis said.

He emphasized that he still supported gay and lesbian acceptance in the church. "There's going to be another day," he said. "I'm confident that someone is going to make the battle."

Lewis said he hadn't expected such a strong response from the bishop, and with his wife battling cancer, the stakes and the pressure were too high to continue.

Lewis said earlier this month that he had chosen a public confrontation over gay marriage in an effort to force faster change in the church.

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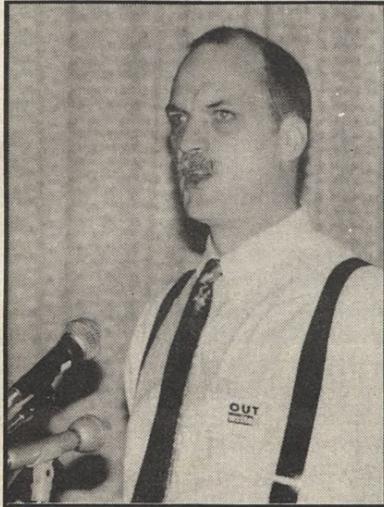
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Coast Guard To Ban Sexual Orientation Bias Against Civilian Staff:

The Coast Guard is banning discrimination against its 6,000 civilian workers based on their sexual orientation, according to a Guard spokesman. Coast Guard Commandant Thomas F. Fisher issued an order that "no one be denied opportunity because of their sexual orientation." While the Coast Guard is not part of the Defense Department, it does follow the military policy on the service of gay members. The Coast Guard is supervised by the Dept. of Transportation, headed by Transportation Secretary Federico Peña, who has long opposed discrimination against gay men and lesbians.



Gay author John Preston died recently from complications of AIDS.

John Preston Dies Of AIDS: John Preston, an activist and author, died last week at his home in Portland, Maine after a long battle with AIDS. He was 48. Preston, author of the classic SM novel "Mr. Benson," was also a noted lecturer and editor, co-founded Gay House in Minneapolis, one of the first gay/lesbian community centers in the country and was editor of The Advocate in 1975. Preston moved to Portland in 1979 because, he wrote in his book "Hometowns," "being gay in Portland doesn't have much to do with the media image of gay life." He recently finished co-editing, with Joan Nestle, "Sisters and Brothers," which will be released shortly. Preston is survived by his parents, two brothers and two sisters. Donations in his memory may be sent to the John Preston Book Fund, Brown University, John Hay Library, Providence, RI 02912.

Lesbian Avengers Infiltrate UN Party:

Five Lesbian Avengers paid \$250 each to attend a gala benefit dinner for the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), and then crashed the stage to demand that the agency include lesbians in its programs. The five were removed from the ballroom by security guards, threatened with arrest, and then allowed to join some 50 other Avengers protesting outside UN headquarters in New York.

Mass. Committee OKs Domestic Partnership Health Coverage: Gay and lesbian activists are hailing a Massachusetts legislative panel's endorsement of two bills that would allow domestic partners of state employees to be covered by state health insurance. The bills were approved last week by the Public Service Committee, and would require domestic partners to sign a statement saying they are in a committed relationship, live together, and assume responsibility for each other's welfare before they are eligible for the benefits. If the bills are ultimately approved by the legislature and signed by the governor, Massachusetts would become the first state to cover its employees under such legislation.

Cincinnati Police Monitor Controversial Play: Police are monitoring a play that includes nudity and gay themes to see if it violates obscenity laws in the same Ohio city that tried to censor an exhibition of photographs by the late Robert Mapplethorpe. At least one vice officer attended last week's premiere of "Poor Super Man," and a police spokesman said that any evidence that the play, which discusses homosexual, heterosexual and transsexual love, violates the law would be presented to city prosecutors. The Ensemble Theatre has uniformed guards make sure no minors are allowed to see the play.

Navy Revives Effort To Discharge Gay Officer: The Navy has begun its second disciplinary proceedings against Lt. j.g. Richard Dirk Selland, who acknowledged his homosexuality a day after President Clinton was inaugurated because Clinton had promised to lift the ban against gays in the military. The Navy began discharge proceedings based on the Pentagon's old policy barring gays from service, but dropped them when Clinton announced the new policy. Selland, in turn, dropped a federal lawsuit against the Pentagon, but now the Navy is trying to discharge him under the new policy.

Colorado PTA Rejects Anti-Bias Resolution: The Colorado PTA bowed to fundamentalist pressure last week, letting a resolution die that would have condemned bias against gay students. Voting 171-368, the organization then rejected a substitute resolution that did not have reference to gays or lesbians, but showed the state PTA would "oppose any and all discrimination." "This hurts students who are already afraid...already discriminated against," said state PTA president Jan Haley after the vote. "This sends them a very clear message that they should hide [their homosexuality]."

Speech Assoc. Will Not Meet In Cincinnati Due To Anti-Gay Bias: Voter rejection last year of an ordinance to protect gay men and lesbians from discrimination has cost Cincinnati a convention that was expected to bring in about 10,000 people. The executive board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association voted last week to move its November 1995 annual meeting to an as-yet undetermined city, spokesman Mark Aspen Galliher said April 26. It is the fourth group to cancel plans for a meeting or convention in the city because of last November's vote, which amended the city charter to prevent the City Council from enacting or enforcing laws based on sexual orientation. Gay rights advocates have sued to overturn the amendment, and their suit is expected to go to trial June 20.

And...The Dallas (Texas) City Council received a briefing on costs of domestic partnership coverage for city employees last week, but did nothing with the information...The student council at the University of Missouri-Rolla has been asked to review management practices after it printed a cartoon that **offended many black and gay readers**...State officials in Maine say a **fire at the home of Alan Crocker**, a gay man, may be linked to harassment targeted at him in recent months.



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Meeting between Cobb Co. Commission and gay activists goes nowhere

Cobb Chair Bill Byrne says anti-gay resolution will stand

Marietta—The Cobb County Commission and gay advocates are no closer to settling their differences over the county's anti-gay resolution, even after the commission chair met, for the first time, with representatives from the Cobb Citizens Coalition. The Coalition was formed last August in response to the Commission's actions.

In fact, Chairman Bill Byrne's response after the meeting, on May 3, simply underscored the deep-seated differences between the Coalition and the Commission.

In a surprising move that Coalition members said violated their agreement to make no comments to the media about the talks, Byrne issued a statement hours after the meeting proclaiming the county's commitment "to the principle of Human Rights for all our citizens" and its "opposition to the concept of Domestic Partners benefits, regardless of sexual orientation."

"We were totally outraged," said Noel Lytle. "The timing [of Byrne's statement] implied there'd been a deal. There is no deal because this would be totally unacceptable."

"Our cause is the anti-gay resolution," Lytle continued. "This doesn't address that."

Bowing to pressure from members of Cobb's business community to make some effort to keep the Olympic volleyball venue in Cobb County, the Commission has lately been claiming that its resolution, which declared gay "lifestyles...incompatible with the standards to which this community subscribes," was actually intended to bar domestic partnership legislation in the County. The resolution itself does not use the term "domestic partnership," and in his speech in support of the resolution, its author, Gordon Wysong, cited domestic partnership, the March on Washington, the gays in the military controversy and the Gay Games to support his argument in favor.

In his citing of the Gay Games, Wysong additionally claimed that the "health risks [the Games] raise...threaten the health safety and welfare of the community," and opined that "it is mind boggling to imagine what activities constitute gay games."

The Coalition, which was planning a second meeting with Byrne when his statement was released, initially pulled back from those plans, but then decided to go ahead with the meeting. However, Byrne's comments to an Atlanta Journal-Constitution reporter that the commissioners have "no desire or intent to rescind" the resolution may have a bearing on future discussions.

"If that's the case," said Lytle, "our second meeting is going to be very, very short."

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Facts and figures about anti-gay initiatives

ARIZONA

- **Type of initiative:** amendment to state constitution
- **Language:** The state could not "enact, adopt or enforce any statute, regulation, ordinance or policy whereby pedophile, homosexual, lesbian or bisexual orientation are the basis of or entitle any person or class of persons to status or claim of discrimination."
- **Signatures needed:** 158,311 by July 7.

IDAHO

- **Type of initiative:** statute
- **Language:** No state agency or political subdivision could enact any law or ordinance that had "the purpose or effect of granting minority status to persons who engage in homosexual behavior, solely on the basis of such behavior."

MICHIGAN

- **Type of initiative:** constitutional amendment
- **Language:** The state and its localities could not enact or adopt any laws ordinances providing minority status or protected status to homosexuals.
- **Signatures needed:** 256,457 by July 11.

MISSOURI

- **Type of initiative:** constitutional amendment
- **Language:** Virtually identical to Michigan's

language.

- **Signatures needed:** about 120,689 by July 8.

NEVADA

- **Type of initiative:** constitutional amendment
- **Language:** "The people of the State of Nevada find that inappropriate sexual behavior does not form an appropriate basis on which to construct a minority or class status in relation to civil rights."
- **Signatures needed:** 51,339 by June 21.

OREGON

- **Type of initiative:** constitutional amendment
- **Language:** "In the state of Oregon, including all political subdivisions and government units, minority status shall not apply to homosexuality."
- **Signatures needed:** 89,028 by July 8.

WASHINGTON

- **Type of initiative:** two statutes
- **Language:** Both would repeal and block laws and policies that prohibit discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transsexuals and transvestites; and prohibit teachers from presenting homosexuality as acceptable.
- **Signatures needed:** each would need 181,667 by July 8.

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Hawaii moves to block gay marriages

Honolulu, HI—The Legislature here has moved to counteract a court ruling that could make Hawaii the first state to recognize gay marriages.

The state House gave final legislative approval April 25 to a measure that defines marriage as the union of a man and a woman and asserts that any change in that policy is something for the Legislature, not the courts, to decide.

A spokeswoman for Gov. John Waihee refused to say if he would sign the measure.

The bill, which was approved two weeks ago by the Senate, is aimed at nullifying a state Supreme Court ruling last year that denying marriage licenses to homosexual couples appears to violate the Hawaii Constitution.

The court said the state had to show some compelling reason for such discrimination, and sent the case to a lower court for a trial on the issue.

The dispute could affect Hawaii's tourist industry, the lifeblood of the state's economy. Religious and family groups opposed to same-sex marriages and gay organizations in favor of such unions have threatened travel boycotts.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Terrance Tom supported the bill, saying that letting the court ruling stand would create a nationwide rush to block same-sex marriages and create a backlash against homosexual rights.

"If this Supreme Court decision is not reversed, mark my words: A [U.S.] constitutional amendment is inevitable and women's rights and homosexual rights will be battered from coast to coast," Tom said.

Rep. Annelie Amaral, one of 12 members in the 51-member House to vote against the bill, noted the Legislature's tradition of being among the first to repeal sodomy laws, legalize abortion and approve the Equal Rights Amendment.

"We have a history of inclusion and of courage," Amaral said. "This mocks that tradition."

The measure creates an advisory commission to suggest laws extending the legal and financial benefits enjoyed by married couples to gay and lesbian partnerships.

Daniel Foley, an attorney for the three gay couples who sued after being denied marriage licenses, said such laws could short-circuit the lawsuit, which is scheduled to go to trial in a year.

If the Legislature goes ahead and passes a domestic partnership law that would give same-sex couples the same benefits as heterosexual couples, the court might look at that as having eliminated the discrimination, Foley said.

The Hawaii Equal Rights Marriage Project, which represents gay and lesbian couples, said lawmakers are telling the state Supreme Court to "look the other way" while they pass laws discriminating against a particular group of people.

BRUCE DUNFORD

Frank urges gays to take more mainstream approach

Washington, DC—Members of the gay community should stress mainstream themes if they want to win broad political support, said Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., one of two openly gay members of Congress.

Frank, speaking at a forum on gay civil rights held April 25 at the National Press Club, said self-expression, while healthy, does not necessarily translate into an effective political movement.

"If you are trying to win votes from the majority...it helps to stress mainstream themes," Frank said. "It is a mistake to focus on people who are least mainstream."

Frank stressed that people should be able to express themselves as they wish in their daily lives, but the gay community must make a separate decision about what images to stress in its ongoing fight for equal rights and acceptance.

"When you're in a political movement, when you're trying to win votes, ignoring the impression you make on people is silly," he said. "You've got to decide."

The forum came exactly one year after hundreds of thousands of gay men and lesbians marched on Washington to demand acceptance and equal rights.

Frank also defended his record on lifting the ban on gays in the military, arguing that he supported a compromise because there was too little support in Congress to lift the ban outright.



"If the vote up or down was all or nothing, we got nothing," he said. "I didn't want to see that."

Instead of lifting the ban on gays in the military, the "don't ask, don't tell" policy bars the military from asking recruits or service members about their sexual orientation. But it retains the military's prohibition against homosexual conduct.

Frank had supported an expanded version of the policy, stressing that a good compromise was better than nothing at all. He was slammed by the group Queer Nation as an "Uncle Tom" who could no longer be considered a respected leader of the gay community.

On April 25, Frank denounced the policy as too weak.

"I opposed the policy that was adopted," he said. "I was trying to get something better. And we didn't get it."

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L E T T E R S

There was nothing gay in "Threesome"

To the Editor:

Did I miss something or is the movie "Threesome" yet another portrayal of a pathetic, shallow gay man? The movie is but another example of our coddling of the straight audience and even more offensively our coddling of a gay playwright.

I read Brent Hartinger's review of the movie in the April 7th issue of Southern Voice and Peter McQuaid's review in the May 94 issue of Out Magazine, and in both reviews I think that they give not only an inaccurate description of the movie but also a deceitful review.

In his review, Brent writes "Eventually they (the threesome) find a way to satisfy their passions at once—in bed." I saw the movie and there was nothing to even suggest, except for one short moment when Eddy placed his hand on Stuart's butt, that Eddy's gay passion was satisfied.

In another paragraph Brent writes "As for the gay character struggling to come to terms with himself, even he is pretty accepting of homosexuality." Where in the movie did Eddy even admit that he was gay? He tells Alex that he is "ambivalent about sex with women" but never says "I am gay." And never does he even look at a man except for one moment where he is caught looking at Stuart's butt. Does Eddy's mentioning his boyfriend in the last 30 seconds of the movie mean that he has accepted his homosexuality? Never in the

movie do we see that he interacts with a man.

And talk about irresponsible! In the one scene where Stuart and Alex fix him up with a man, the date turns out to be (you guessed it) a lispy, gossipy, effeminate queen who is made to look like an idiot when he realizes that he has been dunced into believing that Eddy likes him.

Peter McQuaid in his review in Out Magazine writes "The bonus for us 10-percenters is that the movie is free of those gross well-meaning, but ultimately stomach-turning attempts to explain that 'queers are people too.'" The truth of the matter is that the movie is free of making Eddy seem like a person at all.

When are we going to stop coddling the straight community by continuing to make movies where the gay character is neutralized so that it can be a mainstream movie? And when are we going to stop coddling gay writers just because they are gay? Threesome rates up there with Fried Green Tomatoes and Basic Instinct. It is another movie with a negative portrayal of a gay character.

I didn't expect to see a Maurice, but when I read the reviews of two gay reviewers in two gay publications that the movie is a positive portrayal of a gay character then I expect to see that. But I did not see that portrayal because it wasn't there.

Paul Mattingly

Marches most needed in small towns

To the Editor:

I'm writing this letter to tell you what I think about all of these huge marches like Stonewall and the National March they are trying to do in Atlanta during the Olympics. That's all fine and good, but I think that you all are forgetting your neighbors. For instance, Chattanooga, which is where I'm from.

Why not have a huge march here where it will count? Queers throughout America need to get off their collective butts and march where it will have an impact.

Everybody in big cities, who have a lot more rights than we do, keep having these huge parties and calling them marches. It really sucks because people in Chattanooga are too damn scared to march in their own home

town. So instead, they go to the big party in Atlanta. It's a damn shame that gay people from Atlanta and all around the southeast can't get together and have 100,000 march on Bigotville, TN (Chattanooga).

All of our so-called gay leaders need to get their shit together and help out the small towns like us. But it seems they are more interested in furthering their own careers in gay politics.

We need to find the common cement to hold the entire movement together. The big marches are fine if you want to party in NY or Atlanta, but what about us country queers who need support???

Susan Nichols

Don't get tested for TB in DeKalb Co.

To the Editor:

After returning from a meeting of the Metro Atlanta TB Task Force I would like to warn your readers not to get tested for TB in DeKalb County.

Most of the discussion revolved around the John Kapper's case. John remains on house arrest although there have been 15 negative "smear" tests.

Dr. Sanders originally stated that three such tests would be good enough for him to be a free man, but Dr. Sanders has changed the rules. John must now test negative on TB culture tests, but when questioned on how many such tests would have to be negative for John to go free (John has already tested negative several times) Dr. Sanders made no reply.

I would like to point out that no other state or county health department or even the CDC, uses cultures to determine infectiousness, a culture is only used to determine how successful the treatment is, or if a change of treatment is required.

It was also brought up that an airline had agreed to let John fly to Denver so he could get treatment from the top specialists in MDR

TB. The hospital where these specialists work has already agreed to see John. DeKalb County is blocking him from going to Denver, although it was finally ceded that they may allow him to drive to Denver.

Drive to Denver? They won't even let him go to the corner store, but they will allow him to drive to Denver. Where will he eat? Where will he sleep? If John really is such a threat to public health why would the officials allow him to drive to Denver? If he can do that why can't he drive his car around town?

While it is my belief that one must be tested for medical problems to receive proper care, the sad fact is that DeKalb has no policy for dealing with MDR (multi drug resistant) TB.

DeKalb County get your protocol for dealing with MDR TB together, let us know what it is. Anyone who now tests positive in DeKalb County stands the risk of indefinite house arrest.

Don't get tested in DeKalb until DeKalb has a clear policy for dealing with this disease.

Joe Cooper

Olympics out of Cobb—and GA

To the Editor,

The furor over Cobb County and the Olympics has been an interesting and successful media event for Gay and Lesbian politics, and I sincerely salute everybody who has worked on it. It has had a wonderfully exciting response. But the Olympics are sexist, and they are being held in a state that never ratified the ERA.

(Samples of sexism in the Olympics—certain sports women cannot participate in, unequal judging criteria and, unequal training and support.)

Gay and Lesbian politics do not always mesh with feminist goals. The recent demise of ALFA has left me thinking how scarcely we hear a feminist perspective anymore. Women's rights are often assumed to be included when actually they are neglected by many initiatives. The Cobb County-Atlanta dispute is exactly this kind of situation. If we reach our goals, we are left with an equally unpleasing arrangement that is unjust to women without this issue ever having been stated.

Women continually seem able to lose sight of or subsume our primary goals while fighting for others—is this a strength or will it help keep us down longer?

Hopefully inciting,
Dr. Stephanie Miller

Bowers may be doing us a favor

To the Editor:

In the Georgia State Attorney General's rejection of a proposed insurance policy to cover domestic partners, the Attorney General has handed advocates for lesbian and gay civil rights an important tool.

Your recent article quoted the Attorney General as saying that because the proposed policy would allow an employer to limit benefits to same sex domestic partners, this may be "arbitrary discrimination against domestic partners." By the same logic, however, one can argue that laws that limit marriage to opposite sex partners represent "arbitrary discrimination" against same sex couples. It would seem that both the Attorney General and lesbian and gay civil rights advocates share an interest in preventing arbitrary discrimination.

I don't pretend that the Attorney General will actually see the connection that I described above; if he had, I doubt his opinion would have been written in the way it was. Nevertheless, the written opinion provided by the Attorney General on this matter is important evidence that everyone—straight, lesbian, gay, or bisexual—stands to benefit from laws preventing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Michael Bowers has provided an important citation for legal briefs all across the country where equal rights, not special rights, are being sought.

Charles W. Gossett
Statesboro, GA

FROM THE EDITOR

Beginning with this issue I am again functioning as the editor of Southern Voice. We are in the process of hiring a new editor, but in the meantime I look forward to working with everyone again and continuing to bring our readers the best gay and lesbian publication in the south.

Thank you,
Christina Cash

Please pat all of yourselves on the back

I've just returned from a glorious weekend in Atlanta where I had the delicious privilege of being a presenter at the Southern Voice Community Awards. It's a wonderful way for the community to recognize its contributors, and since readers nominate and then vote for the award recipients, with the local g/l paper officiating, it's a nice way for the community to honor its own. And it got me a few days off, which isn't easy when you work at home and have me for a boss.

If you were there, it was great to see you. If you were in a completely different state at the time, let me suggest that it's a great activity for y'all to get involved in.

I had the dubious distinction of presenting the Public Enemy Number One Award. Sure, they thought, what'd I care? I'm from out of town. Nobody local would hunt me down and make me pay up my speeding tickets or revoke my pet licenses just for spite.

The nominees in my category (drum roll, please) included the Cobb County Commission. Now here are a true bunch of brain surgeons. These are the guys who decided to decree homosexuals and their lifestyle as kind of icky. At the same time they figured they could slide a few million revenue bucks into their pockets by holding 1996 Olympic volleyball in their backyard, and maybe all those icky homosexuals would just play ball, and not hold them up for ridicule till all the money was in and counted. Ha. They obviously don't know us very well, do they?

Georgia's own Senator Sam Dumb was, of course, included in the list of qualified candidates, as was neighbor, Jesse, the bastard out of North Carolina. (Now there are a couple of guys who qualify as a bit bereft in the beret.) And, of course, there were a couple of local



Cleaning Out My Closet

by SHELLY ROBERTS

wannabees on the list, with no commies left to kick around anymore, hoping to make the big time at our expenses, but to no avail. At least not this night.

And the winner was.... oops. We don't say that anymore. Not politically correct. We are ALL winners. And the Public Enemy #1 Award went to... ta daaa....

Those good ol' boys who proved themselves several bulbs short of a lighthouse—The Cobb County Commission, Cobb County, Georgia. Rah!

It was, all in all, a most pleasant night under a massive awning in the Atlanta Zoo. P-FLAG cooked. And was publicly proud. And lots of good people got recognized and honored in categories that weren't any surprise: Most Bodacious Bar, Glamour Goddess of Drag, Hippest Heterosexual, Most Committed

AIDS Activist, Best Volunteer. You know, the usual.

Now those of you who have been paying any attention at all know that I am on a nationwide crusade to get each of us to say, "Thank you" to all of us for everything we do, and everything we've done so far to get us all this far. And I think what Southern Voice has done for the second year in a row is absolutely terrific. If they're not doing it already, I hope every g/l paper in the country follows their example. And every city and township without the privilege of a paper finds a way to pass out prizes.

But it occurs to me, that maybe in the self-imposed two hour limit there wasn't enough time for the rest of the "Thank You Award" categories. So I wanted to offer them to you, so you could be thinking about nominating your nearest and dearest, or your own modest self for next year. Or you could just look up people most worthy of honoring in their respective categories, and thank them without benefit of banquet. For example:

Attended The Most Meetings Without Whining

Attended The Most Meetings Without Wine

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Completed A Monthly Newsletter In Under A Month

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Completed A Monthly Newsletter Stayed To Clean Up

Visited The Most Bars To Sign People Up
Visited The Most Bars To Shut People Up

Stopped Visiting Bars
Told Parents In A Brave And Courageous Manner

Told Parents In A Loving, Caring And Affectionate Manner

Told Parents

Did Not Throw Tantrum When Parents Response Was "Yeah? So? What's Your Point Here?"

Listened The Most Hours To A Friend's Break Up

Listened The Most Hours To A Friend Breaking Up Again

Stuck The Most Flyers Under Windshield Wipers

Stuck Tongue Out Most Often At Televangelists

Stuck To Their Guns

And last, but certainly not least—
Stayed To Clean Up

Surely you have categories of your own.

There's no limit to the number of reasons you can think of to say "Thank You" to all the people in our neighborhood for their good work. Of course, they do it for themselves. Bet they do it for you too.

Oh, and by the way, in case I haven't mentioned it lately, thanks for everything you do. It's a real honor sharing a community with you.

L E T T E R S

Freaknik fallout

To the Editor:

During this past Freaknik 94 weekend, I, being a Midtown resident, witnessed flagrant violations of several state laws committed in the face of the Atlanta Police Department: open containers of alcoholic beverages; public defecation; deliberate, improper disposal of refuse; and incessant noise pollution.

While the last item can be argued because of its subjective nature, the remaining items are Georgia state laws that if violated, are inarguably subject to fines.

So, imagine my surprise, when the very next day, following this chaotic weekend of

lawlessness; when I was finally able to park on the street where I live; where I pay taxes, there on my windshield is a citation for parking in a yellow zone. So what's the message?

Hypocritical applications of laws designed to promote general harmonious living and a law abiding atmosphere is intolerable.

If the city of Atlanta chooses to penalize its residents and yet turn a blind eye to non-resident violators because its "hands are tied," then its time to oust ball-less city officials and elect a police chief that cannot be bought out.

Mark A. Curtis

...and more fall out

To the Editor:

We are disgusted by your enthusiasm to so heartily embrace the galling notion that anyone who says anything less than enthusiastic about Freaknik can be simply dismissed as a "racist." Although such a knee-jerk reaction conveniently dispenses with the burden of having to discuss the objective merits of the Freaknik, it is insulting, patronizing and almost wholly unproductive.

What we actually saw—not feared or imagined—was absolutely out of control and, at times, very belligerent. We're not talking about inconvenience. When we asked someone who had climbed over our wall not to urinate on our dog our guest threatened to kill us. Our neighbors had beer bottles thrown at them and rocks at their windows. Another neighbor has a video of people surrounding a woman in her car, taunting her until she cried and rocking

her car back and forth. At one time we had over 40 people on our front porch, which was apparently used as a urinal. There were also five stampedes out of the park by frightened, screaming Freaknikers fleeing from what they thought was a gun.

If Southern Voice wants to dismiss the actual experience (along with City Hall) because it doesn't fall into a carefully pruned view of the perfect world, that is in many ways your problem. But it is also Atlanta's and the participants of Freaknik 95's problem. No one is even addressing their safety because they are too busy falling all over themselves not to blame those who participated—simply because they are African American. That, by the way, is racism. And stupid.

Paul A. Bradley
Hart A. Levy

Racism hurting us all

To the Editor:

"Interracial relationships are more accepted up North than in the South."

"I cannot believe that she is dating a black woman."

"My friends want to know what it is like kissing a black woman."

These are 1960s sentiments spoken in 1994.

In the gay and lesbian community, we tend to think that we are more liberal and open-minded than our heterosexual counterparts. The struggle to achieve the equal rights that we deserve should make us a unified community. Yet, there is one very divisive issue which is becoming more noticeable in the gay community, the issue of race. On this subject, there are some very closed minds.

As African-Americans, we are hard pressed trying to survive in the heterosexual world, which, for the most part, views us as second class citizens. In many cases, if we come out to our family and friends in the African-American community, it is likely that we will be ostracized. We then turn to the lesbian and gay community for support and validation of our identities, and in many cases are again rejected because of the color of our skin.

I constantly hear my white friends complain about not having anyone to date and that they are tired of dating in the same, seemingly, incestuous circle of friends. There are plenty of lesbians to date if they would only open their minds and hearts.

I wish that a romantic interest in another person would extend beyond the lightness or darkness of one's skin. If our friends do not approve of interracial relationships, maybe it is time to question their friendship rather than holding ourselves back from possible happiness.

With Gay Pride and the 25th Anniversary of Stonewall coming up soon, maybe there are questions we need to address within our own community.

Should we not be more open-minded and accepting of our own people? Is it not more important what is inside of the skin, than the color of the skin? How can we expect equal treatment from the rest of society when we don't treat people within our own "family" equally.

Fredrina Bomar



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Aging and AIDS: the disease is spreading among those over 50

Part of the reason is that older gay men particularly have not taken to heart educational efforts on safe sex and have not changed their behavior patterns.

Tampa, FL—The first time Marianne Waller ever really thought about AIDS was when the doctors told her she had it—at age 56.

"I always thought it would happen to somebody else," said the divorced convenience store worker with three grown children.

"All they were talking about there for a long time was drug users and homosexuals," she said. "That's why I was so shocked. I lived a straight life. I wasn't out on the streets. I didn't use drugs...It's like if you don't think you're affected by it, you don't pay no attention."

With more graying Americans falling prey to HIV, AIDS activists in retiree-rich Florida are beginning to spread the word that the disease and the risks that can cause it respect no age barrier.

"People seem to think that sex stops when you reach a certain age," said Geneva Miller, an 83-year-old North Miami Beach widow who has launched an awareness campaign as part of a task force on AIDS and aging. "What people need to realize is that it's going on and older people run the same risk as anyone else."

But the newfound awareness came too late for Waller. Her 18-year marriage ended in divorce in 1981. She ventured into a dating world that was much different from the one she remembered.

She figures now it was unprotected sex during two relationships with men about her same age that left her infected. She's not sure because she can't find them. The last breakup came in 1990 and she said she hasn't dated since.

It wasn't until she was hospitalized that doctors tested her for HIV and learned she may have been unknowingly carrying the virus for years.

Waller's T-cell count is 15.

"If people ask me, I just tell them, 'I've got AIDS,'" the slight, gray-haired woman said as she puffed a cigarette. "If they can't handle it, then that's their problem."

AIDS in people 50 and over represents 10 percent of the 361,509 total AIDS cases nationwide, according to the National Centers for Disease Control.

While the number of new AIDS cases among younger people has dropped steadily, new cases among older people are on the up-

swing. In the most recent study, new AIDS cases for those under 25 decreased 7 percent between 1990 and 1992, while the number of cases in the over-50 group increased 17 percent, according to Dr. William Adler of the National Institutes of Health.

Part of the reason, Adler said, is that older gays particularly have not taken to heart educational efforts on safe sex and have not changed their behavior patterns.

When Florida began tracking residents who suffered from AIDS in 1982, only four were between the ages of 50 and 59. Just one was over 60. Today, 2,867 residents between 50 and 59 have been diagnosed with AIDS, along with another 1,350 over 60.

Experts say most of the older cases result from high-risk behavior earlier in life, since it can take a decade or longer between infection and the actual AIDS. Nearly half of the state's cases stem from male to male contact; 20 percent come from heterosexual contact.

"The biggest obstacle is just getting people

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to talk about AIDS; most of my friends wouldn't even consider discussing it," said Miller, the octogenarian activist who speaks at South Florida retirement centers and has compiled a multilingual fact sheet as part of her campaign. She focuses her efforts heavily on women, many of whom outlive or divorce their husbands late in life and start dating with no knowledge of AIDS.

The American Association of Retired Persons has begun its own campaign, compiling AIDS information for its members and readying an educational video.

"There seems to be an otherness factor to this disease across the board," said the AARP's Judy Fink. "We need to realize this is an intergenerational crisis."

That crisis is all too real for Marianne Waller, who never thought about AIDS until she got it. And now she's doing her best to try and forget.

"I can't worry about it. If I don't wake up tomorrow I don't," she said. "I have to live my life. Every once in a while I think about it. But there isn't anything I can change now."

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Angelou exhorts doctors and nurses to fight breast cancer

Winston-Salem, NC—Maya Angelou exhorted an audience of doctors and nurses here to mean what they say when they commit to efforts to motivate poor, older black women to seek mammograms.

Angelou, a Wake Forest University professor and one of the nation's best-known poets, started her keynote address at the day-long summit on breast cancer by telling a story about the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

"During that time, many non-blacks marched in support of black people," said Angelou, whose mother died of breast cancer. "They marched in Selma and Montgomery. Some people risked their jobs, they risked their lives, for black people.

"When the black people didn't sufficiently say 'Thank you,' the reaction was, 'What ingrates!' For years we felt the effect of that backlash."

Angelou explained last week that if white people had marched not for black people, but because it was the right thing to do, they would not have been disappointed, and more good would have come from their participation.

"In this effort to eradicate breast cancer, if we understand that we are in the business of eradicating this disease from the national body health—and not so much for one old, impoverished black woman—I do believe we'll be better off," she said.

"If the mind set is, 'We're doing this for minority women,' it could be dangerous. We must do it for ourselves. We must do it because it's the right thing to do."

Angelou delivered her remarks without notes, and included poetic readings celebrating women in general and black women in particular. The readings generated two standing ovations at an otherwise staid healthcare confer-



Maya Angelou

ence, and carried with them the central message Angelou sought to deliver: If you handle your mission right, the women will come to get help.

"The women we are targeting, they do not come forward to seek fair play because they do not believe they deserve fair play, certainly not mercy," Angelou said. "They may feel they deserve ill treatment, which is why they remain in abusive situations longer than they should.

Statistics indicate that if you are young, affluent, educated and white, you will more likely seek mammograms and clinical breast exams. Thus, such women have far better chances of surviving a disease that kills 182,000 women annually, including nearly 4,600 in North Carolina.

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Tests begin on yet another HIV vaccine

St. Louis, MO—Saint Louis University's School of Medicine has begun testing an experimental vaccine designed to kill HIV. Initial results should be known in seven months.

The new vaccine, TBC-3B manufactured by Therion Biologics of Cambridge Mass. blends old and new approaches. The old part is a live smallpox vaccine that's been around for decades. It has been given new life through genetic engineering techniques.

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"The chief goal of the study is to see whether

the critical white blood cell response occurs," Dr. Robert B. Belshe, director of the school's Center for Vaccine Development, said April 27.

A vaccine, even if it was found suitable for widespread use, won't be available for several years, he said.

Three other centers are testing the new vaccine: University of Rochester, University of Washington and Vanderbilt University. Fifteen volunteers will be tested at each.

To be eligible for the vaccine trial, volunteers cannot have three risk factors for AIDS: sexually transmitted diseases, intravenous drug use and a recent history of multiple sexual partners. The trial will take about 18 months.

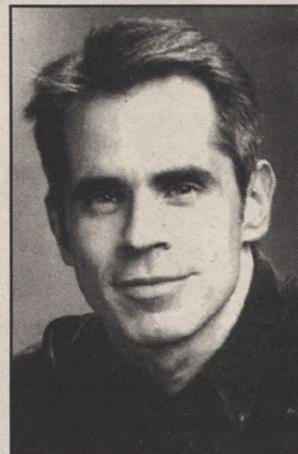
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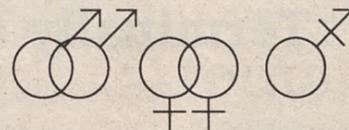
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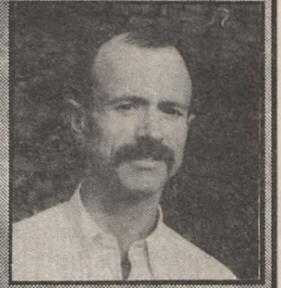
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LONG TERM SURVIVING

by David Stanley



Lessons from survivors

Usually, this column deals with my personal experiences with HIV infection, but for this month, I decided to talk with some other long term survivors to check what they do to maintain their health. The basic question was, "What do you do, besides standard medical care, that helps you survive this infection?"

The shortest answer came from a local medical physician, who said that he's still thriving because of two things, "AZT and roller blading." I discovered that he is one of the two or three others in the U.S. who have been on AZT as long as I have—since 1986. He once had AIDS related cancer, was successfully treated for that, and has maintained a healthy and active life ever since. From all appearances, he is healthier than I am.

The second man with whom I spoke, Gary Nightingale, said that he has no idea why he has lasted so long, unless it is his success in reducing stress. The key to that for him was quitting a high stress career and going on disability. He has no financial worries, and he also has a marvelous support system of friends who help out with household and gardening chores. He used to work out regularly and he plans to again in the future, but for now, he's just taking it easy. He enjoys reading in his garden, but he also takes some time to do volunteer work. Self empowerment is important to him, and he makes sure that he understands anything his doctor suggests before agreeing to it.

Bill Golden figures that he's been infected nine years. He feels that running is the most important part of his routine. He said that it can be difficult to get the motivation to do a run, but that he always feels good afterward, and it helps to reduce stress. He also concentrates on good nutrition and vitamins, and feels that a positive attitude plays an important part in staying healthy and in good shape.

Bill still works in real estate and feels that he can continue for the foreseeable future. He doesn't party as he once did and tries to maintain good habits with no late hours, no smoking and very little or no alcohol. He also enjoys volunteer work, helping other PWAs.

He keeps up with the latest research so that he can understand anything suggested by his doctor, or maybe he'll make a suggestion him-

self. His main source of information is the treatment library at the AIDS Survival Project on Twelfth Street.

I know Steve Moore as a busy volunteer at the AIDS Survival Project and as a fellow Georgia Tech fan and graduate. Steve agrees that attitude and exercise are very important ingredients to staying healthy. He works out regularly in a gym and tries to mix in running or roller blading at least twice a month. He likes the gym work because when he sees in a mirror that he is still improving his body, he sees evidence that he is "beating back the virus." Nutrition is important to him, but he's not a fanatic about it, as sometimes he just enjoys "pigging out." He avoids tap water, but he'll drink it if there is nothing else. He follows the advice in Jon Kaiser's book, "Immune Power," when selecting his vitamin supplements and amino acids.

Steve feels that he was infected in 1982, and kept working in a stress filled, 60 hour per week job until almost two years ago when he went on disability. He thinks that the drastic reduction in stress was very important to his present good health.

The past two years have brought to Steve an awakened interest in his spiritual beliefs. He enjoys the fact that he can draw strength from a higher power without all the rules of the Southern Baptist upbringing he had. He's very comfortable now with his beliefs in God and Jesus, and he enjoys reading spiritual books.

There seem to be three major themes when talking with these other long term survivors; positive attitude, stress reduction, and exercise. Good nutrition and vitamin supplements were mentioned often, but seemed to rank lower in importance than the first three. I don't think any of my interviewees do anything that I don't, and they pretty much follow the same lines that have been mentioned in other articles on long term survivors.

All of these men seemed to be satisfied with their lives, none seemed to particularly fear their HIV infection, and they seemed to see the importance of exercise in their lives. It's easy to see the common threads, and the lessons that can be learned by the newly diagnosed.

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RUNNING ON



by JIM STRUVE

Whether you're a novice or an experienced runner, a successful running routine requires attention to some basic fundamentals. If you stick to a regimen, you will stay in shape and avoid injuries.

To help determine your training routine, consider whether you are running for physical fitness, increased self-esteem, social contact, athletic performance or some combination of these factors. Aim for a running schedule that moves you toward your goals. One of the wonderful things about running is the freedom to control your own schedule—you can

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To establish a regular routine, find a place in your daily schedule that causes little stress or disruption. For example, some people get up early and run before beginning a hectic day, some people arrange their day so they can run during a lunch break, and others find running at the end of their work day helps them burn off stress. Do whatever feels best for you, but try to be consistent in running at about the same time of day each time.

Like any repetitive activity, running can become boring. Add variety to your routine by running through routes in new neighborhoods, or running with friends for camaraderie. Sometimes running alone is a good time for quiet, meditative thinking. Other times, you can participate in races to boost energy,

enthusiasm and competitive spirit.

But don't forget about rest. Recovery is just as essential to your body as the energy expended during running. Burnout can result from failing to respect the importance of running.

Alternate hard-running and easy days to give your body a break. A long or speedy run should be followed by one or two days of easier, shorter runs. Alternate your habits with the seasons—if you have trouble running in hot weather, do your more strenuous work in the cooler months and plan to back off a little when the hot weather hits.

If you pay attention to your body, you will avoid injury. Take heed when you notice changes in how your body feels. Don't try to run through injuries; identifying their cause can be difficult. Often the problem is shoes that fit poorly or are overused. Plan on replacing your shoes after 500 miles or a year of running, whichever comes first.

Sharp increases in distance also can spur injuries—don't increase your mileage more than 10 percent from one week to the next. If you are training to run long distances, periodically run a week with lower mileage to give yourself a rest.

Improper running surfaces can cause injuries, too—such as running on a slanted surface like the shoulder of a road. Hard surfaces like concrete are more taxing than softer surfaces like asphalt. And rough or uneven surfaces such as trails can cause injuries, too.

Cross-training will increase your overall fitness and help avoid injuries, too. Some people are surprised to learn how the physical mechanisms of running rely on more than just strong legs and aerobic capacity.

If you stay aware of these basic fundamentals of running, you should stay in shape and remain free of injury as well as enjoy your good health.

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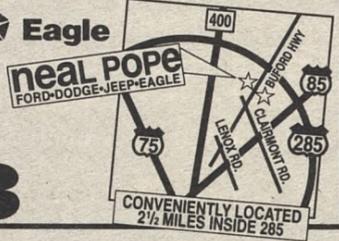
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*Athens Human Rights Festival
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In a harkening back to the days of protests and good music, the Athens Human Rights Festival takes over College Square in the Classic City for the 16th time this weekend. Featuring speakers, bands, an art auction, and information tables from various non-profit organizations, the festival is bigger than ever this year, and better, according to Eric Krasle, one of the event's organizers.

"It's basically a hallmark of Athens," Krasle said. "It's a marketplace of ideas brought to life."

The festival started in 1979 as the "Student Rights Festival," put on by University of Georgia students as a memorial to four students killed on the Kent State campus by National Guard members in 1970.

Since then, more than 200 speakers and 100 bands have graced the stage on the north end of the University's campus. Organizers expect up to 6000 spectators during the two day event May 14 & 15, and there'll be plenty to do and see while there.

"We'll have lots of great bands and special guests," said Krasle, who added that the biggest band on this year's schedule is Atlanta's AFRO-PLANE, a self-described "psycho-dialectichynofunk" band inspired by traditional R&B music, 60s altruism, and the music of such stalwarts as Jimi Hendrix and Janis

Joplin. AFRO-PLANE is scheduled to take the stage at 9pm on Saturday.

Other Atlanta favorites such as Joyce & Jacque (4pm Saturday), Craig Rafuse (6:30pm Saturday), and the Buddy O'Reilly Band (3:20pm Saturday) are also scheduled, as is the Neal Pattman Blues Band (8:40pm Sunday), a band listed in the Library of Congress as an original American blues artist.

"And there are always a few surprises mixed in," Krasle added. "The scheduled bands often have people playing with them."

In addition to speakers on various issues throughout the day, each day will feature a keynote speaker

—on Saturday, the main speaker will be Ron Nyswaner, who wrote the screenplay for "Philadelphia." Nyswaner lives in upstate New York, where he volunteers for AIDS related community services. Nyswaner is scheduled to speak at 6pm. Also speaking on Saturday, about 8pm, will be Dawn

D. Bennett-Alexander, a GAPAC board member and former advisor to the gay, lesbian and bisexual student union at Howard University. Bennett-Alexander has taught at the University of Georgia Law School since 1988.

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Formed early this year, GLOBUS is the first gay and lesbian international exchange program. Chapters are in Atlanta, Berlin and Munich, with others expected soon in Boston, London, Amsterdam, Sidney, Copenhagen, Denver and Washington.

"GLOBUS was founded to build ties between gays and lesbians throughout the world," said Scott Hayes, co-director of the Munich exchange. "In Munich people will be able to experience the culture not as a tourist but as a native."

Participants will arrive in Munich on September 23, just in time for Oktoberfest. During the seven days that they will be in Munich, participants will have the opportunity to spend a day at work with their hosts, and enjoy the life and culture of the city.

Group activities include a city bus tour, a night at "das FEST," a tour of Bavaria's famed castles, and a farewell bash.

September 30th the group will experience Germany's ultra-fast ICE trains, trav-

eling to the multi-faceted city of Prague, capital of the Czech Republic, and two days in Salzburg in the Austrian Alps.

"GLOBUS is based on the concept of the Friendship Force," said Hayes. They do 7500 exchanges a year, and although we are far from that we hope to quickly build the program. It's important for all of us to have a feeling of universal community and we hope to do that with these exchanges. We have a lot to offer to our brothers and sisters overseas and they have a lot they can teach us."

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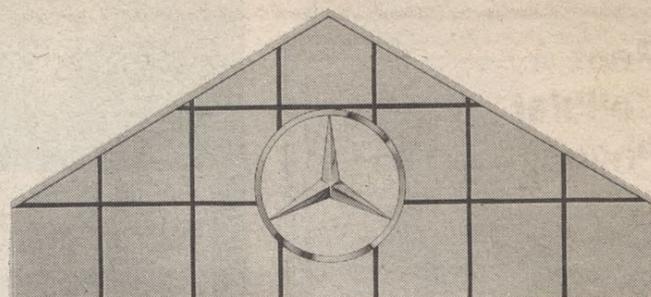
Those interested are invited to attend an evening sponsored by the GLOBUS Atlanta Exchange Committee planning the Munich exchange. The meeting is Monday, June 6th between 6 and 8pm at the Peachtree Branch Public Library meeting room, corner Peachtree and 16th Street (opposite the High Museum). Refreshments will be served.

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Lesbian group formed at Spelman College

Black women's college takes historic step

by KC WILDMOON

Atlanta—For the first time in its history, Spelman College this year has a lesbian/bisexual group chartered on campus.

The Lesbian/Bisexual Alliance has been in existence since last fall, and already the group has sponsored two forums on issues concerning lesbians and bisexual women.

"Spelman is an historically black women's college," said Tamara Haywood, a graduating senior and member of the group. "There's been [a lesbian group] in some form since the 60s. But this is the first time it's been a chartered group."

Haywood said the group has "a handful" of active members, and "a lot not out and active yet."

"We're pretty informal," she said. "We meet twice a week at least, and it's not very structured. We all know each other, so we hang out together."

LBA's first forum, held in the fall, was for women only. "We wanted to deal with the campus first," Haywood said. "There's a lot of hypocrisy here, a lot of talk about sisterhood and being supportive, but it's not true. You have to be hetero, 18 to 24, and God forbid you have a baby in school."

Reaction at that first forum, like reaction to the group in general, was mixed. Haywood said much of the discussion centered around questions like "Why does it have to be an issue?"

"A lot of it was not understanding," she said. "Most of these women are black middle

class Bible folk. They believe what they've been told."

Haywood said the group was pleased when some faculty members attended to show support.

"I think it was a good start," she said. "People said 'I never considered myself homophobic, but now that you bring it up, I see I have some tendencies.'"

LBA has had some difficulties with visibility on the Spelman campus. Right after their charter approval, several Student Government Association members said they wouldn't sign off on the group's flyers, a requirement to post announcements on campus. That made it difficult for the group to announce meeting times and locations. But Haywood says the group's members are keeping a sense of humor about it, and they've been working hard on gaining more recognition for the group.

"We put 2,000 purple triangles all over campus saying things like 'I am your sister' and 'Straight acting—who are you trying to fool?'" she said. "And names like Lorraine Hansbury and Audre Lorde—black lesbians and bisexuals people could identify with."

Additionally, the group is keeping an eye on harassment, and have had articles published in the school's newspaper. A third forum, in conjunction with Sisters in Solidarity to Eradicate Racism and Sexism and the school's interns from the journal SAGE, is planned, on the topic "silencing and how they hurt you." No date for that forum has been set.

"Our goal is to make this at least a safe space for sisters here at Spelman," said Haywood. "It's difficult in a hostile society, and especially difficult when people don't even recognize that you exist."

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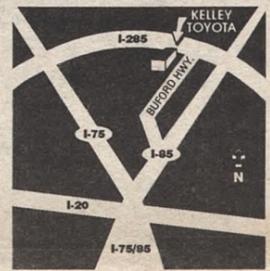
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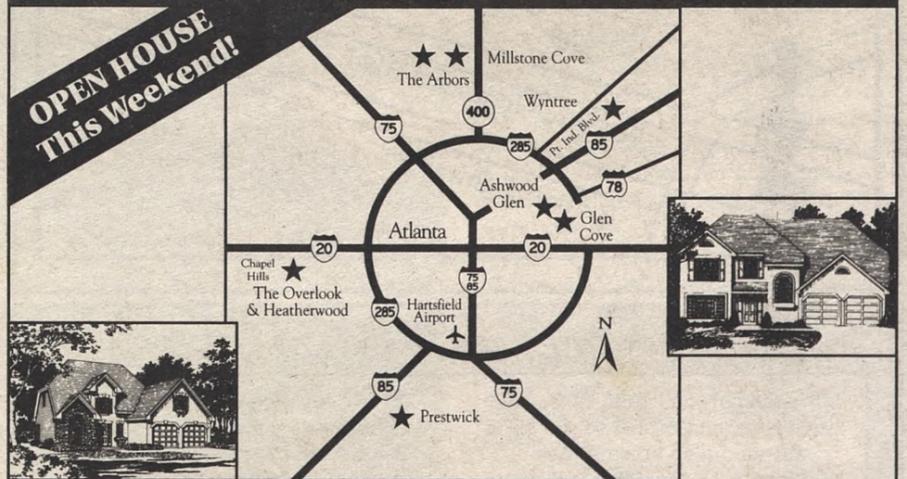
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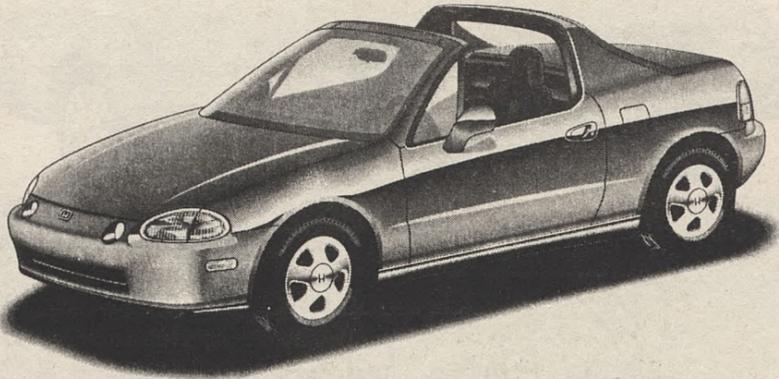
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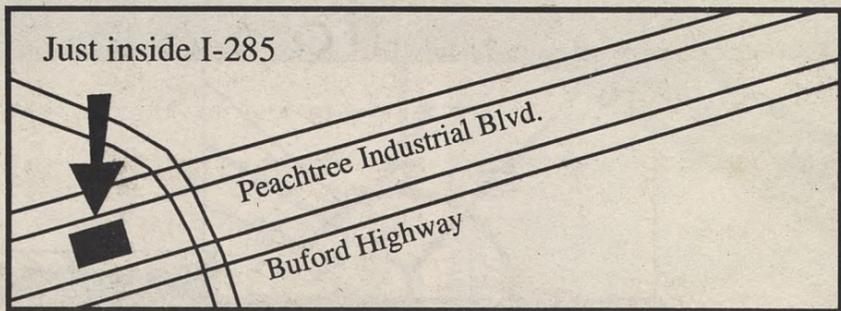
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10 Things

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tongues awagging for days, I found myself uttering snide things like "The only thing Madonna could do to shock me at this point would be for her to put some clothes *on* or even more shocking, if she were to put out even a semi-decent album."

Yeah, some of us understand Monk better than Madonna (actually, some of us understand *monks* better than Madonna.)

I'm not alone in my cultural ignorance though. When I admitted to author Armistead Maupin last month that I didn't have a clue about him or his work prior to the January airing of "Tales of the City" on PBS, he told me, "That's OK. I don't admit this a lot, but I didn't know who Christopher Isherwood was until I saw 'Cabaret.' I thought, 'Oh, this is kind of a cool story. I wonder what the original's like' and of course 'Goodbye to Berlin' is about 14 times better than 'Cabaret' but I didn't know it."

"Cabaret" brings us to number 7. **Some of us hate "The Wizard of Oz."** Judy, Liza with a Z, they're both stupid with a S. I can't even bear to watch "The Wizard of Oz" anymore after seeing it a billion times as a child. I've even gotten vicious about it. Whenever I'm at a cocktail party these days and someone says, "Hey, I wonder what Lorna Luft's doing these days," I'll usually counter with "I don't know, but I read in the paper today that Ted Turner just finished colorizing the first 12 minutes of 'The Wizard of Oz.'"

Number 6? **We all don't wear dresses.** Richard, a Midtown waiter told me, "We're not all nelly little fags. Some of us can do auto repair and enjoy it. We take pride in our masculinity." This is true. Some gay men have no interest in drag. Personally, I've got enough on my plate just attempting to be a decent male. I'll leave trying to be a woman to the professionals.

The subject of clothes brings us to number 5—**Most of us are image-obsessed.** We primp, we spritz, we polish, we iron, we starch, we wax, and all this just to sprint out to get the mail. "Most of us are more image conscious," local gay and lesbian activist Badili Jones told me over coffee. "All you have to do is go to the super market at Ansley to see what I mean. Gay men actually have to do their hair to buy a gallon of milk. It's a fashion show. Of course, I'm saying this while I'm already thinking about what I'm going to wear to Pride this year. There's going to be over 100,000 people there."

John Wright, a 27-year-old copywriter agrees. "I have friends who will bring a change of clothes out to the bars with them so they can change outfits. Ironing your jeans is also pretty common. We're extremely self-conscious about the way we look and the way we're perceived."

The fourth thing lesbians should know about gay men is this: **Female genitalia scares the living hell out of us.** I don't know why (I'd need five years and a federal grant to get to the bottom of this one) but it does. As proof, I offer up Joani Blank's book "Femalia," a collection of photographs revolving around the vagina. Gay men who can watch porno flicks involving fisting while munching on a can of Pringles, completely curl up and scream when selections from "Femalia" are thrust within visual range.

"It gives me the willies!" Badili Jones told me. "I have to *prepare* myself for it. I don't know exactly what it is either that makes me feel so uncomfortable. I think it's all those crevices, you know? Women are much more comfortable with penises. It's probably because we're not as familiar with female genitalia as women are with male genitalia. You don't see statues around displaying female genitalia. As a culture, we haven't been as

exposed to it."

Third on the list? Contrary to popular belief, **gay men are interested in long-term relationships.** OK, so we've been fairly successful at hiding this fact for a few dozen centuries and yes, most of us have enormous trouble with the "C" word. That doesn't mean, however, that we don't *want* commitment, necessarily, we just don't want to lose ourselves in the process. Sure, you've heard the jokes we level at lesbians—"What does a lesbian bring on a second date? A U-Haul-It."—and all that. When you translate the sarcastic jabs, however, we're admitting that lesbians have an easier time putting someone else first, a skill many of us are still developing.

I know about it first-hand. I recently contemplated a long-term commitment myself, but at the last minute, I had an anxiety attack, fearing that my independence might be stripped from me (I ended up wheeling the potted ficus tree back to the Target garden center).

Number two is a big one, and I'm going to try my damndest to write this next line without laughing out loud. **Gay men aren't as promiscuous as you think.** (Nope, I couldn't do it). This one could be argued all day and probably should be. "A lot of younger gays think things are bad now with men sleeping around," William Bragg, a local business owner told me, "but I can honestly say things today are nothing like they were ten years ago. I haven't seen that level of promiscuity in a long time, and I've been around."

Chuck Chambers, a veteran Atlanta bartender agrees. "Not all men's minds are six inches below the waist," he says. "Sure, that perception is there, but I've seen things change quite a bit. Don't get me wrong, gay men are still having sex, but it's less often and with fewer partners."

We're down to number one, and it's a shocker. It's certainly not something that most of us would admit publicly or even to each other for that matter, but the fact still exists—**gay men secretly read "Dykes to Watch Out For."** Yes, that's right. Through Mo, Harriet, Toni and Clarice, we've learned a lot about lesbians and that's not all. We also truly like lesbians, not to mention admiring a large percentage of them.

"The word 'dyke' really offends me," Jay Parker, a local sales and marketing manager, confided to me. "I won't use the word out of respect. I think most gay men respect lesbian women and the things they've been able to achieve. It's just too negative with everything from the outside closing in on us, for gays and lesbians to build walls between themselves."

We've also learned through "Dykes to Watch Out For" that lesbians have the ability to make themselves the center of a joke, something gay men have problems with.

"We tend to be more defensive," explains Christopher Allers, an Atlanta psychotherapist, specializing in gay and lesbian issues. "We have more difficulty giving ourselves permission to say 'Hey, we don't have our shit together here.' Women are more comfortable laughing at themselves."

If you have trouble believing that, check out the humor section of any gay and lesbian bookstore. You'll find dozens of books with titles like Jane Caminos' "That Ms. Bull Dyke to you!" but hardly any books by gay men that poke fun at gay men. God bless "Ethan Green." Without him, gay men would have no representation at all on the humor shelf. And lesbians are the ones who need to get a sense of humor?

As I finished batting this story around at a Midtown gay watering hole last weekend, a drunken regular bounded up to me and said, "Make sure you put in your story that not *all* gay men are dickheads, just *most* of them are."

Hmmm, maybe I should go back and re-work number ten again...

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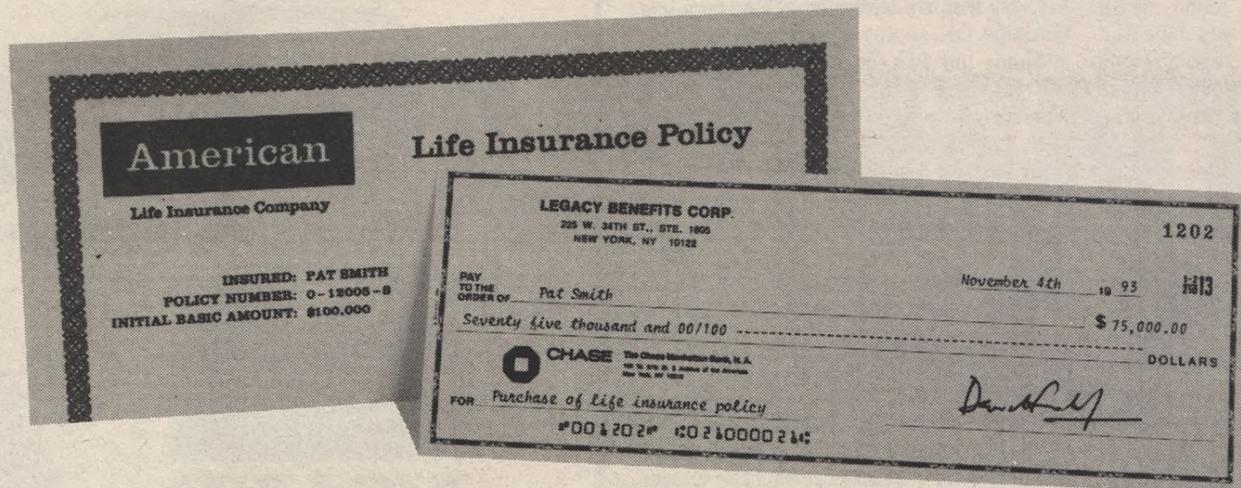


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Nothing in My Closet but My Clothes

AN INTERVIEW WITH
SUZANNE WESTENHOEFER

by CHRIS CASH

She calls it her own version of S&M. "I do gay comedy in straight clubs," said Westenhofer, who will be in Atlanta this Saturday at the Variety Playhouse. "I am always out—always," she stresses, "no matter where I am. I couldn't do this any other way."

Westenhofer, 33, has only been in the business for three years yet she is a regular performer at Caroline's Comedy Club in New York and has appeared on the television program of the same name numerous times. You may have also seen her do her routine "Nothing in my Closet but My Clothes" on "Out There" on Comedy Central a few months ago, where she performed along with a number of other gay comics. But, says Westenhofer, being a gay comic and an *out* gay comic are two very different things.

"There are gay comics who work the gay circuit and do some mainstream stuff like Kate (Clinton) and Lea (DeLaria), and they don't change their routine just because they are in front of a straight audience. Then there are gay comics who do mostly mainstream stuff but who will occasionally do a 'gay night' at a straight club and then claim they are out which, personally, I think, is cheating. But who I really have a problem with are those people who are gay in gay clubs and straight in straight clubs. That rocks my world. That borders on evil."

Westenhofer has been out since the first time she performed in 1990 in New York. She did an open mike night at a West Village club and won. But, she says, she was practicing long before that evening.

"Before that, when I was bartending in straight clubs, I was out. People would come in just to see the 'lesbian bartender.' I got started in comedy because people told me I was funny and should go for it. At the same time most people told me I could not be out and be successful. Everything that everyone told me was wrong."

And boy were they wrong. In three years Westenhofer has appeared on television more than any other gay comic and last year she won New York City's Outstanding Achievement Award for Comedy. Articles have appeared on her in the New York Times, Glamour, Newsweek and Entertainment Weekly. On July 14 she will have her own special on HBO.

"I couldn't ask for more, she said. "And I have Kate Clinton to thank for that. She has been my hero, along with Cris Williamson, since I started going to

women's concerts thirteen years ago. I am who I am because of both of them."

Westenhofer's style is nothing like Clinton's however. She is rough, a bit on the unfinished side, unlike her appearance, and has no problem talking graphically about every segment of gay and lesbian life. She tends to be spontaneous, talking about whatever pops into her mind at the time.

Here are a few examples from a routine earlier this year. "That's the kind of pressure I just don't need," she said about female ejaculation. "I have an orgasm, it's over and then I have to spurt something, too?" On animal-shaped dildoes, "Oh, honey, it's our anniversary, let's get out the gopher."

Westenhofer, who now finds herself in the company of women that she once worshipped from afar, is having a great time. Her lack of sophistication, and ego, is totally refreshing.

"Oh my God," she exclaimed, when asked about her friends. "I have met so many incredible women and some of them are my friends now like Kate and Cris and Dianne Davidson and Lucie Blue Tremblay. I spent the night at Cris's one night and I could not sleep. I just kept thinking, 'I am in Cris Williamson's house, she is upstairs right now—this is so cool! I didn't sleep a wink.'"

She has also hung out with Melissa Etheridge and Martina. She admits she crashed a party to meet the tennis heart throb.

"It was the night before the March on Washington. When she introduced herself she said, Oh, you're the lesbian comic, I just put your name in my Rolodex.' I was freaking, as you can imagine."

Westenhofer does not feel so warmly about other big names, however. "You can think of someone right now who has a show in the Top 10, and every week she is kissing on men. She shall remain nameless, of course, but I think you know who I am talking about. And I don't think she will ever come out. She wants to be famous and she thinks she has to do that to get what she wants. It's ok though. I'm gonna be famous, too."



She is already famous in some New Jersey schools where she is part of a progressive sex education program. For three years she has talked to teenagers about gay people, debunking myths and putting a human face on homosexuality. She opens her talk by saying, "I'm here to show you that gay people are not going to kill you or harm you." The experience, Westenhofer says, is always challenging—and worthwhile.

"I really haven't had any bad experiences," she says. "Even when things look bad, they aren't. There was this one kid who said he would shoot his brother if he found out he was gay. But when his teacher came under attack for having me come to the school, he was her biggest defender. Now how do you explain that? That's the kind of thing that keeps me going back, it lets me know things are not as hopeless as they appear to be sometimes."

Westenhofer, who lived in New York for 10 years, now lives in Columbus, Ohio with her lover.

"I'm in the witness protection program and have to live here," she laughed. "No, really I came here two years ago to do the city's Gay Pride rally and I met a woman and have been here ever since. She would love me if I was flipping burgers."

Her lover, a teacher, was as closeted as Westenhofer is out when they first met.

"I was trying to impress her and so I said, 'I know Cris Williamson, and her response was—who?' So I charged ahead and said, 'Well, I just did a few shows with Kate Clinton.' She asked, 'Oh, is she a comedian, too?' I've educated her on the entire lesbian and gay culture, and now she thinks she's Michael Signorile and threatening to start a Queer Nation chapter here."

Westenhofer plays at the Variety Playhouse on Saturday, May 14, the same night as the Human Rights Campaign Fund Dinner. Disappointed to learn that, she urges those who can't pay the bucks for the dinner to come out to the show.

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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. Also airs Tues, 5:30pm.

CYMBELINE. A benefit performance at the Shakespeare Tavern for Equity Fights AIDS. \$10, 7pm. 499 Peachtree. 874-5299.

17 TUESDAY

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE OPERA. Capital City Opera presents Mozart's "Così fan Tutte" at San Gennaro. Reception at 6:30pm. 633-2848.

BILLBOARDS. Thru May 22. The Joffrey Ballet brings the rock-ballet, with music by

Prince, to the Fox. Tu-Sat 8pm, Sat 2pm, Sun 3pm. \$18-\$38. 817-8700.

18 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. Also airs on City Ch. 6, Thur 5pm.

SHAWN COLVIN. Grammy winning folkster performs at the Variety Playhouse, 1099 Euclid Ave. 8:30pm, \$12 adv/\$14 night of show. 524-7354.

OY KLEZMER! Have lunch with Klezmer & Yiddish music on the Square in Decatur. Free. Noon-1pm.

PICTURED:

ABOVE: Michelle Shocked appears at the Variety Playhouse May 13.

LEFT: Paintings by Cornel Rubino are on display at the Marcia Wood Gallery thru June 12.

BELOW: Marcel Reedus' "For Colored Boys Who've Considered Homicide" is among the selections at the High Museum May 14.



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

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

A HIGHER PLACE IN HEAVEN. Thru May 15. Another world premiere from Atlanta playwright Pamela Parker—the touching story of a South Georgia family bridging the gap between old and new South. Neighborhood Playhouse, 430 W. Trinity Pl in Decatur. Thu-Sat 7pm, Sun 3pm. \$9-12. 373-5311.

RICHARD III. Thru May 15. Play Ground Theatre Co. presents Shakespeare's tale of the ultimate arch villain. 7 Stages Backdoor Theatre, Wed-Sun 8pm. \$8-\$10. 250-5016.

LAUGHING WILD. Thru May 15. The Alliance presents Christopher Durang's satirical comedy. Tu-Sat 8pm, Sun 2:30 & 7:30pm. \$20-25. 898-1127.

CYMBELINE. Thru May 22. The Shakespeare Tavern presents a Shakespeare Romance, the story of two lovers and the perils they endure. 499 Peachtree. Thu-Sat 7:30pm, Sun 5:30pm. \$8-15. 874-5299.

THE HOSTAGE. Thru May 28. Theatre Gael and DramaTech co-present this wild and whimsical ride through Irish history, courtesy of the imagination of playwright Brendan Behan. DramaTech Theatre at GA Tech. Thurs-Sat 8pm, Sun 2pm. 894-2745.

WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION. Thru May 29. An Agatha Christie mystery, presented by Stage Door Players at N. DeKalb

Cultural Ctr, 5339 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd. \$8-10. Thurs-Sat 8pm, Sun 2:30pm. 396-1726.

LOVE OF A PIG. Thru May 29. Art Attack presents Leslie Caveny's tale about a young violinist who falls in love with Mr. Right only to learn he's a pig. Thur-Sat 8pm, Sun 6pm. \$10-12. 881-6304.

JOURNEY TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA. Thru May 28. A visual treat from puppeteer Jon Ludwig, follows a fanciful crab on his adventures as he accidentally falls into a submarine. Ctr. for Puppetry Arts. 873-3391.

ITALIAN AND NETHERLANDISH DRAWINGS. Thru May 29. Old master drawings from the Steiner Collection. High Museum.

THE RIGHTS. Thru June 4. A dark, contemporary comedy that skews notions of culture, both high and low, demonstrating just how far members of a comically dysfunctional family will go for the love of art and the love of money. Theatre in the Square in Marietta. Tues-Sat 8pm, Sun 3&7pm. \$13-12. 422-8369.

PROGRESSION: 1974-1994. Thru June 9. 20 years of work from three nationally known local artists at the Spruill Center Gallery, 5339 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd. Paintings and drawings by Jennine Hough and Alan Loehle and sculpture by Kerry Moore. Reception tonight, 6:30-8:30pm. 394-3447.

AFRICAN AMERICAN ARTISTS EXHIBITION. Thru June 11 at ART Station in Stone Mountain. The third annual exhibit is curated by

photographer Ronnie Phillips. 469-1105.

GERTRUDE KASEBIER PHOTOGRAPHS. Thru June 11. A contemporary of Alfred Steiglitz, Kasebier also photographed American Indians in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. High Museum.

ASLEEP IN THE POET'S EAR. Thru June 12. Works by Cornel Rubino are on exhibit at the Marcia Wood Gallery, 1198 N. Highland. 885-1808.

SMOKE ON THE MOUNTAIN. Thru June 12. The Actor's Collective presents the gospel musical at 14th St. Playhouse. Tue-Sat 8pm, Sun 3&7pm. 892-2414.

RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Thru June 12. The annual trek back to the good old days begins today. Just off I-85 at exit 12, the medieval town is open from 10:30am to 6pm Sat & Sun. Don't miss Steve Hoddy's Birds of Prey show. \$9.95 +tax for adults, \$4.95 + tax for children. 964-8575.

METAPHYSICAL METAPHORS. Thru June 12. An exhibit on the unseen forces of nature at the High Museum.

DON'T ASK DON'T TELL. Thru June 19. A festival of Queer Theater and performance in celebration of the 25th anniversary of Stonewall, presented by Manbites Dog Theater in Durham, NC. Various venues, (919) 220-6779.

DISTURBING THE PEACE: WOMEN, SUFFRAGE & POLITICS. Thru July 16. An exhibition exploring the battles women

fought to win the right to vote. Atlanta History Center Downtown, 140 Peachtree. 814-4150.

CAT ON A HOT TIN STREETCAR. Thru July 27. Agatha's Mystery Dinner Theatre mixes metaphors and murder with a new show Tues-Sun at 7:30pm (7pm on Sun). \$33-\$38 includes five course meal. 875-1610.

JOHN GEORGE BROWN. Thru July 31. Five paintings of the elderly are the focus of "John George Brown: The Dignity of Years," at the High Museum. 892-HIGH.

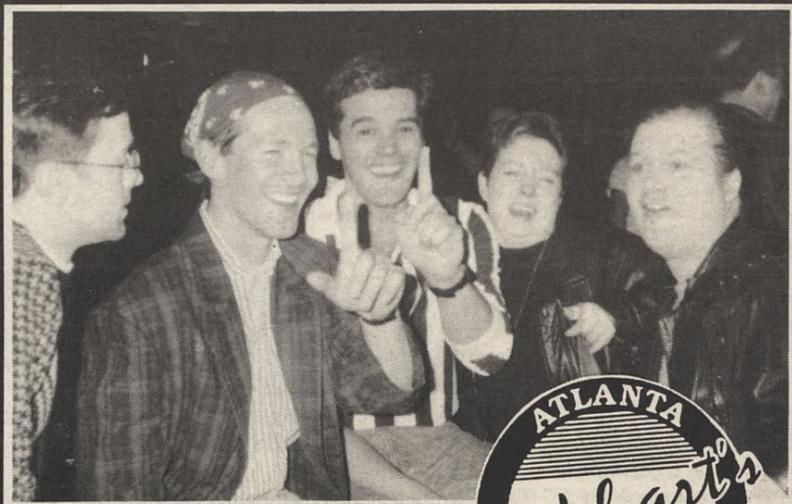
ART AND SOUL. May 21. Pearl Productions and Creative Ventures launch an art show at East Lake Park in Birmingham, featuring and highlighting women artists from around the region. Deadline for entering is May 14. (205) 940-7481.

THE ODD COUPLE. May 24-29. Jack Klugman and Tony Randall reunite for one week at the Fox. Tues-Fri 8pm, Sat 2&8pm, Sun 2&7:30pm. \$10-\$37.50. 817-8700.

BETTE MIDLER. May 29. Oh, wow. I mean...I don't know what I mean. Bette Midler. Lakewood Amphitheatre. \$40 reserved, \$19.50 lawn. 249-6400. Oh, wow.

GUYS AND DOLLS. June 3-5. Danyon Runyon's stories come to musical life at the Fox Theatre, brought to you by Theatre of the Stars. Fri-Sun 8pm, Sat & Sun 2pm. \$15.50-35.50. 249-6400.

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MOVIE REVIEW: "NO ESCAPE"

No escape from homophobia

I am so enraged by the homophobia in "No Escape," I'm going to do two things a critic never does: reveal an ending, and ask you not to spend your money in support of this kind of filmmaking. If you must see the picture, go to the multiplex and sneak in after paying to see something gay-positive (e.g. "Four Weddings and a Funeral") or by a gay director ("Serial Mom") Better you should buy Florida orange juice than a ticket to "No Escape."

First, the synopsis. It's 2022. Prisons have been taken over by private corporations concerned only with profit, not inmates' welfare. Warden Michael Lerner oversees some of the worst, and transfers Ray Liotta to Absolom, a tropical island 200 miles off "the Mainland," inhabited solely by prisoners.

Having no contact with civilization, the convicts have created their own society—two of them, in fact. As in a grown-up version of "Lord of the Flies," there are the good guys (well, relatively good, considering they all committed capital crimes to get here), known as Insiders, and the bad guys, the Outsiders, rowdies who do violence to pass the time.

Liotta, who only wants to escape, is wooed by the leaders of both tribes. Our hero casts his lot with the Insiders. They include Kevin Dillon, a semi-innocent who hero-worships him. Their friendship is the closest thing to a love story the movie has, but it's not very close.

"No Escape" is about violence, not sex. There's no hint of how these guys take care of their needs in this all-male society.

The question is, if there's no sex in the



Ray Liotta (right) and Kevin Dillon star in "No Escape."

movie, why do we need one character who's a lisping, swishy gay stereotype? Why is King, played by Ian McNeice, such a queen?

It's not a rhetorical question—I have the answer; and here's where I give away the near-ending: Because there's a traitor in the Insiders' camp. Some miserable sonuvabitch who doesn't deserve to live is betraying the escape plans of his comrades. Guess who?

There will be a dozen action movies this year that are as good or better, and most of them won't be as blatantly homophobic as "No Escape." Budget accordingly.

STEVE WARREN

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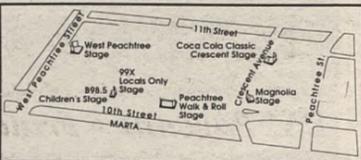
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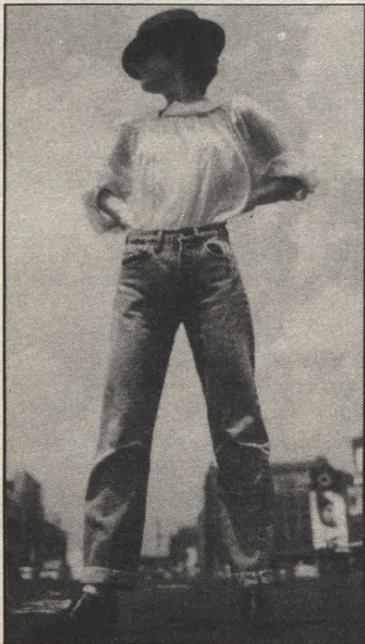
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New Orleans was a great time but I'm glad to be home. Though it's my favorite U.S. city it can only be taken in small doses. We gambled on the riverboat casinos, stayed out late in the clubs and lounged on sidewalk cafes. But even when lounging there are a million things to see—it's Las Vegas, Amsterdam and a traveling circus all rolled into one city. Visual stimuli abound in places like Jackson Square where the fortune tellers set up their card tables early. The crowd heats up as the day progresses. Tourists, street people, mimes, musicians, break-dancers, Iowa farmers, drag queens, nuns, drunks, and one Rastafarian contortionist who collapses himself inside a small Plexiglas box in front of the cathedral. New Orleans is a city that thrives on diversity as much as debauchery. But 72 hours is my limit.

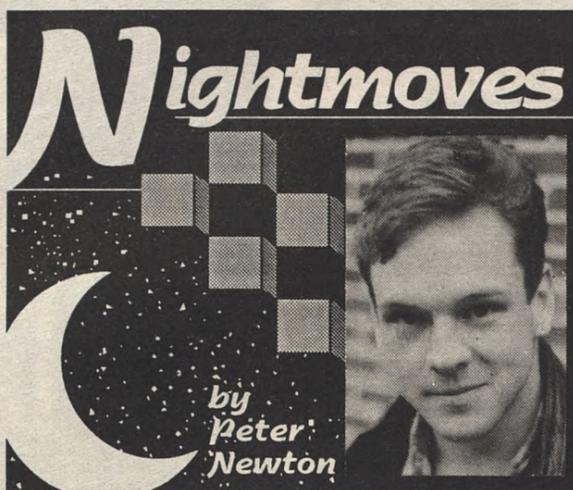
Atlanta has her wild side, too. Freaknik was a kind of Mardi Gras parade that never moved. And coming this week-



Shawn Colvin is at the Variety Playhouse on May 18.

end is a 3-day street festival called **Music Midtown** where over 50 bands will perform May 13-15. There's a ton of information on this 6-stage event, so call (404) 881-0400. Midtown residents might as well just face it; life is one big party.

Two musicians who will be in town this week but not as part of the Music Midtown celebration are worth checking out. Michelle Shocked appears at Variety Playhouse Friday, May 13. And Shawn Colvin plays there Wednesday,



May 18. I saw Colvin for the first time at the Variety last year. She can sing a story and play guitar like few others. If you're in that acoustic mood, as opposed to the outdoor carnival mood, **Shawn Colvin** is sure to withstand the test of an audience that's been inundated with acoustic soloists.

Prince will provide the score for "Billboards," the **Joffrey Ballet's** rock performance set for the Fox, May 17-22. The dance company is from New York City and is touring the country with their innovative pairing of top notch dance and the music of the gender bending legend. (404) 817-8700.

There's only one week to go until **Wigwood '94** at The Metro. The more I think about it the stranger Atlanta becomes. This parade of wigs commences as part of an annual fundraiser for ACT UP/Atlanta. And aside from that it's a chance to come as you aren't. From bee-hives to pageboys. You're apt to see it all Sunday, May 22.

Later, that same day, Axy's will host the **1994 Mr. Georgia Hotlanta**, the preliminary contest. The Mr. International Hotlanta Finals will be held in August at the Hotlanta River Expo. This is a special event so if you're planning on using that Axy's T-dance card for admission, it's only good after 10 p.m. Pre-show begins at 7:30 p.m. Curtain is at 8p.m.

As for me, all this partying has to come to a temporary halt. The older one gets the longer the recovery period be-

tween blow-out weekends. **The Good Samaritan Project's Yard Sale and Spring Wingding** is more my speed. The fundraiser benefits the folks who run Koolhipfunkystuff, "the gallery of sorts." There'll be buffalo wings and brew, croquet and horse-shoes Saturday, May 14. You are asked to drop off donated items one day early at 1363 Fernwood Circle. RSVP for the evening activities by Thursday, May 12 at (404) 873-4589.

As our friend and colleague, Dish, told us last week, The Georgia Public Policy Foundation (these are the folks who are helping to fund the suit to overturn Atlanta's Domestic Policy legislation) will hold their annual Freedom Award Dinner tonight, May 12. Now, if you go, be aware that you're in enemy territory since the dinner is being held at the Cobb Galleria Center. Not all Cobb residents are evil, just some.

Avoid unfriendly confrontations by attending the **Self-Defense & Empowerment Seminar To Combat Anti-Gay and Hate Crimes** coming up Wednesday, May 18 from 5:30-9:00 pm at Revolution. That's right, "change your world" as their slogan goes by learning ways to combat verbal and physical abuse. Three martial-arts instructors will lead the workshop to address the growing problem of anti-gay violence. The cost is \$30. All proceeds will benefit the Atlanta Lambda Center. This much needed event is sponsored by Voices Out Front and the Atlanta Chapter of The National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association.

Nexus Contemporary Art Center continues to promote experimentation, education and excellence with the simultaneous exhibitions of two acclaimed women artists. "Forefront: Pat Oleszko" is a survey of idiosyncratic films, sculptures, costumes and performances by Pat Oleszko. Also, there is "1,000 Recent Paintings," by Barbara Schreiber, an Atlanta artist. These hilarious 2 1/2" square paintings comment on the world as seen from suburbia. You'll see large ideas and petty neuroses represented by anything from assault weapons to birthday cakes. Opening reception is Friday, May 13, 8 p.m. Both exhibits will be on view through June 25, 1994.

The big event of the week is the **7th Annual Human Rights Campaign Fund Dinner**, Saturday, May 14th at the World Congress Center. **BETTY**, a female trio with some unconventional lyrics will perform, and Mel White, author of "Stranger at the Gate" is the keynote speaker.



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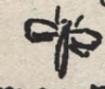
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Preston's last book reflected return to sexual writing

John Preston made a "respectable" name for himself in recent years by editing a series of anthologies on issues ranging from living with AIDS to going home gay. But for a decade now, gay men, and a few adventurous lesbians, have known Preston for his pornography.

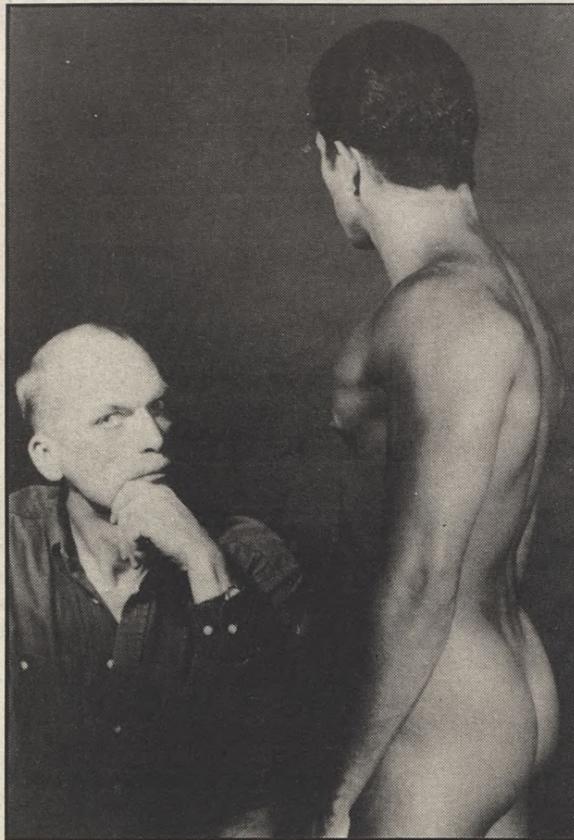
When "Mr. Benson" was first published, it started people talking and they haven't stopped. "Mr. Benson" is still one of the most well-known books of gay male erotica ever printed, and Preston has accumulated a long list of quality pornography.

With his new book "My Life As A Pornographer & Other Indecent Acts" (Richard Kasak Books; 226 pp; \$12.95) he looks at the importance of sexual writing in the gay culture and in his own life. Regrettably, it is also the last of his work published before his death a few weeks ago.

In "My Life As A Pornographer," Preston collected some previously printed essays along with some original ones. The first essay, also titled "My Life As A Pornographer," was originally a lecture given at Harvard University in April 1993. The lecture was also printed in Inches magazine.

"I decided that I needed to do something dramatic about this lecture when I gave it," Preston says in the brief introduction to the essay. "I wanted to give the audience a treat. So, I arranged for the speech to be published in 'Inches' magazine. I was able to assure the audience that it was the first Harvard lecture to be given that honor."

In this essay, Preston mentions his recent forays into respectable gay literature and his own desire "to go back to my roots, back to being a pornographer." That desire spurred him to edit "Flesh and the Word" and "Flesh and the Word 2" (two of the best anthologies of gay erotica available). The title essay of the book is also a fascinating autobiography of Preston's growth as a gay writer. Preston's pride in his talent as a pornographer is refreshing at a time when many people consider pornography simply one-handed reading with little to respect.



CHARLES HOVLAM

John Preston, author of "My Life as a Pornographer & Other Indecent Acts"

One of the most significant of the reprinted essays is "Gay Men's Sexual Health." In it he reminds readers of the importance of safer sex education that includes respect for a healthy sex drive, and he laments the overemphasis on condoms.

"While we might promote their use in the framework of a complete safe-sex campaign that would include championing mutual masturbation, higher-quality intimacy and so on, the rest of the world sees the common rubber as the be-all and end-all of safe sex."

Though this essay grew out of a presentation by Preston at the 1987 March on Washington, it is still valuable and true now. Of particular poignancy is his reference to the government's refusal to fund explicit safe sex material, a problem that seems to be continuing under the new administration.

Among the original essays written for this collection is "Gay Pride, Telling the Truth and Pornography." In it he tries to remind readers what Pride marches and rallies in June were originally about.

"We did it so that drag queens could march down Boylston Street and not get beaten up. We did it so leathermen and leatherwomen could spend an afternoon at the park and not feel like freaks. We did it so young boys and girls could come to a gathering of tens of thousands of people and could see someone who was hot enough that the very lust they felt was a reasonable justification for coming out," he insists.

Frustrated by the trend toward assimilation and mainstreaming of the gay movement, Preston felt Lesbian and Gay Pride means being queer in your face. "Changing the world meant bringing everything out into the open and then loving it," he says. "That's why there's gay pride, goddamn it!"

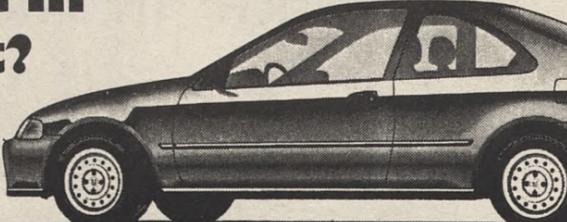
Preston's book is a reminder that, as a pornographer and a sex worker, he has always been involved in the dialogues that the intellectuals and feminists have been having since the '70s over pornography and censorship, sex work and morality legislation.

Now that John Preston is dead, we have lost a strong and valuable voice for sexual freedom.

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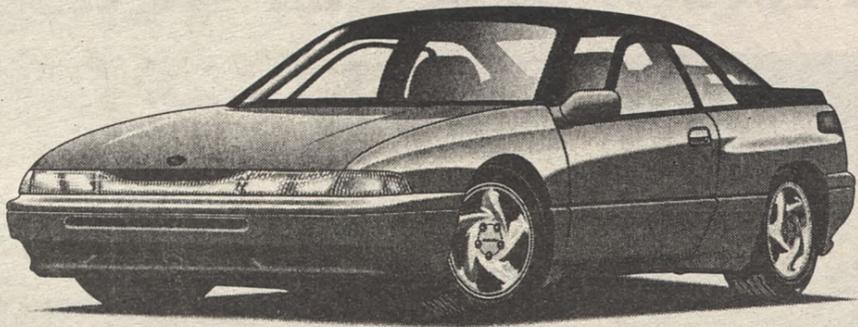
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If you've ever been on one of those stuffy "Tour of Homes" junkets, you know that you are expected to take your preprinted brochure guide, file through the houses on tour, "oooh" and "aaah" at all the fabulous decorative techniques used in order to turn the houses into Architectural Digest-style palaces, and go home feeling like you should paint your bedroom or something.

Well, the Lake Claire neighborhood is about to turn that old stereotype on its ear, with its "1994 Tour of Funky Homes and Gardens" on Sunday, May 15. Lake Claire is bounded by Clifton, South Ponce de Leon, Ridgecrest Road, and DeKalb Avenue, and has probably more artists and creative people per square foot than any other small neighborhood in Atlanta.

The organizers of this tour would like to make it anything but stuffy, and the stops planned are definitely not the kind you get on most of these events. This year's tour will showcase the homes of several of its most expressive residents, including gay Atlanta furniture and craft artist Chester Old, whose lighting fixtures made from hardware are worth the price of admission alone.

But, for a mere \$7, you get to also see: the house with a jail cell door used as a dining room table, with a pianist playing; a tiny apartment home filled with hundreds of imaginative and humorous creative works that spill into the garden; a house that is all woodwork inside, with the warm, comfortable feel that material brings; and a house with curling, bending, twining branches made of cement—*inside* the house. You'll recognize it by the sign in the driveway: It says "Satellite Parking."

But none of these is as unusual or appropriate for this tour of homes than the first stop—The Clifton Presbyterian Church and Men's Shelter. It may seem ironic—a homeless shelter on a tour of homes, but why not, especially in Lake Claire? Three-hundred and sixty-five days a year, the shelter does its work in relative obscurity, but this day, it will shine. Artwork by the homeless, a project of Cafe 458, will be on display in the sanctuary. If you're lucky, you might even get to meet the artist.

You are also invited to visit the living and working space of another artist, Atlanta painter Ralph Gilbert, who makes his living where the former congregation of Lake Claire Bap-

tist Church used to sing "Nearer My God to Thee" almost every Sunday. Gilbert has converted the sanctuary of the church into his gallery and living area, and taking full advantage of the spaciousness of the once and present divine building, he uses one of the Sunday school rooms as his studio.

Further along, you'll be impressed yet again at the inventiveness of the organizers of this tour by stop number eleven, otherwise known as "The Laughing Flamingo." Stand-up comedy is the draw in this house, and it will be going on for the entire day of the event. Just the thing for midway along in the walk, when your feet may need a laugh.

Expect surprise performances in unusual places, from the Marching Abominables (who pretty much play anywhere they want to) to acoustic musicians in gardens, acrobats in parking lots and dance improvisations in backyards. The folks in Lake Claire know how to throw a tour of homes that feels like a celebration.

The Lake Claire Tour of Funky Homes and Gardens is Sunday, May 15, from noon until 6:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased the day of the tour at Clifton Presbyterian Church, on the corner of McLendon and Connecticut.

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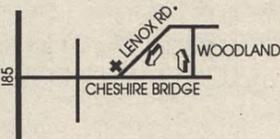
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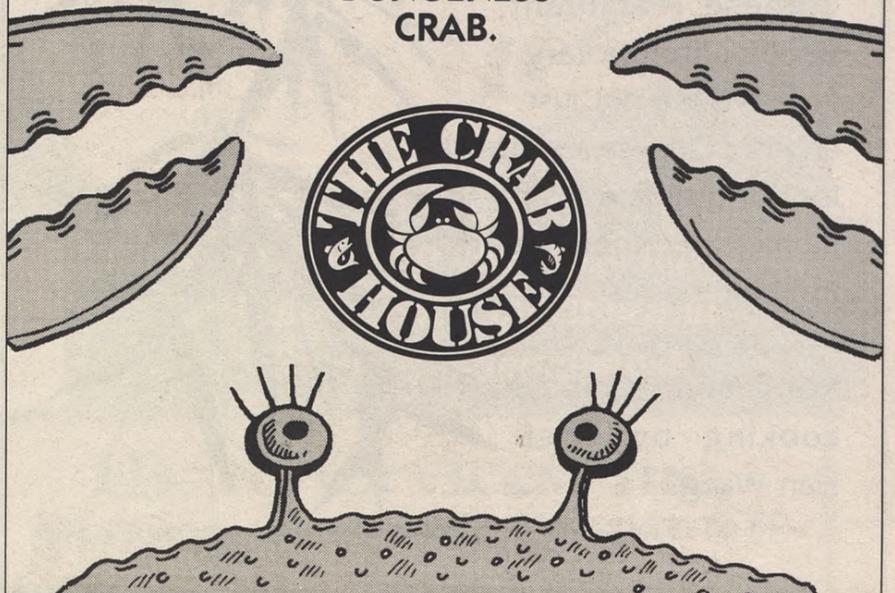
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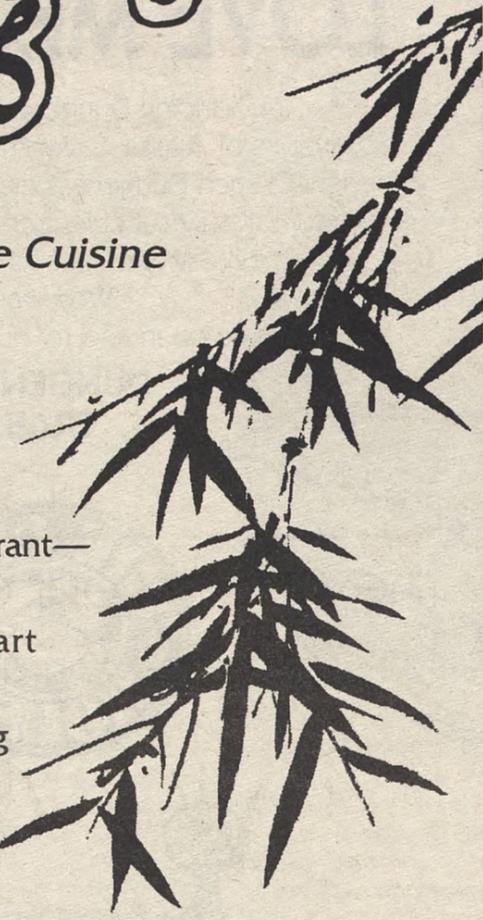
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Like reality, Buckhead sometimes bites.

At the behest of some friends who adore Thai food, and with the glowing recommendation of several critics, three of us headed for **Annie's Thai Castle** (3195 Roswell, Rd. 264-9546) early last week. Located in the freestanding building that was home to a previous (failed) Thai venture named Tamarind, Annie's looks pretty cool. The small dining room is done up in dark wood garnished with bits of post-modern detail and enough English florals to make Laura Ashley happy. The closest thing to it in town is the otherwise lamentable Thai 1 On Cafe in Decatur.

Thank the goddess, the food is better at Annie's.

In fact the very thing that is so annoying (other than the name) about the food at Thai 1 On (sugar in everything) is mercifully lacking at Annie's—most notably in a totally tasty and pleasing Pad Thai. Garnished with well cooked shrimp, overcooked pork, beau coup peanuts and a slice of lime, this is probably as close to authentic a take as you'll find in Atlanta.

Me? I'd be happier if there were some extra fish sauce and vinegar with peppers on the table so I could doctor it up.

Better than good dipping sauces did come with each of the appetizers that we tried. Fried calamari with a spicy sweet-sour sauce was tender, crisp, virtually devoid of grease and gobs of fun to eat. No bargain at \$6.95 for maybe 20 pieces of squid, but tasty nonetheless.

The hot plum sauce that accompanies two fat basil rolls is also exceptionally well balanced and provides a nice foil to the abundant fresh basil that fills the rolls. Which is good, because the (again overcooked and tough) pork and shrimp that also habit these rice wrappers is terminally dull stuff.

Would that the word dull were adequate to describe spring rolls filled with avocado, HB egg, cream cheese, spinach and cucumber drenched with a sticky-thick peanut sauce. Yuk. Double yuk at \$4.95.

Panang shrimp curry was properly thick, spicy, rich and garnished with gobs of fresh basil. It's also packed with far too many slices of red and green pepper which are about as authentic as a Fresca with a moon pie and do little for the taste of the dish. If a vegetable is called for at all here it's Thai eggplant.

Coconut ice cream was creamy, packed with coconut and plenty yummy.

Service at Annie's is pleasant and well paced, and the mixed clientele makes for good people watching. But the A/C system is not particularly well directed and it's possible for one person at a table to be comfortable while another develops popsicle toes. Add to that, exceptionally rigid chair backs and jarring background music from the Cirque du Soleil and you get not the most comfortable of all possible dining experiences. And prices are definitely at the high end of the Thai scale for Atlanta.

Attitude Adjustment, Please

My experience at Annie's made me wonder if I'm burned out on Thai food. So I determined to remedy that situation by taking my tush to Bien Thuy for some Vietnamese fare that very Friday. But a badly bruised ego left me feeling like a 4-year-old with nary a friend in the world. So I called a friend who lives near **Anis** (2794 Grandview Ave. 233-9889) and opted for comfort food and wine to

complement my pity party.

You may remember that I was mighty enthusiastic about the flavorful and generally healthy food dished up at **Anis** when I reviewed it a couple of months ago.

Well, the bread is still throwaway fluff, but a house salad of mixed greens dressed with an exceptionally fruity olive oil was *tres* tasty. Two croutons topped with goat cheese and a black olive tepanade add a bit of zip, and the quantity of annoying dried herbs on the goat cheese was down substantially from my last visit.

Fettucine d'Aix au Provence—noodles slathered with grilled chicken, peppers, onions, eggplant and tomatoes—suffered from dry, overcooked chicken and a general lack of passion in its spicing. But at \$7.95 none of its sins were severe enough to warrant chastising the chef.

Especially if he is the same person who concocted the ethereal, creamy scalloped potatoes and braised fennel root that came with a special of salmon nicoise. The veggies nearly brought tears to my eyes they were so good.

No complaints about the well-cooked and flavorful salmon either. But, scattering a piece of fish with slices of gutless California black olives and a bit of mild sauce do not qualify as nicoise anything. Sauce nicoise (like the olives that bear the same name) is a gutsy cold mayo concoction that should have nothing to do with salmon. Last time I looked there weren't any salmon flapping around in the Mediterranean or fighting their way up the Rhone past the battlements of Avignon to spawn and die, though the drama of it all does seem right French. Tuna, sea bass or grouper should be the fish flesh of choice here.

But a tasty bottle of Chateau La Bastide Corbiers for only \$14 and attentive and appropriate service made the evening a success for me.

Not so for my friend from Buckhead.

When we arrived at 7pm there were plenty of empty tables on the patio where we asked to be seated. The hostess (one of a small hoard of people who hang out at the front desk) protested that all had been reserved, but that she would come fetch us from inside if one of the parties failed to show.

When we left an hour and twenty minutes later, one of those tables was still empty. Two other couples, similarly informed, had acted out sufficiently that tables from the bar were hauled outside for them, but our complaints were met with a chilly, almost arrogant, explanation of irreality rather than an apology.

The food at **Anis** is better than good. And the prices are more than reasonable. But the combination isn't compelling enough to warrant having to fight with management in order to be seated at an empty table.

After dinner we wandered up to Pano's Food Market in the back of the Atlanta Fish Company (where they are smart enough not to take so many reservations that walk-in's feel like refugees) and scored a piece of oreo cheesecake and pineapple macadamia nut upside down cake. At \$2.25 and \$2.50 a slab these may be the best desserts for the bucks in town.

Clueless

The newly opened Landmark Diner at 3652 Roswell Rd. is the sort of place that makes me thank my lucky stars for such temples of haute cuisine as, say, Shoney's or Burger King.

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In this natural order of things, children bury their parents. AIDS has unnaturally disrupted that cycle, and parents bury their children these days.

However, the naturalness of parental burial does not make it any less emotionally devastating or difficult. I know, because I received a shockingly unexpected telephone call from my mother last week. With uncharacteristic bluntness, she blurted out "Your father is dead. I need you here."

Thus began days of unceasing barbarity. It's agonizingly painful enough to cope with the loss of my Papi. Compounding this wellspring of pain are the astonishingly savage burial customs of this culture.

Several times, I have mentioned in this column my sense of rightness, of satisfaction, from having ashes (actually, the chipped bone fragments which do not burn) of friends for placement in the garden. That way, they are always with me, and they clearly and cleanly become a part of the Circle Dance of Life.

Stuffing the cvercoat—which the animating spark vacates upon death—into a metal box after pumping it full of chemicals, is a hideous travesty. When my mother stated her intention to have an open casket at the wake and a "proper" military burial, I protested. "He said he wanted to be cremated!"

She replied, "Funerals are for the living. And I just can't do that."

So I was pressed into making arrangements that I loathe. Not only is this all exceedingly unnatural, it is burdensomely costly at a time when it can be ill-afforded. Adding salty insult to the injury, I worked in a coffin factory many moons ago. So I am quite cognizant of what a tremendous rip-off the funeral industry really is.

And no plot preselected? Well, give us cash up front, and decide on the marker *right now*. And we'll hold the plot next

to him for 60 days, in case you decide you want it, little lady.

Hell, there's a family mausoleum in his hometown of Humaco, Puerto Rico. We could've shipped the cadaver there. *He's* on the other side, so what does it matter?

Instead, the body lay in a metal box, and over 200 people, most of whom were unknown to me, came to pay their respects. Like an automaton, I shook hands and intoned "Thank you for coming" and pretended to listen to their tributes. Certainly, I would like to hear how well regarded he was. But I just couldn't at that moment.

To keep from hurling myself upon the casket or the ground in grief, I took to examining the many floral arrangements on hand. To momentarily distract myself, I noted not only who had sent them, but what constituted a proper funerary arrangement in people's minds.

Since folks are no longer conversant in the Language of Flowers, some strange messages came through.

True, some of the significances alter over time. For instance, the Romans place crocuses on graves to symbolize hope in the next life. But then, the ancients understand that mysteries of sex and death are inextricably linked. Today, crocuses symbolize sexual passion, especially the color purple.

The Egyptians believed that poppies were the sine qua non for funerary rites. To the Victorians, they represented rest and repose. Today, they mean remembrance.

Ancient Greek men would plant irises on the graves of their Womyn. They knew that Iris, the Goddess of the Rainbow, would be honored, and it was She who escorted the souls of departed Womyn to the Elysian Fields. Today, the Iris bears a message.

The Greeks also strewed parsley in tombs. (Again, they perceived the complicated connections of burial and sexual potency and passion with this plant)

The chrysanthemum represents harvest, rest, and ease in general (the Chinese believe that the white stands for truth, the yellow for slighted love). The lily signifies the return of hap-

piness, and sincerity. (The calla lily takes its name from the Greek *kalos*, or beautiful and is frequently sent to the dead)

The yew promises immortality, and sorrow. Rosemary, as always, means remembrance. The snowdrop offers hope and consolation.

The gladiolus is a warrior's flower, favored by Roman gladiators. (The root word for gladiolus and gladiator both derives from the Latin for "sword"). In Victorian times, it signified "You pierce my heart." Additionally, many scholars believe that glads are the "Lilies of the Field" referred to in the Sermon on the Mount. (Interestingly, I noted an abundance of red glads. Red is the color of Mars, the God of War, and good for Aries or Scorpio—and the Colonel was a Scorpio).

So the arrangements of glads and mums were certainly apropos for a deceased military man. The irises are a little chancy, given the heavy male identification of the Pater Familias. But no rosemary, no yew, no snowdrops, no parsley. Lots of lilies, and a few poppies.

Red roses? That's sexual love these days, without the symbolic intermediaries. White roses? Spiritual love. Yellow roses? Unrequited or jealous love. So send the whites...

People may think it strange that I wanted to tabulate what was present. But I took some of the appropriate flowers from the many wreaths, and made arrangements in the house. They actually provided some comfort, in their own way.

What do we gain from having the cut-off sexual organs of plants around us? Among other things, they provide a meditation on the ephemeral nature of beauty, and the transitoriness of mundane existence. While here, they lend a grace to existence. And their symbolic meanings reinforce our links without pasts, with out traditions, and with the future.

Because life continues its cycles of birth, growth, decay, and return. This understanding is reassuring to me, and lends credence to the ancient idea of Return.

As a chip of the old block, I just wish I had some of the bone chips to feed my little ones pushing up from the body of Mother Earth. There is a rightness, a trueness in that natural order which metal box culture chillingly and unnaturally subverts.

While it may be my Karma to outlive all of my contemporaries, I hope that when I leave this body, it will become one with the Earth again. And cremation and planting seem to me to constitute the best ways currently to effect that all-important transformation.

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OUTLINES

DEBORAH PAGETT

Age: 30

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Relationship: Single

Last CD Bought: "Black Reign" by Queen Latifah

Pet peeve: seeing trash everywhere



Deborah Pagett once met Jesse Helms—in a manner of speaking. She doesn't remember much about his visit to a school for the blind in Raleigh NC, but she remembers that he was a "nasty man" during his visit to the school for a political photo opportunity.

"He would pick up the little white kids and shove the little black kids aside," she says. "I remember that because I was one of the little black kids getting shoved away."

And imagine if the esteemed senator from North Carolina had known the little girl he pushed aside would grow up to be an outspoken lesbian. The very thought.

"I was a hellacious kid," she says. "I've always been in trouble. I spent most of my time [at the school] in coat closets."

That's where the teachers would put those who didn't tow the line. And the line Pagett refused to tow was the one that told her what she couldn't do, growing up with albinism that affected her vision to the point of legal blindness.

"We had these 'can't sessions,'" she recalls. "They kept saying 'you can't do this, and you can't do this.' So when they'd ask me what I wanted to be when I grew up, I'd say what they told me I can't do."

And then she'd go to the coat closet. "Maybe that's why I have an aversion to closets now," she says with a laugh. "But as long as they didn't take my radio away, it didn't matter."

The radio was Pagett's salvation. At college in Boone, NC, she was part of the group that produced concerts on campus. And that led her to Atlanta and the Music Business Institute.

And then she realized she was a lesbian. "I can look back at junior high school and high school and say 'oh yes I remember that now.' I remember every girl in high school and none of the boys."

An easy coming out—no angst, no guilt. But the reason for that is clear as well—she knew lesbians growing up, and homosexuality, while not a common dinner topic, was not taboo.

Pagett's father left when she was 15, and the family—mom, an older sister and two

younger brothers—moved into a housing project in Greensboro, NC. While there, she was surrounded by her mother's friends.

"I was raised by women," she says. "We had this whole tribe of women who raised us. Mom's business women friends, middle class women, and some younger—some were prostitutes."

And some were lesbians. Her background, she believes, made survival possible. "I really have no concept of [verbal] gay bashing," she says. "Somebody can call me 'you dyke,' and it's like 'yeah, great.'"

"I feel like I'm in the outskirts of every part of me," she says. "Certainly in the black community for being gay and disabled, then in the disabled community for being female and gay, and then within the gay community for being disabled. All of these pieces just don't seem to want to fit together."

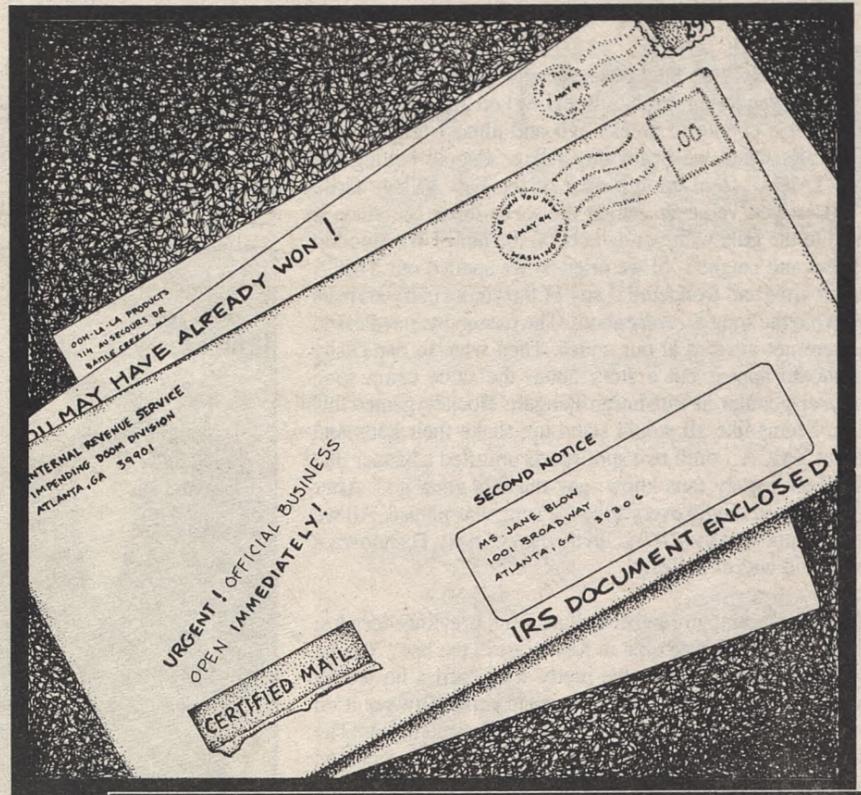
But Pagett is determined to fit them together as best she can. She now hosts "Gay Graffiti," the lesbian/gay radio show on WRFG, and she's active in the disabled community, particularly on issues for the blind.

"Being a lesbian, working at the National Lesbian Conference, and having a gay radio show is a different experience than the average disabled person would be doing," she says. "It's taken me to different areas, and certainly given me a political awareness."

It's the political awareness she finds lacking in her disabled work—she says she wished her particular community were more like ADAPT, an organization that promotes accessibility for differently-abled communities.

"They need to be like those people in wheelchairs," Pagett says. "Go out and chain yourselves to the doors. It's frustrating. They don't think of themselves as people who can stand up for themselves."

"They think of me as radical," she adds with a sly smile. "I don't think I'm radical. I'm just here."



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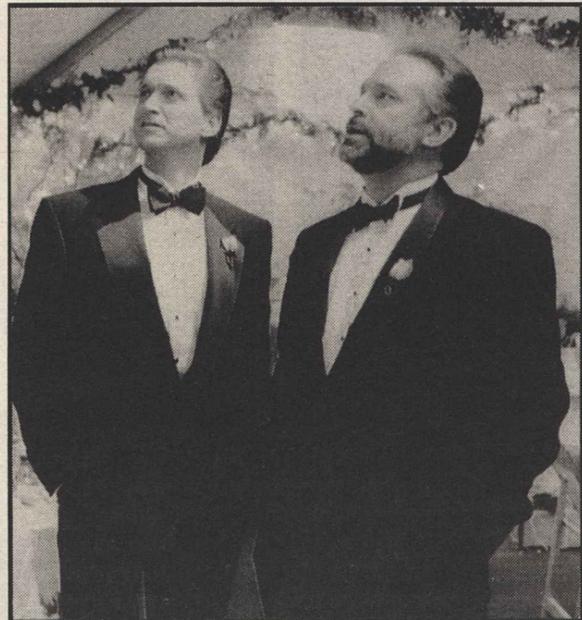
Queer Culture on the Loose: What's going on here? We were wandering through Buckhead on a warm Saturday night a couple of weeks ago and almost dropped our pearls when we heard the Village People belting out "YMCA" from the top deck of the East Village Grill. (Lest you've never caught the scene there, the place is packed to the gills with young hets on the hunt.) We stood in the street and laughed 'til we cried as we spelled out YMCA with our arms and wondered if any of the young party animals knew what the song is *really* about. The passersby, needless to say, were not amused at our antics. Then what to our Dishy eyes should appear but a story about the same camp song being *tres* popular at Pittsburgh Penguin Hockey games this season. Seems like all would stand up, shake their butts and spell out YMCA...until two spoilsports unfurled a banner that said: "Real hockey fans know: gay music's gotta go." After that fans booed loudly every time the song was played. All we can do is hope that they'll try "In the Navy" next. Dish loves a man in (and out) of uniform.

Kiss & Tell: Speaking of queer culture from previous decades, Dish spent quite a bit of time in Key West in the late '70s and early '80s, some of it at some pretty wild parties hosted by none other than Calvin Klein. We never personally got it on with the man, but we had no doubt that other (men) did. (The closest we ever got to starfucking in K.W. was dancing and smooching with the late [and fabulous] Vito Russo.) Now comes a new (unauthorized) biography of the man who gave you Obsession and Marky Mark as Calvin-clad sex object and word is that La Calvin is not amused about the fact that the book pulls no punches about his liaisons with men. We do hate that co-author Sharon Churcher describes Klein's romance with wife Kelly as "an old fashioned story of redemption—where the fairy princess rescues you." That's pure heterosexist crap.

No Southern Exposure: Why is it that southern folks so often lead the way in bigotry? Dish always finds this embarrassing

Dish

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



Erick (left) and Ron tied the knot on Northern Exposure but some Southern stations refused to air it.

and is tres tired of trying to explain it away to Yankee friends. The latest example of southern hate and censorship came over the May 2nd episode of "Northern Exposure" which featured the wedding, complete with cake and dancing, of lovers Erick and Ron who run a lovely b&b in Cicely, Alaska. Stations in

Monroe, LA, Dothan, AL and North Augusta, SC refused to air the segment even though there was no kiss between the two men. But Rev. Donald Wildmon best hold on to his hat (or whatever) because on the finale episode on May 18th of "Melrose Place" hunky gay character Matt Fielding is scheduled to lock lips with a man. Fox Broadcasting has not decided yet whether to air it but rest assured if they do some southern TV stations will replace the episode with something like "Deep Space Nine."

Toot Your Horn: Victory! the national gay business magazine (we haven't seen a copy so we can't tell you if it's more like Businessweek, Fortune or Forbes) wants to publish a list of the top 100 "gay" businesses in the country. (We don't know if this excludes companies owned by dykes, but it doesn't make them sound very welcome.) Anyway, these guys are looking for independent, privately held businesses that are at least two years old and have sales in excess of \$30,000 annually. The press release announcing all this is not clear about whether gross sales or growth in sales is what will land you on the Victory! 100 list, so if you're interested, write them at 2312 N Street Sacramento, CA 95816 and ask for complete (and clear) details.

We Need the Lesbians!: That was the cry heard across the land (well at least across Inman Park) last weekend as Decatur's infamous Digging Dykes were called into line to be part of what has to be Atlanta's most fun, diverse and politically correct parade. In addition to the Dykes with their precision lawn mower drills, our fave sight was that of a Native American riding quietly in a green Alfa Romeo convertible. When we asked about the appropriateness of an Italian car, a friend quipped, "better than a Cherokee!" We also saw GLAAD/Atlanta maven Carl Lange (wearing an Izzy a Bigot? T-shirt) searching madly for the ACOG contingent, which, alas, stayed home for the day. But the Paralympics mascot Blaze was there and looking great!

MAY 12—MAY 18, 1994

It's May, the wonderful, sensual month of May. It's time to play, to throw your worries to the winds (permanently, what was ever solved by worry), and time to be as creative as possible with your life. Get yourself outside, breathe in the fresh, fragrant air and enjoy life.

ARIES, how are your fantasies? Do you feel prosperous or are you constantly trying to keep up with growing expenses? If your money and cash flow seem out of control, sit down with an expert earth sign (Taurus, Virgo or Capricorn) to set priorities. Happy Birthday, **TAURUS**, are you having a wonderful time? Are you doing the things you love or are you still trying to remember what it is you love to do? Most important to have leisure time outdoors this week. Relax and regenerate. **GEMINI**, Mercury, your ruling planet, joins Venus in your 1st house of personality and self-awareness, enhancing your abilities to communicate and relate to others. If you have temporarily misplaced your sense of humor, find it quick.

CANCER, with Venus and Mercury both visiting in your 12th house of dreams, visions and the unconscious, you can benefit tremendously by acknowledging and releasing any buried material that is pushing its way to the surface of your mind.

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LEO, are you bored? Is life not treating you the way you think it ought to? Are you treating yourself with kindness and gentleness? Charity begins at home, so take a look at your level of personal expectation and judgment. Be loving. **VIRGO**, are you feeling overwhelmed by your feelings and emotions? If so, you may have been neglecting your finer feelings and intuitions while taking care of mundane details. Just as important to nourish your Spirit and Soul every day.

LIBRA, time for fun and social engagements with good friends. See how many different ways you can find to enjoy life this week. It really is the small things that count and add up to a grand total of a life lived joyfully and intentionally. **SCORPIO**, if you are feeling a bit out of sorts or irritated with the world in general, then you could be giving yourself a hard time and have it spill over into your relationships with others. Definitely a good week to lighten up. **SAGITTARIUS**, with Mercury

and Venus now cruising through your 7th house of close, personal relationships, you can really benefit by being in touch with people that you care about the most. Write, call or have lunch—it's a great social week.

CAPRICORN, is time your friend or adversary? Let time work for you by understanding your own needs and wants. Personal desires are good indicators of what can give us fulfillment in life if we create the time. What are your true needs and wants? **AQUARIUS**, Uranus and Neptune are still running around in your 12th house of dreams and visions, so keep up that dream journal if you have one going and seriously consider starting one if you haven't. You'll find real gems of wisdom and understanding. **PISCES**, as a mutable water sign you may be much more empathetic than you realize. Empathetic means you can actually feel the emotions (and sometimes the pain) of others in your own body. Are your feelings all yours? Practice flow and release.

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- Joseph Hansen's detective Brand-stetter
 - Moslem ruler
 - Of ___ and Men
 - Clique
 - Talk show diva
 - "No" votes
 - Mischievous fairy
 - Old French coin
 - Car part
 - Porn star Parker
 - Note well abbreviation
 - Harem room
 - Siesta
 - Lasso
 - Comment from Spooky
 - Stocking snag
 - Terminate
 - Membership payments
 - Matures
 - Voting booth feature
 - Stiffened
 - Throw one's ___ into the ring
 - Wire service
 - Afternoon drink
 - Former soldier
 - Heat unit
 - Succinct
 - Onassis
 - Unique individual
 - Burn
 - "Nothing's either bad or good, but thinking makes ___"
 - (Shakespeare)
 - Followers (suffix)
 - Kitten sound
 - "Yes" vote
 - Bush's party
 - Seattle state
 - Not off

ACROSS

- Not Rebs
- Singles
- Was a candidate
- French girlfriend
- ___ Alto, CA
- Priest's robe
- PAC that supports openly gay candidates, The Gay and Lesbian ___
- Before
- Prosecuting attorneys
- State openly
- Humbug lead in
- Made good a loan
- Too
- Attila, for one
- Greek letter
- A timely message for gays
- Mrs. Peron

ACROSS (Cont'd)

- The ___ Shop Boys
- Periods
- Embattled Soviet state
- Tit for ___
- Proof of purchase (abbr)
- "___ the land of the free..."
- Roman 102
- PAC supporting gay-positive candidates, ___ Campaign Fund
- Misery
- Kim Carnes' hit tune, "Bette Davis ___"
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- "With liberty ___ justice for all"
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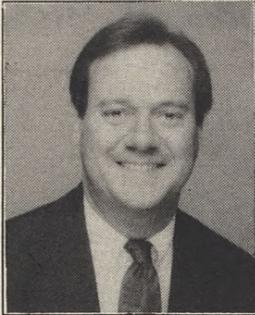
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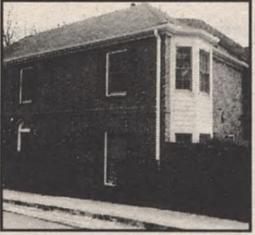
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GWF, 24, seeking 30-up, very attractive, petite, classy, romantic GF, any race, for lasting relationship, no games, bi's, butches. 1264 (7.7)

GWF, 25, looking for friends and a lover who are honest, loving, passionate, adventurous and funny. Likes: movies, laughter, music, the arts, conversation, candlelight. No smokers, no drugs. 1263 (7.5)

BiWF, 25, feminine, college student, cute, seeks feminine G/Bif, 21-30, into dancing, movies, conversation, for friendship, maybe more. Please no smokers, drugs, heavy drinkers. 1250 (7.4)

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GWM seeks hot GBM 18-30 for discreet encounters. Must be safe & attractive. Let's get together. 1431 (7.15)

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GWM, 33, 6'3", laid back professional with eclectic interests; animation, LSP, movies, 99x, Braves... You, 25-40ish, sense of humor. 1416

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WM, 24, very cute, good body, submissive, wants to service endowed, in-shape, masculine, healthy man. Leave message. 1433 (7.15)

LOVER WANTED

BiWM, 40s, 150, Br/Bi in central AL seeks GWM 30s-50s for lover. HIV+ AIDS - contact me. Need someone badly. 1434 (7.13)

Artist type, B/M, 30's, 6", 175, healthy, works out, seeking average masculine top for exploring life + each other, race not important. 1436 (7.15)

SHOOT THE MOON!

Back from Florida! GWM, hairy, 5'10", 170#, HIV-, 38, seeks men 20-45, bottoms, for spankings & butt play. Discretion, limits. 1437 (7.15)

Hot, horny, attractive full leather Daddy Top, 42, 5'10", 160 lbs, HIV- seeks submissive cocky bottom for safe mutually satisfying explorations. 1404 (7.14)

GWM, 22, college student seeking ambitious, intelligent, eclectic, adjusted, sensitive guys 19-30 for friendship maybe more. 1410 (7.14)

Wanted: Abv avg WM, 30's, needing reg daytime oral satisfaction by WM, 33, 6', 180#. You provide place, I provide relief. I-75/285 area, no strings. 1407 (7.14)

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If you're a GWM, HIV+, better looking than average, healthy, fit, clean cut, 35-45 and boyfriend-minded, we should talk. 1403 (7.13)

Soon pictured in BEAR, 27, this GWM, tall, toned, smooth, late 30's seeks fidelity, affectionate, muscular, hairy GWM 25-40 boyfriend. Interest include the norm, some nightlife, Fr.A/P. Go for it! Smoker OK. Recedeers welcome! 1402 (7.13)

GWM 24. Interests - music, movies, reading, theater, conversation. Not into bar culture. Seeking GWM 24-34 with brain and sense of humor. No smokers/drugs. 1401 (7.13)

GWM 5'6", 125, br/br, masculine enough, attractive, real. Enjoy most music. Seeking masculine, attractive, humorous GWM 30-45 fun maybe more. Box 1403, 1189 Virginia Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. (7.13)

VGL GWM 39, FIT, 6'1", 185, HIV neg., br/bl, versatile. Like gym, Broadway, books, TV, piano, French, AIDS volunteer work. Have cocker (hate cats). Educated, ex-smoker, don't drink, ISO similar, serious only, for monogamous relationship (after much dating). 1399 (7.13)

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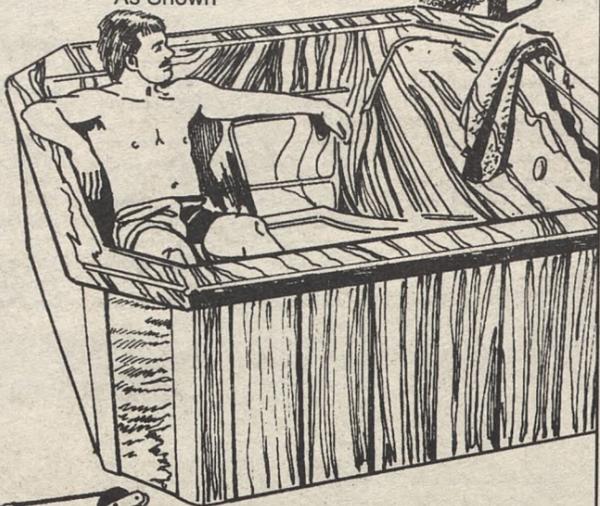
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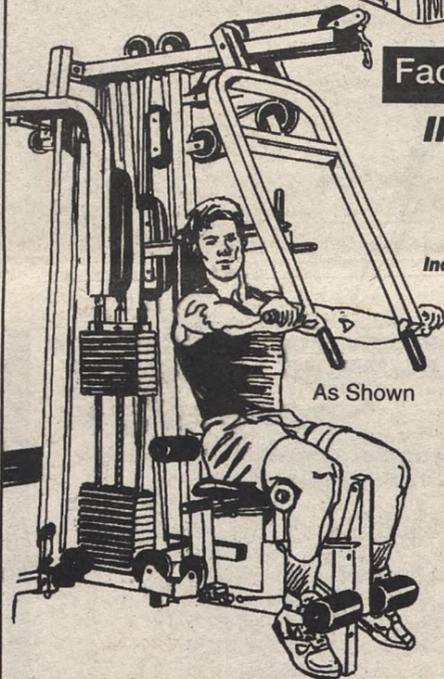
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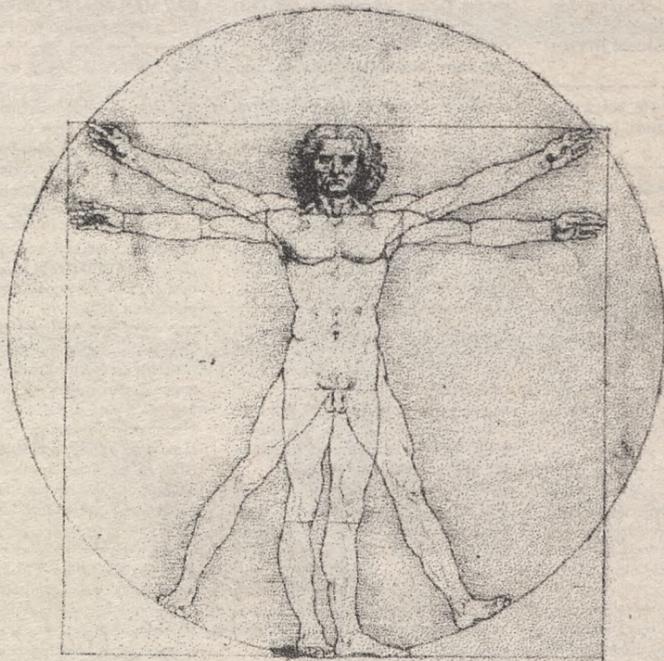
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