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## Home for the Holidays

*Many lesbians and gay men feel pulled apart by conflicting images of home and family, brought painfully to the surface during the year-end holidays.*

GARETH FENLEY

"A Family Holiday," Scene One.

*Sound: Choir joyously bursts into song. Fade in on wide shot of a sumptuously decorated living room, dominated by huge pile of brightly wrapped gifts. Off mike, voices of cast in upbeat conversation as opening credits roll. Cooing baby, trembling grandmother, robust young men can be heard. Choir up and out. Doorbell rings.*

Enter MAMA from swinging kitchen door, beaming in party dress and apron lightly dusted with flour.

BUDDY SR. (offstage): The last of the brood arrives!

BUDDY JR. (offstage): Now we can eat! (Laughter)

MAMA opens the front door, brightening with anticipation. Enter CHRIS, looking slightly stiff and nervous, and just behind, another person of the same sex who looks oddly similar in an unnerving way. Their hands brush lightly in a reassuring and self-conscious caress —

Cut!

This is supposed to be a heartwarming family special, not another daytime talk show! Sure, contemporary issues are sensational, but let's observe some common decency here. *Sex* has nothing to do with family holidays, and that goes for homosexuality and any other kind of sexuality.

Or does it?

### 'Tis the season to get crazy

For many lesbians and gay men who contemplate a visit with parents and relatives, the year-end holidays bring up a painful conflict between expectations and reality. The yearning for a happy, magical time of intimacy and reunion runs up smack against the truth.

"Holidays highlight difference, and a lot of times difference is not OK," says John Mungo, a gay psychotherapist in private practice on Buford Highway. He points out the problems that arise when adult sexuality is concealed from the childhood family in a second life they don't know about.

"With its expectation and opportunity for closeness, the holiday brings the hidden identity to the focus," Mungo says. "It pushes us with two opposite impulses: to reveal the true self or to push that self far, far back and be what our parents want."

Moving in either direction can be risky and difficult, and it's made harder by multilayered meanings and emotions. More often than not, the religious and family traditions of the occasion are set foursquare against gay and lesbian people.

"Holidays are particularly loaded moments, both in history and potential," says Julia Strong, a lesbian

psychotherapist in private practice in Brookwood. She points out that the rose-colored memories of the past may evoke a nostalgic longing for something that never was, while the present break with normal daily routines creates a sense that "anything might could happen—maybe Santa will bring the experience of being unconditionally loved and accepted for who you are."

### Honoring the inner sense of home and family

Some lesbians and gay men were lucky enough to be born into families where loving acceptance has already come, even easily and naturally. More typically, coming out means many years of inner struggle, awkward conversations and silences, and at least a few confrontations. The eventual result is never guaranteed.

"Coming out is a way of leaving home," says Mungo. "It says to parents: I'm an adult. I'm separate." Unfortunately, some parents refuse to hear this message. They make denial of sexuality a condition of being included in family celebrations. "If we have no 'legitimate' marriage and children of our own," explains Strong, "we are expected to continue the family tradition in the old child role."

Fortunately, there are more ways to be home than to go home. We can stay right where we are, honoring our own sense of home and family. Lesbians and gay men have an amazing talent for creating new family ties, kinships of love that trash just about every boundary and tradition the culture can muster. Sexuality is most definitely relevant here. It's a part of our identity that's not denied, regardless of whether each relationship is sexual.

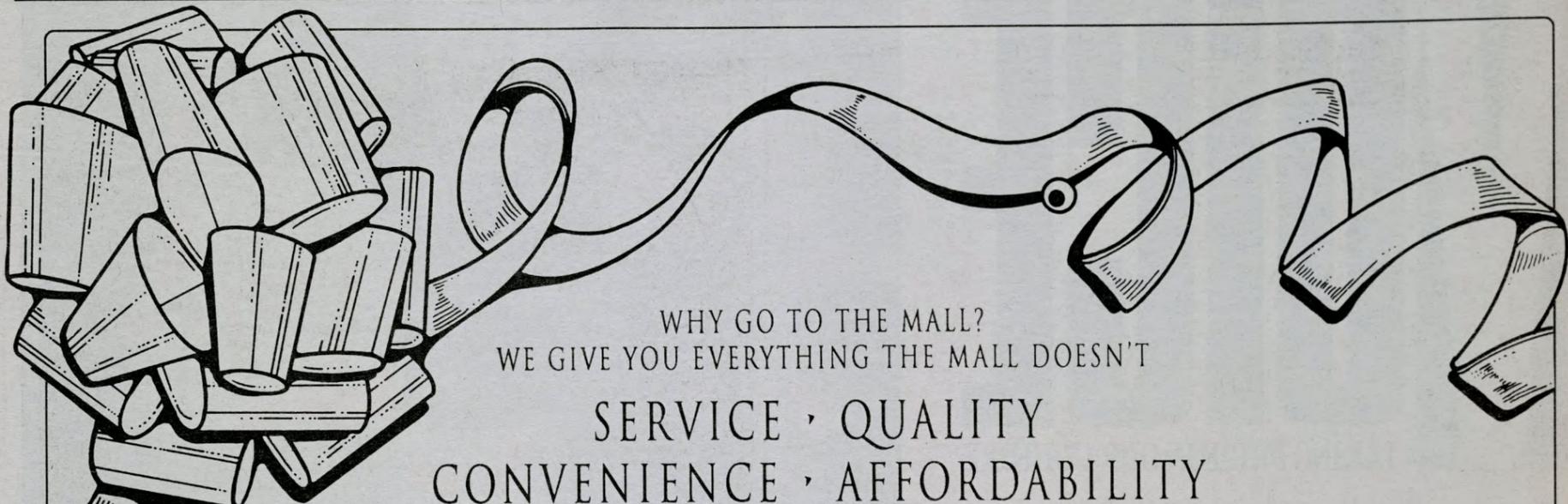
### Some different experiences

Terri Rushing and Terri Whitt, a lesbian couple living in Kirkwood, have tried a variety of approaches to dealing with the Christmas traditions they grew up with. Their first year together, they split up for the holidays, each heading out of state to the family hearth. "That was so miserable, we never did it again," says Whitt. "We were on the phone long-distance with each other every day."

Next they tried Christmas visits as a couple.

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**Photo caption: Monte Schuth, Gary Kaupman and Brian Helder have spent the holidays together since the 1987 March on Washington. The three friends, and a dozen or so others, spend Christmas Eve at Kaupman's home.**



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## Atlanta City Council votes to ban travel to Colorado

*Resolution, which also includes several western cities, is result of laws prohibiting civil rights for gays*

Atlanta (AP)—The City Council has approved a measure to ban expenditure of city funds for travel to Colorado and two Western cities that passed laws prohibiting civil rights protection for gays and lesbians.

The City Council's measure, proposed by council member Myrtle Davis, was approved Nov. 16. The resolution also prohibits travel to Springfield, Oregon, and Concord, California. Concord's measure was declared unconstitutional later that same day by a California Superior Court judge.

At issue is Amendment 2, a state constitutional amendment approved by Colorado

voters Nov. 3, which prevents the enforcement of laws guaranteeing civil rights protections to gay and lesbians.

"We in Atlanta, having gone through the civil rights movement, think it is very important our voice be heard against any form of discrimination," Councilmember Carolyn Long Banks told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

"It's an excellent idea," said Marcia Okula, Mayor Maynard Jackson's special assistant for gay and lesbian issues. "Atlanta and other governments need to let Colorado know how appalling we think this is."

But officials in Denver say Atlanta leaders are punishing the wrong people.

"I don't know how much due diligence the council did," said Richard C. D. Fleming, president of the Greater Denver Chamber of Commerce. "Voting to boycott Denver falls into the category of blaming the victim."

The constitutional amendment won 53 percent of the vote statewide, but was overwhelmingly defeated in Denver, Boulder and Aspen, Fleming said. The Denver City Council voted 12-1 last week to fight the new law in court.

## GPTV will not air gay variety show

*Station says quality, not content, is at issue*

Georgia Public Television has decided not to air a new gay and lesbian variety show produced in New York, but say they are stepping up coverage of the local community.

"In the Life" is a variety show for gays and lesbians produced by WNYE in New

York. Instead, GPTV has directed the producers of a new locally produced magazine show called "Tangents" to dig deeper into the gay and lesbian community for stories.

"Tangents" will start covering not just events in the gay and lesbian community," Killingsworth notes, "but also the issues affecting the community. They will be aggressively pursuing these stories."

"Tangents," hosted by Lyn May, former press secretary for Mayor Maynard Jackson, airs Mondays at 10 p.m.

But hope is not lost for those who want to see "In the Life" in the Atlanta market.

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Kate Clinton is the host of the new gay variety show "In The Life"

York and offered free to all Public TV stations around the country. The show is hosted by comic Kate Clinton and offers a variety of news, interviews and entertainment.

Marcia Killingsworth, Public Relations Manager for GPTV says they decided not to air the program not because of the content, but because of production values.

"No offense to Channel 12, but it looks like a cable access program," says Killingsworth. "Also, it doesn't address Atlanta and Georgia's gay and lesbian community."

"It is my understanding that if the Public TV stations in the market don't plan to air the program, another outlet can pick it up," says Killingsworth. "The producers of the show just want it to be seen so they can more effectively syndicate it."

That leaves the door open for any Public Access station to pick up the program and begin airing it. Killingsworth says some interest has been expressed in this move, but no firm offers have been made.

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Hotlanta River Expo donated \$15,000 last week to both Project Open Hand and Jerusalem House. Pictured are Paul Horning (left), Vice President of the Board of Project Open Hand, Karen Broyles, Executive Director of Project Open Hand and Walt Greer, Board Chair of Hotlanta. Hotlanta River Expo draws thousands of gay visitors to Atlanta each August for a three-day weekend of rafting down the Chattahoochee and numerous parties.

## Kennesaw faculty, administration balk at sexual orientation in discrimination policy

Kennesaw, GA—A non-discrimination policy, including sexual orientation, passed by the Kennesaw State College Student Government Association has hit snags with the College Senate.

According to SGA President Tina Glover, discussions about the proposed policy stalled at a Nov. 9 meeting of the 71-member Senate—which includes representatives from the faculty, staff, administration, and student body—over questions of legality and rights to free speech.

"The administration's Senate members are concerned about the sexual orientation aspect of it," said Glover. "They think they can't legally put that in. And the faculty members are concerned about first amendment rights."

The policy passed by the SGA on October 27 provided protections for gay and lesbian students, faculty, and staff, as well as prohibiting "discriminatory harassment"

based on sexual orientation. Following the Nov. 9 meeting, SGA leaders have revised the proposed policy to address many of the Senate's concerns. The Senate will meet again on Nov. 30 to address the issue.

"We're going to ask the Senate, if they like the policy and their only questions are legal, then pass it," said Glover, adding that the state Board of Regents legal staff would not review policies until after they are passed by schools.

"This is the way we want things to be on this campus," she said. "If the policy is later violated, and then struck down in a court, then so be it. But this is how we'd like to see it."

David Greer, the first openly gay person elected to the College Senate, said he was pleased with the initiative from the SGA.

"The students are really pushing it," said Greer, a 24-year-old sophomore. "This is good for the college. But we've got to get the faculty, the staff, and the administration to understand the importance of it."

Glover agreed. "It's important that we start changing things and not expecting them to trickle down. The real changes in this world bubble up."

KC WILDMOON

## Transgender murders lead to speculation of a serial killer

Members of Atlanta's transsexual/transgender community are worried that the recent murder of a transvestite may mean that someone is stalking them.

Anthony Swain, 36, was found dead in front of the Lamb of God Missionary Baptist Church on Field Road Sunday, November 8. He had been shot in the head at close range with a large caliber pistol, and his body dumped at the church. Swain was dressed as a woman.

Atlanta police are trying to determine if the slaying is linked to last year's shooting deaths of three transvestites. Atlanta Homicide Sgt. Ted Hall said so far there is no link other than the way the victims dressed.

Dallas Denny, director of the American

Educational Gender Information Service (AEGIS), said she is concerned. "Last year when we looked into this we found these kinds of killings are common in large cities around the country," she said. "But, I think the murders are happening too often to be random. It's either a hate crime or perhaps it's a serial killer."

Swain's death comes a year to the day after police discovered the body of Woodrow "Jean" Powell, a 33 year old chemist and transvestite. Powell's body was found in the 300 block of Ashby Street.

Two other transvestites were killed between October 13 and November 8 last year. Hurriel Lockett, 28, was found near Ashby Street, and Ronnie Dean Lyles, 30, was found in DeKalb County beside Interstate 85.

The cases remain unsolved and police never determined if they were linked.

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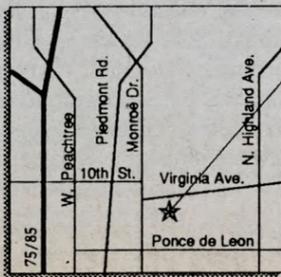
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## Southern Baptists ask Clinton to rethink stand on gay rights

Nashville, TN (AP)—Southern Baptists oppose a public policy that would add sexual orientation as a special, protected status under civil rights laws, the head of the convention's ethics agency said in a letter to Bill Clinton.

"We fear the wrath of God on our nation if our government pursues this path," Richard Land, director of the convention's Christian Life Commission, said in a letter to the president-elect on Nov. 12.

Land said Southern Baptists support some of the things Clinton backs, including the passage of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. But he said they oppose granting sexual orientation status similar to that currently afforded race and gender in civil rights law.

Clinton should rethink his positions on abortion and special civil rights for gays and lesbians, Land wrote.

The Christian Life Commission, based in Nashville, is the convention's morals and ethics agency.

Land said members of the 15-million member convention deplore gay bashing and homophobia, but "also deplore treating biblical morality as if it were hatred and bigotry."

And he said most Southern Baptists believe that the Bible teaches clearly that homosexuality is sexual immorality.

"We oppose public policies which use the moral influence of the law to establish homosexuality as the moral equivalent of heterosexuality," Land wrote.

Protesters outside the Texas Baptist General Convention demanded last Wednesday that the body speak out against the president-elect.

"Bill Clinton needs to be disciplined because he supports sodomy and he is a whoremonger," said Fort Worth pastor W.N. Otwell, who led the protesters. "We must stand against him."

Land also said Southern Baptists have expressed their condemnation of public funding for art that offends large segments of the population as blasphemous or obscene.

He commended Vice President-elect Al Gore for sponsoring legislation requiring health warnings on alcohol advertising, and Tipper Gore's efforts to introduce labeling guidelines on the content and lyrics of popular music.

## Baptists in Va. say church should minister to gays

Virginia Beach, VA (AP)—A convention of Virginia's Southern Baptists have decided the denomination should reach out and minister to gays.

In the first of two votes on the issue Nov. 11, representatives at the association's two-day meeting rejected an amendment that would have excluded churches that confirm, approve or endorse homosexual behavior.

Representatives later approved a resolution to "seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the Bible" in dealing with the issue. It also encouraged Virginia Baptists "to seek to minister redemptively to all persons, including homosexuals and their families."

The state group's General Board recently passed a resolution calling homosexual behavior sinful and unacceptable for Christians.

Reginald McDonough, executive director of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, said today the resolutions of the convention and the General Board are not mutually exclusive.

"We feel that the Bible says homosexuality is not a lifestyle acceptable for Christians," McDonough said. "But every person is created by God and deserves his redemption and we want to be involved in relating to these people."

McDonough said the convention's resolution doesn't have the force of a recommendation to local churches, which must decide individually on such issues as accepting gays as members and whether to minister to gays.

Several representatives to the convention objected to picking out one sin among many mentioned in the Bible for special condemnation. Others said they were raising the issue only because gay and lesbian activists are attempting to legitimize behavior they believe is sinful.

## Arlington outlaws discrimination based on sexual orientation

Arlington, VA (AP)—Arlington County Board members voted Nov. 14 to outlaw discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Heeding pleas from the county's gay population, board members voted Saturday to add sexual-orientation language to Arlington's human-rights law.

The vote was greeted by a standing ovation by about 100 supporters of gay rights

crowding the chamber.

"Obviously it's a very important day for all of us," said Lee Stinnett, former president of the Arlington Gay and Lesbian Alliance, who was the group's spokesman. "It's an important first step in helping all parts of this great community to take a stand on this issue."

The law prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, credit and education. Alexandria, the District of Columbia, and Montgomery County in Maryland have similar laws.

Under Arlington's ordinance, the county's Human Rights Commission may investigate allegations of discrimination and seek a court order securing compliance from violators, if necessary.

The vote followed an emotional debate in which some gay speakers recalled incidents of discrimination, and opponents raised legal and religious objections.

"A person's sexual orientation shouldn't matter," said Jay Fisette, director of Whitman-Walker's northern Virginia AIDS clinic. "Discrimination is real. It hurts."

Helen Blackwell, a former county Republican chairman, opposed the measure, arguing that homosexuality is a choice, and not an unchangeable condition, and therefore did not merit legal protection.

## SOUTHEASTERN EVENTS

**The Lost Language of Cranes**, David Leavitt's compelling tale of a father and son coming to terms with their homosexuality, airs on Alabama Public Television Friday, Dec. 18 at 10 pm.

**The March**, a 45-minute video of the 1987 March on Washington, will be held in Greenville, S.C. on Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 pm. The video, by Dawn Weiking, includes highlights of the lesbian/gay rights movement. The showing is sponsored by Voters United for Equality, and will be held at the Greenville Co. Library Auditorium. For info, call 843-1070.

**Kid Sister** will perform in concert on Saturday, December 5 at 8 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Winston-Salem, N.C., sponsored by LUNA. Kid Sister is a up and coming duo that performed last fall at the NCCGLE conference in Durham.

**A World AIDS Day Interfaith Service** will be held in Columbia, S.C. at the Ebenezer Lutheran Church on Dec. 1 at 7 pm. Representatives of many faiths will participate in the service and special music will be offered. For more info, call (803) 356-0320.

### Gay Couple Who Work for Mass. Governor Come Out:

Two top officials in the administration of Mass. Gov. William F. Weld have come out as a gay couple, saying that growing support for gay rights made them speak out. "We've been chewing on this since the day we came into office," said Kevin M. Smith, the commissioner of the Division of Capital Planning and Operations, who shares a home with Mitchell L. Adams, Weld's Revenue Commissioner. "Either we were going to do it or we let it happen," said Smith. Both men requested an interview with The Boston Globe to speak about their relationship.

**Puerto Rican Priest Slams Lesbians, Gays:** A Roman Catholic priest who has been attacked by feminists for his anti-gay stance last week blamed Puerto Rican women's groups for "playing to the lesbian stereotype" and "derailing the real issues" that move his anti-abortion crusade. "I would like to know what makes gay and lesbian groups so interested in the abortion issues," said Rev. Patrico Welch, who for the last three months has been leading the Pro-Life Rescue Team, an anti-abortion group composed mostly of Catholic school students. Welch also attacked The Group For Reproductive Rights, a feminist group leading the battle against the pro-life stance, as "a lesbian outfit."

**Portland School Board Passes Gay Rights Policy:** Gay teachers in Maine's largest city have new protection against discrimination. The Portland School Committee voted 9-0 on Nov. 11 to approve a gay rights policy after hearing parents and others speak for and against it. Supporters said the policy completes protections under the city's gay rights ordinance. Portland voters upheld that ordinance in a referendum on Nov. 3.

**Effort To Oust Gay Sailor Hits Procedural Snag:** A Navy effort to oust a gay sailor who was reinstated last week under court order has hit a procedural snag. U.S. District Judge Terry J. Hatter Jr. told government lawyers Nov. 16 that since they had already appealed his reinstatement order to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, he no longer had jurisdiction in the case. The Navy is seeking to overturn Hatter's temporary order reinstating Petty Officer Keith Meinhold, who was booted from the Navy after revealing on television last summer that he is gay.

**Judge Strikes Down California Town's Anti-Gay Measure:** Contra Costa County



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Superior Court Judge Ellen James ruled on Nov. 16 that Concord, California's Proposition M, which overturned a human rights ordinance banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, was unconstitutional. A similar ordinance in Riverside, California was declared unconstitutional by the state's Court of Appeals last year. "This is a great encouragement to the case in Colorado," said ACLU attorney Matt Coles. "One or two more victories showing that the courts will not tolerate this and we may be able to stop this initiative madness."

### Heterosexual Men Apply For Hawaii Marriage License:

Two self-avowed heterosexual men say they applied for a marriage license together because

they want the financial benefits it would bring, but further statements from the two reveal it to be a ploy to influence an upcoming Hawaii Supreme Court decision concerning two gay men's attempt to secure a marriage license. The state Health Department accepted the application from Rob Wilson and Lee McMullin, but won't issue a license until after the Court rules on the gay case. Wilson said that he feels a statement must be made before the Supreme Court decides the case so the court can consider all the implications and ramifications of same-sex marriages.

**Ettelbrick To Leave Lambda Legal Defense:** Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund's Paula Ettelbrick announced last week that she would leave her position as the organization's legal director effective March 15, 1993. She has served nearly seven years in that position. Following her departure, Ettelbrick will continue working on lesbian and gay legal issues, as well as other civil rights matters, and will continue to teach at the New York Law School.

**Gay Indian Activists Demand Funds To Battle AIDS:** Sidelined from a world conference on AIDS in New Delhi, India, gay activists met in a public park last week and asked that more money be channeled directly to gay organizations to battle the disease. "We demand that this homophobia be done away with and more funds be given to lesbian and gay non-government organizations," said Ashok Row Kavi, editor of India's only gay magazine, Bombay Dost. Organizers of the park meeting said that lesbian, gay and bisexual groups had been denied space at the hotel which held the conference, sponsored by the World Health Organization to swap information on what is predicted to be the world's next AIDS disaster zone.

**Earlier Oregon Anti-Gay Measure Ruled Unconstitutional:** An anti-gay measure placed on the ballot by Oregon citizens and passed four years ago is unconstitutional, an appeals court ruled Nov. 12. The initiative, known as Measure 8, repealed an executive order by former Gov. Neil Goldschmidt protecting state workers from discrimination based on sexual orientation. The measure violated rights of free expression, a three-judge panel of the Oregon Court of Appeals ruled. The office of state Attorney General Charles Crookham is considering whether to appeal. Measure 8 said that state officials could not "forbid the taking of any personnel action against any state employee based on the sexual orientation of such employee."

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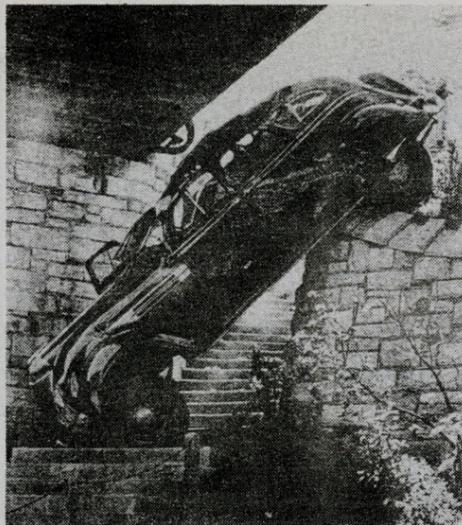
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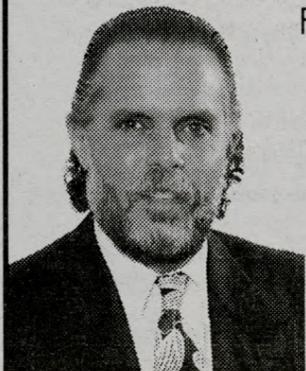
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## Boy with AIDS requests conversation with Clinton

St. Petersburg, FL (AP)—A seriously ill Ricky Ray, the eldest of three hemophiliac brothers with AIDS, got a call Nov. 7 from President-elect Clinton, who apparently promised to fight for a cure.

"Ricky told him how important it was for him to do more things for AIDS and for people with AIDS," said Ricky's mother, Louise. "Governor Clinton promised him he'd do everything he could to make it better."

Clinton called Ricky from the governor's mansion in Little Rock, Ark., and spoke to him for about 10 minutes.

"I had a wonderful conversation with him," Clinton said. "I told him to hang in there. We had a great talk."

The 15-year-old had said from his hospital bed, "I hope [Clinton] does what he says about AIDS. I know he's a pretty busy man

right now.... But I'd like to speak to him on the telephone. I want to tell him I want help for AIDS."

Judy Kavanaugh, an attorney for the family, said Clinton promised Ricky he would visit him the next time he was in Florida.

"Ricky had written to the other two presidents, Reagan and Bush, and they hadn't done anything except send form letters back," Kavanaugh said. "It's really buoyed his spirits."

All three Ray brothers are hemophiliacs believed to have been infected by tainted blood products. Robert Ray, 14, and Randy, 13, are also HIV positive. They made headlines in 1986 when they were barred from public school in the southwest Florida town of Arcadia and later won a court order to attend.

## Mammograms do not save lives of women under 50, study says

Toronto, Canada (AP)—Although annual mammograms improve the chances that breast cancer will be detected, early detection and treatment do not decrease the mortality rate for women under 50 years old, a new Canadian study concludes.

However, two leading U.S. health organizations reacted cautiously, saying further analysis of the study was needed before any changes in cancer screening procedures were recommended.

The Canadian National Breast Screening Study tested 90,000 Canadian women, ages 40 to 59. The major finding of the first seven years of the study is that no reduction in mortality in the 40-49 age group can be attributed to mammography screening.

"There is no evidence, either from this study or other studies, that mammograms save lives in women under the age of 50," study chief Dr. Anthony Miller, chairman of the Department of Preventive Medicine at the University of Toronto, said. "But in nearly every study, there is good evidence that mammograms save lives in women over the age of 50."

In the United States, the National Cancer Institute and the Centers for Disease Control said in a joint statement that the implications of the Canadian study needed further analysis.

"Screening by mammography remains the single most effective method to detect breast cancer in its early, most curable stage," the statement said.

Some experts feared the Canadian data might be skewed because of the uneven quality of mammography over the course of the study. The technology has improved greatly since the study was initiated in 1980.

Dr. David Beatty, executive director of the National Cancer Institute of Canada, noted: "This should not be treated as the definitive answer from this study. This is the first major report of this study. It should not be seen on its own."

JEFFREY ULBRICH

## Chronic yeast infections could be warning sign of HIV infection

Washington, DC (AP)—Frequent or persistent vaginal yeast infections could be an early warning of infection with the virus that causes AIDS, the Public Health Service said Nov. 16.

But a government expert on AIDS said that the warning applied only to a "tiny minority" of yeast infection cases that stand out

for their severity or their lack of response to treatment.

"I don't think anybody can put a number to it," said Dr. Harold Jaffe, acting director of the HIV-AIDS division of the Centers for Disease Control.

The Public Health Service said one study found that 38 percent of the women diagnosed with immunosuppression caused by the HIV virus had persistent or recurring yeast infections, or vaginal candidiasis, as their first symptom.

Dr. James Mason, head of the health service, said that "any woman at risk for AIDS should be aware of the possibility that recurrent or stubborn cases of vaginal candidiasis sometimes may be an early sign of infection with the human immunodeficiency virus."

The Food and Drug Administration has asked makers of over-the-counter treatments for yeast infections to include a warning on their labels alerting women to the possibility that the condition may be an indication of HIV.

The warning will read: "In women with frequently recurrent vaginal yeast infections, especially infections that don't clear up easily with proper treatment, the vaginal yeast infections may also be the result of serious medical conditions, including infection with HIV, that can damage the body's normal defenses against infection."

## Survey says most heterosexuals are not practicing safe sex

Washington, DC (AP)—Americans are not practicing safe sex, leaving millions at risk of infection by the AIDS virus, according to authors of the largest national sexual survey in more than 40 years.

Joseph Catania, a University of California, San Francisco researcher and an author of the study published in Science, said that with so many people not using condoms or other protection, "it is just a matter of time before it will spread widely into the heterosexual community."

Among the findings:

—Among those with multiple sex partners, 17 percent used condoms all of the time. Among those with high risk sexual partners, the condom use was only 13 percent.

—Women and low-income people were most likely to have risky sexual partners and about 71 percent of those with such partners reported not using condoms.

—The low rate of condom use among heterosexuals with multiple partners may result from "a denial of personal risk" and because "a segment of the population still believes it is a gay disease," said Catania.

PAUL RECER

## NAPWA report highlights problems of people living with AIDS

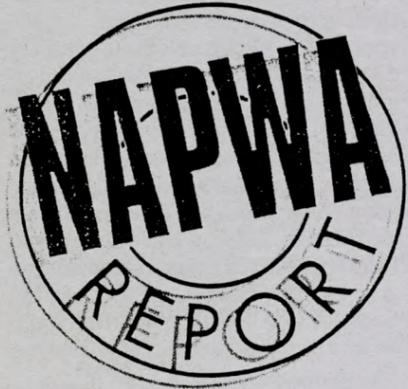
A report entitled "HIV in America: A Profile of the Challenges Facing Americans Living with HIV Disease" released in September highlighted problems and issues subsequently confronting people living with HIV in the United States.

One of the most startling findings from the survey was the level of violence survey respondents reported experiencing at home and in their respective communities directly related to their HIV status. The study was initiated by the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) who analyzed 1800 survey responses from HIV-infected individuals in 45 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

"People with HIV are at an increased risk of being assaulted and hurt," stated William Freeman, NAPWA executive director. Among the survey respondents, 12.3% reported being victims of violence in their home and 21.4% said that they had been victimized in their community. NAPWA stated that minority men and women reported experiencing a greater incidence of HIV-related violence which ranged from name calling to physical assaults.

Among women, Latina survey participants experienced a higher incidence of violence (25%) than African American (18.7%) or Caucasian women (12.9%). Bisexual men responding to the survey reported more instances of violence (23.7%) than heterosexual (13.5%) or homosexual men (10%) among those who participated in the survey. "The alarming rate of violence may reflect an irrational and growing fear of AIDS," added Freeman.

The results of the survey confirmed that people living with HIV and AIDS continue to encounter extreme difficulty in accessing health care and feel discriminated against by some health care workers. More than a third of the survey respondents said they need assistance to obtain health insurance and medicines while a quarter of the respondents stated a need for help in accessing available health care services in their local area.



More than 36% of the survey respondents reported experiencing discrimination by health care workers because of their HIV status. "Health care workers seem afraid because I have HIV," wrote one respondent. "Unfortunately, the same is true in this area with dental care," adds another.

Almost half the respondents to the survey noted problems with carrying out everyday activities and their challenging responsibilities as fathers, as partners of disabled or dependent individuals and as parents. Among women (20.8%) reported problems caring for others, particularly for children, compared with the male survey respondents (3.9%).

"We have been organizing a public policy group and will be presenting working recommendations for the next Congress and President based on our survey," stated Cornelius Baker, NAPWA director of public policy.

More than 13,000 copies of "HIV in America: A Profile of the Challenges Facing Americans Living with HIV Disease" have been mailed to all U.S. Governors, members of Congress as well as the mayors of U.S. cities designated federal disaster status because of high AIDS caseloads.

"The report gives clue indicators of the growing ramifications of the AIDS epidemic especially among minority population groups," emphasized Baker.

ARTURO JACKSON III

## Molecular knife shows promise as weapon against HIV

La Jolla, CA (AP)—Scientists have developed a promising new weapon against AIDS and other diseases: a "molecular knife" that slices up the genetic information viruses need to reproduce and spread through the body.

It will be tested for safety on AIDS patients within a year, and later tests will determine if it can slow or halt the disease, Dr. Flossie Wong-Staal of the University of California at San Diego said last week.

If it works in patients as well as it did in the lab, it could become available as an AIDS treatment in several years, said John Burke, a biochemist at the University of Vermont in Burlington.

"What's particularly exciting is that if it will work for HIV, it will work for any virus you're interested in," including herpes and hepatitis, he said by telephone.

The molecular knife is called a hairpin ribozyme because it is a hairpin-shaped enzyme made of ribonucleic acid, or RNA. RNA serves as a genetic blueprint that helps viruses like HIV reproduce.

Wong-Staal and her colleagues obtained the hairpin ribozyme from a plant virus, then used chemical reactions to make it recognize RNA in the AIDS virus, latch onto it and slice it. That makes it useful for short-circuiting the virus' ability to reproduce.

The researchers applied the enzyme knife

to AIDS-infected white blood cells grown in test tubes. As a result, the virus made only 10 percent to 30 percent as many copies of itself as it normally would have done.

"It's a new technology which could potentially be very powerful, but it needs a lot of refinement," Wong-Staal said. "We're working on it and are very excited about the possibilities."

The major obstacle to use of the molecular knife is the need to find an effective way to deliver it to AIDS-infected cells in patients.

LEE SIEGEL

## FDA wants approval of drug to fight MAC in AIDS patients

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration Antiviral Drug Advisory Committee last month recommended that rifabutin be approved for the prevention of disseminated *Mycobacterium avium* complex (MAC) in people with AIDS or advanced HIV. Rifabutin was developed by Adria Laboratories and Farmitalia Carlo Erba, and is marketed under the name Mycobutin™.

If approved by the FDA, Mycobutin would be the first drug available for use as prophylaxis against MAC, a life-threatening bacterial opportunistic infection common among people with advanced AIDS. The drug is currently available under an expanded access program (Treatment IND) for people with AIDS and a CD4 cell count of 200 or less.

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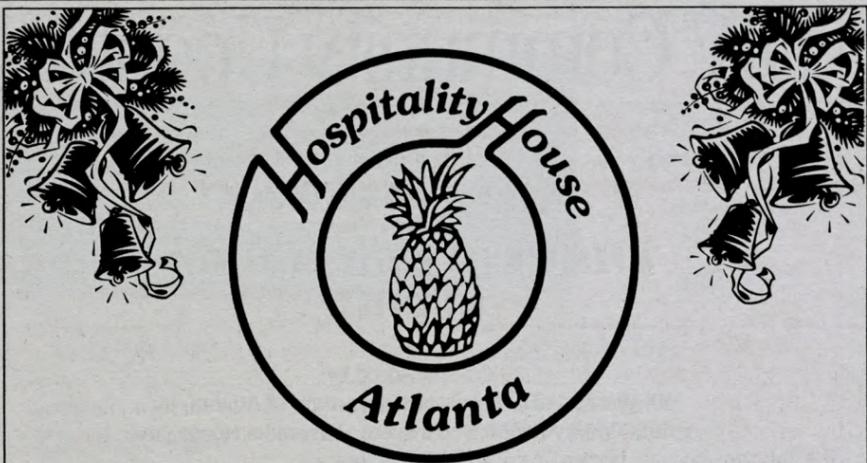
Dr. Eichberg, creator of The Experience, a founder & co-chair of National Coming Out Day, and author of the best-selling book "Coming Out, An Act of Love," presents a program directed at volunteers and professionals actively involved in the HIV epidemic. He will facilitate processes and discussions with the audience to present a new paradigm for living powerfully. This will include the value of service, and the importance of a vision.

*There is no cost for attending this event.*

*To pre-register, or for more information, please call 404-874-8969.*

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OCCASIONS

ANNIVERSARIES:

Allyson Day and Rebecca Guinn will celebrate their five year anniversary on November 28th. Allyson says the two met at a conference in Houston that Rebecca had organized, and it was "love at first sight." They will spend a quiet evening together to celebrate. It's rare that the two have time together, Rebecca is working full time and going to law school part time, and Allyson works as an addiction counselor at West Paces Ferry Medical Center's Outpatient Program ironically called "Options." Congratulations! Also, Allyson is an interfaith minister who performs commitment ceremonies. For information call her at 874-7767.

ness doesn't hurt.) Also, Kenia will celebrate her 2nd birthday on January 14th. Congrats to mom and daughter.

BIRTHDAYS:

Carol Orndorff will celebrate her 40th birthday on December 13th. She says she plans to spend the day up in a hot air balloon, because it is something she has always wanted to do. Happy birthday, Carol, and enjoy the ride!

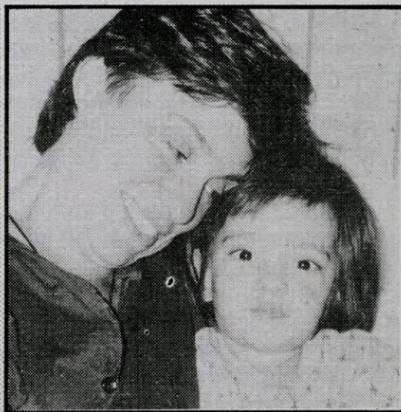
JOBS:

Helene Loper has joined All Saints MCC as Staff Pastor. Loper has also been chosen as part time Senior Pastor at the MCC in Mobile, Alabama. All these duties would stretch some people to the limit, but Helene seems to be holding up wonderfully. She always has a smile or a kind word to uplift anyone feeling a little down. Congratulations, Helene. I know the folks at All Saints are happy to have "The Bishop of Mobile" on staff.

Congratulations to Dick Rhodes, who was just recently elected Chairman of the DeKalb County Democratic Party.

ORGANIZATIONAL OCCASIONS:

Black and White Men in Atlanta will join together to break bread and celebrate November 25-29 to mark the eleventh anniversary of BWMT/Atlanta. Thanksgiving is their traditional interracial gay family reunion, and all are welcome to come. Planned events include a reception Wednesday night to welcome out of towners and reunite local members; Thursday's traditional Thanksgiving Day potluck; the 11th Anniversary Banquet at the Wyndham Hotel (10th and Peachtree) on Saturday night; and a Sunday brunch. The total cost of the weekend is \$30.00. For info, or to register, call Rudy at 923-4334, or Steven at 373-6538.

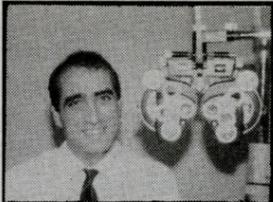


Jeri and Kenia Allison Kagel will celebrate Kenia's one year adoption anniversary on Dec. 2.

Jeri Kagel is celebrating a different type of anniversary on December 2nd. That will mark a year to the day that she brought her daughter Kenia Allison Kagel home from Honduras. Kagel went to Honduras to adopt because the country is open to single parent adoption. She met Kenia when she was just 11 weeks old. Seven months later, she brought her home to Atlanta. Kenia spent her first full day back, being adored by folks at the SAME Arts for Pride Festival at the Trolley Barn. Jeri says people just fall in love with Kenia because of her easy spirit. (And judging from the picture here, cute-

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## Fighting the right

With all its talk of "traditional family values"—and more blatant gay-bashing—the Republican National Convention brought into the open a "cultural holy war" against homosexuality. Now, in the aftermath of battles over anti-gay amendments in Colorado and Oregon, gays and lesbians join the fray with renewed vigor.

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## This is no time for bisexual dishonesty

I noticed the slogan showing up on sweatshirts and other forms of social advertising—"Denial is NOT a river in Egypt."

I've often wished that someone clever could think up as good a slogan for getting people, in the AIDS era, to change their sexual behavior, for denial is an important reason why the AIDS epidemic has spread so far, so fast. And yet—that's the core of the problem. Americans would rather joke about sex than treat it seriously.

If American culture lacks honesty, how then, as a nation, are we to carry out the simplest demands that the AIDS crisis has thrust upon us?

How are we to persuade sexually active people, including married couples, to use condoms? When are we going to face the truth that, when it comes to the spread of AIDS, we need to look beyond the teenagers and their shocking rate of infection?

As a sex therapist in Washington, I dealt for many years with the sexual concerns of people in all walks of life, and I have come to recognize that bisexuality is a factor of major significance throughout society. I have come to glimpse not only its prevalence, but to deal its motivations—especially when sexual behavior is hidden from the marital partner.

In the AIDS era, this is disturbing—particularly because the topic of bisexuality per se has been little understood. I know many gay activists but no "bisexual activists." Our society regards human sexuality in general as entertainment and casts a homophobic eye on any behavior that varies from its heterosexual norm, thus driving "variations" underground.

But bisexuals who camouflage themselves in fleeting episodes of anonymous sex do not see the prevention messages about HIV infection that acknowledged homosexu-

als see everywhere they go.

Bisexuals cannot turn to friends and loved ones to vent their fears about AIDS. And they dare not "blow their cover" by suddenly taking the precautions of safer sex practices at home. That is why, as concerned as I am about inappropriate teen sexual activity, I think we adults need to be more honest about the role of bisexuality in the spread of AIDS.

In the African-American community, I think our "blind spot" is that old nemesis—denial. Despite the tragedy of increasing deaths attributable to full-blown AIDS and to HIV infection among blacks (many of whom are women and children), people close their eyes to the existence of bisexuality.

But bisexuality does exist in our churches, in polite society, in the conduct of legitimate business as well as "on the street"

## GUEST EDITORIAL

commerce, in the arts, in our health care delivery, in our judicial-penal system and most assuredly in our obituary notices. Yet it is difficult getting such sexually honest AIDS messages across in the black community.

I am speaking as a senior-citizen, terminally heterosexual, black woman who has no problem with homosexuality per se. But I do take issue with hidden, deliberately deceptive lifestyles of those who pretend to the world that they are "straight" while engaging in same-sex acts, often for money. Their pathological indifference to the dangers of HIV infection—to say nothing about their lack of sexual honesty—endangers them and others.

Alfred C. Kinsey classified heterosexuality, bisexuality and homosexuality statistically into normative data just before, during and after World War II. Yet, I find these classifications outmoded for today's lifestyle.

## C A R B O N C O P Y

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Dear Executive Committee Members:

I am responding to your notice in the September 1992 issue of the American Studies Association Newsletter regarding the discriminatory statutes of states and municipalities which might be chosen as future sites for the Annual Meeting.

You are no doubt aware of recent referenda in the state of Colorado and the city of Tampa, Florida, which have effectively denied all civil rights to lesbians and gay men. For this reason, I submit that the American Studies Association can not, in good conscience, schedule any future meetings or committee gatherings in these or any other such localities that single out a particular portion of its citizens for persecution.

There is a common misconception in this country that lesbians and gays are afforded the same protection as racial, ethnic, and other minorities under the Civil Rights Acts of the 1960s. Thus, friends and acquaintances are often heard to reply, "great, now you can sue the hell out of them," when we are fired from jobs or turned out of our homes simply because of our sexual orientation. The reality is that housing and employment discrimination based on sexual orientation, real or perceived, is within the law in most parts of our nation.

Perhaps brighter days are ahead, given what seems to be a more favorable stance by the incoming administration in Washington. However, until we have protections at the federal level that apply to lesbians and gay men throughout America, the ASA must be

diligent in assuring that we as a body in no way support those state and local governments that legalize discrimination.

Thank you for your attention to this very important issue.

Sincerely,  
John Howard

What I have learned in my research is an amazing amount of overlap between those men in my study who considered themselves "gay" and those who said they were "straight."

The crux of the matter lay in defining bisexuality. The men who defined themselves as "gay" actually grew up, as Kinsey would have defined them, "bisexual." And men who called themselves "straight" experienced far more than the allotted six instances of same-sex activity decreed by Kinsey as the dividing line between homosexuality and heterosexuality.

Kinsey's 1948 book on males hit the American public like a tidal wave; so did the 1950s study of women. Both books, though, reported exclusively on white men and women. Data on black subjects were not published until after Kinsey's death, in 1979—some 30 years after the data were collected.

Just as I doubt that anyone today wants to make a transcontinental flight on an airplane of that vintage, so I doubt the "safety" of relying on outdated, culturally insensitive criteria today. In the AIDS era, we need a national effort at updating Kinsey's criteria. And we need black demographers to bring their perspective.

Our human sexuality should never become a source of shame. Heterosexuals also need to hear this message. Surely it is bisexuality that needs to be examined (notice I didn't say "re-examined"). Only when we as an American culture can celebrate our sexual maturity with honesty—unashamed of either gender or racial differences—will we have sexual health as a hallmark of our society.

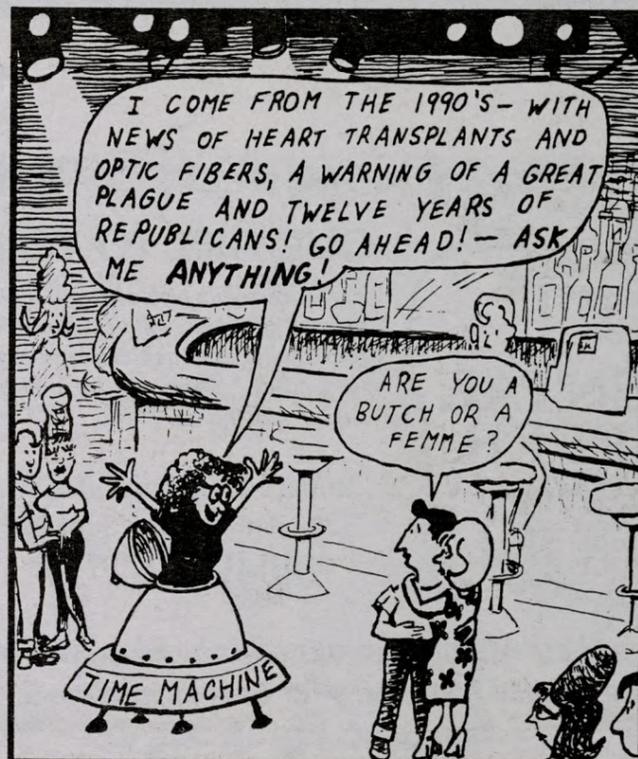
JUNE DOBBS BUTTS

(Butts is an assistant professor in the psychiatric and behavioral sciences department of Meharry Medical College in Nashville. She is an Atlanta native and the aunt of Mayor Maynard Jackson. This article first appeared in The Tennessean).

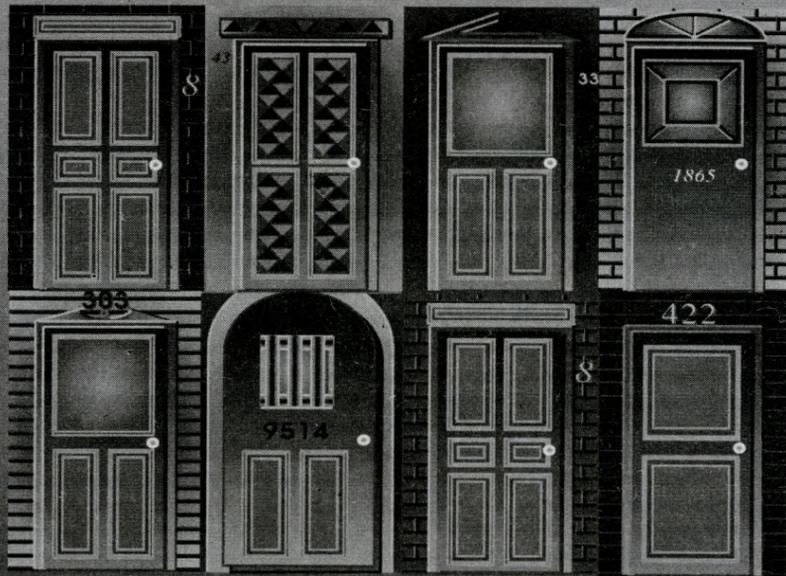
## DEMONSTRATION

On Dec. 1, World AIDS Day, there will be a demonstration at noon in front of the Ga. State Capitol to call on Gov. Miller to establish an emergency fund for AZT distribution to Ga.'s low-income HIV+ residents. Currently, 690 people are on Ga.'s drug reimbursement program for AZT and that program will run out of money before the end of the year. Call 874-7926 for more info.

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October 24, 1992  
3:00 pm at the intersection of  
Cheshire Bridge and LaVista  
Atlanta, GA

Victims were in the center lane waiting for the light to turn. As the left lane was proceeding, a passing vehicle yelled "fucking fags," and threw bananas and grapes through the driver's window and hit the passenger. The perpetrator's vehicle was a late 50s, early 60s, light blue Dodge, four-door car. The victims described the perpetrators as four white males in their early 20s. Traffic prevented the victims from following to obtain a tag number.

October 28, 1992  
6:30 pm at the Decatur Marta Station  
Decatur, GA

As the victims entered the station, two young guys yelled "faggot, sissy." One of the victims responded by saying "leave us alone," and they proceeded down the escalator to wait for the train. The two perpetrators followed both of them down the escalator. One of the perpetrators physically attacked one of the victims. The victim struck back with his bookbag. The victims yelled for onlookers to call station police, but no one came to their aid. Victims suffered bruises and cuts.

October 28, 1992  
Etcetera Magazine's answering machine  
Atlanta, GA

Etcetera Magazine received a message on

their machine which said, "You fags, you deserve it." The editor believes the call was made in response to an article the magazine ran about ACT-UP and the Democratic Party.

October 29, 1992  
1:30 am in a dorm at West Georgia College  
Carrollton, GA

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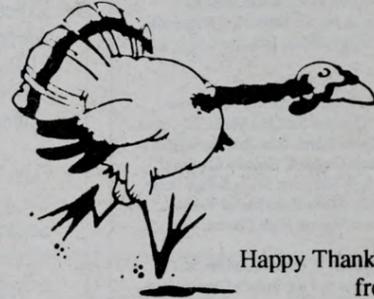
Victim came out of a local nightclub and was standing on the corner of Argonne and Ponce de Leon waiting for the light to change. A car with three people came by and threw a raw egg at him and yelled "fag." The car drove off. When the victim got to his car, he went home and called the nightclub about what had happened. The person who answered the phone told him that it was just "a Halloween prank."

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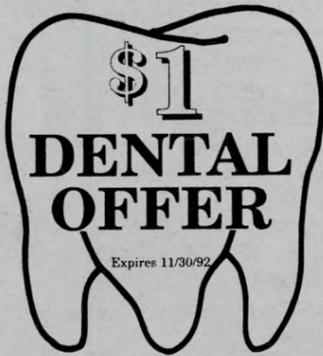
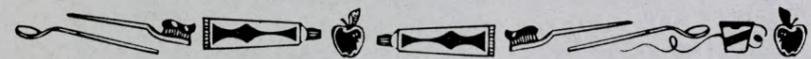
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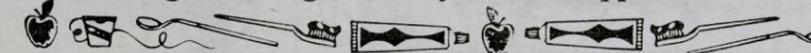


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## Nice southern queers

I've been going back and forth in my mind for a long time over this Queer/Gay stuff. Am I radical enough to claim the Q-word as my own? Not really, I feel, with my corporate-type employment, semi-up-scale apartment, and generally nice manners.

And yet it also seems that Gay doesn't describe the level of outness that exists in my life either. There's no place in my life where I hide what I am, and I like it that way.

So I had a flash the other day—I came up with the right combination of adjectives to make the Q-word accurately describe not only my type of activities, but the brand that seems generally accepted here in Atlanta. Down here, we're Nice Southern Queers.

Nice Southern Queers (NSQs for short) are Atlanta's contribution to Queer activism. How else could we do it, since most of us were raised somewhere in the South, where Nice is our Regional Adjective. All our parents got together and collectively taught us that the only way to get something we wanted was to Behave, to be Nice about how you asked for it. Mine would *never* give in if you eventually started being Ugly (which is the polar opposite of Nice) about something.

And if you were here for most of the 1980s, you know that the need to Be Nice held back Atlanta activism for a long time. We had to figure out how to be simultaneously be Nice and Proud. We found it hard to yell at someone while Being Nice. Pride parade-wise, what is the Nice reaction to a pick-up truck full of Leathermen? Stare? Not stare? Ask for another section in the parade?

Our historical precedent is none other than Dr. King, who understood Niceness. He knew instinctively that victory hinged upon the contrast between "Nice Negroes" and the "Ugly White Sheriff," that it would eventually become clear to everyone, first in their hearts and consciously only later, where moral authority lay. I shudder to think where the non-violent protest movement would be today if King had been from the Bronx.

Every political choice down here, from how our legislation gets passed to how we protest to the AIDS epidemic, ultimately flies or fails on how it passes the Niceness test. ACT UPers from New York were the ones who rolled that big brass bed down Peachtree with those inflatable sodomites on it. But when Queer Nation Atlanta has a sit-in, they sit quietly in Cracker Barrel restaurants, ask for refills and *always* tip big. Guess which of these models works for me, and which doesn't.

Are you an NSQ? Here's a test to see.

1. NSQs go out of their way for Major Queer identification, from bumper stickers, to bulging drawers of politically correct t-shirts, to refrigerator magnets, to gay flags flying from houses, to neon flamingos shining from apartment windows. We want the world to know we're Queer.

2. NSQs are permanently, some might say falsely or cloyingly, polite. Especially when we're wearing those t-shirts with big

yellow capital Qs or the ones with same-sex sailors kissing each other. That's when we go out of our way to say thank you to servers in McDonalds, or chat up straight people in elevators about non-gay topics. (Of course, the people we're chatting with never comment on the t-shirts, since that would be Un-Nicely calling attention to our potentially Un-Nice behavior of wearing the t-shirt in the first place.)

This also explains the new-found popularity of the rainbow flag plates on the front of cars—now, when we let straight people pull in front of us in traffic, they'll know it was Us who let them in.

3. At work, NSQs talking about being Queer only when necessary—generally, to the boss, once—and when given permission, during Pride Week or on National Coming Out Day. (The rest of the time, we simply let our fashion sense speak for itself.)

4. As for the things we can't be polite about, we'll compromise and be uncomfortable with. When NSQs buy porn or condoms, we're always holding our breath, waiting for the inevitable price check (which is the Nice Southern Checkout Girl's way of Nicely rubbing in our face how Nice she thinks we're not being).

This is where Bill Clinton's recent campaign difficulties really resonate with me. NSQs *love* Bill Clinton—one look at him, and we know how many times he swept up the driveway immediately after mowing the lawn and had to be Nice about it. Bill's squishiness about his past was a response he learned at 12, or 8, or even 4, when something got in the way of being nice, and someone found it out. (I bet he didn't inhale behind the barn, either.)

Some would argue that being Nice betrays the concept of Queer. I see it more as us Southerners putting our own personal spin on things. If the working definition of Queer is being aggressive toward society, then we NSQs are certainly as aggressive toward the society we've come from as any other Queers in the country. Just Nicer about it.

But do we really believe that if we keep being Nice to Aunt Jennie, then she'll return the favor and be Nice to us? It is delusionary to believe that people would accept our homosexuality if they just knew what Nice Queers we are. The downside of Niceness is the way we crave acceptance, thinking it will ratify the changes that have occurred in our lives. Can you spell Co-Dependent? I *knew* that you could.

Personally, I like the attitude down here—the absence of abusive behavior, rampant in other cities, represents one of the well, uh, Nicest things about Atlanta, its most undeniably and appealingly Southern characteristic. I live here because I don't want to live in a gratuitously, deliberately Ugly place.

But we're not going to earn our rights with good behavior points. Our Southern manners are genuine, ingrained by years of hard work and routine. But we need to know in our hearts that, even if we turned out to be the meanest assholes in the entire cosmos, we would still deserve an existence unencumbered by bigotry and oppression.

A fair society would have already figured out that this would be the Nice thing to do. Maybe a powerful Niceness, which has at its heart a refusal to treat any individual badly, can help teach that lesson.

## L E T T E R

### Nunn thwarting end to military ban

To the Editor:

President-elect Bill Clinton's effort to lift the ban on gays and lesbians in the military is being hampered by Georgia Senator Sam Nunn. On TV appearances such as "Face the Nation" last week, Senator Nunn breaks with the president-elect, opposing gays in the military. Additionally, the Senator is inciting future harassment when he suggests that the safety of gays and lesbians in the military cannot be guaranteed if the ban is lifted.

Unfortunately, the Senator's current mail and phone calls overwhelmingly approve of these remarks. As gays and lesbians we cannot suddenly go silent on this important issue just because Bill Clinton has taken up the fight! He needs our help.

We can help Clinton by inundating Sena-

tor Nunn with letters and phone calls telling him to stop obstructing, stop threatening, show unity, and support the President-elect's plan to lift the military ban.

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And while you're at it, you may want to send words of support and encouragement to the President-elect:

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The fight is not yet won. We need to continue the pressure.

Sincerely,

Don George

Human Rights Campaign Fund

## C A R B O N C O P I E S

Mr. Ron Martin  
Editor  
The Atlanta Constitution  
P. O. Box 4689  
Atlanta, GA 30302

Dear Sir:

I would like to commend Jane Hansen and Deborah Scroggins for their informative and sensitive article regarding the practice of female circumcision. As for you Mister Editor: SHAME, SHAME! By preceding this article with the editor's note that it "unavoidably includes clinical descriptions of female genitalia," you have in effect symbolically performed genital mutilation on all of your female readers. By providing this warning you are implying that readers of the Journal and Constitution are ashamed of or offended by the female anatomy.

Perhaps you should have used the word pudenda instead of genitalia in your warning. Pudenda is another word for the female genitalia that derives from the Latin pudendum meaning that of which one ought to be ashamed; somehow it seems more appropriate to your meaning.

I am puzzled as to why you did not include a similar warning regarding the clinical descriptions of the male genitalia that were present in this article. The word penis was used twice, and the words testicles and scrotum each appeared once. To me this indicates that you do not feel that your readers are offended by the male anatomy.

I would also like to point out that the headline of the same edition (November 15, 1992) read "ARE BREAST X-RAYS EFFECTIVE?" Does this mean that it is permissible to print the word breast in bold print on the front page of your newspaper, but any reference to the female genitalia must come with a warning attached? If you had read the article you would know that genital mutilation is performed as "an extreme form of the mechanical control of women's sexuality." And that cultures that espouse this atrocity promote the spurious concepts that for a woman to be "uncircumcised is associated with pollution and foul smells, uncontrollable sexuality and promiscuity." Therefore to be uncircumcised is shameful and dirty.

In Alice Walker's book "Possessing the Secret of Joy," which deals with the subject of female genital mutilation, Walker makes the dedication to "the blameless vulva." Would that it were also shameless in the eyes of the editor of The Atlanta Journal/Constitution.

Sincerely,  
Danielle Perdue

cc: NOW/Atlanta Chapter

U.S. Senator Sam Nunn  
Office of the U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Nunn:

How grievous it is for me, a U.S. citizen, an honorably discharged veteran, a senior citizen, someone who has voted for you (admittedly because the alternative was even less acceptable); a community activist, a clergyperson, an appointed advisor on my community to Mayor Maynard Jackson of Atlanta, that I must write to protest how cavalierly and without real knowledge you dismiss my Constitutional rights.

As a gay man who has served in the U.S. Army, honorably discharged, I know during my time in service and subsequently during the last 40 years that thousands of men and women who are homosexual have served well, and many with distinction in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Your homophobia keeps you at a distance from the men and women of our community. To know us as the diverse community which we are, rather than the one-dimensional entity which you perceive, would seem to me to be something you as an elected official would open yourself to, before you took such adamant positions about our basic human rights.

Come eat dinner with me and my spouse of sixteen years. Let us introduce you to a warm, caring, community that deserves to be finally free of the misplaced oppression of centuries. Not all theologians support the contemporary Biblical interpretations which allegedly proscribe same-sex affectional orientation. For the millions like me, this is not a religious issue, but one of civil, Constitutional rights.

My life has spanned six decades. For nearly five of those, I have known myself to be a Gay man. For much of that time I was alienated, to quote poet A.E. Houseman:

"I a stranger and afraid,  
in a world I never made."

No longer a stranger, no longer afraid, I will continue my personal efforts to try to reshape my world, so that my sisters and brothers will not be alienated. That, Senator Nunn, is the lofty battle of which you have an opportunity to be part. And, bottom line, when it is all said and done, it is the way we have lived our lives, and how we have cared for others, and battled injustice, which will be judged.

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**AIDS stamp campaign builds**

"AIDS is everyone's problem" is the message of a nationwide campaign to get the U.S. Postal Service to issue the Norman Rockwell AIDS Stamp. The American Red Ribbon Stamp Campaign hopes to deliver five million signed postcards to the Postmaster General in 1993 requesting the first class postage stamp be issued. The organizers of the campaign believe the AIDS stamp will "both raise AIDS awareness and serve as a symbol of recognition and hope for those still living with HIV."

The proposed stamp is a Norman Rockwell image of a pair of clasped hands over a sea of faces and peering eyes. The painting was made available by the artist's estate. The bottom left quarter of the stamp contains the words "AIDS STRIKES WITHOUT PREJUDICE" in bold red letters. The message being portrayed is that AIDS is not a "gay problem" or a "drug users' problem," but it is a disease that threatens all Americans.

Millions of Americans infected with HIV and millions more are expected to become infected this decade. James Graham, Executive Director, sees the campaign as a way of mobilizing Americans "to demand more of the politicians and their government."

"While the Postal Service and other bureaucrats may wish to avoid an issue as controversial as AIDS, there is simply no way they can ignore it when millions and millions of our Stamp Campaign Post Cards



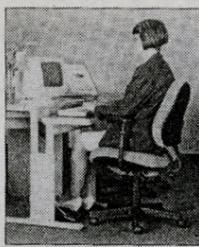
begin pouring into Washington," says Graham.

In the first month of a year-long campaign, organizers have already received requests for two million of the AIDS postcards. Graham is optimistic that the goal of five million can be reached. "The campaign over the Elvis Presley stamp brought forth the participation of more than two million Americans. Can we succeed? Of course we can."

In addition to asking that the stamp be issued, the campaign is also requesting that for every stamp sold, one cent be appropriated for AIDS. This appropriation could result in millions of dollars added to the funds used in treatment, prevention, and finding a cure for the disease.

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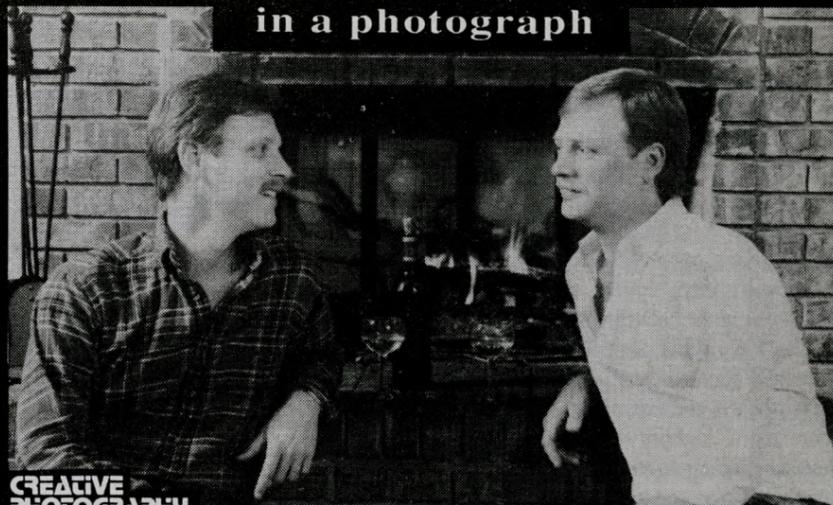
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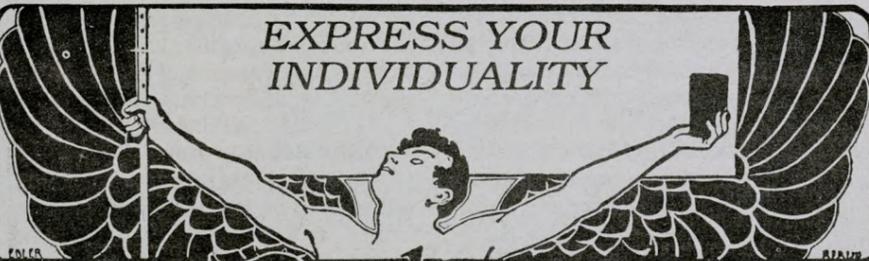
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## Audre Lorde is dead of cancer at 58

*Christiansted, St. Croix (AP)*—Audre Lorde, a lesbian feminist poet whose eloquence in challenging racial and sexual stereotypes led to her being named New York state's poet laureate, has died of cancer. She was 58.

Lorde died Nov. 17 at her home in the fashionable Judith's Fancy section of this U.S. Virgin Island, said Jimmie Corley Griffin, director of the Thomas-Hyll funeral home.

She had lived on the island for the past seven years and had been known here by an African name, Gamba Adisa, which reflected her advocacy of pan-African issues.

Lorde was born Feb. 18, 1934, in New York and graduated from Hunter College in 1959. She began working as a librarian in Mount Vernon, a New York suburb, as she developed her writing style.

She wrote of racial discrimination in her 17 books of poetry, essays and autobiography, among them "Cables to Rage" (1970), "Coal" (1976) and "The Black Unicorn" (1978) and "Zami: A New Spelling of My Name" (1983).

Her 1973 poetry collection, "From a Land Where Other People Live," was nominated for a National Book Award.

In 1980 she published "The Cancer Journals," chronicling the first stages of cancer.

"Audre Lorde's range throughout her literary career was formidable, from her black consciousness poetry of the '60s to the more evident feminist and especially feminist of color writings of the '70's up to her death," said Phillip Brian Harper, professor of English and Afro-American Literature at Harvard University.

"I don't think the mainstream media accorded to her the same respect bestowed to other black women writers, perhaps because of her forthright feminist politics and her open lesbianism," Harper said.

"As a contributor to women's literature, her influence was monumental," said Karin Powis, a member of the collective that runs Judith's Room, a feminist bookstore in New York's Greenwich Village where Lorde offered readings. "There will never be someone just like her."

Lorde was a member of the board of directors of the Feminist Press in New York City and had founded Women of Color Press.

She received honorary doctorates from Hunter, Oberlin and Haverford colleges. In 1991 she won the Walt Whitman Citation of Merit, making her New York state's poet laureate.



"We live in a world of intense contradiction," she told Gov. Mario Cuomo and state legislators at the ceremony, bemoaning huge defense expenditures as the Cold War ended. She said she feared that the end of East-West rivalry had launched a new era of racial and religious intolerance.

"So I accept this award in the name of all the poets, the oppressed, the disenfranchised, silent people of this state.

"For the poets who write on scraps of newspaper in homeless shelters, in prisons, in mental wards, on squalid reservations and after grueling hours of work.

"I accept this award in the name of those folks who see and experience the enormity of the forces aligned against all that is human in all of us...the ones who see all of this and still refuse to give in to despair."

She is survived by a son, Jonathan Rollins, and a daughter, Elizabeth Lorde-Rollins, both of New York City; two sisters, Helen Lorde and Phyllis Blackwell; and her companion, Gloria I. Joseph.

SAM DIMEO

### Eichberg will lead free workshop for AIDS caregivers on Dec. 8

As the AIDS epidemic grows every year, more and more volunteers and professionals fighting the deadly disease are experiencing burnout and disappointment.

Dr. Rob Eichberg, creator of The Experience, a founder and co-chair of National Coming Out Day, and author of the best selling book, "Coming Out—An Act of Love," will be in Atlanta on Tuesday, December 8, to facilitate a seminar called "Caregiving in the Second Decade of AIDS: A New Paradigm for Powerful Living and Renewal."

"Everything in life has the capacity to destroy us or serve us...I want to look at how we can shift our perspective so that when we feel like it's destroying us, we can shift that into constructive experiences," Dr. Eichberg says.

The three hour seminar will give people the tools they need to look at the bigger picture of AIDS and their role in it, while they go about the day to day duties of caregiving.

"Everyone attending the workshop has at times functioned powerfully in terms of this epidemic, or else they would not have survived as caregivers," notes Eichberg. "What I hope to do is have people become sensitized to those aspects of their functioning that works miraculously for them, and sensitized to the things that have them burned out, and strengthen the positive."

But that doesn't mean learning how to deny the grief felt when the losses inevitably occur. Dr. Eichberg encourages feeling the pain and grief of the loss, but urges participants to put it in a larger perspective. Instead of viewing their daily work in a vacuum, he says they should see themselves contributing to something larger—like how their work has healed families or changed the social dynamic of AIDS.

Dan Osborn, Executive Director of The Experience says he hopes the workshop will help individual organizations in the area regain the vision that started the support network.

"We now realize that dealing with AIDS will not be a short term job. We hope that their attention will once again be on serving people, rather than surviving as an organization," said Osborn.

The seminar will be held Tuesday, December 8th from 7-10:30 p.m. at Colony Square Hotel. There is a 250 person limit. Registration is available at the door the day of the conference at 6:30 p.m. or by calling 874-8969.

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**Holidays**

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Rushing's family gradually accepted Whitt as her lesbian lover, symbolized by changes in the presentation of gifts over the years. First, Whitt got a gift, but it was unwrapped. Then she got a wrapped gift that was handed to her separately from the main gift-giving session. Finally, her present was under the tree with everyone else's. The ultimate breakthrough was the appearance of a stocking with her name on it over the fireplace. Whitt isn't out to most of her family, so this overt acceptance would be unthinkable there; it's more a matter of quietly watching for much more subtle cues.

Christmas itself is a trial for both Whitt and Rushing, who have dramatically de-emphasized the holiday in the past couple of years. This year they have no particular plans for decorations, gatherings, or gifts. "I kind of miss having traditions," says Rushing. "Traditions are great if you're not trapped by them, and my family is. One year the Christmas dinner was a total disaster when my mother freaked out because she didn't have olives on the table."

Dinner is the occasion that brings together Gary Kaupman and a group of mostly gay and lesbian friends each Christmas eve, but the menu has no such highly charged expectations. The potluck at Kaupman's Decatur home has been happening since the original group met at the 1987 March on Washington. "Everyone gets to share, I get to have a really great party, and nobody has to work very hard," says Kaupman. He feels that the gathering is one of his true family in his real home.

"Very few of our parents lead the kinds of lives we lead," Kaupman says. "When gay or lesbian adults return to the nuclear family, we go back to being the alien child. It's easier for us to find a spiritual connection with each other, because we don't have a spirituality that mirrors that of our nukes."

Kaupman says that for his parents, acceptance of the depth of his difference has come in the fact that they don't invite him for Christmas any more. "Those lowered expectations are sad," he says. "There is no way I can replace the love I wanted from my father and mother." New holiday traditions can bring warmth and delight when they don't try to measure up to that impossible goal.

**Holiday survival tips**

Here's what you've been waiting for: the perennial list of Southern Voice survival tips, a blend of new and recycled suggestions.

**First, look within**

• This week, take a little time to yourself in a quiet place to think about what you want your holiday to be.

• Image yourself in the "Family Holiday" TV show described at the beginning of this article. What would happen next? Compare the scene you expect with what you really want. Are there ways for you to make the holiday a little better for yourself?

• Beware of magical thinking. Don't count on warm, positive feelings where you've only felt or sensed shame, hurt, or avoidance.

• Discuss holiday plans, expectations, and feelings with your lover or partner well ahead of time.

• Watch out for that little troll always lurking under the bridge, internalized homophobia. Anytime it feels "natural" to deny your sexuality, think again.

**Celebrate with those you love**

• Honor your own sense of home and family. Surround yourself with people you care about, in places where you feel comfortable and secure.

• Find ways to make peace with people you want to avoid. A brief phone call, or even just a card with your name signed, can be a healing gesture.

• Religious and social groups welcome newcomers and infrequent visitors to join their holiday celebrations. Call or drop by when you feel ready.

**When the past zooms into the present**

• Holidays can be an explosive time to come out. If you feel tempted to make a big announcement, honestly examine what you really want to accomplish.

• On visits to the home you grew up in, give yourself permission to sleep somewhere else. Retreat to the home of a friend or sibling, or to a motel.

• If visiting Mom or Dad is like entering a time chamber where everyone negates who you have become during the past 25 years, bring reminders of who you really are. Some are for the benefit of others, and some for yourself alone.

• Wear a gay T-shirt as an undershirt in public or at family dinners.

• Schedule time to be alone or read.

• Make a telephone counseling appointment with your therapist, or go to a local 12-step meeting.

• Try the "bookend" technique. Arrange in advance to talk with the same supportive, understanding friend both before and after a stressful event. Call from a phone booth if you need to.

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• When life gets too frenzied and hectic, make some room for quiet time. If the phone rings too much, unplug it.

• Even the best holidays may include times of sadness, loneliness, and grief. Everyone has these feelings sometimes. When they steal up on you, try giving yourself permission to experience them. Take a walk, step away from the party for a moment, go home from shopping a little early, or take time for prayer or meditation.

#### Create your own holiday rituals

• Acknowledge the part of you still steeped in tradition. Go ahead and do some of the corny things you remember doing as a kid, and things you wished you could do. Ride the Pink Pig if you want to.

• As replacements or additions to the holidays most of us grew up with, many lesbians and gay men now celebrate the winter solstice or Kwanzaa. Include these in your plans if they interest you.

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## Tampa will see continuing legal

Tampa, FL (AP)—Voters overturned Tampa's gay rights law following a bitter months long slugfest, but they didn't settle the issue. The legal battle is still on and both sides are regrouping, although quietly this time.

Election results showed 58.5 percent of the voters supported repeal of the 18-month-old anti-discrimination measure, while 41.5 percent favored keeping it on the books. The measure, which banned discrimination based on sexual orientation, was added to the city's human rights ordinance in May 1991 to protect homosexuals from bias in jobs, housing and public accommodations such as restaurants. It was adopted by a slim 4-3 city council vote during an emotional six hour hearing.

Voters took it off the books on Nov. 3.

"This time the people got the right to vote and they came out in numbers," said David Caton, who led a successful petition drive to put the repeal question on the ballot.

The county went to court challenging whether only qualified voters signed the petition. A judge upheld the signatures, but lawyers for Elections Supervisor Robin Krivanek are appealing to higher courts.

In a separate action, Caton has sued to get the referendum on the general election ballot. The city wanted the repeal vote to wait until the next local election, in March 1995. Caton prevailed in a lower court. The case is on appeal to the 2nd District Court of Appeal.

The controversy split the community as it flared over the months. In the days leading to the vote, 10 robed members of the Invisible Empire of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan from Gainesville showed up on the steps of City Hall carrying signs reading "no rights for sodomites."

Members of Queer Nation burned President Bush in effigy. Gay supporters stormed the stage during a television talk show devoted to the

referendum.

The Roman Catholic bishop said while the church steadfastly opposed discrimination, the amendment dealt with "orientation," namely, behavior or lifestyle, thus promoting more than it intended.

Other church leaders, including a Lutheran bishop, took a stand against repeal.

Caton, Florida director of the American Family Association, led a group called "Take Back Tampa" which called the measure the first step of a homosexual agenda that would teach gay lifestyle to children.

"Say No to Hate," an opposing coalition that included Tampa Mayor Sandy Freedman and U.S. Rep. Sam Gibbons (D-FL) accused Caton's group of stirring fear and warned repeal could open the door to discrimination against other groups.

Susan Glickman, Florida director of People for the American Way, compared the issue to the civil rights fight of the 1960s.

"We're talking about a basic fundamental right—a right to housing, jobs and to be served in a restaurant," she said.

"The outcome showed the campaign for civil rights protection for a lifestyle didn't work," Caton countered.

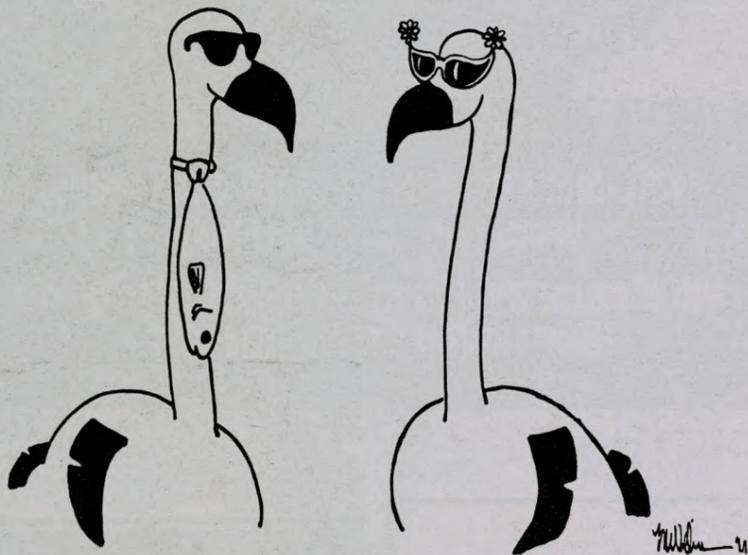
The Committee for Responsible Citizenship, a newly-formed group from the business sector, got involved late in the campaign.

"We felt it was not an issue of civil rights," said spokesman Russell Bogue, adding that homosexuals were seeking special rights, approval for a lifestyle.

"We believe now that it has been repealed this should not be construed as a license to discriminate," he added.

Glickman looks to the administration of President-elect Bill Clinton and the lifting of the ban on gays in the military as steps offering

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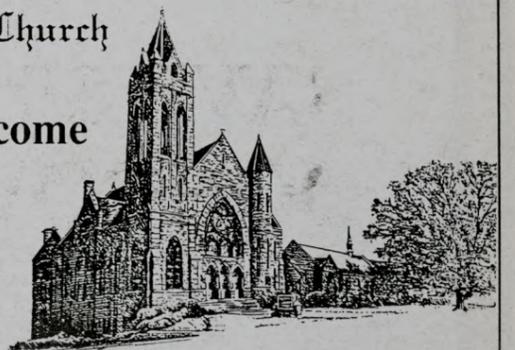
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## battle over gay rights

hope for anti-discrimination protections for gays and lesbians.

"It certainly would be more inclusive than going municipality-to-municipality," she said.

Meanwhile, 60 gay activists held their first meeting last week to find out what went wrong and plan for the future. They openly criticized groups such as Queer Nation and ACT UP for confrontational tactics that alienated open-minded voters.

They said they were shocked by the setback and hoped it would galvanize more gays and lesbians into becoming more involved in the effort.

Caton, likewise, huddled in think-sessions with his group.

"We're not ready to say what our next step is. But rather than sit back, we'll have a plan. We're in the research stage."

PAT LEISNER

## Streisand calls on entertainers to boycott Colorado

Los Angeles (AP)—Speaking at a star-studded benefit for AIDS on November 18, Barbra Streisand urged her fellow entertainers to boycott Colorado in the wake of that state's denial of civil rights protections to gays and lesbians.

Streisand spoke last Wednesday night at "Commitment to Life," an annual awards benefit for AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA) at the Universal Amphitheatre.

"Just look at the vote for hate in Colorado where voters rescinded any protection for gays in employment or housing," Streisand told an audience that included Elton John, Billy Joel and his wife, Christy Brinkley, Hugh Hefner, Dolly Parton and Penny Marshall.

"There are plenty of us who love the mountains and rivers of that truly beautiful state, but we must now say clearly that the moral climate there is no longer acceptable, and if we're asked to, we must refuse to play where they discriminate."

Streisand's remarks referred to Amendment 2, a state constitutional amendment approved by Colorado voters Nov. 3, which prevents the enforcement of laws guaranteeing civil rights protections to gays and lesbians.

A right wing group called Colorado for Family Values proposed the anti-gay amendment in response to local laws extending civil rights protection to gays, which were passed earlier in

Denver, Aspen and Boulder.

The gala, which featured many songs from Stephen Sondheim's "West Side Story," was produced by longtime Elton John collaborator Bernie Taupin. Scheduled to perform were Wynonna Judd, Kenny Loggins, Cyndi Lauper, Eddie Van Halen, Natalie Cole, Patti LaBelle and Sheila E.

The benefit was expected to raise \$2 million to help fight AIDS.

Streisand and entertainment mogul David Geffen were honored by the group for their efforts in the battle against AIDS. Geffen donated \$1 million to APLA this year.



David Geffen, left, and Barbra Streisand, were given the 1992 Commitment to Life award by AIDS Project Los Angeles on Nov. 18. With them is producer Barry Diller.



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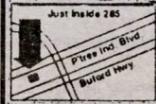
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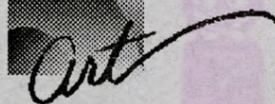
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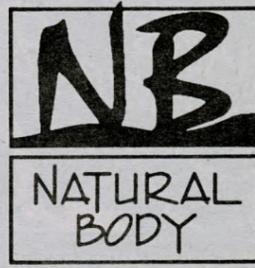
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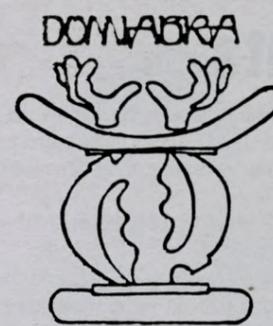
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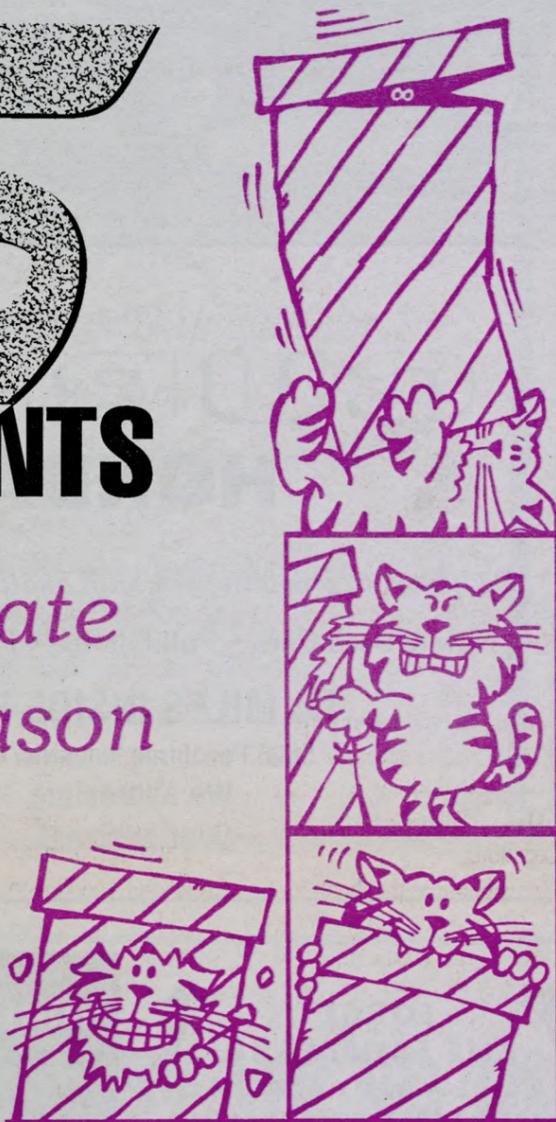
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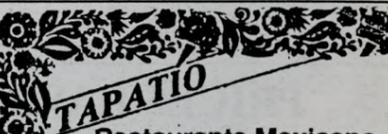
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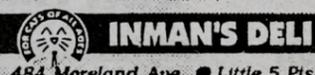


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## WOMEN'S MUSIC

### ATLANTA FEMINIST WOMEN'S CHORUS

Whenever I have friends who come to Atlanta, I always tell them to take in the local sights. I encourage them not to miss the refurbished finery of the Fox Theatre, or the moving dignity of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center. If they're really lucky, I take them to hear the Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus (AFWC). It is one of the Atlanta lesbian and gay community's greatest treasures.

The Chorus was formed in 1981, shortly after I was first transplanted to the Atlanta area. I have watched it grow over the years under the direction of Linda Vaughn from a tiny core group to the largest women's chorus in the country. In that time, it has taken on a life of its own that is something more than the sum of 105 voices lifted in song.

It has inspired people everywhere, appearing at such far flung events as the '87 March on Washington, Therese Edell's birthday party in Cincinnati, and the GALA Choruses Festival in Denver. Their musical tastes range as far as their stages. From the classical movements of Brahms to the rock and roll of the '50s, they have changed the definition of feminist music for choral singing.

The program for their upcoming concert on December 5th is no exception. The program will include an uplifting Azanian Freedom Song from South Africa, a Native American Prayer, complete with traditional instruments, a special Spanish Harlem solo by a veteran chorus member, and an irreverent salute to women of the radio waves with namesakes like Sherry, Babby, Susie Q and Maria.

The major change on this year's program is the addition of a special guest who will share the Georgia Tech Theatre Stage with them. Another legendary musical figure, Cris Williamson, will be singing solo and joining the Chorus for a musical collaboration long to be remembered.

I was pretty surprised that Cris would be appearing with the Chorus. A loved and respected composer of feminist song, Cris has become well known for her work in albums and on the concert stage. Her fifth album, "The Changer and the Changed," was one of the biggest selling independent records ever released. It helped launch Olivia Records, which has become a major moving force in independent women's music.

Despite her success, Cris has lately been returning to a more intimate audience experience. She performed with the Seattle Men's Chorus and found she liked the experience. The Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus, which has performed many of Cris' classics over the years, was only too happy to be considered to share the stage with the composer of many of their best loved songs. Each will perform for about half of the two-hour program. There will, of course, be several numbers which will be performed together.

In the last several years, fans of the Chorus have become so numerous that the AFWC has had to perform two separate concerts in an evening to accommodate them, but the large auditorium at Georgia Tech will allow a single seating. At press time, half of the large hall had already been sold.

Money will go to buy new risers, pay for music and



RENE YOUNG

Cris Williamson will perform in concert with The Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus on Dec. 5.

also small stipends to the directors and others who helped to make the program possible. The Hall is accessible and the program will be signed by Ruth Dubin, who also helped choreograph the sign language used along with one of the Chorus/Cris collaborations.

Linda Vaughn will soon be resigning as the director of the Chorus. After the April 10th concert and a concert April 22 in Washington, D.C. at George Washington University held during the weekend of the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay & Bi Human Rights, she will be turning over her conductor's baton to a new hand.

Vaughn says she's a little tired. After all, she's been working full time and doing the Chorus for more than 10 years. "Sometimes it's just time to move on," she said. "I think the energy and spirit of this group has carried it through the years and it has made me keep going, too. They have inspired me as much as I have inspired them."

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Hope in Harmony makes no profit from the performances it gives. It was intended that way all along when it was founded in 1985 by Ed Gibbs. Gibbs originally designed the group to perform only at Easter and Christmas to raise money for AIDS organizations. After Gibbs' death from AIDS in 1991, Lockwood took over and expanded the group's performance schedule. Now, in addition to the two regular holiday performances, Hope in Harmony has appeared at other events such as From All Walks of Life and The Names Project tour in Atlanta.

Tickets to "One Solitary Life" are free, but a \$5.00 donation is suggested.

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So, why bother with a ticket? Well, the ticket can be a helpful guide, especially if you're forgetful, or new to the area. "There is a map on the ticket to tell you how to get to the performance, and the dates and times of the performance are printed on them."

However, you don't actually have to present a ticket at the door, Lockwood says, just come as you are and enjoy the show.

CANDACE CHELLEW

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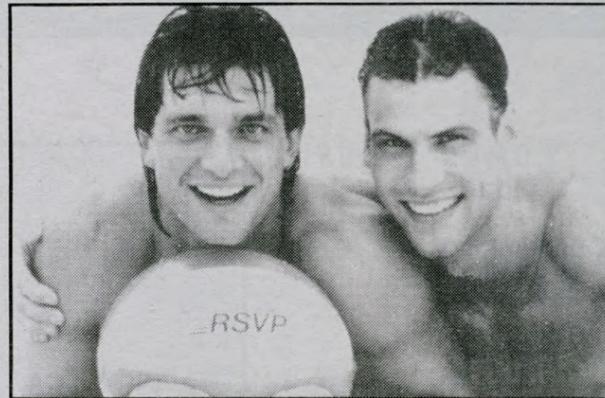
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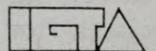
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**MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG.** Don't miss the last weekend of Stephen Sondheim's innovative musical about the lives of three friends, the superficiality of fame and money, and the loss of innocence. Neighborhood Playhouse. 430 W. Trinity Place, Decatur. 373-5311.

28 SATURDAY

**HOMECOMING '92 PARADE.** Promised to be the largest and longest ever, this year's route passes by many of Atlanta's popular nightclubs. The parade begins at 10 p.m. at the corner of Juniper and 7th. On Sunday, the coronation of the Homecoming Queen will be the climax of the month-long fundraiser. The previous seven campaigns have raised over \$100,000 for AID Atlanta's Emergency Assistance Fund. Call 872-1260 for details.

**FRONT RUNNERS.** Atlanta's running club holds runs each and every Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. in Piedmont Park. Call 621-5007 for info.

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**THE HARVEY MILK SHOW.** Through Nov. 29. Chris Coleman stars as openly gay San Francisco supervisor Harvey Milk in this highly acclaimed musical. This is the final weekend for the show. Sponsored by Southern

Voice. Actor's Express. 290 Elizabeth St. 221-0831 for tickets.

**PRELUDE TO A KISS.** Through November 29. The season opener for Horizon Theatre Company is a magical fairy tale for adults. Prelude was nominated for a Tony award in 1990 and took home the OBIE award for best play. Horizon. Little 5 Points Community Center. 584-7450 for tickets.

29 SUNDAY

**HOPE AND HEALING.** Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network presents its fourth annual service for people living with HIV/AIDS and their families and supporters at 7:30 p.m. The featured speaker is Dr. Jean Houston and all are invited for a night of inspiration, outpouring support and uplifting music. Martin Luther King Jr. Chapel, Morehouse College. Call 872-1917.

**ACTING UP FOR PRISONERS.** This documentary chronicles the campaign to bring adequate health care and human rights to California's prisoners with AIDS. The screening, sponsored by ACT UP/Atlanta, will take place at 8 p.m. at IMAGE Film and Video Center. For info call 874-6782.

**I NEVER PROMISED YOU A ROSE GARDEN.** The Atlanta Botanical Garden presents a program chronicling the landscape history of the White House over the past two centuries. The event will be held in the Cyprus Room of the Jimmy Carter Library at 2 p.m. For further info, call 331-0296.

30 MONDAY

**ARTS FEST II.** Following the success of its first annual event, the organizers of the Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Arts Festival will meet at the Peachtree library to discuss next year's agenda. 7 p.m. Call 874-8710 for additional info.

**THE ATLANTA PROJECT.** Dan Sweat, coordinator of the campaign to fight the multitude of social problems associated with urban poverty, will speak on the history and progress of the Project on the Morehouse College campus at 4 p.m. Phone 215-2680 for details.

**OUT IN ATLANTA.** Atlanta's own public access gay television show features interviews, news, entertainment, history and more. 10:30 pm. Cable Channel 12, People TV. Same show airs again on Wednesday at 5:30 pm, and at 10 pm on City Channel 6.

**GAY USA.** A gay and lesbian news show produced in New York includes national and international coverage. Cable Channel 12, People TV. 11pm.

Charles Ratliff to memorialize those who have been lost to AIDS and to provide reflection on the human impact of the epidemic. Call 543-4208.

**WORLD AIDS DAY.** Community AIDS Network of Atlanta is sponsoring a candlelight walk and public speakout to commemorate twelve years of the AIDS pandemic. Step off will be at 6 p.m. at four designated locations around the city and the walk will conclude at Colony Square Mall. For more info call 321-9336.

2 WEDNESDAY

**EBENEZER AND TINY TIM.** The Alliance Theatre presents Tom Key as a flying Scrooge in its production of Charles Dickens' immortal holiday tale "A Christmas Carol." The all-Atlanta cast will call up the ghosts of Christmases past, present and future through Dec 26. Call 892-2414 for ticket info.

**OLE BLACK MAGIC.** Theatre in the Square in downtown Marietta presents the 11th Anniversary production of its holiday favorite "The 1940s Radio Hour" through Jan 2. The show includes comedy skits, live sound effects and more than 20 popular tunes from the 1940s. Phone 422-8369 for info.



Pictured:  
LEFT: "A Peaceable Kingdom" by Edward Hicks is one of 46 outstanding American paintings on view at the High Museum of Art through Jan. 17 in the exhibition "American Art, American Vision".  
BELOW: Prince Hal (Robin Spriggs) fights Hotspur (Tony Wright) in Henry IV now through Dec. 19 at the Shakespeare Tavern. Photo by Michael Holland  
ABOVE: Pianist John Nauman will perform the first movement of Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1 Nov 27 & 28 as part of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's "Classics' Greatest Hits." Photo by Noel Sutherland

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**CRIMES OF THE HEART.** Through Dec. 12. Southern Fried Productions presents Beth Henley's moving play about three very different sisters awaiting news of the family patriarch. Fri.-Sun. Mercer Fine Arts Auditorium. 378-8646.

**FLYIN' WEST.** Through Dec. 13. The world premiere of Atlanta playwright Pearl Cleage's poignant story of the strength and struggles of black women homesteaders in 1898. Directed by Kenny Leon, artistic director of the Alliance Theatre. Tues.-Sat. at 8 pm; Sun. at 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Alliance Theatre. 892-2414.

**CONTENTIOUS AND PRECIOUS.** Through Dec.

19. A group exhibition of crafted objects which are socio-political in content. Artists explore multiculturalism, racism, sexism and more in these works. Nexus Gallery. 535 Means St. 688-2500.

**WORKING.** Through Dec. 20. Stage Door Players present Studs Terkel's Broadway musical about the work-a-day lives of real Americans. The pleasures and discontents which the non-fictional characters experience in their jobs are expressed through drama, music and dance. North Dekalb Cultural Center. Thursdays through Sundays. For more info call 396-1726.

**APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS.** Through Dec. 23. Atlanta's signature Christmas show returns for its fourth year. This collection of traditional mountain stories and songs is written into script by Phillip DePoy and Eddie Lee. Theatrical Outfit. 1012 Peachtree St. 872-0665.

**OUTSTANDING AMERICAN PAINTINGS.** Through Jan 17. The 100th anniversary of Randolph-Macon Woman's

College of Lynchburg, Virginia is celebrated at the High Museum of Art with an exhibition of American art. Works by Whistler, O'Keeffe, Pendergrast and Homer are included in the showing. For more info call 898-9285.

**DREAM MAKERS.** Through Feb. 21. The High Museum of Art presents an exhibition of 118 original drawings and paintings and 75 rare children's books in a survey of children's book illustrators from the 18th century to the present. Characters such as Raggedy Ann and Andy and works of present-day favorites Maurice Sendak and Dr. Seuss will be featured. 892-HIGH for more info.

**HOPE IN HARMONY.** Dec. 4-6. This group of 25 musicians present their annual concert to benefit local AIDS organizations. This year's concert is called "One Solitary Life" and proceeds benefit Childkind and Haven House. First MCC. 800 N. Highland Ave. 843-2361. \$5 donation requested.

**CRIS WILLIAMSON IN CONCERT.** Dec. 5. Hear

the mother of women's music in concert with The Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus. 8 pm. Ga. Tech Theatre for the Arts. Tickets now on sale at Atlantis Connection, The Boy Next Door and Charis Books. 523-7455 for more info.

**ARTS FOR PRIDE.** Dec. 6. SAME's fourth annual holiday sale of fine art, fine crafts, food and fun. Do your holiday gift buying here!. 10 am-6 pm. Call 609-9590 for details.

**CAREGIVING IN THE SECOND DECADE.** Dec. 8. Rob Eichberg, creator of the Experience weekends, leads a free three-hour workshop for persons involved in the caregiving of HIV patients. 250 person limit. Colony Square Hotel. 7-10:30 pm. 874-8969 to register and for more info.

**MASQUERADE '93.** Feb. 13. Tickets are on sale now for the Mardi Gras party in Atlanta which benefits Project Open Hand. Last year over 2,000 attended which features Krewes, cabaret, food and non-stop dancing. Call 525-4737 for more info and tickets.

1 TUESDAY

**A DAY WITHOUT ART.** An international day of action and mourning in response to the AIDS crisis. The Georgia Museum of Art in Athens will present an altar exhibition by artist



## CRIMES OF THE HEART

Two very different shows that recently opened in Atlanta celebrate home, family and the ties that bind. Such bonds may make you feel anxious—"family values" being what they are. But you will still find much to enjoy in both of these plays.

"Crimes of The Heart" by Beth Henley, produced by Southern Fried Productions, celebrates the ties between three very different sisters. Directed by Jeff McKerley (who starred in Southern Fried's very popular production, "Second Samuel"), the play features Linda Morgan, Angela Bratcher and Susie Caldwell.

## THEATRE

The story begins when Babe, the youngest and most conservative sister, is arrested for shooting her husband, a wealthy lawyer. It is the 30th birthday of older sister Lenny, who has stayed at home to nurse their ailing grandfather, now at death's door. Flamboyant middle sister Meg, who has been trying to have a singing career, returns from California to lend support.

Angela Bratcher is convincingly brash, assertive and sexual as middle sister Meg. Susie Caldwell provides deadpan comedy as Babe, who made a "good" marriage that turned out to be a trap of abuse. Linda Morgan as Lenny, however, is much too outgoing and confident to be convincing as a stay-at-home, self-effacing "old maid." It's hard to believe she wouldn't just walk out on Old Granddaddy.

The play's comedy rests on its uniquely Southern contrast of violence and tragic events with language that resolutely concentrates on the mundane, especially the odd,

peculiar and eccentric. The mother of the three sisters hung herself—and her cat—because she "had a bad day." Babe shot her husband because "I didn't like his looks."

But the play (like the movie of the same name) never gets beyond the level of the facile and cute. It touches on very serious issues—domestic violence, interracial relationships, suicide, child abuse, isolation. But these issues, which could be the central focus of the play, are used by the playwright like cayenne pepper to spice up an otherwise bland casserole.

"Crimes of the Heart" is a happy little play that celebrates sisterhood and the support they can give each other in spite of their differences. But it touches on tragic events that deserve to be explored more thoroughly.

## APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS

Downtown in the Kress Building where Theatrical Outfit makes its home, "Appalachian Christmas" returns for a fourth season. This upbeat delightful show presents a musical evening in the Appalachian Mountains with a talented cast of musicians, singers and storytellers.

A young woman returns with her husband to the mountain cabin where her grandparents lived, and is joined by their ghosts in an evening of Christmas music and memories. This musical offering is refreshingly different from the usual seasonal fare, yet not unfamiliar, and full of the sentiment and warmth of the season. Familiar Christmas songs such as "Oh Holy Night" and "Silent Night" are presented in a fresh style with a mountain twang. Most enjoyable are the modal harmonies of "The Cherry Tree Carol" and "Oh Wonderous Love," songs that go back to the earliest European settlers.

A featured performer is "Fiddlin' Howard" Cunningham whose strong fiddle playing lends an authentic touch to the



Jim Brooks, and daughter Megan, in "Appalachian Christmas" at Theatrical Outfit through Dec. 23.

evening. With instrument, bow and deadpan expression, Cunningham looks like the perfect mountain grandfather. Kelly Hogan's lovely voice soars on "Oh Holy Night." Hogan sings with The Jody Grind, an Atlanta band, and was voted Best Torch Singer of 1992 by Atlanta Magazine.

The cast also includes Jim Brooks, comedian, puppeteer and actor whose manic urban energy contrasts with the homespun atmosphere of the mountain cabin. Melanie Martin, who plays Kelly's sister, sings powerful harmonies and plays the fiddle with authority. The cast is rounded out by Alice Shaffer who plays the grandmother—half tart, half sweet—and who also does a little clogging.

Go see "Appalachian Christmas." It is what the season is about—celebrating getting through the coldest, darkest part of the year with those closest to you.

CHARLENE BALL

Crimes of the Heart runs through Dec. 12 at Mercer Fine Arts Auditorium. Fri.-Sun. 378-8646.

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Take someone you love to see Bram Stoker's **Dracula** at your neighborhood theatre (it is now playing at Midtown 8 at Monroe and Eighth). Directed by Francis Ford Copolla, this film is a sumptuous feast for the eye, and an intoxicating escape for the mind. Gary Oldham gives a tour de force performance as the legendary count who in this adaptation has more lives (and guises) than a cat. The movie is extremely atmospheric, transporting the viewer from the here and now into the vast Carpathian Mountains or the tormented confines of a London insane asylum. I went to the theatre on opening weekend and was afraid the crowded theatre would be too noisy, but the rest of the audience seemed to be as mesmerized by the film as I was and remained unusually silent throughout the picture.

SAME will kick off the Yuletide shopping season with their 4th Annual **Arts for Pride Festival** on Sunday, December 6 from 10 am to 6 pm in the TULA atrium at the TULA Complex on Bennett St. On display and sale will be the work of over 30 fine artists and craftspersons, primarily from the gay and lesbian community. The selection of items will include jewelry, leather, paintings, rattles, drums, sculpture, photographs, weavings, pottery, crystals, clay masks and more.

A partial list of the artists include Larry Anderson, Skye Mason, Leah Rushing, Randy Taylor and King Thackston.

The event is a fundraiser for SAME and an entry fee of \$1 will be charged. Along with home cooked food, sweets, and hot and cold drinks, a raffle will determine winners of numerous prizes donated by various individuals and organizations including the Alliance Theatre, Actor's Express, Oxford Books, Inman Animal Hospital and Southern Voice. This is the perfect event to get you in the mood to start your holiday shopping, and you won't have to go anywhere near a mall.

The powerful all male dance troupe known as **Creach/Koester** will perform at 7 Stages Theatre in Little Five Points on Dec. 3, 4 & 5. The troupe, founded in 1980, includes four men whose work explores relationships be-

## AFTER HOURS

DANNY ROBLE



Jonathan Harker (Keanu Reeves) is confronted with one of Dracula's (Gary Oldham) distinctive incarnations in "Bram Stoker's Dracula" now playing at Midtown 8 and other theatres.

tween men and the physical aspects of dance unique to men. The company has presented annual seasons in New York and toured throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. The Atlanta performances are presented by Dancers' Collective. Tickets are \$14, \$12 for students and seniors. The Dec. 3 performance is a benefit for AID Atlanta and the ticket price is \$15. Call 523-7647 for tickets and 233-7600 for more information.

Speaking of dance, **Jim Chappelleaux and Cherie Carson** (Chapstick and the Cars) along with Dance Force and local band Big Sky combined their energies recently to present a night of live music and dance at the Hill Auditorium of the High Museum of Art. After the performance, audience and cast headed north on Peachtree to the newly renovated Phipps Plaza for the Arts Alive Party. The event featured plenty of food and live entertainment, and a plethora of performing artists and their fans.

There is, in Atlanta, a group of young avant garde artists who came together four years ago this month—their common bonds of talent, creativity, and the desire to extend the boundaries of art leading them to form a cohesive unit. And since their nucleus was formed in the living room of artist Ed Woodham's home, that is the name by which they are known. On Friday, December 4, the **Living Room Group** will open their show of visual and performance art at 800 East. The artists in the group are Ed Woodham, Lou Majors, Raymondo, David Powell, Donna Drake, Wayne Sizemore, Julian Helms, Anthony Owsley, Pete Ellis, Collen Lynch, Bill Morar, Terry Hardy, Alicia Lumberras, Jim Miller, and Michael Kilburn. A second night of performances will be held on Friday, December 11. Call the gallery at (404) 522-8265 for more information.

And be sure not to miss **Cris Williamson** in concert with the Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus on Dec. 5 at 8 pm at the Georgia Tech Theatre for the Arts. Williamson, co-founder of Olivia Records, has recorded 14 albums during her career. Considered to have paved the way for female singer/songwriters such as Suzanne Vega, Tracy Chapman and k.d. lang, She has built a huge loyal following that made her most famous album, "The Changer and the Changed" one of the top selling independent releases of all time.

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It's not hard to imagine why the folks who own Bone's and the OK Cafe decided to open the **Kudzu Cafe** (3215 Peachtree Rd. 262-0661). They already owned the property (in a great location), they've got two other successful eateries raking in the bucks. And they have the knowledge of what keeps a restaurant from being a success—these are also the people who briefly gave you Pearl's and Trotter's.

It's equally easy to imagine where the (neo-southern) concept for Kudzu came from. Nobody else in town is doing much to put a '90s twist on Southern style cookin', and Buckhead is, after all, one very Southern place.

Even the menu design is easy to figure out: just add a little New South spiff to the one-of-this-one-of-that formula used so successfully by Houston's and you've got the bill of fare at Kudzu.

What's not so easy to reconcile is why—with all this knowledge, all this expertise, and all this money—so much of the food is so utterly lackluster.

Kudzu Cafe's interior is calculated and designed to the max. Dead ahead from the front door, a big open bar surrounded by booths provides the perfect place to see, be seen, and even cruise a little. Both energy and noise levels are high, even when the crowd is small.

To the right of the bar sprawl three dining rooms replete with a variety of booths, tables and chairs. Shaker green faux post and beam construction ties the place together—a little too tightly. The Kudzu motif is everywhere, on waiter's vests, in the carpet, stenciled on the tiny lamp shades at each table—one wonders if Kudzu condos are next.

In the booths divided by glass, conversation is easy, but the high ambient noise level makes intimate murmurings a real problem in the more open seating areas. Boomer music—The Young Rascals, Wilson Pickett, The Platters—is fun to listen to, but becomes relentless if you tarry too long.

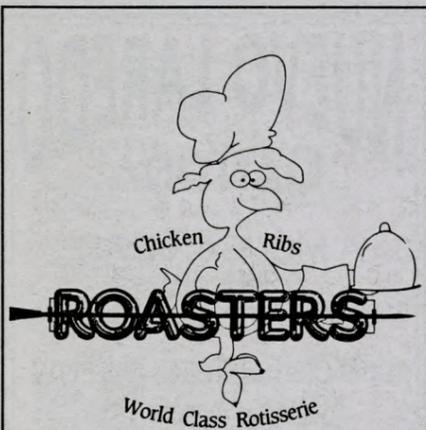
Most of the food at Kudzu is picture perfect. An appetizer of eight huge, perfectly golden-brown, onion rings, a plate heaped high with equally golden calamari, and a platter with two beautiful brown crab cakes bedded in red Creole sauce are all treats for the eyes. But the batter on the onions and squid is too thick by half, and the crab cakes have almost zero flavor—a neat trick with something as strongly flavored as crab. Not to mention the inappropriateness of the Creole sauce, which, in fact, tastes more like marinara.

Prettier by half, and an even bigger disaster, is an appetizer of chicken and vegetable dumplings with a peanut sauce. Sound scary? Well, the dumplings in question are Asian style packets of ground chicken rather than Southern chunks of meat with fluffy dough balls, so the peanut sauce is not quite as outre as it sounds. But any Chinese restaurant in town does them way better, and delivers three times as much food for \$5.50.

Three way dip with chips? Forget it. Anybody with a Junior League cookbook and a jar of Cheese Whiz can top this.

On paper, several of the salads sound

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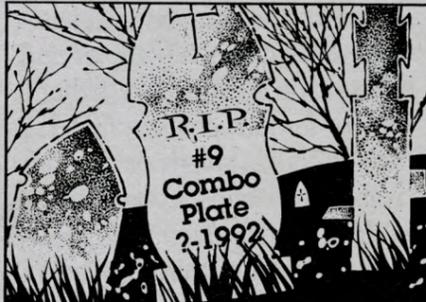
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great. Crispy crayfish (the one fried thing I ate here that was not over-battered) atop a bed of mixed greens and peppers, drizzled with a spicy dressing looks luscious, but is devoid of any synthesis of flavors. The chef needs to drag himself off to a Thai restaurant and take lessons on how this ought to be done.

The grilled chicken atop what is advertised as a Caesar salad is moist, tender, and tastes like it has been brushed with bottled liquid smoke. Betch.

Best of the salads that I tried, the tomahawk chopped, is a mix of finely chopped turkey, bacon, salami, garbanzo beans, green olives, blue cheese, lettuce, egg, and tomato in a tart vinaigrette. Sounds like a mess, but it's not bad. All those strong flavors really set the tastebuds to zinging.

But take heart, there are other dishes at Kudzu that are not an unmitigated disaster. The cheddar cheeseburger is fat, moist and oozing with both juices and flavor. Accompanying fries are slightly salty, a little greasy, and as good as any in town. A huge smoked pork chop is meltingly tender and packed with flavor, the spicy cooked apples that accompany it a perfect foil.

When it was cooked medium-rare, a burger made of fresh ground tuna, was so good that it sent me swooning. Two weeks later, the same grilled patty offered all the appeal of salty sawdust. I'd order it again, with the caveat that it not be overcooked, and a request for a side of the stellar lime-caper tartar sauce that comes with the calamari.

Also worth ordering: knock-out, just mashed, red-skin potatoes with enough butter and cream to clog an Olympic athlete's arteries; equally buttery spinach, sauteed to tenderness, but not mushy oblivion; decent steamed brussel sprouts; and crisp-sweet hush puppies. The latter come with a redundant, though tasty, honey butter.

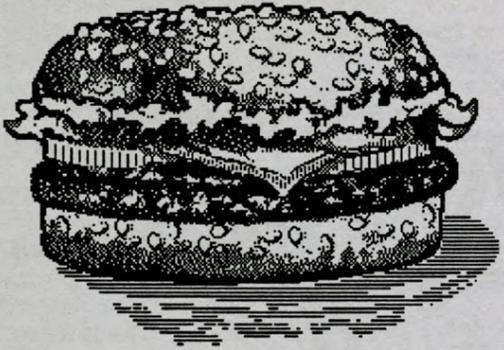
But a four serving veggie plate will set you back \$8.50, and if you order over-battered fried green tomatoes, frozen (grilled) corn on the cob, or finely minced, hyper-vinegary slaw, you'll likely be one grumpy camper.

Portions here are huge, but if you eat at Kudzu, try to leave room for a piece of excellent pecan pie served with carmel sauce. It's probably not worth \$5, but it sure is fine. Avoid wet, sticky peach bread pudding like the plague. If you must have chocolate, order Ben & Jerry's frozen yogurt rather than an unsavory mish-mash of ice cream, brownies, peanuts, marshmallows, creme de menthe and chocolate sauce laden with the appellation of frozen moon pie.

Service is friendly, though not particularly efficient. The clientele is reminiscent of The Colonnade, with a higher proportion of yupsters replacing most (but not all) of the homos and blue hairs. Given the location, there's blessedly little attitude.

Despite all my kvetching, Kudzu is not a terrible restaurant—just a misguided one. If you like Houston's or Houlihans, you should probably give it a try. The doors are open from 11am-11pm daily.

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**Turkey Time:** The best Thanksgiving menu that Dish has seen so far this year comes from our friends the Maries (Murray and Johannson). M&M call it their "Election Victory Thanksgiving Dinner." Some selections: "Marilyn crab-stuffed mushroom caps served with Lyn Martinis (no need to labor here), and chic Cheney Chardonnay." "Stuffed Quail-Turkey (same thing)." "Bush (full of) Beans." "Clarence Cranberries (with lemon, of course)." And our fave, "Gingrich Greens." The latter might seem a bit bitter, but the Maries promise to try to sweeten the acidic taste of Newt's reelection. We would have made one addition: Steinberg Souffle—unfortunately too wobbly on the issues to prevent its ultimate collapse.

**Tube Talk:** Dish is pleased to note that lesbian and gay characters are back in droves (well, at least increased numbers) in ongoing roles on primetime TV shows. On "Rosanne," Sandra Bernhard's character came out and introduced us to her cosmetician/girlfriend, Morgan Fairchild. Now that's a butch/femme relationship if we've ever seen one—and believe us we have seen a few. Then over on "Melrose Place," the gay character has finally come to life after months of sitting around the pool in politically correct T-shirts. The latest storyline is that he loses his job (after his boss finds out he is gay) and then sues to get it back. But he still has yet to have anything even vaguely resembling a

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



Posters of Anita Hill, available from Kitchen Table: Women of Color Press, make incredibly politically correct holiday gifts.

date—at last, a gay TV character that Dish can really identify with!

**Military Madness:** Can you believe the hullabloo about letting (openly) gay and lesbian folks serve in the military? Senator Nunn's caveats on the issue made the (top) front page of the Atlanta Journal last week! But our fave remark on the issue is from (Ret.) Adm. Thomas Moorer (former chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff): "Sooner or later you're going to have men kissing each other and hugging and whatever..." Dish understands the military brass' concern. If men learn to love each other, they might be less inclined to shoot each other on the battlefield. And you know, maybe they *ought* to be concerned about that!

**And Looney Lewis:** Even old south grumpster Lewis Grizzard has gotten in on the queers-in-the-service debate. Lew says it's "not time yet" and amazingly (Not!) uses the same rationale as Nunn: "Cast into the most macho of all scenarios, the military, an acknowledged homosexual would face harassment a hundred-fold worse than in other workplaces." Try telling that to all the gays (like Perry Watkins) who were already out when the military discharged them. And to the thousands of butch dykes who are four times more macho than any man Grizzard has ever sipped a brew with. Later in the same column, Grizzard says "hang political correctness." Funny that, in view of the fact that he goes out of his way to avoid his usual inflammatory language and couches his bigotry in the guise of caring about the welfare of queers. Will Dick Williams be next?

**Miracle in New Mexico:** A reader in Sante Fe (New Mexico) sent Dish a clip from the Hobbs Daily News-Sun that gives us hope for the future of politics. Seems that one Liz Stefanics (who is an open lesbian) was elected to the N.M. State Senate on November 3rd. More remarkable by half is the fact that her Republican opponent knew she was a lesbian and did not use the fact against her during the campaign. Now that's the kind of Republican we'd actually think about voting for!

November 25-December 2, 1992

We are now in a new Moon phase with Mercury retrograde until December 1. Stay alert and do your best to be clear in your own mind about what you want, how you are feeling and what you want to communicate to others. Also be as patient as possible.

**ARIES**, how is your self-esteem holding up? If you feel that things are not going your way at home or at work, then you may need to take a break from it all. Cool off for a few days and get some perspective on any critical situations. RELAX! **TAURUS**, if your tension level is heading off the chart, then you absolutely must do something to relieve at least the physical stress. Get a massage, eat fresh foods, spend time with good friends and be sure to practice safe sex, in case of a fling. **GEMINI**, this is not the time to indulge in self-doubt, self-criticism, self-pity, alcohol or social drugs. You need all your emotional, mental and spiritual abilities in place and functioning in order to deal with the challenges of your life.

**CANCER**, you may not completely enjoy the fiery impulsive energy of Mars in your 1st house of personality and physical

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expression, but you can use it to your advantage if you are willing to be a little more assertive and physically active. **LEO**, your dream-time may be very active right now with Mars moving through your 12th house of unconscious activity and collective mythology. If you are feeling a little over-whelmed with ideas, images and intuitive flashes, try soothing music or art. **VIRGO**, Venus in your 5th house of passion and creative expression should be smoothing the way for fun, exciting experiences and possibly adventures that will raise your self-esteem. Remember, everyone needs a little adventure.

**LIBRA**, how is life in the fast lane and how are things at home? Have you been thinking about redecorating, remodeling or even moving? If so, then start small, develop concrete plans and take it one step at a time, especially if you feel restless. **SCORPIO**, with Mars cruising through your 9th house of enlightening travel and intellectual expansion, you may find real satis-

faction from a carefully planned trip during the holidays. Go somewhere exotic or, at the very least fun and relaxing. Happy Birthday, **SAGITTARIUS**, hope you are having a wonderful time with the beginning of your new Solar Year. Take some time to ponder the future and create some well-defined plans and objectives. Have fun with friends, family and lovers.

Lucky **CAPRICORN**, with Venus smoothing the way for you and opening doors to opportunity for personal expression, you can have a very relaxed, but productive week or two. Also a good time to pamper yourself and enjoy the company of friends. **AQUARIUS**, very important for you to pay attention to your physical and emotional health. Over-work, worry, stress and tension are not productive and you absolutely must find better ways of doing things. A physical check-up now is a very good idea. **PISCES**, how is your psychic radar? Are you feeling a little overwhelmed with the thoughts, feelings and impressions from others? You may need to head for the beach or the mountains to recharge and realign your antennae for more peaceful signals.

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### Dykes To Watch Out For

MARIA HELENA DOLAN



Winter sometimes elicits peculiar responses in people. Personally, I prefer the seasons you experience in the Tropics. There, the year is sensibly bifurcated into the two seasons: "wet" and "dry." (Lesbians seem to also be thus divided. But that is another discussion. . .)

One Winter malady science has recently noted is SAD — Seasonal Affective Disorder. This syndrome seems to originate with an individual's negative physiological and psychological response to the dwindling and weakened daylight at this time of year.

Without digressing into an involved discussion of light wavelength, intensity, angle, and color, suffice it to say that SAD folks can often find relief with proper lighting. They need full-spectrum, bright lights, much as plants do.

I use "Chromalux" (developed by Northern Europeans expressly for anti-SAD purposes, and available at Sevananda) as well as hardware store purchased grow lights in the house to combat such tendencies. The plants, people, and animals seem much happier this way. (Including my sideby's sister's newest family member, a Green Iguana. We set up some indoor trees and lights for his delectation, and he seems pretty satisfied.)

I'd also recommend that the afflicted visit the new Fernbank Science Center for relief. The vast expanse of skylights and windows in the cathedral-like main atrium should prove a failsafe midwinter tonic on any non-cloudy day.

One other effective dispeller of gloom is to populate your domicile with living, colorful beings. Failing a new circle of arty friends or more animals, you can opt to 'force' blooms indoors. This means you will cause bulbs to bloom ahead of schedule indoors, instead of just sticking them into the ground and waiting for Spring.

Folks force a variety of colors, sizes and types. I prefer the very red for this purpose. Indeed, my all-time favorite is the Amaryllis "Red Lion."

Five years ago, I forced a Red Lion, and was rewarded with a succession of spectacular, huge flowers trumpeting their beauty over the course of a month.

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It astonished me how she just kept going. I'd pick off the faded flowers which had begun to wilt, but there seemed an almost endless supply of fresh ones.

When she was finally spent, I planted the bulb out in the yard. And every Spring since then, I've had these wonderful flowers (despite the fact that her location is unfortunately also a favorite canine pissorium. Even neutered male dogs still act like. . . male dogs.)

How to force this indispensable South American (some-

times African) native? Easy!

Select a firm, fat bulb; heft her the way you would an onion, and judge accordingly. Reject any mushy, skinny, or dried out bulbs. Hopefully, the bulb spent the Autumn resting, so she's ready to produce.

Put her into a container whose diameter is only slightly greater than that of the bulb. Cover her about 1/3 to 1/2 of the way with a rich potting soil.

Don't allow her to become too hot, too cold, too wet, too dry; 55-75 degrees, soil just on the moist side via a little misting. ("The Encyclopedia of Organic Gardening" says "It is wise not to water the bulb until the bloom bud shows, regardless of how promising the foliage looks.")

Once the bloom has emerged, use manure tea, etc. every week or so. Give the gal full sun, and stand back for the fireworks. Cutting the anthers—the little pollen producers inside the petals—prolongs blooming, too. But do this before they swing into gear; otherwise, your effort will be for naught. I usually don't even bother.

Other Spring bulbs (e.g. hyacinth, narcissi, tulips) have somewhat different requirements. Pot 'em up, 3-7 in a pot, close but not touching. They should be covered with good soil up to the tips.

Now soak 'em from below (a pebble-filled drainage tray is a possibility here). Then chill 'em in a darkened place for 3-6 weeks. This is important, because they're forming roots now.

Unless you have a good root cellar, try the refrigerator for this. Gradually bring them into warmth and light. You should be rewarded with ravishing displays replete with color.

Yes of course I know that people buy those cutesy boxes of "Paperwhites" etc., put them out, and see OK results. Nothing wrong with opting for this route if you don't want any fuss and don't feel guilt about adding to the waste.

But don't those same folks tend to throw everything away when the flowers fade, or the foliage browns?

See, if you intend instead to nurture the bulbs along for more than one season, a little prep work makes all the difference. However you approach it, the rewards are tangible. Light and color and ongoing life. Why deny yourself these very simple, but very vital and visceral, pleasures?

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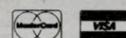
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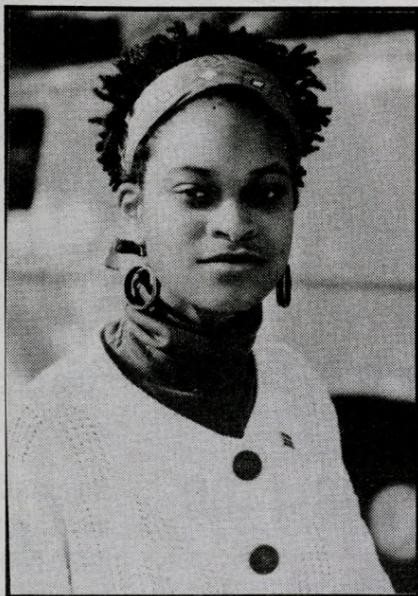
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ADAM TAYLOR

Tonia Poteat came out at Yale University, where she was working on her BS in Biology. "There's a pretty large and active community there," she says.

Yale is also where she began her interest in working with AIDS. She went to an educational seminar at AIDS Project New Haven to learn more about AIDS and HIV. Then she started doing volunteer work for them, and eventually worked there. She was also involved in a New Haven lesbian community that was active in AIDS education, joining a group of lesbians who did safe sex parties, "kinda like Tupperware parties," she explains.

In Atlanta, she works as the Volunteer Coordinator for Project Open Hand. Before that she worked for the Feminist Women's Health Center and the AIDS Hotline for Women. She still does volunteer work for the AIDS Hotline. "It's one of the few places you can call and get real information about lesbians and AIDS," she says.

The other place you can get information about lesbians and AIDS is the organization that Poteat has recently founded: the Atlanta Lesbian AIDS Project.

"There's a lesbian AIDS project in New York and one in Florida," says Poteat. From a database kept by the Florida organization, she has learned that there are at least seventeen lesbians in Atlanta with HIV. "That's a lot of people who don't have a support system," she says.

One of the first undertakings of the Atlanta Lesbian AIDS Project will be a survey in early January to determine what the lesbian community needs from the organization.

"We're still at the needs assessment stage," says Poteat, though she suspects that education will be a large part of what the Project offers. Poteat foresees three goals for the Project: raising lesbian visibility within the AIDS crisis "so people notice us and pay attention;" providing risk reduction information within the lesbian community, "not just

dental dams and safe sex, but drug treatment;" and providing a support service for lesbians in Atlanta living with HIV.

Even though it doesn't seem like she would have time, Poteat also plays rugby with the Southeast Harlequins. "Our big rival is Florida State," she says. The Harlequins travel to games and tournaments in places like Chicago and Philadelphia, as well as hosting an annual tournament in Atlanta. "It's called the Ruggerfest," says Poteat. She played rugby for two years at Yale on a club team and has been playing with the Harlequins since she moved to Atlanta. "I've only had one serious injury," she says. "I broke my hand."

Poteat is also taking biology classes at Georgia State University. "I'm eventually planning to go to Physician's Assistant school," she says. Her first choice is Emory, but she is also applying to Duke University and George Washington University. "Ideally, I would like to set up or work at a clinic that provided HIV services for women," she says. She hopes that a clinic like Whitman Walker Clinic in Washington, D. C. or Lyon-Martin Women's Clinic in San Francisco can be established in Atlanta. "Realistically, I'll probably work at Grady," she laments.

Until then, she keeps her dreams alive through her work at Project Open Hand, the AIDS Hotline for Women and the Atlanta Lesbian AIDS Project. She is looking for more volunteers for any of the above.

DEBBIE FRAKER

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 Emory Lesbian & Gay Organization—727-6692  
 Gays & Lesbians United for Equality—Kennesaw Comm. College 426-8160  
 Georgia Tech Gay Alumni Group—POB 50291, GA Tech Sta., Atlanta 30332; 873-2263  
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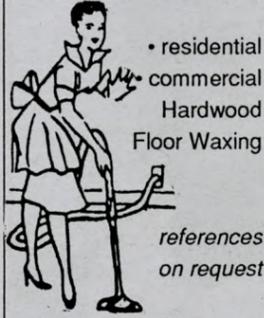
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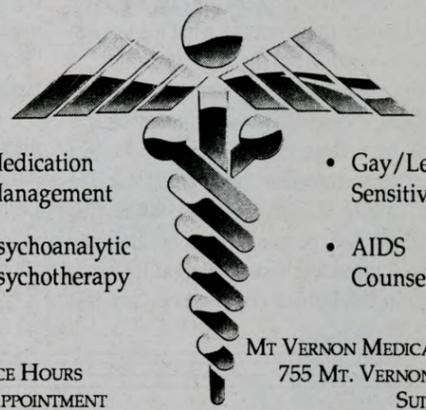
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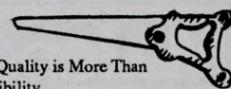
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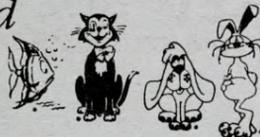
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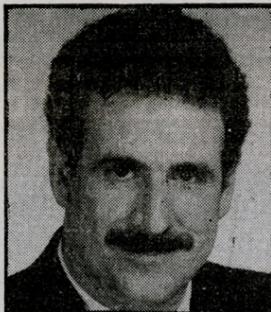
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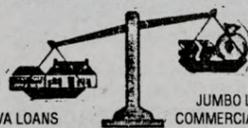
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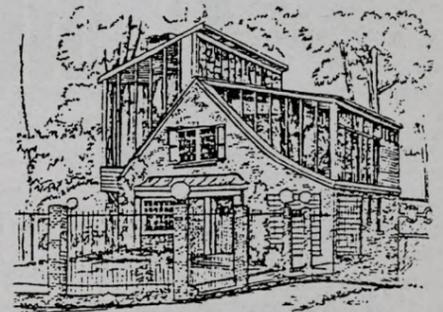
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HIV HEALING & SUPPORT GROUP. Facilitated group for HIV+ persons wishing to explore emotional and spiritual therapies in warm, safe environment. 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30-9pm. Unity-Midtown Church Activity Center, 1065 Spring. 874-1937.

THE ATLANTA BUYERS CLUB-ABC provides access to optional treatments for the HIV community in the Southeast. Hours are 12-5 PM, Tuesday through Friday. We are located at 44 Twelfth St., NE, with parking in the rear. For more information phone (404)

874-4845, fax (404) 874-9320, or write P.O. Box 77003, Atlanta, GA 30357-7003.

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AIDS Information Line / GA Toll-Free AIDS Hotline Free, anonymous information and referral services. In Atlanta: 876-9944; Toll-free: 1-800-551-2728 (voice/TTY)

**Announcements**

**VOICES OF HOSPITALITY**

is a new choral group composed of lesbian women of color. Currently recruiting 15 experienced voices to sing R&B, gospel, ballads, and anthems. An experienced key boardist is also needed. Please call Charlene 627-0520. (5.41)

**GAY BASHING**

There will be an organizational meeting to confront gay bashing in Midtown, Dec. 1, 1992 at the Public Library at 1315 Peachtree St. at 6 pm. (5.40)

OutProud Theater will hold Spring show auditions for Lanford Wilson's Lemon Sky (directed by Lawrence Keller) and Martin Sherman's Bent (directed by Bob Putnam) on Saturday, December 12 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm at 75 Bennett Street NW, Suite N-1. All ages and all types needed. Resume, photo and one two-minute monologue. Call 609-9590 for audition appointment. (5.43)

BIBLE STUDY Gay men's group forming. Will meet on Thursday at 8pm. Interested call Stephen 873-1869. (5.41)

Guitarist looking to start/join all-queer band. Likes: Pavement, Nirvana, Kitchens of Distinction, Sebadoh, White Zombie, Metallica. Call John at 875-9576. (5.41)

Writer/editor/computer publisher wants to barter professional services for office space. I need room enough for my desk

and file cabinet. I can do newsletters, PR, office work. Gareth Fenley, 377-5468. (5.40)

ATTENTION ALL BISEXUAL, LESBIAN, AND GAY YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS: The United Church Coalition for Lesbian/Gay Concerns' Youth Outreach Program is seeking to network with other youth-serving organizations and develop a national resource directory. To ensure your organization is included, please send a one paragraph description and your organization's address and phone number to UCCL/GC Youth Outreach Program, 18 N. College St., Athens, OH 45701. Inquiries call UCCL/GC Youth Outreach Program, (508) 755-0005. (5.41)

**Employment**

**FULL TIME**

Southern States advertising sales rep wanted for national gay and lesbian lifestyle magazine. Please respond to Mark Jacobs, 3986 24th Street #4, San Francisco, CA 94114. Or fax letter and resume to (415) 550-1733. (5.41)

Medical Receptionist needed. Full time and part time. Experience in CPT Coding and Insurance Billing. Busy phones and appointment scheduling. Send resume to: 1512 Piedmont Ave, Atlanta, GA 30324. (5.41)

Small woman-owned construction company seeks GF as a helper/laborer. 622-4922. (5.41)

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**FOR SALE**

Open Mind Activewear™, a lesbian-owned, mail-order clothing business is for sale! Please call or write to: Becky

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FOR GAYS & LESBIANS Discuss love, money, health, etc! 1-900-737-0707 ext. 555. \$3.99/min. Over 18, Entertainment only! MSC, 204 South Beverly Drive, B.H., CA 90212. (5.40)

Healing the Deep Masculine - A taped free lecture by Jungian analyst Rober Moor followed by discussion. Saturday, Nov. 28th and Dec. 5th, from 2-4 pm. Limited seating. For reservations contact Dr. Russell Brooker. (5.41)

**PUBLICATIONS**

"The Providence File" - Harmless (?), questionable (?), religious, family, love, gender orientation life of black neighborhood residents. For copy, send \$15 (check or money order) to: M.P., PO Box 161465, Atlanta, Georgia 30321. (5.41)

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GWM to share 2 BR furnished apartment in Midtown. No smokers or drugs \$325 + 1/2 util. Call Dwain 892-8024 after 5:30. (5.40)

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Human Rights Campaign Fund - 1993 Dinner Committee needs volunteers for: ad sales and corporate sponsorships. Use your sales and people skills to make a difference in our community. Call 662-4280. (5.43)

AID Atlanta is recruiting volunteers to become facilitators for SAFE SEX Parties in the gay community. These parties are lots of fun. Also volunteers to conduct safer sex/risk reduction workshops. Call Pat Grindel for information—872-0600. Volunteers needed in various areas of AIDS service and education. Training provided. Call AID Atlanta, 872-0600.

**Voice Connection**

**WOMEN**

GWF, 33, Big-Boned Gal seeks GWF, 40, body-building chubby chaser for committed relationship.

Pretty GBF seeks loving counterpart. Should enjoy books, classic jazz, cards, outdoor activities. Should detest drugs, alcohol, Madonna, cigarettes. ☎ 1099

GWF, 25, smoker. Dark hair, blue eyes. New to Atlanta. Looking for friendship, maybe more. Like to party, but still take care of responsibilities. Enjoy outdoors (especially fishing), movies, poetry, eating out, etc. PLEASE, no PETA members, bisexuals or lipstick lesbians. Photo appreciated with reply—will respond in kind. SV Box 1311, 1189 Virginia Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. (5.40)

GWF, 28, professional, well-educated, cultured, refined, feminine, attractive, seeks sophisticated, feminine GWF who possesses good values for friendship / monogamous relationship. We'll share sports, travel, theater, dining. ☎ 1106

GWF Couple (27, 26) seek other GWF couples for platonic friendships for movies, dinner, going out, etc. Please call ☎ 1094.

GWF, 22, responsible, educated, crazy, wide-open, kind-hearted. New to GA. Looking for similar new buddies. P.S. - Having dance withdrawals. ☎ 1102

GWM flight attendant seeks GWF airline employee to marry my lover for flight privileges ONLY. Will reciprocate—Let's talk! (Preferably AAL) Please write to SV Box #1310, 1189 Virginia Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. (5.41)

Lifting weights is not the only thing this GBF has the arms for. Feminine smile and gentle touch needed. ☎ 1097

GBF, Floridian: Quiet, sensitive, cerebral, professional, avid reader, traveler. Into New Age thought. Seeking like-minded sisters for correspondence / friendship. ☎ 1093

Cute, feminine, GWF, 26, educated, motivated, professional, energetic, somewhat wild and wacky, seeks kindred spirits. No drugs or butch. ☎ 1024

GWF, 28, intelligent, feminine, attractive non-smoker who lives near Asheville, North Carolina. Loves outdoors and romance. Seeks girlfriend for friendship, possibly more. ☎ 1018

GWF, femme, 25, w/Syr. old daughter seeks GFs for friendship. The rest is destiny's call. Call me today! ☎ 1026

GWF seeks attractive, romantic lesbian over 30 for relationship. ☎ 1028

GF seeks fun, intelligent, good looking female for friendship, possible relationship. Me: 5'8", 150 lbs and a good catch. ☎ 1075

Youthful GWF, mature BiWf seeking differently pleased females for role-playing, fantasy. Instructions for beginners. POB 620021, Atlanta, GA 30362. ☎ 1074

30 year old GBF looking for 30 & up GBF. No drugs and no drinking. ☎ 1023

GWF, 35, fem seeking GWF with SUPERIOR intelligence, satirical wit, conversational skills. BUTCH OK! MUST HAVE A BRAIN TO RESPOND. ☎ 1081

GW Feminine, Latin Lover. Sexy, 5'7", 125lbs - 30 something. Independent, strong. Funny. You—tall blonde feminine - 30 something - opposites attract! ☎ 1029

Hot Chocolate professional, mother of one, 32, slender & attractive, seeking tall, slender, handsome woman to share quality time. ☎ 1020

GBF, 38, professional, attractive, very effeminate, seeks the ideal aggressive female for serious relationship. Butches welcome. ☎ 1019

Fem GWF, 22, into politics as well as old-fashioned romance. Seeking butch for possible relationship. TRAY ☎ 1022

New to Atlanta, GBF, in search of that special lady who's not afraid of an interracial relationship. ☎ 1003

**MARRIAGE**

GWM, 27, seeks GWF for marriage of convenience. Would father child if you desire. Former Olympian. Degree sports administration. ☎ 1076

Looking for a fun-loving friend-lover near Asheville, NC. I am feminine, healthy, a little shy, goofy (not looking), 30, and very much alive BIWF. Call me, talk to me, how else will we ever meet? ☎ 1025

Very attractive, feminine GWF, 31, professional, non-smoker who loves the arts, travel and theatre seeking same for fun or possible relationship. ☎ 1021

GBF, 33, good looking, fun loving, serious, aggressive, drug free. Seeking 100% lesbian, 19-33 years old, companion to travel with on a Caribbean vacation. Absolutely no bisexuals, smokers, no drugs, for friendship and possible romance. ☎ 1017

GF with interstitial cystitis wants to meet other G females with interstitial cystitis to form support group. Confidentiality assured. ☎ 1015

Single black female, 30, professional, discreet, seeking same. Enjoy movies, theatre, music and love to have fun. ☎ 1007

GWF. You are: 30-40, health conscious, non-smoker, independent, self-assured, honest, You're slim, attractive, comfortable w/sexuality without making a statement. You like movies, snow, beaches, quiet times, good friends. You are not into outside appearance only. I am all of the above & more. ☎ 1006

Seeking attractive hermaphrodite female for friendship & possible romance. Me: attractive, androgenous female. Intelligent, fun-loving. Let's talk. ☎ 1069

Pretty GBF, 25, 5'5", 120 lbs, very affectionate. Seeks gay fem female who's intelligent and serious about a friendship / relationship. ☎ 1013

GWF seeks "sensual" lesbian over 27, not into playing games for long term monogamous relationship. ☎ 1008

GWF, 30, lonely, heart broken, seeking GWF for friendship, possible relationship. No more games. Honest, serious. Loves outdoors, movies and more. ☎ 1002

GBF, 22 looking for GF's between 21 & 30. For friendship and possible relationship. ☎ 1014

F musician seeks others (M/F) for new band. Blues / Rock / Folk / Country. No pop. It scares me. ☎ 1011

GWF, 25, Attractive, fit, independent, professional, non-smoker. Love outdoors, time w/friends & romantic evenings. Seeking GF for friendship, possibly more. ☎ 1012

**MEN**

GWM, 36, HIV+, healthy, discreet, masculine, submissive seeks BM top for friendship, fun, weekends in Atlanta. POB 928, Athens 30603. ☎ 1109

Latino GWM, 24, 6', sincere, good personality, seeks secure male for friendship—possible relationship, race unimportant. Healthy, no fems please. ☎ 1108

No bullshit white man. Healthy, 41, 6'2", 220 uncut top. Wants safe fun with oral and butch bottom men. Like 18-32, short hair, buzz cuts, country, semi-redneck, or students. Blondes, reds, big plus, but not required. Box 13793, Atlanta 30324. (5.43)

GWM, 35, 6', 165, versatile, seeks single masculine hairy GWM over 6' for friendship & poss. relationship. No head games. ☎ 1110

Are you out there? GWM, 29, seeks honest, caring GBM (21-40) Prince Charming. I want my happily ever after. ☎ 1111

GWM, 50; seeks younger, mature, masculine, non-smoking GWM/GAM who appreciates the companionship of an older gentleman for possible relationship. ☎ 1103

Submissive, GWM 48, eager, willing, ready to serve. Seeks aggressive, strict, well built, top, dominant with small fist. Call soon!! ☎ 1104

WM, 34, attractive, well built, masculine, with strong intellectual curiosity seeks that same combination in someone else, 27-38. ☎ 1107

GWM, 34, 5'8", 160lb., BR/BL. Goodlooking, athletic, muscular. Cultured, well-educated, stable, masculine, romantic, adventurous. Seeks same in mature GWM 30-45. ☎ 1100

Novice GWM Slave Boy, short, cute, lean, muscular, hairy, 35. Seeks light training from Muscular Daddy, GWM, HIV-, smoke/drug free. ☎ 1105

GBM, 31, 6, 195, stocky seeks WM 18-20 to watch videos, concerts, safe fun. P.O. Box 174, 461 Ponce de Leon Ave., Atlanta 30308. (5.41)

BiWM 6'4" 260lbs, 34, looking for sports-minded BM masc. (TOP) discreet to handle it. ☎ 1091

GWM, 29, attractive, 5'5", 132lbs, BRN/BRN, beard, moustache, hairy. Seeks attractive 6'+, 30's, non-smoking GWM for relationship. ☎ 1092

WM, masculine, 6'3", 185 lbs., 43, HIV-, closeted, seeks only similar, masculine, HIV-, hung, WM for private regular mutual satisfaction. ☎ 1098

GWM, 37, BL/Blue, attractive, intelligent, healthy, passionate, masculine, trim, muscular, hairy, long "married" and horny. Seeks attractive, daytime top buddy. ☎ 1096

GWM, 25, 5'3", 135, br/bl, looking for hot safe times with 35 or younger top.

GWM, 37, 6'2", 200, smooth uncut seeks hairy bearded guy 30-40 for friendship or more. Smoker OK. ☎ 1085

BiWM, happily married, seeks friendship with same, 25-35. I am 29, 5'8", hairy and fit. ☎ 1073

Wrestlers wanted by athletic WM 5'11", 190#. ☎ 1068

GWM, 25, honest, sincere, looking for GWM 28-35 for good times, possible friendship leading to solid relationship. ☎ 1065

Tom from Atlanta, visiting Washington DC Thursday, August 6: sorry you had prior commitment. When will you return? Harry. ☎ 1064

GWM, 39, handsome, professional, masculine, healthy, in shape, hairy, horny. Seeks attractive top for discrete, safe daytime fun & friendship. ☎ 1067

GWM, 29, 5'9", 160, Br/Hz. Very masculine, good-looking, muscular, health-conscious, honest, educated, high-achiever, humanitarian, stable, laid-back, casual, playful, out-going, open-minded, with varied interests, seeks same. ☎ 1066

GWM, 26, college student, 6'0", 165 lbs, muscular, clean-cut, looking for wealthy WM for fun and excitement, any age, weight. ☎ 1060

GWCM, 23, seeks non-smoking GWCM 18-30 with a genuine love for life and laughter to help paint "picket fences." ☎ 1078

**TAG—YOU'RE IT**

Do you feel like the maytag repairman? No phone messages. No maintenance contracts. No service calls. Maybe I can change your life. ☎ 1057

GWM, 20; attractive, non-stereotypical, passionate, relationship-oriented, W.G.C. student seeks cute, young GWM student 18-22 for friendship or more. ☎ 1056

Hot, horny, hairy, heavily hung hunk, Daddy-type (early 40's) seeks sons, companions. Preferably tall, muscular, endowed. ☎ 1054

Masculine, attractive GWM, 31, 6'1", 185# seeks masculine black male for fun & possible relationship. ☎ 1053

Attractive, fit, professional GWM couple 26/38. Seek adventurous, imaginative, submissive, in shape guys into discipline, bondage, leather, servicing. Curious, inexperienced OK. ☎ 1047

GWM, 31, 155, Br/Br, handsome, well-adjusted, hopeless romantic seeks swell guy (18-35) for relationship. ☎ 1046

WM, 24, blond, blue, 6', 158#, seeks guys 18-30 for great times. ☎ 1041

GWM, 29, Professional, nice-looking, HIV positive, is interested in meeting similar professional guys for friendship or possible relationship. ☎ 1052

GBM, 20, 6'3", 175, very attractive ex-model, seeks attractive, fit, professional

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PR, Latino, Oriental preferred. ☎ 1095

GWM, 41, 5'11", 165, BR/BL, romantic, relationship oriented, looking for long term relationship with caring, down-to-earth WM, 26-32. Call ☎ 1080

GWM, 5'8", 160#, healthy, professional, generous, seeks lunch partner and afternoon relaxations. ☎ 1082

GWM, 29, 5'11", 170, BR/BL. Attractive, receding, honest, monogamous. Seeks safe, romantic, fit, smooth WM around same age. Possibly permanent relationship. ☎ 1084

Attractive GWM, 33, with boyish good looks, in great shape, seeks young, handsome, hunky GBM for hot times and friendship. ☎ 1090

GWM, 50; apiarist, aviculturist, herbalist, horticulturist; humble, meek, healthy seeks masculine, aggressive partner to share simple country life (handicapped welcome). ☎ 1089

GWM 38, 170, 6', clean cut daddy type. Work out. Seeks 25-40 for submissive relationship, non-smoker, HIV neg. ☎ 1087

White male bottom looking for top man, any race or age for daytime get-togethers—very discreet. ☎ 1086

GWM, 30, country music lover eager to learn C&W dance, needs partner, teacher, new friends. Interested? Please respond. ☎ 1079

Above average, masculine GWM, 40 seeks similar attractive and sincere GWM 25-40 for relationship. POB 550183, Atlanta, 30355. ☎ 1083

GBM, 5'9" - 196 lbs. seeks top GBM for honest, serious friendship and or relationship. Serious persons please. ☎ 1077

WM, 25, 5'9", 175 lbs., seeks other non-stereotypical WM 18-30 for friendship or more. I live in Chattanooga but travel to Atlanta weekly. All answered. ☎ 1062

GBM, 36, 6'4", 185#; Top seeks tall and/or fat GWM into GR; welcome bald, beards, gray, hirsute, big feet. ☎ 1055

GBM, 35, Ph.D., honest, sincere, professional, financially secure, aggressive, seeks GWM, Italian, Hispanic with similar qualities. Let's talk / get acquainted. ☎ 1050

GWM, 22, college student, feels disgusted by the effeminacy and crudeness typical of gays; is looking for someone else who is not at home among them. ☎ 1049

GWM, 30, 5'9", BL/BL, 170, looking for my "thirtysomething." Call VOICEbox for address or leave message. ☎ 1061

GWM, 32, 5'11", 165, HIV neg, short black hair, dark eyed top man needs light hair blued eyed bottom boy. ☎ 1059

WM, 29, 6ft, 175, Bruce Willis type, DISCREET, closeted, seeks long, monogamous relationship with same. Henry, Rockdale areas. ☎ 1058

BM, 18, 5'8", bottom seeks masculine male, any race, for fun, friendship and much more. ☎ 1048

yet fun GWM 21-35 for friendship or more. ☎ 1051

Beguiling GBM, 30, Attractive-Long-Hair (bottom), seeks dominant attractive (top) but sensitive GWM Italian or Hispanic for relationship, good times. ☎ 1038

WM, 31, 6'3", 230 lbs, professional, enjoys local music scene, movies, Braves, concerts, wants to meet intelligent non-stereotypical friends. ☎ 1045

WM, 42, 180lbs, 6'2", HIV-, looking for masculine. Uncut, HIV-, blue collar kinda guy for afternoon shade breaks. ☎ 1044

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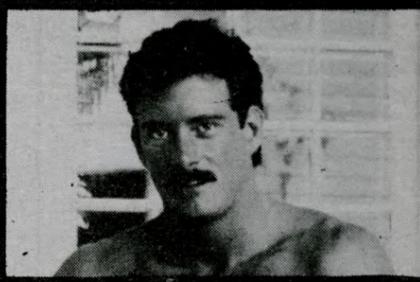
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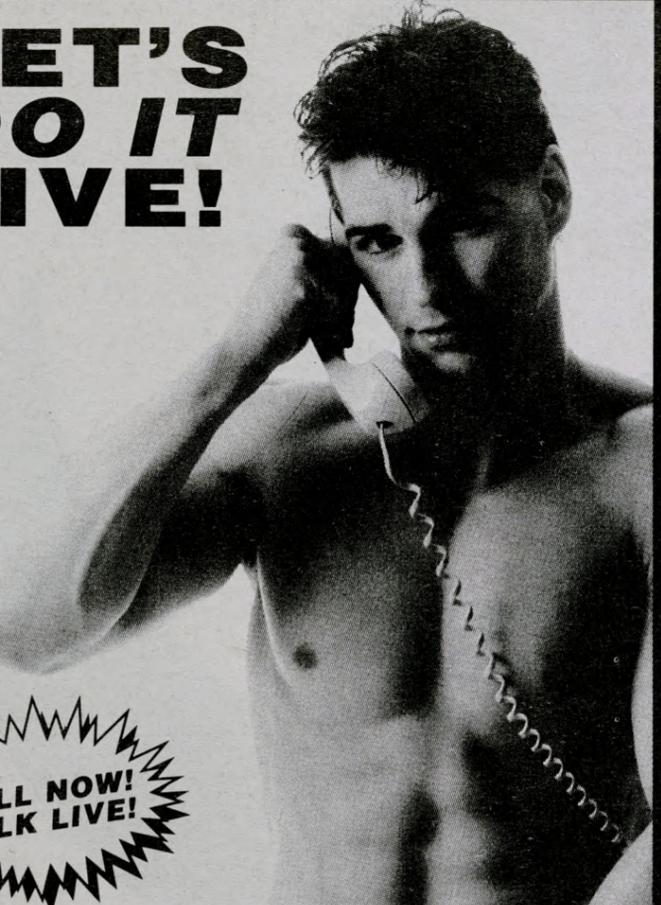
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