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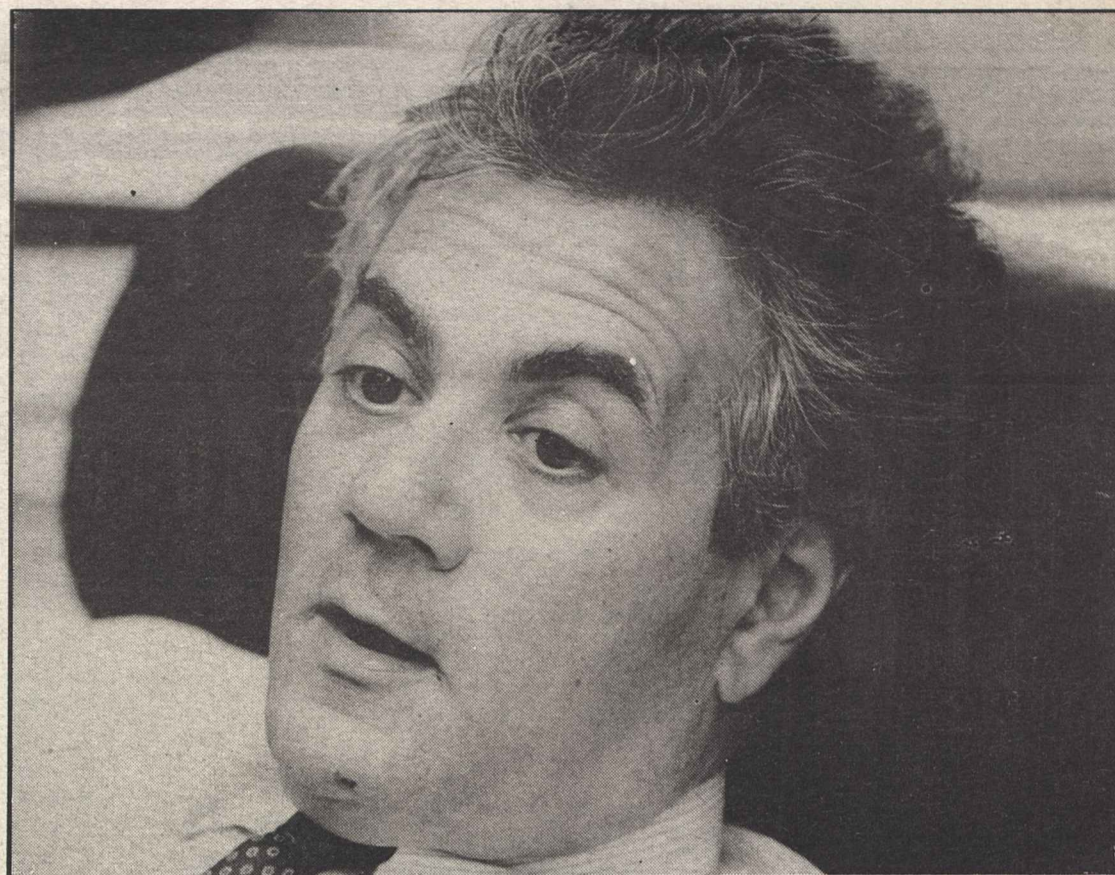
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Frankly Speaking

Openly gay U.S. Representative Barney Frank's suggestion of a compromise for ending the ban on gays in the military has angered those on both sides of the debate.

by KC WILDMOON

With the clock ticking toward President Clinton's July 15 deadline for ending the ban on lesbians and gays in the military, activists are scrambling to gain the ear of the Pentagon, Congress and the President—while lesbians and gays at large are asking with increasing bewilderment, "What's going on?"

The latest action on the military front has come from openly gay Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA), who last week suggested a compromise based on one suggested by Sen. Sam Nunn and others.

Nunn—who is known to oppose lifting the ban but seems willing to accept a weak compromise—has repeatedly suggested keeping the current interim plan—recruits are not asked about their sexual orientation, but those military personnel who are "discovered" to be gay, either by their own admission or through an investigation, are drummed out. But Frank's proposal goes beyond Nunn's "Don't ask, don't tell" idea.

"It's a policy that says 'don't ask, don't tell and don't listen and don't investigate,'" Frank told reporters at a May 18 press conference.

Frank's proposal draws a distinction between on-base conduct and off-base conduct.

"What it says essentially is that the military will not ask people of their sexual orientation, and will pay no attention to things that happen when people are off base, off duty and out of uniform..." the Congressman said in a statement released May 21. "In return for this, the gay men and lesbians joining the military would have to accept a restriction on their ability to express their sexual orientation while on base, in uniform or on duty."

Frank put his reason for submitting this compromise succinctly: "If the choice before the Congress is instant equality or a statute which enacts the complete ban into permanent law, Congress will choose the latter."

"Our lobbying efforts have not been nearly as successful as those of our opponents and time is running out," he said. "When Members get large amounts of mail and phone calls from particular

groups of their constituents, they feel pressure to answer. What has happened over the past few months is that significant numbers of Members of Congress have committed themselves to oppose the total repeal of the ban which will mean voting for the ban."

Mixed reaction

As would be expected, extremist right Senators decried Frank's proposal, underscoring Frank's belief that lifting the ban will be a hard sell in the Senate. Sen. Dan Coats (R-IN), a member of the Senate's Armed Services Committee, said Frank's policy amounts to "'don't ask, don't look, don't worry, be happy.'" This isn't a compromise at all—it is lifting the ban entirely."

Coats, who voted against the interim policy in February, also expressed reservations with Nunn's "don't ask, don't tell" proposal.

But some of the strongest opposition to Frank's proposal has come from gay activists. Mike Petrelis, a spokesman for Queer Nation/Nation's Capital, called Frank an "Uncle Tom" and accused him of caving in to Democratic pressure to avoid further embarrassment for Clinton.

"He's a happy homosexual houseman on the Democratic plantation," Petrelis said at a demonstration outside Frank's Washington office on May 19.

Rep. Gerry Studds (D-MA), Frank's only openly gay colleague in the House, acknowledged that Clinton's plan to lift the ban lacks the votes to carry Congress, but said he could not endorse any compromise that requires gay men and lesbians to hide their sexual orientation.

"The issue raised in this debate is one of fundamental civil rights. On this there can be no compromise," Studds said. "Rosa Parks did not fight for the right to sit in the middle of the bus, and we cannot accept a compromise that continues to require us to live a lie."

But others took a more conciliatory view toward Frank's action. Chai Feldblum, legal director for the Campaign for Military Service, said

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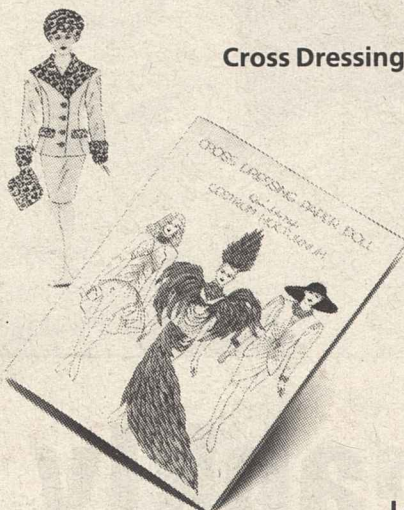
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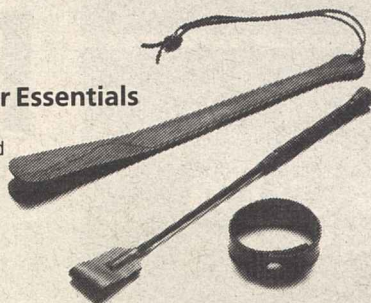
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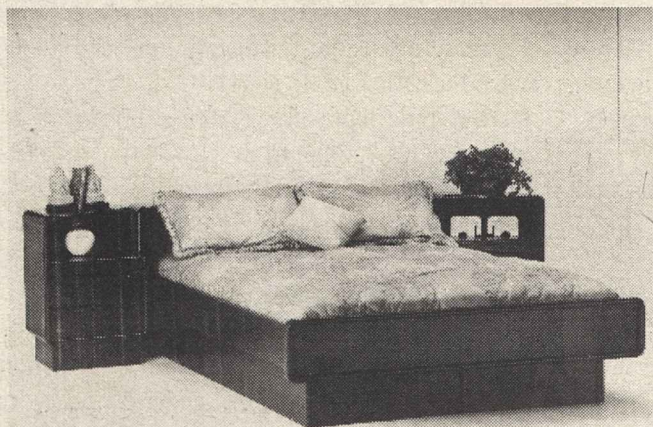
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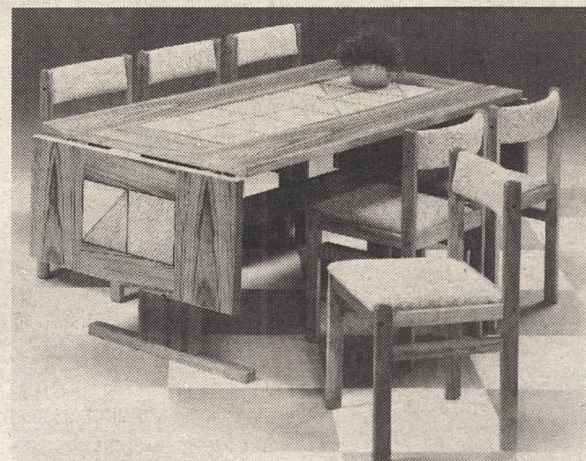
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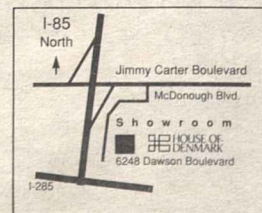
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Edgewood residents don't want AIDS housing project

Atlanta—Efforts to locate a housing facility for people with HIV/AIDS near Grady Hospital have come under fire from residents of the area. The project, which is scheduled to come before City Council for a vote on June 7, has the backing of Mayor Jackson's administration and Bill Campbell, who is the district's council member.

"I wholeheartedly support the project in that location in spite of the problems with the community," said Campbell. "It's a very worthwhile and necessary project. But it just wasn't handled properly at all."

Campbell complained that city officials waited too late to include the neighborhood planning unit (NPU-M) in the process.

"If they had been forthright from the beginning, I don't believe there would have been any opposition," he said, adding by waiting until the process was nearly complete, the city put "the AIDS patient at odds with poor minority people."

The facility, to be located at 187 Edgewood Avenue, is being developed by Craig Taylor of Cooperative Resource Center, Inc., a non-profit development organization. Taylor has worked with city officials for over a year to put funding in place for the project, which was originally to be located at Walton House, an SRO operated by Antioch Urban Ministries. But business leaders from Central Atlanta Progress opposed the plan to house people with HIV/AIDS in Walton House's Fairlie-Poplar District, and the project was moved to Edgewood Avenue.

Scott Carlson, the city's Commissioner of Housing, said that decision to delay involving the NPU was his.

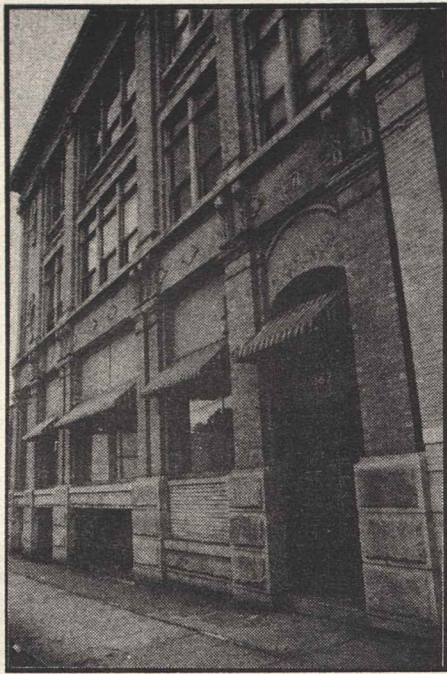
"It's a catch-22," he said. "If I go in early it'll be turned down because the financing is not in place. If I wait, then I include the neighborhoods too late because I've already put everything together. In this case, I wanted to make sure we could do it before I went to the neighborhood."

"I think everyone in the neighborhood will be proud [of the facility] when we're done," he added.

Valena Henderson, NPU-M's chair, told Southern Voice that her neighborhood does not need another social service facility.

"We are in the process of trying to revive Edgewood and Auburn Avenues," she said. "We don't want the facility there on that account. And we have several other social services along Edgewood, and we don't want another."

Henderson also said that some residents opposed the unit because of several food facilities—a new cafe and the municipal mar-



ADAM TAYLOR

ket—in the area. "They felt they didn't want an AIDS hospital for that reason," Henderson said.

AID Atlanta's housing coordinator Sherry Sicclair, who has provided technical assistance to the city and the developer on the project, said that such attitudes were disappointing.

"We've got to get over 'not in my backyard,' because it's going to be in everybody's backyard," she said. "Keeping people in housing is not only human and cost effective, it's better than having homeless people living and dying in the streets."

Funding for the facility has already been secured from a state trust fund, low income tax credits, a federal grant, and a loan from Federal Home Loan Bank. The city's application for Section 8 certificates, which allow residents to pay no more than 30% of their income for rent, has been approved. All that remains is \$350,000 requested from the City of Atlanta's HOME loan program and for City Council to approve the entire project.

"If City Council doesn't approve the project, those resources are lost," said Carlson. "But we will immediately try to locate another facility."

The proposal will be discussed at the Council's Community Development Committee meeting on June 2, and at the Finance Committee meeting on June 3, before coming to full council for a vote on June 7.

KC WILDMOON

Right wing Senators on Helms' bandwagon to stop Achtenberg confirmation

Washington, DC—Led by North Carolina Republican Sen. Jesse Helms, the conservative right in the Senate is working overtime to hold up the confirmation of San Francisco Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg as assistant secretary of HUD. Although his words belie it, Helms says his opposition to having a lesbian become an assistant secretary of housing is not a matter of gay bashing but "standing up for America's traditional values."

Helms has already called Achtenberg "a damned lesbian" and a "militant, radical, mean lesbian," but during debate last week on the confirmation, other senators came to Achtenberg's defense.

Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, D-Ill., the first black woman elected to the Senate, accused Helms of raising "the politics of fear, divisiveness and hatred... demagoguery. This is really very frightening."

The exchange came May 19 as the Senate opened debate on the nomination of Roberta Achtenberg. Achtenberg, who is also a former law professor, won endorsement of the Senate Banking Committee by a 14-4 vote.

Sen. Don Riegle (D-MI), chairman of the committee, praised the nominee's scholarship, qualifications and civic record. He accused Helms of distasteful criticism that "reflects poorly on the United States Senate."

"There have to be some standards of decency," Riegle said, before Helms interrupted to object that Riegle was violating a Senate rule against direct attacks on a colleague.

"If he wants to do that I'll go back to the Keating case," shouted Helms. He referred to an investigation of whether Riegle and four other senators had broken Senate rules in dealing with Charles Keating, an executive who headed several failed savings and loan institutions.

"We are crossing a threshold," Helms cautioned, "the first time in the history of America that a homosexual or lesbian has been nominated by a president of the United States for a top job in the U.S. government."

"What we have heard here today from the senator from North Carolina... frightens me," said Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA). "But somehow in this country, when we get frightened we reach for the best inside us and expand our nation."

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) said



To voice your opinion on the confirmation of Roberta Achtenberg call Senator Nunn at (404) 331-4811 and Senator Coverdell at (404) 347-2202.

Achtenberg "will do well, with distinction and merit."

Sen. Trent Lott (R-MS) said the issue is not Achtenberg's sexual orientation "but whether she is temperamentally fit for the position," using a comment from Achtenberg quoted in the San Francisco Chronicle criticizing the Boy Scouts. Achtenberg's comment that the BSA was an organization for "straight, god-fearing men." Lott found the comment offensive and proclaimed she may as well "go after motherhood."

"The nominee would use the power of her office to discriminate against and punish those who disagree with her," Lott said.

Helms said he opposes the nomination because of what he called Achtenberg's "militant demands that society accept as normal" a gay lifestyle. He called her "a pushy, demeaning, demanding—she's a mean person, mean-spirited."

Gay activists found Helms comments amusing, but disturbing.

"For Jesse Helms to call Roberta Achtenberg 'pushy, demeaning, and mean-spirited'—sounds like he has a bad case of projection," said Atlanta mayoral assistant Marcia Okula. "Those are his qualities."

"What he's saying is very unpleasant. It's really says much more about him than it does about her," said HRCF director Tim McFeeley. "He is doing this to play to the worst part of his constituency. But the salutary effect is that the Senate has now seen what kind of bigotry we face from that quarter."

The vote could come early this week. To voice your opinion on Achtenberg's nomination, call the Georgia senators' offices: Sam Nunn at 331-4811, and Paul Coverdell at 347-2202.

JIM LUTHER

Ex-gay ministry sets up "prayer line" in response to Atlanta Lesbian & Gay Pride

Atlanta—The religious right's first response to the 1993 Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride celebration is—prayer. Kapatauo Ministries, founded by self-avowed "ex-gay" Joel Afman to "cure" homosexuals, has sent out a letter asking people to "prayerfully address this issue."

Potential pray-ers are asked to call an "intercessory prayer line" for weekly instructions. In a prayer line message dated May 16, Kapatauo director Mike Caven tells listeners "we have seven more weeks before June 27 (the date for the Lesbian/Gay Pride March)" and asks for the intercessors' prayer that letters sent to the city's pastors asking for their support will come to fruition.

Caven announces in the short message that his group needs a "release in the next ten days of \$1000" to send letters to 5000 pastors in the area asking for their financial support

for a full page ad in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. This ad, says Caven, will "[lift] up the name of the Lord Jesus and [offer] hope for those who struggle with the issue of homosexuality." The ad, Caven added, "is in no way gay bashing. It is a very positive, encouraging proclamation."

Pride co-chair Skip Marklein was amused by the letter and the call for prayer.

"It's nice to know I'm being prayed for," she said. "We all need praying for."

Marklein said she had not heard of any other response from the religious right to plans for the '93 Pride celebration, and that this one, at least, posed no immediate threat.

"It's something to be aware of," she said, "but if this is all they're doing, we'll be fine."

In the weeks before last year's Pride march, the information line message of Invisible Empire (Ku Klux Klan) Grand Dragon James

Spivey urged fellow Klan members to "zap" Pride's phone line. Little activity was reported on the Pride line, and there was no other known Klan response to Pride.

The authors of the letter sent out in April—Caven, Marty Barrett of the New Covenant Community Church, Greg Musch of Youth with a Mission, Jim Carter of Brookvalley Church, and Donn C. Thomas of Resurrection Community Church—say they believe they have received a "strategy" for approaching Pride from God.

"...at this time a low profile spiritual battle [will] be engaged in the heavenlies, not an open confrontation against those who are deceived by this sin," the letter reads. "We want to convey our Father God's heart of compassion, while at the same time destroying the works of the enemy."

The letter also calls gays and lesbians "these broken, wounded and enslaved people."

In the prayer line message, Caven announces two weekly meetings at Brookvalley Community Church on Sheridan Rd. for pastors who want to hear the "overall strategy" to address homosexuality and Atlanta Pride. Those meetings are held at 11 am on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Kapatauo also holds a prayer time from 9-10 am on Saturdays at Brookvalley.

At one time, Kapatauo Ministries was loosely connected with Nancy Schaefer's Family Concerns, Inc. Family Concerns provided space for the organization through Edwards Pie Company, which rents office space to Schaefer's organization. It is not known if the two groups are still associated.

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Former head of Southern Baptists is losing family members to AIDS

Nashville, TN—The Rev. Jimmy Allen steers interviewers away from comparing him with Job, the biblical figure who was tested by Satan with God's permission.

"I don't ask, 'Why us?'" Allen said. "The question is, 'Why not us?' Allen's youngest son, Scott, has lost his wife and a son to AIDS. Another child in the same family has the disease, and Scott Allen, a pastor, was kicked out of his church as a result of his family's illness.

Jimmy Allen's oldest son, Skip, has tested positive for HIV, the AIDS virus, and is gay.

The elder Allen presided over the Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest Protestant denomination, in 1978 as the group's last moderate president.

He is now a pastor in Big Canoe, Ga., about 50 miles north of Atlanta, and is wrapping up an academic year as a visiting scholar at Vanderbilt University's First Amendment Center.

"When I left seminary, I pretty much had God set down in my notebooks," said the 65-year-old Allen. "Now, I don't know nearly as much about God as I did after seminary. But what I have learned about God is so real it takes your breath away.

"Sometimes you learn about God only through suffering; things you learn no other way."

His daughter-in-law, Lydia, died last year. She had received a transfusion of HIV-contaminated blood a decade earlier. Her two sons were born with the ailment, and one died in 1986.

Scott Allen, also an ordained Southern Baptist minister, was an associate at a Disciples of Christ church in Colorado Springs, Colo. When his senior pastor learned about the family's problem with AIDS, he forced Scott Allen to resign.

Several other churches balked at accepting the family. Finally, a Church of Christ in suburban Dallas accepted 10-year-old Matthew Allen into its day care program.

"That was the most excruciating pain of all—seeing that those churches were unable to muster the courage to do the hard thing, the threatening thing and follow the Founder," Jimmy Allen said.

Scott Allen now rejects organized Christianity, though he strongly believes in God.

"Even in Colorado Springs, individual church members were wonderful, but the institutional church is run like a business, and AIDS is bad for business," Scott Allen said.

"The trouble with Christian faith is it's so afraid of death and the unknown that it always comes up with clear-cut answers," he said. "That's not how life works." (AP)

Body of TN drag queen found

Nashville, TN—Nashville/Davidson County rescue workers recovered the body of Richard Lambert from the Cumberland River on May 5. According to Tennessee's gay weekly Query, Lambert, known to gay audiences as entertainer Cicely Deanka, jumped or fell from a bridge over the river on the evening of January 18. Strong currents, high water and icy conditions slowed rescue workers in the days immediately following the incident.

Boyett's sentence automatically will be appealed to the high court.

The eighth-grade dropout told police he entered the home of Billy Charles Hyter, 59, in the unincorporated Bellview community intending to shoot him with a stolen gun six weeks after Hyter allegedly propositioned him for the second time.

He insisted, however, that he didn't intend to kill the victim but "to make him miserable."

Boyett was convicted last month of first-degree murder and armed burglary.

Geeker called Boyett's claim of sexual advances "an absurd self-serving account" because Boyett had initiated his meetings with Hyter. He also rejected two psychologists' opinions that Boyett was influenced by a history of drug and sexual abuse. (AP)

TN group marches in support of gay military ban

Clarkesville, TN—About 100 demonstrators marched for the second time this year to support the ban on gays and lesbians serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Both marches were organized by a group called Mothers and Fathers for Moral Responsibility.

"I think the political message here is 'We vote, too,'" said Amy Jo Nichols-Redman, an organizer of last week's march.

Roy Q. Sanders, who said he was kicked out of the Navy because he is gay, called the march "evil" at a Nashville press conference timed to coincide with the demonstration.

"They have a right to protest, but it is an evil protest because they are perpetuating ignorance," Sanders said.

Nichols-Redman said a compromise, under which potential soldiers wouldn't be asked about their sexuality but would still be subject to dismissal if found out, might suffice.

"I do see a problem with that on a moral and religious basis, but at least it's better than having openly gay people in the military." (AP)

AL doctor urges Southern Baptists to fight AIDS, not people with AIDS

Birmingham, AL—A physician urged Southern Baptists to offer more than Bible verses to ease the AIDS crisis and to show compassion for victims of the fatal disease.

"We're supposed to be a compassionate society—frankly, we are anything but," said Dr. Michael Saag, associate professor of medicine and director of the University of Alabama at Birmingham AIDS Outpatient Clinic.

Saag spoke May 12 at a health seminar connected with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's general assembly in Birmingham. The Baptist Center for Ethics in Nashville, Tenn. organized the health seminar as an independent event leading up to the meeting.

Saag told about 100 people attending the health seminar that churches often respond to AIDS by citing Bible verses condemning homosexuality.

"I can find those too," Saag said. "But when you turn to those pages, how many pages do you turn past that talk about loving, accepting...before you get to those?"

The moderate Cooperative Baptist Fellowship emphasizes the right of Southern Baptists to interpret the Bible for themselves and opposes the conservative leadership that has taken control of the 15 million-member Southern Baptist Convention. (AP)

FL teen gets death sentence for slaying of gay man

Pensacola, FL—A judge has rejected a jury's recommendation for mercy and sentenced a teen-ager to death for murdering a man the defendant claimed had propositioned him.

Circuit Judge Nicholas Geeker overrode a 10-2 jury vote for life in prison May 14 and ordered that Matthew Dale Boyett, 19, die in Florida's electric chair.

Openly Gay Reporter Named To HHS Post: Victor F. Zonana, a co-founder of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association, has been named deputy assistant for public affairs at the Department of Health and Human Services. Zonana, who comes to the Clinton administration from the New York bureau of the Los Angeles Times, will serve as a spokesman for Secretary Donna Shalala and will be its principal public affairs liaison with the White House. Before joining the Times staff in 1985, Zonana worked for 10 years with the Wall Street Journal.

Journal Of The AMA Rejects Anti-Homophobia Ad: The Journal of the American Medical Association has rejected an advertisement from a national lesbian and gay medical society, claiming that the ad's content was "political" and "not scientific." The San Francisco-based American Association of Physicians for Human Rights had attempted to place a full-page, \$7000 ad warning physicians about the negative medical consequences of homophobia. "It's absurd for a publication that has accepted ads extolling the health benefits of Cocoa Crispies and fast food to reject an ad from a physicians' group as unscientific," said AAPHR director Benjamin Schatz. The rejection comes as AAPHR prepares to press the AMA, for the fifth time, to include sexual orientation in its anti-discrimination statement. The issue will be taken up at the AMA's annual meeting, set for June 13-15 in Chicago.

Anchorage Cancels Gay Rights Law: The Anchorage, Alaska City Assembly cancelled a gay rights ordinance last week after little debate. The move was expected following the election last month of Assembly members who vowed to rescind the measure. The Assembly had passed the measure earlier this year, and overridden the mayor's veto, but a city-wide petition drive forced the measure to a referendum. The Alaska Supreme Court then nixed the vote, claiming that the petition was flawed. Activists for and against the measure say that the Assembly's vote will not spell the end of the fight for gay rights in Anchorage.



New Yorkers Hold Tea Party To Protest Amendment 2: About 150 activists, chanting "we're here, we're queer, we won't drink Coors beer," dumped boxes of the Colorado-brewed beer and Celestial Seasoning tea into the Hudson River on May 13 to protest Colorado's anti-gay Amendment 2. "The Colorado Tea Party" was held in Sheridan Square near the site of the 1969 Stonewall riots. "We have stood

tall and proud in New York City," city comptroller Elizabeth Holtzman told the crowd, "but if it happened in Colorado it could happen here...I'm proud to add my voice to this." The protestors marched three blocks down Christopher Street, where stickers proclaiming the boycott adorned nearly every store window. Openly gay city councilman Tom Duane and Terry Schleder, founder of Boycott Colorado, dumped the tea and beer into the river to cheers. "Not one of these companies will speak up and say the amendment is wrong," said Chip Duckett of the Boycott Colorado/New York. "Coors Light is the wrong beer now."

Oregon Town Passes Anti-Gay Rights Measure: Cornelius, Oregon has become the first city in that state to pass one of the Oregon Citizens Alliance's latest attempts to outlaw rights for gays. The measure, patterned along the lines of Colorado's Amendment 2, bars the town government from supporting homosexuality or extending civil rights protections to lesbians and gay men. Supporters of the measure say they plan to use the new law to remove books from libraries they say promote homosexuality. The drive to pass the measure in Cornelius was led by Brenda Saunders, whose gay brother died of AIDS. "I can't encourage a lifestyle that I believe leads to spiritual death," she said, "and this measure will help."

West Hollywood Deputies To Pose As Gays To Catch Bashers: The West Hollywood City Council has approved a program that calls for deputies to pose as gays to catch gay bashers in the city. The two-part plan also calls for civilian squads to patrol the areas most often plagued by attackers. The plan is modeled after a successful year-old program in the predominantly gay area of Long Beach, and will begin within weeks. Residents of West Hollywood pushed the proposal to combat an increase in violence against gays. Last year, the Sheriff's Dept. recorded more than 50 incidents of physical and verbal attacks on gays there.

Gay Rodeo Stirs Opposition In Washington: Residents of Enumclaw, Washington are up in arms over a gay rodeo set for Sept. 11-12, and Robert Tyree, who helped organize the event for the Northwest Gay Rodeo Association, says he's disappointed. "It's unfortunate," he said. "We're a non-political, nonprofit organization. We're not here to threaten anyone." Residents say they were alarmed at misconduct at the April 25 March On Washington and fear the rodeo could get out of hand. "I just think it's improper behavior. I don't think it's something our community needs to be exposed to. It's a personal matter and something they're flaunting," said Jack Vogt. Tyree said the NGRA is paying King County Police to provide security for the event, and that he anticipates no problems.

Gay Couple Challenges Michigan Marriage Law: Charlie Sullivan and Rob Koplan plan to marry in Ann Arbor, Mich. this summer, claiming that the state marriage law does not prevent same sex couples from marrying. "The law is silent," said Sullivan's attorney, Steve Josephson. "It's not even mentioned in the statute." Sullivan and Koplan were denied a marriage license by the County Clerk's office. Sandy Szufnar, the supervisor in the clerk's office, admitted that the law doesn't specifically prohibit two men from marrying, but said one side of the license form specifies male and the other side female. And Count Attorney Robert Guenzel told the pair that even if the county issued them a marriage license, the state Dept. of Public Health would not recognize the marriage. "Ultimately, I think it's a question that will end up in the courts," said Guenzel.

Catholic St. John's University Rejects Gay Groups: Both the student government and St. John's University officials rejected the request of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Alliance to become a sanctioned university organization last week, holding that the group is inconsistent with the religious values of the school. A second group—the Lesbian and Gay Legal Studies Association—is facing vocal opposition from students at the country's largest Catholic university, and is unlikely to gain official recognition.

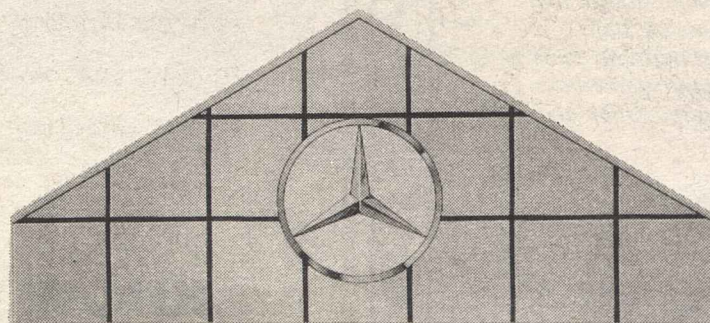
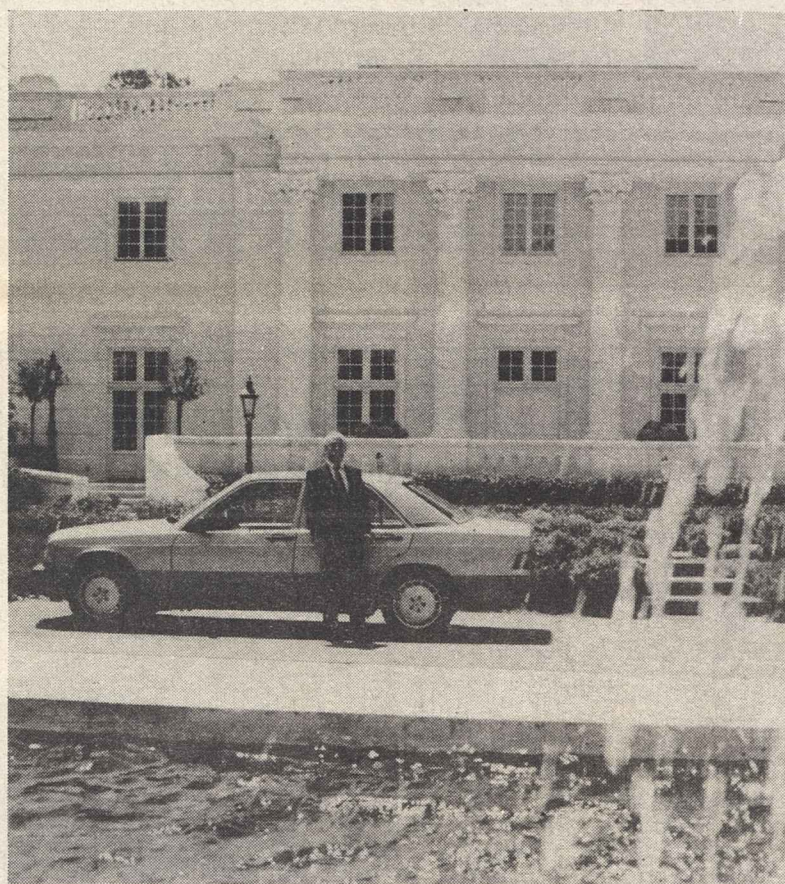
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New KS treatment looks promising

London—Researchers in California say they have uncovered a treatment for Kaposi's sarcoma that succeeded in temporarily reducing the size of KS tumors and, in some cases, clearing them altogether for a period of time.

Researchers treated patients with severe KS with fat molecules loaded with anti-cancer drugs. Taken by themselves, the drugs destroy normal cells as well as cancer cells, causing severe anemia, nausea, vomiting, and extensive hair loss.

The new approach, under investigation in labs worldwide, infuses the drugs into fat molecules called liposomes. The liposomes ferry them right to the cancer cells, destroying tumors without attacking healthy cells and thereby lessening the side effects.

"While this is not a breakthrough, it is a building block for new treatment programs and may represent the best treatment for Kaposi's sarcoma today," said Dr. Cary Presant, chairman of the Los Angeles Oncologic Institute and professor of medicine at University of Southern California.

In Presant's study, liposomal therapy worked on 15 of 25 patients, shrinking tu-

mors and reducing painful symptoms for one to three months. Then the cancer returned, despite further therapy.

The findings are published in the May 15 issue of *The Lancet*, a medical journal.

Other experts were enthusiastic, but said it is too soon to recommend the procedure routinely, particularly before more large-scale trials are completed.

Dr. I. Craig Henderson, chief of medical oncology at the University of California in San Francisco, said liposomal therapy is "worth exploring," but "this study does not prove it is better than current treatment."

"This is no panacea. If you stop the treatment KS comes back, but there are no alternatives," said Dr. Alvin Friedman-Kien of New York University, a specialist in Kaposi's sarcoma.

Kaposi's sarcoma is cancer of blood vessels near the skin, marked by blue-brown blotches. In AIDS patients and others with weak immune systems, the cancer often spreads to the mouth, throat, lungs and intestinal tract.

RANDI HUTTER EPSTEIN

Potential predictor of breast cancer found

Seattle, WA—The discovery of a potential predictor of breast cancer in women was reported by scientists at Pacific Northwest Research Foundation.

In the report published in the latest issue of *Cancer*, the journal of the American Cancer Society, Dr. Donald C. Malins and co-investigators said they found that changes in the oxygen metabolism in the breast increase the concentrations of hydroxyl radical molecules, which can cause severe damage to genetic material in breast cells.

Such DNA damage, which can encompass the entire breast, can set the stage for cancer's occurring months or even years later, the researchers said.

Among cancers, breast cancer is second only to lung cancer as a cause of death among women, killing 46,000 women a year in the United States.

"Considering that one out of eight women will get breast cancer, these new findings

provide important insight into how breast cancer develops and how its early stages can be identified using a variety of statistical models," the researchers said in a news release Friday.

Further, they said, because the findings relate directly to understanding how cancer develops in a healthy breast, it raises the possibility of controlling, through dietary changes or new drugs, the trigger mechanism that leads to the DNA damage.

The research found that shifts in cell oxidation increase the concentrations of hydroxyl radicals, a type of molecule that can mutate DNA. Hydroxyl radicals are likely produced as a result of natural surges in estrogen, dietary habits, exposure to environmental contaminants and other factors, the scientists said.

Hydroxyl radicals are known to be reduced by "antioxidants" such as vitamin C, vitamin E and beta carotene. Such substances, which are found in vegetables such as carrots and broccoli, could help reduce damage to breast-cell DNA, the researchers said. (AP)

OBITUARIES

J. David Chewing

J. David Chewing, a prominent Atlanta gay activist in the '70s and early '80s, died May 11th at the age of 43.

David was a founding member of 1st MCC and later the co-founder of EOM (Evangelical Outreach Ministries)—an organization of gay and non-gay Christians seeking to engage in dialog for positive change within evangelical churches. David was also actively involved in the leadership of early Gay Pride Committees, the Gay Religious Council, and MACGLO.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, May 23rd, at 2:00 PM at Oakhurst Baptist Church where David was a long-time member.

David never stopped urging churches to open their doors to the gay community—nor did he stop reminding those of us who are

gay that God loves us no matter what some churches may say.

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Phillip L. Winter

Phillip L. Winter passed on May 7, 1993 after a long illness, and was buried in Virginia on May 11, 1993.

Phil had been an Atlanta resident for the past five years. He is survived by a brother, Tom Winter, a sister, Sue Elhers, and long-time friend Tom Holloway.

There will be a memorial service for Phil at the First Metropolitan Church at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 27, 1993. It is suggested that any donations be made to Haven House, 250 14th Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30309.

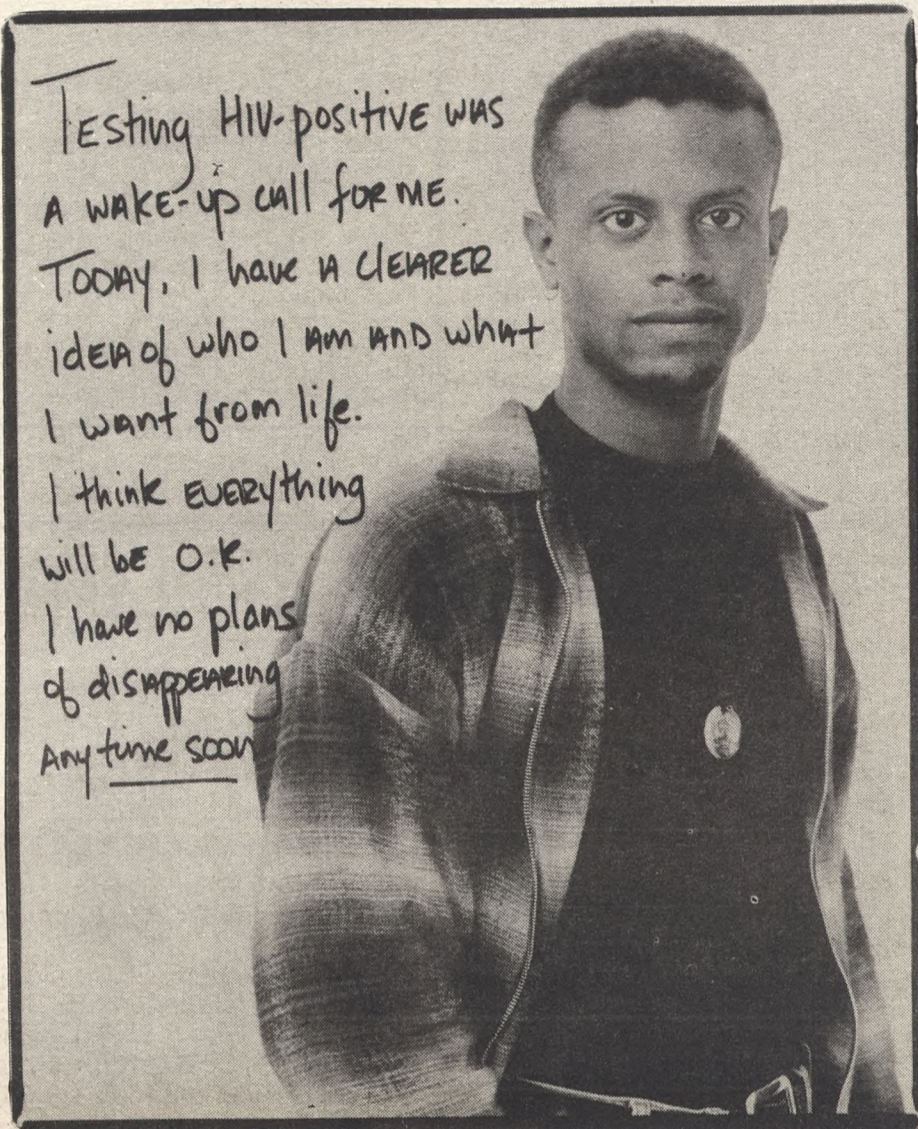
Deaths Elsewhere

Penelope Gilliatt, who died recently at the age of 61, was a writer of extraordinary sensitivity and dazzling range. In her native England, where she began her career as a critic more than thirty years ago, she established herself as a friend to the gay community, often using her forums at *The London Ob-*

server and *The New Yorker* to loudly protest films with homophobic content.

Gilliatt is perhaps most widely known for her much honored screenplay for the 1971 film "Sunday Bloody Sunday," one of the finest films ever made in its depiction of the lives of gays.

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San Francisco—The San Francisco AIDS Foundation has unveiled the second part of its "Be Here for the Cure" AIDS education campaign, featuring thirteen portraits of people with HIV by internationally known photographer Annie Leibovitz. The ads, which will be on display in 80 bus shelters around the city, personalize the spirit of people living with AIDS.

"When the foundation asked me to take portraits for the campaign, I didn't hesitate to say yes," said Leibovitz, who donated her time to the project. "I felt I must offer my services to help educate people about HIV. We all must do whatever we can."

The "Be Here for the Cure" campaign is designed to urge people with HIV to take every step possible to stay healthy. Campaign director Bill Hayes said that the idea for the

Leibovitz phase of the project came from people with HIV who responded to last year's ad blitz.

"I received notes, phone calls, and visits from men and women who spoke about how HIV had transformed their lives," Hayes said. "I decided that, for the continuation of this campaign, I would try to capture some of them."

Leibovitz's photographs are of people living with AIDS. The subjects are of a range of ages, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, and sexual orientation. Each individual's philosophy about living with HIV is written in their own handwriting on the portrait.

Leibovitz is well known for her Rolling Stone and Vanity Fair photography, as well as several advertising campaigns, including American Express's "Portraits" series.

AIDS Brief

ALCOHOL AND HIV: Researchers have long noted a correlation between alcohol intake and AIDS. The fact that drinkers seem more prone to AIDS has generally been ascribed by two factors: the presumption that someone who is intoxicated will be more likely to engage in unsafe sex and the fact that alcohol is well known to generally suppress the immune system. Now a study published in the Journal of Infectious Diseases suggests a third factor is at work: alcohol may make blood cells more vulnerable to HIV infection.

Scientists, led by Dr. Omar Bagasra, took blood samples on a Friday from HIV- volunteers who had drunk no alcohol for two weeks. Then they turned the volunteers loose for a typical weekend of drinking and collected another round of blood samples the next Mon-

day. They added HIV to both sets of blood samples and monitored the results.

The post-drinking blood samples showed substantially higher rates of viral activity and decreased production of two chemicals important to immune response. The researchers suggest that a person may be more likely to become infected if exposed to the virus at the same time or shortly after drinking, and that alcohol may speed the progression of HIV infection of those who are already infected.

The effect was just as pronounced in volunteers who drank lightly as in those who drank a great deal, and Bagasra and his colleagues theorize that only a small amount of alcohol is needed to produce the damaging effects.

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More than 900 bowlers from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the United States will be in town this week for IGBO '93, the 13th annual tournament of the International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO), which takes place May 25-30.

Atlanta is a popular venue for both gay and non-gay sports, and now adds IGBO to the gay/lesbian softball world series, national gay/lesbian soccer championships, Women's Final Four, Super Bowl, and Summer Olympics, all of which it has hosted or will host.

IGBO formed in 1980 to promote gay bowling with an emphasis on Unity, Communication, and Fellowship, and held its first tournament in Houston in 1981. Over 100

cities now have gay bowling leagues, and there are over 30 IGBO-affiliated tournaments, but the Memorial Day weekend tournament is the largest. This year's competition marks the first time IGBO has come to Atlanta, although Atlanta's Dixie Invitational Bowling Organization (DIBO) has for many years held its own successful tournament.

Bowlers compete in Singles, Doubles, and Team categories, with scores increased by each bowler's official handicap. Singles and Doubles will take place at Fairlanes (2175 Savoy Drive, Chamblee), with Team bowling at Express Lanes (1936 Piedmont Circle, Atlanta). Members of the public are invited to watch the competition.

In addition to bowling, tournament officials have organized numerous other activities, including a picnic and laser show at Stone Mountain Park, a dinner aboard the New Georgia Railroad, and a tour of local bars.

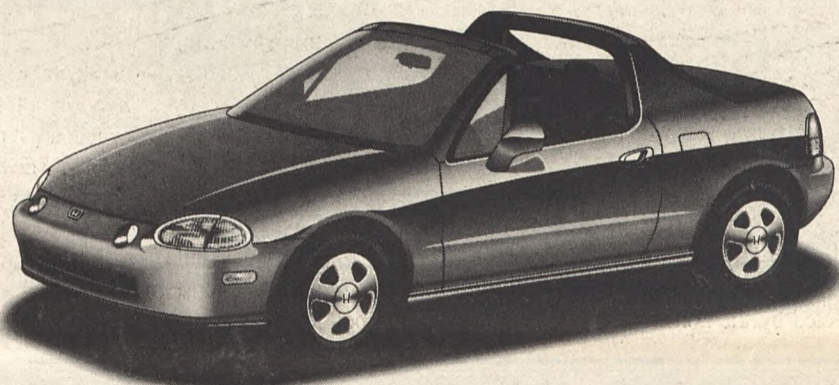
The weekend concludes at the Marriott Marquis on Sunday, May 30, with an awards banquet featuring entertainer (and bowler) Jimmy James and IGBABE '93, a camp drag fundraiser.

Additional information is available from Tournament Co-Director Frank Espinel (325-9912) and Special Entertainment Coordinator Ron Brewer (624-3063).

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Proposal to bar gay students from school gov't shakes up high school

Bremerton, WA—Openly gay teens are welcome on Bremerton High School's student council after pupils rejected a proposed amendment to the school's constitution on May 12 that would have let students oust their gay and lesbian peers from the elected body.

The measure, which identified homosexuality as an "immoral behavior" akin to indecent exposure and sexual harassment, was denied 635-475, said Principal Marilee Hansen.

"I'm delighted it's not going to be added to the constitution," Hansen said. "But I'm a little taken aback by the number of students who have this [anti-gay] feeling. We have a lot of educating to do."

The proposal was passed 49-47 last week at the school's annual constitutional convention, where changes are made to school rules. Supporters callously said it was merely intended to prolong debate at the convention, but with supporters' heavily religious arguments for the proposal, it polarized the student body and attracted national attention.

"It started as a reason to get out of class and turned into an issue that people could debate passionately on," said Mike Mercer, a staunch proponent of the amendment who spoke to reporters with a Bible open on the table in front of him. Mercer, who wore a T-shirt that read "On a Mission from God," is president of the school's Young Republicans Club.

"I am a Christian. I believe in this book, the Bible, and it says homosexuality is wrong," said Mercer.

The amendment's author, senior Joe Harlin, told The Sun newspaper in Bremerton that the bill was designed "so we just get normal people up there representing normal society."

"We don't hate the person," Harlin said of

gays. "We're not going to throw rocks at these people, although the Bible tells us we should do that."

The anti-gay measure would have made it possible for students discovered practicing "immoral behavior" to be impeached from elected office by their peers on the council "in order to preserve the integrity and high moral standards that BHS is built upon." Immoral behavior, according to the amendment, includes sexual harassment, indecent exposure, sodomy and homosexuality.

Another supporter, 17-year-old Andrew Ledbetter, said the measure was not meant as an outright ban of gay people from the council. It was meant, rather, to "empower the majority" to remove such people from office.

"All I want to do is bring these people to heaven with me," Ledbetter said. He wore a T-shirt bearing the image of former president Ronald Reagan that read "Remember When America Had A Real President?"

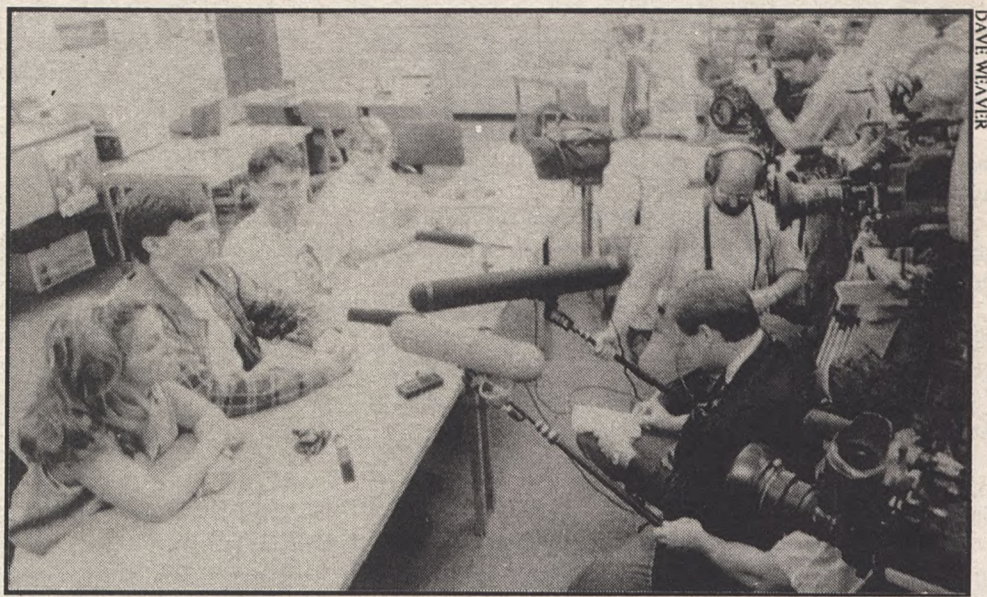
Principal Hansen said she listened in horror as the congress approved the measure.

"I kind of got sick to my stomach," she said. "But I wouldn't change for a minute what we've done to allow the freedom for them to talk about it."

Hansen said it was unlikely the rule would have ever gone into effect, even if students passed it. Administrators can override constitutional amendments and seemed to be against this one, she said.

The two-hour debate that preceded last week's convention vote was made spicier when a senior stood up and told delegates that he was gay.

"Someone in the meeting said, 'Nobody gay would ever stand up and say they were gay



Members of the Bremerton High School student council answer questions about a proposed bill that would ban gay students from its student government. Seated from left are Kalisa Burkey, Student Council Chairperson; J.J. Hewitt, President elect; Andrew Ledbetter, Chairman; and Mike Mercer, council member.

because they know it is wrong," Todd McCauley, 19, told the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. "I had to speak up. I told them what I do in my bedroom is none of their business. I'm here for an education."

The final outcome followed a complicated, school-wide voting procedure that lasted three days.

After the congressional vote last week, the matter was sent to home rooms on May 10. Thirty-six home rooms rejected the proposal while 18 supported it, Hansen said. Because it was rejected by the home-room vote, an elec-

tion open to the entire 1,350-person student body was held Wednesday morning.

Bremerton is a Navy town—home of the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard—and a full third of the school's students come from military families. But apparently, a majority of those students share the view of student council president-elect J.J. Hewitt, 17, who had said he found the proposal detrimental to the school's image.

"In a public high school, to make a political statement like this, it's just disastrous," he said. "They're using a high school as a platform for their political platform."

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Gay life in China continues to be a closeted affair

Beijing—In a tiny park across from the guest house for foreign dignitaries, Xiao Ma placed his arm lightly on his boyfriend's shoulder as they strolled in the late afternoon sun.

The quiet park has become a popular meeting place for gay men, providing a semblance of privacy far from the prying eyes of friends and families.

Despite some signs that intolerance is easing, gays say they still must keep their sexual orientation a secret or risk being thrown out of work or disowned by their families.

"If people know you're gay, then everything's finished," said a 25-year-old college student who called himself Xiao Ma but would not give his real name. "You can't hold your head up."

"They think it's a type of sickness," said another man in Sanlihe Park, who is 55 and calls himself Miss Ah Feng.

Homosexuality has long been considered abnormal and shameful in China, in part because traditional society places great importance on raising children to continue the family line.

It is so sensitive a topic that no Chinese publisher was willing to print a recent landmark private study on gays in China called "Their World."

Communist authorities have been particularly hostile, although there is no law banning homosexuality.

Miss Ah Feng's case is not unique: Packed off to labor camps three times between 1977 and 1986 on charges of "hooliganism" and fired as a high school teacher, he ekes out a meager living selling cheap backscratchers at tourist spots in Beijing.

Conservative estimates put the number of Chinese gays at about 12 million, or 1 percent of the population, but it would be unthinkable to propose a mass march for gay rights in Beijing similar to the one last month in Washington, DC.

Fear also kept people away from the first support group for gay men, Men's World, established last year by the China National Health Education Institute as part of an AIDS prevention program.

After an initial meeting of about three dozen people, attendance at each weekly session fell to just a handful. In May, the Public Health Ministry ordered Men's World shut without explanation.

Even so, there are signs elsewhere in Chinese society that attitudes toward gays are slowly changing.

Some Chinese media are providing lengthy, fairly objective reports on homosexuality. One of the new, popular call-in radio shows, "Life Hotline," recently advocated greater understanding and tolerance.

In "Their World," published in Hong Kong in 1991, U.S.-trained Chinese academics Li Yinhe and Wang Xiaobo wrote that gay activity between consenting adults now rarely leads to harsh penalties in China.

"Police will sometimes conduct public security sweeps at places of homosexual activity, but usually people are released quickly and no record is made," they said.

While gay men in Beijing say they have noted a slight relaxation, many remain fearful of arrest and skeptical of ever being accepted. As a result, they are loath to meet with officials, making AIDS education and prevention programs difficult.

What seemed uppermost in Miss Ah Feng's mind that afternoon in the park was not fear of AIDS, but bitterness over how the government destroyed his life.

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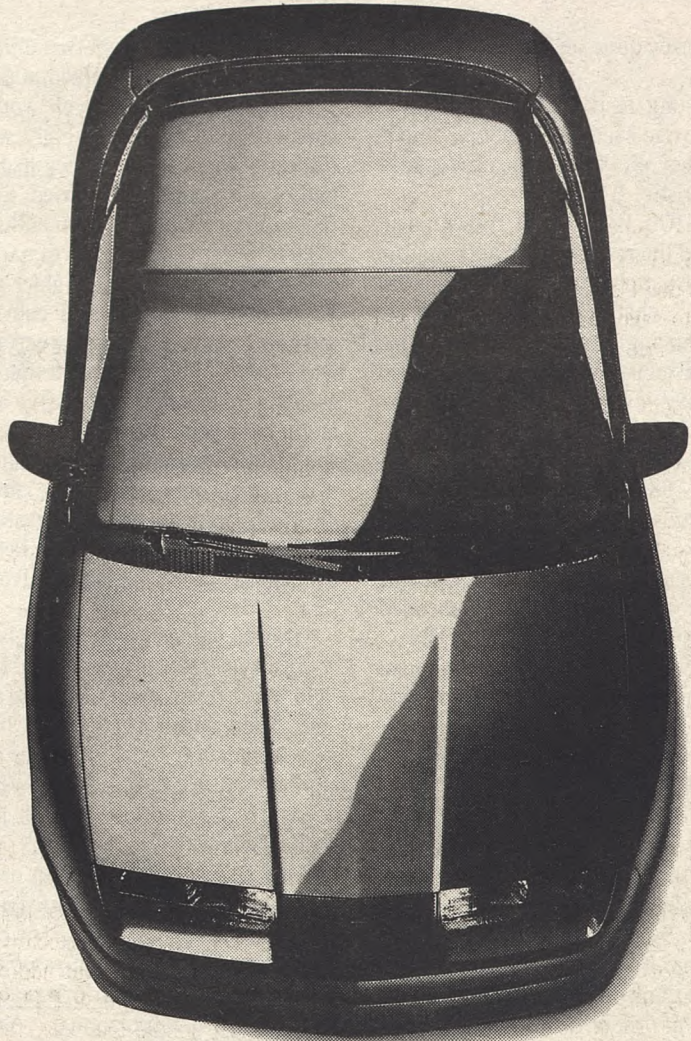
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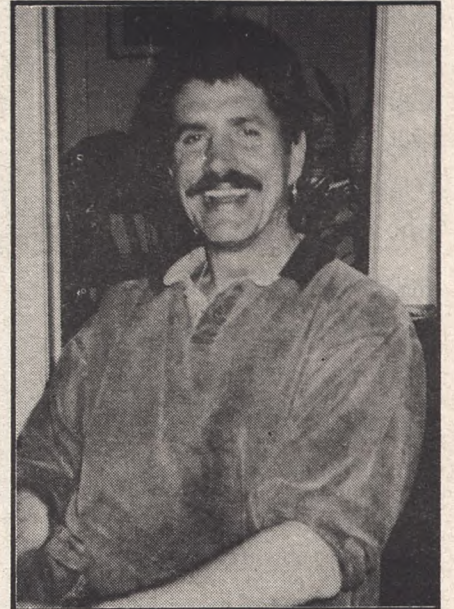
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AWARDS

Ed Stansell of Emory University recently received the Donald Bratcher Distinguished Service Award. This award is given annually to an individual who has shown leadership in the field of human relations in higher education and in his/her broader community. The Human Relations Council, in giving the award, cited Stansell's work in the gay/lesbian/bisexual community of Atlanta, as well as his work with the Emory Lesbian and Gay Organization. He had even more accomplishments cited, but we have run out of space. Congratulations, Ed. We're dam proud of you!



Can you believe Randall Rhoday is actually 47?!!

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Nona Deadwyler who will be 36 on June 1. She will celebrate by taking the day off and spending it with her other half, Dawna.

Happy Birthday to Randall Rhoday on June 2. His husband and business partner Christopher Streeter called in to report Randall's true age. He's 47. Now it can be told!

A very special birthday wish on June 2 goes out to a very special friend Margie Huig who gives so much of her time and love to our community. Love, Bill King.

WEDDING/RELOCATING

On May 22, Linda Regnier and Ellen Esses celebrated their commitment to each other with a ceremony at the Atlanta Church of Religious Science. They will be moving to Summit County, Colorado, for "family values" and to join the fight to undo

Amendment Two. Good Luck Ladies!!

EMPLOYMENT

On May 3, Robin Shahar began working in the City Attorney's office here in Atlanta doing litigation. Congratulations, Robin!

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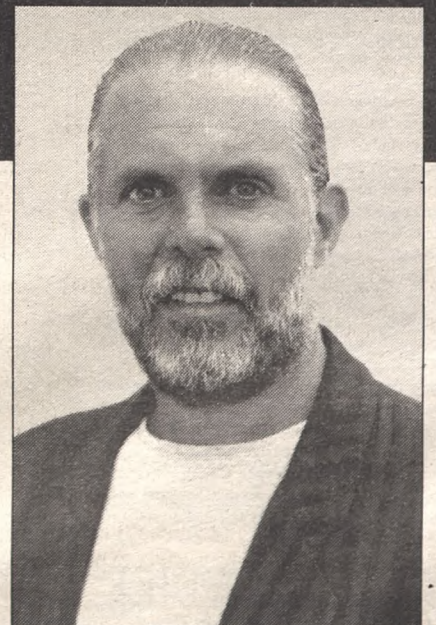
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by SHELLY ROBERTS



MOWIE-WOWIE

No. No. Really, I promise. I won't tell you the meaning of life as I see it vis-a-vis the March On Washington. Not one more word than you've already read every place else about its import, portent, psychological connotation, sociological ramifications or political implication.

If you have breathed in any gay or lesbian ions at all in the past weeks, you've, no doubt, heard it all. Who stood up and said what. Who counted and where they learned to count. The marshalls did...ya-ya-ya. The organizers didn't do...ya-ya-ya. And what it all means. So I'll save the pontificating for when the Vatican actually sends up white smoke with my name on it, and only bore my closest personal friends at upcoming dinner parties with that stuff.

It's just that we all, those who trekked, bused, or flew into the Capitol, each of us, well, went to a different march. There were 290 sanctioned events. There were, from Thursday night through Monday afternoon, up to a dozen dining opportunities. Every hotel and motel room for 25 miles around was booked by us, and you do remember that we are called homo-sexuals, after all. And what did heaven invent hotel rooms for anyway? Especially away from home with all those gorgeous partners and delicious strangers! Then there were the differences in when or whether your particular contingent actually got into the streets and onto the Mall before sundown. So multiply the possible encounters available, and you'll understand why everyone who attended went to a different March.

Naturally, mine was the best. And since the two of us haven't had a chance to talk yet...well, my dear. Here are some of my high points and highlights:

Given our numbers, and our nostalgia for the seventies, many people took to calling it *Queerstock*. Given the number of visible lesbians (not even including the shirtless ones—but that kind of visibility is for another column), I personally think we should have called it *Birkenstock*.

The most appropriate tee shirt I saw was on Kate Clinton, who, from the stage, called herself the President's sister. Her shirt read: Hilarity Clinton.

The best tee shirt I saw at the march—okay, so I'm perverse, and I could have chosen some march-appropriate 50% cotton/50% polyester message like *Pride Prude* or *I CAN'T EVEN MARCH STRAIGHT*, but I didn't—was *NOBODY KNOWS I'M ELVIS*.

I've been a lesbian forever now, and I should know better. Her speech was brilliant, and fiery and inspired. But I don't expect ever in my lifetime to know for certain how *correctly* to pronounce Urvashi Vaid.

It may have been me, but I thought at the time of his speech that Jessie Jackson had the wrong march. His was a while ago. And Martin had it. Sorry, Jess. (Don't send letters. It's my opinion.)

Nearly everybody of my generation did the entire weekend as an out-of-feet experience.

C-span never showed any of the actual

march. But that's okay. Most of the marchers never actually saw any of the C-span coverage. So there.

Three-way tie for the very best state chant:

1. Ohio - entering the mall at ten minutes to seven: WE'RE HERE - WE'RE QUEER - WE'RE BRINGING UP THE REAR!

2. Indiana - the last state delegation (entering the Mall behind Ohio): WE'RE HERE - WE'RE QUEER - WE REALLY NEED A BEER!

3. Florida - in front of the White House: F - L - O - R - I - D - AAY! ORANGE JUICE WILL MAKE YOU GAY!

Most compelling rallying cry: Phil Donahue on the Morning Kick-off stage, to Colon Powell, Sam Numb, and the Religious Wrong, et al: ...and we say, in one voice... GET OVER IT!

Cris Williamson, Holly Near, Robin Tyler, and I all grew into the same body.

Martina is even cuter on a TV screen that's forty feet high.

Funniest line to Sam Nunn from another politician, Pat Schroeder—"With liberty and justice for all. What part of 'all,' Senator, don't you understand?"

No one, at least of all me, expected the DC subway system to turn the Dupont Circle Metro stop into a four story StairMaster experience. Good thing thousands were cheering, or I'd be stuck there to this day, halfway up. (Did you hear the one about the [aging lesbian columnist] who spent all night in the subway? The escalator broke.)

Best suggestion of the weekend: if homosexuality is a disease, let's all call in queer to work tomorrow.—Robin Tyler.

Most accurate chant variation: WE'RE HERE. WE'RE QUEER. WE'RE GETTING USED TO IT!

Best speech leading to another nationwide demonstration: *If every gay and lesbian person in America stood up for two minutes...in the Navy...in the Army...in the Air Force...in the Marine Corps...in the House and the Senate. Every doctor...every lawyer...every carpenter...every teacher...every clergyman...THIS DEBATE WOULD BE OVER!*—Congressman Gerry Studds

Best nationwide demonstration idea coming from a speech:

On Monday, December 6th, 1993, at 1pm Pacific Time, 2 pm Mountain Time, 3 pm Central Time, and 4 pm Eastern Standard Time, we're all going to stand up for two minutes. Every gay man and lesbian in America. Every American who has a gay or lesbian in their family. Every American with a gay or lesbian friend or acquaintance. Every American who believes that liberty and justice for all means for all.

And we will settle once and for all, in our offices, in our schools, in our neighborhoods, in our government, in our apartment buildings, in our retirement communities, the question of who we are and who is with us. We are not a force to be denied. We are a force to be reckoned with.

Oops. Sorry. I couldn't help having at least one serious thought. But you will stand up with me, won't you?

Now, how was your weekend?

L E T T E R S

Happy reader #1

To the Editor:

Since returning from The March on Washington where, as anyone who was there knows, we all got re-charged and revitalized, I have fallen in love with your publication.

Always a newspaper reader, I used to comb through the Atlanta Constitution or whatever picking and choosing the few items that I found of interest. With The Voice I want to read **everything**. Having a full schedule, it seems that I'm always toting an issue somewhere to savor and enjoy whenever I might get a chance to steal a few quiet minutes.

The Southern Voice makes me proud. It shows that as a society we might finally be growing up. We got indications of this fact in Washington. Sure, there were partiers and revelers and those who went ready to shock and be gawked at (and more power to them; I am not forgetting they are the ones who got us started while the likes of me watched shyly from the sidelines), but overall it was wonderful to see masses of ordinary gay and bisexual men and women joining in and willing to stand proudly and march for our rights.

Your publication is another good exponent of this spirit of self-respect and sense of purpose. It is intelligent but never drab; educated but not pompous. It can be lighthearted without being silly and it focuses on the issues without hysteria.

What else can we ask for? Oh yes, you are **never** sleazy.

Thank you for all this. May you grow and prosper for us.

Sincerely,
Diego F. Sans

Happy reader #2

To the Editor:

When I moved back to Atlanta in 1988 after being away for ten years, one of the things I was most excited by was this new gay newspaper called Southern Voice. Un-

C A R B O N C O P Y

Edward O. Nix, M.D.
Dear Friend:

Thank you for contacting me concerning President Clinton's proposal to overturn the ban on homosexuals in the armed services. I disagree with President Clinton on this matter, and, on February 5, 1993, I voted in favor of retaining the ban.

I mean no disrespect to anyone, but I believe that the ban is the correct policy. Citizenship and patriotism do not automatically qualify an individual for military service. There are many instances in which people who wish to serve in the military are not allowed to do so because of various physical, mental, or educational differences. The armed services, by their nature, must require high levels of discipline and uniformity. The military is not equipped for broad behavioral diversity.

The distinction between the ban on homosexuals in the military and President Truman's decision to desegregate the armed forces is that sexual orientation, unlike skin color, is a behavioral characteristic. General Colin Powell, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has testified in committee that soldiers have no privacy and cannot choose either their associates or their living arrangements. The military should not be forced to reconstruct itself to accommodate such a major diversity in lifestyle.

Once again, I appreciate your concern and respect you for your convictions.

Sincerely,
Paul D. Coverdell
United States Senator

like most of the papers produced by the gay community in Dallas, New York and Pittsburgh—where I'd been—the writing was clear, intelligent and compelling. And it took for granted that the reader was equally astute.

As I read, with great envy, KC Wildmoon's account of the March On Washington, I was again reminded how grateful I am for the integrity of your writing and how important it is in my life.

Sincerely,
Chris Coleman

Gun club recruits gays

To the Editor,

Earlier this year I learned that the gay community is having a debate about using firearms for self-defense against violent bias crimes. I have some information that will be useful for your readers. I'm on the board of directors of a non-profit political action group called Citizens For Safe Government. We are the state affiliate of Gun Owners of America and we protect the right to own a gun. We do not compromise on this issue at all.

Right now we are trying to recruit minorities and women to join our organization. Gay and bisexual men and women are also wanted as members. Our annual dues are \$20.

People who are interested in joining can do so by contacting our Executive Director Howard W. Rabb, Jr. Our address is Citizens For Safe Government, P.O. Box 80949, Atlanta, GA 30366. Our telephone number is (404) 233-2768 and the fax number is (404) 233-0058. We look forward to working with the gay community to help make Atlanta safer for everyone.

Sincerely,
Ms. J. Elaine Ednfield

Help bring the 1998 Gay Games to Atlanta

The group which is submitting a bid to bring Gay Games V to Atlanta is now meeting weekly and seeking participation from the community, particularly from women. Meetings are every Tuesday at 6 pm at the Armory. Board members for the local Games organization are also needed. Contact Dan Easton at 876-9490 if you are interested.

The group is circulating petitions to be included in the bid, and the goal is for 100,000 signatures. Call Dan for a copy, or sign up at Pride and other events.

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Barney Frank

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that the process is "moving in the right direction."

And Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, noted that the differences between Frank's proposal and that submitted by the Campaign for Military Service (CMS) to the Pentagon on May 20 are minimal.

"What's different is whether or not a person who's on duty can reveal they're gay," McFeeley said. "That's not a reason to discharge a person."

The issue, McFeeley added, comes down to conduct—that much ballyhooed word that no one seems to understand.

"How are we going to conduct ourselves right now and in the next 15-18 months as people get more comfortable with open gays and lesbians?" he said. "It's a dynamic situation, and we can't come up with a solution for all time."

McFeeley said that more discussion was needed to "delve into what kinds of on duty conduct won't be proscribed."

"[Frank's proposal is] another point of reference about how to solve this," he said. "It's on the whole good, but we've got to be careful about specifics. [The distinction between on base and off base conduct] is a civilian construct that doesn't work for a lot of military people."

The CMS proposal, a detailed draft on lifting the ban, does just that. In addition to the obvious—no discrimination based on sexual orientation or private sexual conduct—the proposal outlines what conduct is prohibited and how to handle previously discharged personnel, and addresses concerns of some Members of Congress about benefits to partners of gay and lesbian service members.

In regards to conduct, the proposal states, "the touchstone...is parity between gay conduct and straight conduct." The proposal cites current military guidelines about sexual harassment, fraternization, sex in the barracks, and public displays of affection while in uniform, and stresses that such behaviors should be prohibited, and that punishment should be the same for gay or straight servicemembers.

Time is short, call those Senators

Gay activists on all sides of the issue agree on one thing: what's needed is more, much more lobbying of Senators and Representatives.

"In politics, decisions are made based on constituent pressure," said McFeeley. "We deserve this, but we just don't get what we deserve. We get what we fight for. People just have to respond."

McFeeley also noted that Georgians have a particular "negotiating power" on this issue—a "contract" with Sen. Sam Nunn, head of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"You've got to let him know where you stand," McFeeley said. "We've got a hundred yard dash for the next two months. It's time to roll up our sleeves and find the best possible outcome. The President is still with us and the Pentagon is moving in that direction under his guidance. But we need to keep plugging ahead."

Other military news

While the debate rages on in Congress and on Main Street USA, the military continues to discharge open gays and lesbians. Last week, the Army approved the discharge of Sgt. Jose Zuniga, the 6th Army's Soldier of the Year, after he publicly came out during the March On Washington. And then to add insult to injury, Zuniga was demoted to specialist before his discharge was finalized. The reason? Army investigators pouring over videotapes of Zuniga at a reception in Washington found that he had worn a medal they say he had not been awarded.

"The one thing we have in the Army is integrity," said Lt. Col. Steven Fredericks. "When you misrepresent yourself, we take that very seriously."

Zuniga said he had been told by a military personnel officer that his recommendation for the medal had been approved, but Army officials deny that the approval had taken place.

"I came out because I didn't want to live a lie," Zuniga said. "It doesn't make sense for me to lie about something as basic as one ribbon. I have five Army commendation medals. Why would I add one more and put myself through this horror?"

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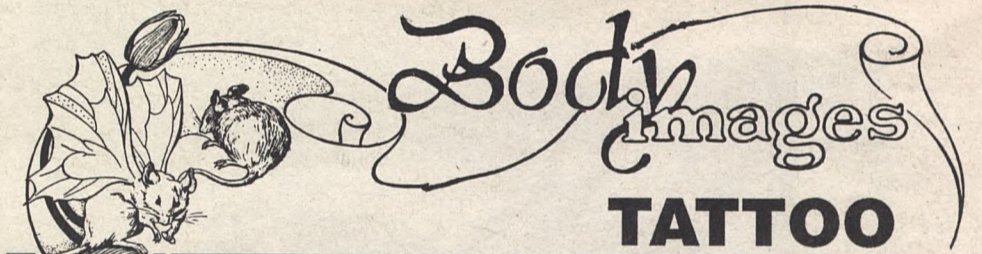
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Love/hate relationships seem to be a fact of life. You love your partner but you may hate how they squeeze the toothpaste. You may love your job, but endless staff meetings you hate. You may like to watch "Beverly Hills 90210" but you hate how your friends tease you. Well, that last one may just be a personal problem, but face it, love/hate relationships abound. It can even apply to the annual Pride March.

We posed the love/hate question to some of those in our community and got some interesting answers.

MARY ELLIOT

Love: It feels so good to have that many of us all together. To me it shows a power that many gays and lesbians don't realize we have.

Hate: I hate the heat, but what can we do?

Mary Elliot is the Vice President of the Southeast Gay Rodeo Association.

SHELTON HAYNIE

Love: I love the parade itself. I like the heat because people wear a lot less.

Hate: I don't like a lot of the bickering that goes on about who should speak and who shouldn't.

Shelton Haynie is the Past President of Frontrunners/Atlanta and is also a volunteer with Project Open Hand.

PATRICK BELL

Hate: It's always on my mom's birthday or that weekend, and I am in South Georgia. I have never been to a Pride Parade because Mom's birthday is a national holiday and everyone has to come and see her.

Love: People have told me of the great sense of euphoria you get being in such a large crowd of people just like you, where you can drop your defenses. My mom would like to come to pride, but she would expect that all 100,000 people would be there to celebrate her birthday!

Patrick Bell has spent four years as public relations director for the African American Gay and Lesbian Alliance (AALGA).

SARALYN CHESNUT

Love: I love the Pride Run before the march, and I really love the march itself and being in Piedmont Park all day.

Hate: I hate the hassles about the march that happen every year about "this should have been done" or "this shouldn't have been done." I also hate the local mainstream press coverage.

Saralyn Chesnut is the Director of the Office of Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Life at Emory University.

ED STANSELL

Love: The sense of power from seeing more and more people every year is what I like most.

Hate: We don't have enough music in the march itself. In New York they had a disco truck at the end of the march and it really livened up the event.

Ed Stansell is President of GAPAC, the only political action committee that addresses lesbian and gay issues on the state and local level.

STEPHEN FUND

Love: It's getting bigger every year. I enjoy watching the numbers grow and seeing more and more people every time.

Hate: I don't like having the march on Sunday, or the route we take. I think it would be better if it was on Saturday when more people are out, and if we marched through Underground and the downtown portion of Peachtree Street we would get more exposure to the general public.

Stephen Fund is the founder and director of World Community Builders, a non-profit cross-cultural work camp program serving the needs of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

LYNN COTHREN

Love: There is a sense of empowerment seeing the numbers increase every year. Last year seeing 60,000 people come over the hill and fill up the park was exciting. It's like a big family get-together where our community can find their extended families.

Hate: For what Pride means to the community, it is so hard to raise money for it. It's a shame that such a powerful event that costs only a few dollars per person is such a struggle to raise money for. It shouldn't be that hard.

Lynn Cothren served as co-chair of Pride in 1992. He also sits on the Lambda Community Center Board.

MARCIA OKULA

Love: It feels like the city is ours for the day.

Hate: Walking by the Baptist Church on Peachtree Street and seeing all those "kind" Christian faces.

Marcia Okula is the Lesbian and Gay Liaison to Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson.

MICHAEL KINSLER

Love: The camaraderie and the empower-

ment that the community gains from bonding together for the weekend.

Hate: I hate, with an exclamation point, that there are

straight businesses and business owners at the park for Pride making money off the gay and lesbian community...but they don't support us the other 364 days of the year.

Michael Kinsler is the Past President of Congregation Bet Haverim.

JUDY COLBS

Love: We have a chance to tell so many "kids" that P-FLAG loves them and is proud of them, and we love having the opportunity to get them to our booth for mommy or daddy hugs if they need it, and getting them to donate a dollar.

Hate: Just like our own kids, they didn't listen to us last year, so we didn't reach our fundraising mark...so they better show up this year.

Judy Colbs is the President of P-FLAG/Atlanta, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

Indeed, there is a lot to love about Pride. It's a chance to flex our community muscles before the city and the world. Marching with thousands of your brothers and sisters is empowering. One queer they can bash, 100,000 they cannot.

The march is also a chance to dispell the myth that our community is monolithic. We are very diverse. That is our strength, but it is not without its Achilles heel. That was very apparent during last year's pride where controversy at times threatened to overshadow the whole event.

Some history

"Every Pride has its own problems," says Shelly Robbins, co-chair of the '92 march. "I can go back five years and tell you each one of them."

Last year's troubles began early when the new Pride Board decided not to allow any political speeches during the rally after the march.

"That decision was made in response to feedback from the community. There were complaints of too many political speeches the year

before," Robbins explains. "Since it was an election year we knew that there would be even more political speakers."

But, ironically, the decision was made when, for the first time, an open lesbian was running for a seat in the Georgia House of Representatives. Samantha Claar wanted a place on the rally stage. But, as Robbins says, "if we had let one politician speak, we would have had to let them all speak."

ACT UP protested at the rally over what Robbins terms a "misunderstanding" about a statement made by co-chair Lynn Cothren. He had told the Atlanta papers that as a gay man, he wanted to disown AIDS. Cothren had meant that he wanted the world to see it was not just a gay disease.

"ACT UP took that to mean that the gay and lesbian community wanted to not do anything about AIDS anymore, and that's not what he meant," says Robbins.

A continuing problem for Pride is one of money and volunteers.

"I don't think people realize that it costs a lot of money to put on Pride," says Robbins. "When I tell people how much it costs, their mouths drop to the floor."

Last year's pride cost about \$100,000 and officials estimate it will cost about \$150,000 for this year's event. The money is used for several things including expensive insurance coverage for the park events, and rent costs for portable toilets.

"Everyone in this town needs to be wearing an official Pride t-shirt," says Skip Marklein, this year's co-chair. "That's where the bulk of our money comes from."

Time is just as important as money when putting together such a big event. Marklein says they are still searching for 100 volunteers for security and other committees.

No matter what you may love or hate about Pride, nearly everyone agrees it's exciting to see the numbers grow every year. Atlanta's first gay pride parade in 1970 drew only 125 people, but in 1992 a record-breaking contingent of more than 60,000 marched down Peachtree.

This year, the Pride Committee estimates 100,000 people will jam the street on June 27th, on the heels of a successful March On Washington. Indeed, in 1993, "It's Time to Tell America."

And we will be everywhere in Atlanta days, even weeks, before we step off for the '93 Pride March.

CANDACE CHELLEW

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THE ALABAMA SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

was begun in Anniston, Alabama, in 1972, but it was not until the late '70s that it began to receive publicity outside that area. The Blount family became major backers in 1985 and the festival moved to Montgomery, where it is housed in the Carolyn Blount Theatre, located in the Wynnton M. Blount Cultural Park. The theatre complex, which houses the 750-seat Festival Stage and the 225-seat Octagon Stage, was designed by Thomas Blount and Perry Pitman.

It is obvious from first glance that funding is not a problem with ASF and that this is an operation where corners are not cut. In addition to presenting classic and contemporary stage works, ASF also sponsors the Southern Writers' Project, created to foster new regional works, and SchoolFest, designed to introduce high school students to theatre in a professional setting.

This year, ASF was awarded a Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest grant of one million dollars for the purpose of expanding and enhancing the various aspects of the programs. Already ASF has achieved an international reputation and draws performers, craftsmen and audiences from across the United States and beyond.

"Heartbreak House" is one of six plays presented by the ASF this season. Others are "A Midsummer Nights Dream," "Henry IV, Part I," and "Henry IV, Part II" all by Shakespeare; "Blihe Spirit" by Sir Noel Coward; and "Dumas" by John McNicholas. I recently motored over to Montgomery to catch "Heartbreak House" by George Bernard Shaw.

Perhaps no playwright, not even the heralded William Shakespeare, had the meticulous mastery and erudite command of the English language that Shaw possessed. And with those skills came a contempt, bordering on disdain, for those not sharing his chauvinistic approach to language.

The main character in "Pygmalion," which became "My Fair Lady" when music was added, was called Professor Henry Higgins, but it was pure Shaw: "Remember that you are a human being with a soul and the divine gift of articulate speech; that your native language is the language of Shakespeare and Milton and The Bible; and don't sit there crooning like a bilious pigeon."

Thus began the transformation of Eliza Doolittle flower girl into Eliza Doolittle limelight-stealer at the palace ball.

In "Heartbreak House," one of the plays being presented this season by the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Shaw doesn't deal with a topic as amusing as passing off a street urchin as a lady before supposedly well-bred, well-educated upper classes, but once again, he does have a go at the British upper crust. This is pre-World War I England and Shaw is not too subtle with his sweeping indictment of the idleness and irresponsibility of the well-to-do, a fault which he firmly believed fostered the impending Great War.

Early on in Act I one of the characters flippantly tells a newcomer, Ellie Dunn (Suzanne Irving) that the house of Captain Shotover (Barry Boys) is "full of surprises for them that don't know our ways." As the play unfolds, we learn that their "ways" are total self-indulgence, pleasure at whatever cost and a Marie Antoinette attitude about the have-nots—let them eat crumpets.

Captain Shotover, an aging sea captain, had sired two daughters somewhere back in time, Lady Ariadne Uterwood (Annie Murray)—"well-preserved but no longer young"—and Mrs. Hesione Hushabye (Alison Edwards), who flounces around barefoot and minus the finishing accessories of her attire—belt, jewelry, etc..

Hesione is easily the most likeable of the group of Shaw characters. She makes no apology for her easy compromising of whatever morals she might have once had. And Miss Edwards gives Hesione a wonderful lusty quality, sauntering and swaggering with the air of a woman scarred but definitely not scared.

She's married to a ne'er-do-well, Hector Hushabye (Greg Thornton), whose infidelity she takes in stride. Even when she learns that Ellie's current love interest is none other than her own Hector, she shrugs it off: "He is rather splendid.



Greg Thornton and Annie Murray in the 1993 ASF production of "Heartbreak House" runs through July 10.

How can you love a liar? I don't know, but fortunately you can, otherwise there wouldn't be much love in the world."

Into this gaggle slides a collection of characters carefully woven into the fabric of the Shotover lineage: Mazzini Dunn (Edmund J. Kearney), Ellie's trod-upon father; Boss Mangan (Julian Gamble), who has done most of the treading; Randall Uterwood (Jack McLaughlin-Gray), Lady Uterwood's worthless brother-in-law; Nurse Guinness (Carol Morley), the obligatory tart-tongued domestic; and The Burgler (Roger Forbes), who botches his attempt at thievery.

Throughout the performance McLaughlin-Gray and Forbes seemed to engage in some sort of spitting and spraying contest. At times diction becomes so soggy some members of the audience laughed. Other cast members would have been justified in requests for mackintoshes.

Boys' Captain Shotover is delightful, living in his own world, somewhere back in time, and not allowing intrusions

from this group. Overall, this is a capable ensemble which gives a totally engaging performance. There are a couple of times when McLaughlin-Gray needs to be reigned in.

Director Kent Thompson has done an excellent job of staging this highly mobile cast, setting and keeping a pace that draws the audience into the action immediately and never lets up until the final scene when the air attack has begun and this group languishes in the garden tracking the attack by assuming the location of the latest explosion, only slightly relieved that they were spared, but totally bored by the intruding attack.

Shaw was never quiet-spoken about his disdain of the playboy mentality of much of the British upper class and he holds them up for ridicule. As one says matter-of-factly, it is important "not to have the last word, but to have your own way." It's this compromising of moral conduct and etiquette that irks Shaw. And the play concludes with Hector's painfully perceptive observation: "We don't live in this house; we haunt it."

"Heartbreak House" was written late in Shaw's life as his personal tribute to Anton Chekhov, whom Shaw predicted would eventually be regarded as a genius of playwrights. He was correct.

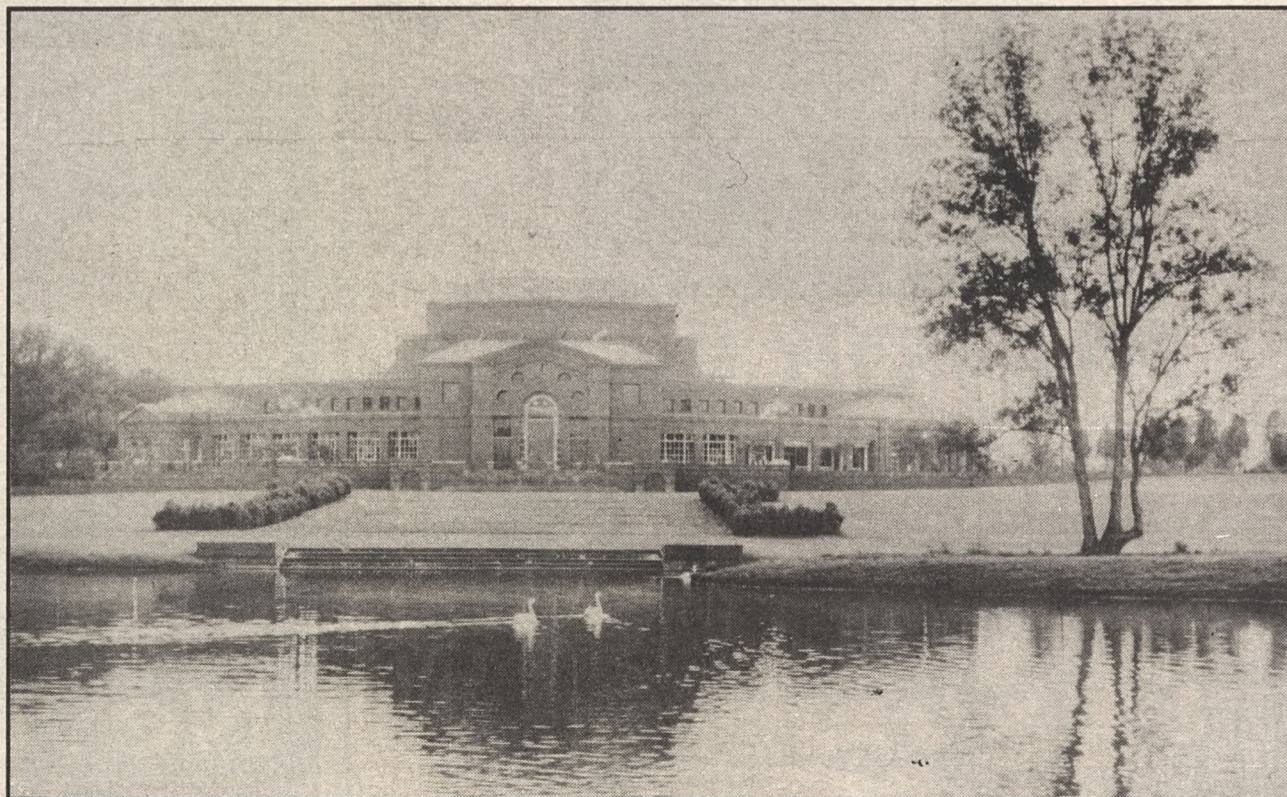
Shaw pretended to have written a serious play, devoid of laughter and the witticisms so characteristic of his work. And, on opening night of the Oxford Playhouse production in 1923, he solemnly told the audience: "Laughter is a fatiguing thing and I had imagined that I had nearly eliminated it from this particular play. This has been one of the most depressing evenings I have spent in the theatre. I imagined I had written a quiet, thoughtful, semi-tragic play after the manner of Chekhov. From your empty-headed laughter, I appear to have written a bedroom farce."

The audience roared. Inwardly, Shaw must have felt a tremendous sense of triumph.

Outwardly, the Alabama Shakespeare Festival has to feel triumphant about so impressive a production. Even before the opening lines, the audience is treated to a carefully detailed recreation of the Captain's study. Scenic designer David Crank has given the set the feel of a ship, hence the lair of an old salt who can't let go of his seagone past. Shelves are stuffed with maps, pens, ink bottles, books and junk and clutter—not unlike the junk and clutter in the characters' own lives.

ASF makes it quite easy to attend its performances; there is a toll-free number (800) 841-4ASF which provides group rates, accommodations, special package provisions and other helpful information. From Atlanta, it's a two-and-a-half hour drive down I-85 South, and worth it.

JOSEPH LITSCH



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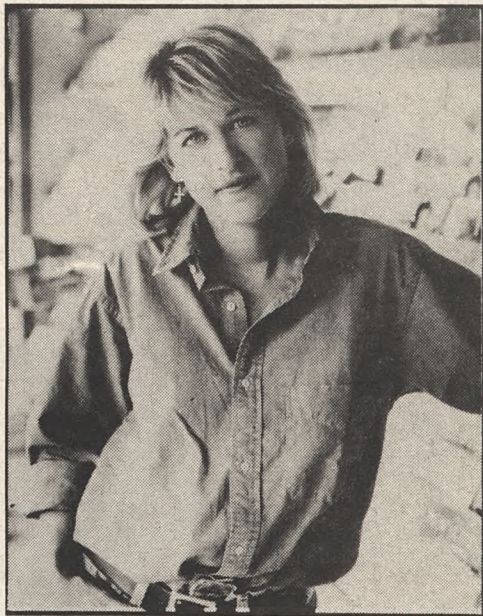
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ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Featuring conductor Yoel Levi with violinist Pinchas Zukerman in an all-Brahms program. Through Sat. 8 p.m. 898-1182.

MILDRED & STELLA. A musical, feminist-theory play constructed from pieces of text about mothers and daughters and female identity from various films, musicals and feminist psychology and theory. Through Sat. 8 p.m. GSU Alumni Hall Theater, corner of Courtland and Gilmer. \$5-\$3. 651-2225.

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BENEFIT FOR THE ARTS. The Buckhead Towne Club and the Concorde host the 2nd annual Startist benefit for the Arts Festival of Atlanta, "Margaritas Under the Stars." 7-9 p.m. 2900 S. Pharr Court, NW. \$15. 262-3455.

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28 FRIDAY 29 SATURDAY

DECATUR ARTS FESTIVAL. A two-day extravaganza featuring community-oriented arts events. Features an International Folk Festival, Fine Arts exhibit, Classic Car show, Artists Market and live dance/theater performers, plus a variety of foods. Starts with a Cajun Street Party tonight, 5 p.m. The square, downtown Decatur. 371-9583.

SCUPTURE AND PAINTINGS. Trinity Gallery presents the works of mixed media artist Linda Michell, known for her sculptures of animals in human-like situations, and painter David Fraley, recognized for his gestural faces and figures. Opening reception tonight, 7-10 p.m. 249 Trinity Ave. 525-7546.

CAFE CULTURAL. Seven Stages and Teatro Amalgama present six nights of short theater pieces, storytelling and poetry performances in Spanish, English and Spanglish. 8 p.m. 1105 Euclid Ave. \$7. 523-7647.

CEPHAS & WIGGINS. Come listen to this special concert with a nationally know blues duo. Held in conjunction with the Decatur Arts Festival. 7-10 p.m. The square, downtown Decatur. 371-8386.

SOYLENT GREEN. Not a green splinter group, but a famous movie about the not-so-distant future, when Earth has no agriculture and everyone is eating Soylent Green. Stars Charlton Heston. 7:30 p.m. LSP Community Center, corner of Euclid and Austin. \$3-\$5 suggested donation.

HIV UPDATE. The syndicated cable TV show airs every Sat at 6:00 p.m. on Channel 12. This month's program focuses on how the medical community deals with death and suicide by people with HIV/AIDS.

pregnancy. 5-8 p.m. 14th St. Playhouse Theater. \$12-\$15. 892-2414.

GARDEN CONCERTS ON THE GREAT LAWN. It's that time of year again to pack a picnic and come listen to the Botanical Garden's Summer Concerts. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 817-8700.

GEORGIA SINFONA. N. GA's only professional chamber orchestra will give its premier concert tonight, featuring works by Mozart, Debussy and Beethoven. 3 p.m. Holy Innocents Episcopal School, 805 Mt. Vernon Hwy. \$6. 434-6700.

NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT. GPTV presents this stirring tribute, starring Judy Collins, Dana Delany, James Earl Jones, Mac Davis and others with the National Symphony Orchestra. Broadcast from the W. Lawn of the US Capitol. 9 p.m. Channel 8.



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special Wed. night discussion with Dena Taylor, Amber Coverdale Sumrall and Mary Allison, co-editors and a contributor to the book of essays written by women over 40 about sex. 7:30 p.m. 419 Moreland Ave. 524-0304.

1 TUESDAY

THE PRINCESS AND THE PEA. The Center for the Puppetry Arts presents this adaptation of the Hans Christian Anderson classic tale of a lonely Prince searching for his Princess bride. Through July 3. M-Sat. 2 p.m. \$2-\$3. 873-3391.

ARCHITECTURAL PRIZEWINNERS. Georgia Tech presents this exhibit of prizewinning entries to the National Institute for Architectural Education. Through June 26. T-Sat 2-7 p.m. Richards and Westbrook Galleries. 894-2805.

POSITIVE LIVING. This locally produced show about people living with AIDS can be seen on People TV Ch. 12, 2:30 p.m. and again on Sat., 10:00p.m. It also airs on City Ch. 6, Th. 5:00 p.m.

Pictured: LEFT: Cephas & Wiggins will play the blues on Decatur Square on Memorial Day, part of the Decatur Arts Festival going on all weekend. Photo by Irene Young

ABOVE: Choreographer Amy Williams presents "Trolling 4 Olives" at Beacon Dance Company's Spring Concert on May 22.

BELOW: Daniel Carne (Scymour), Kim Trenerry (Audrey) and The Plant (Audrey II) are the stars of Onstage Atlanta's "Little Shop of Horrors" playing now through June 13.



ON GOING AND UPCOMING

THE VOICE OF THE PRAIRIE. The imaginative story of Davey and Frankie, who meet, fall in love and get separated for many years, against the backdrop of the birth of radio in the Midwest in the 20s. Through May 29. 8:00p.m. GA Tech Theater for the Arts Complex. \$6-\$4. 894-2745.

BENT. Through May 30. OutProud Theater presents Martin Sherman's classic play about the persecution of homosexuals in Nazi Germany. The Broadway production received extraordinary critical acclaim. Th-Sun 8:00p.m. 609-9590.

FOOL FOR LOVE.

Through June 6. San Shephard's drama of two lovers tortured by their bond starring Kenny Leon and Carol Mitchell-Leon. Actor's Express. 280 Elizabeth St. 221-0831.

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I HATE HAMLET. Neighborhood Playhouse presents the 1991 comedy

farce about a TV actor who reluctantly agrees to play Hamlet while inspired by the ghost of the greatest Hamlet, John Barrymore. Through June 19. Thur-Sat 8:00p.m., Sat & Sun 2:00p.m. 430 W. Trinity Place. \$12-\$7. 377-3714.

LIPS TOGETHER, TEETH APART. An award-winning comedy drama about two hetero couples spending a weekend on Fire Island unraveling the secrets of their relationships when not gawking at the escapades of their gay neighbors. 8p.m. T-Sat., 3 & 7 p.m. Sun. Theater in the Square. Through June 26. Tickets \$10-\$22. 422-8369.

30 SUNDAY

SMART AFFAIRS 94. A full figure fashion show benefiting the Council on Minority Health and Education, a non-profit group working to reduce infant mortality, teen violence and teen

THE GOOD TIMES ARE KILLING ME. Cartoonist Lynda Barry's upbeat comedy with music makes its southeastern premiere. Two young girls, one black and one white, form an unforgettable friendship sparked by their passion for popular music. Runs through June 27. Horizon Theatre. Little 5 Points Community Center. 584-7450.

ATLANTA LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE MARCH. June 27. This year's Pride March is expected to be the best ever with 100,000 people expected to attend. Related events will take place the week preceding the March. For info or to volunteer, 662-4533.

31 MONDAY

MEMORIAL SERVICE. DeKalb NOW sponsors a service for women who have lost parts or all of their lives to family violence. 10 a.m.-noon. Friends Meeting House, 701 W. Howard. 621-2627.

OUT IN ATLANTA. Atlanta's local lesbian and gay cable program tonight presents "Georgia Marches," a focus on the events and activities of GA lesbians and gays during the historic 1993 March On Washington. 10:30p.m. and again, Wed. 5:30 p.m. Cable Ch. 12.

GAY USA. A gay and lesbian news show produced in New York includes national and



1993 PRIDE EVENTS

The first pride related event to kick off will be **Atlanta Leather Pride Week** beginning June 13th. The week will include such events as a leather seminar/discussion, a "Night Out With the Boys" at the Eagle, and Atlanta Leather Pride Day on Saturday, June 19th.

Other related events include **SEGRA's Cowboy Kick-off** dance Friday, June 25th at Piedmont Grove in Midtown.



Congregation Bet Haverim will host the annual **Interfaith Service** on Friday, June 18th at Friends Meeting House in Decatur. An AIDS panel discussion is scheduled for June 23rd at the Sheraton Colony Square. Atlanta Couples Together will sponsor this year's **Commitment Ceremony** at Wynn Park on Friday, June 25th. The **Dyke March** in Washington last month was so successful, one is being planned for here, but the details haven't been worked out yet. More than likely it will take place on Saturday, June 26.

Pride events include a candle light march on Saturday, June 26th to celebrate



those lost to AIDS and hate crimes, and of course the park will be busy all day Saturday with the **Pride Market** and the **22nd Family Reunion**. There will be sports tournaments such as soccer and volleyball, rides for kids and entertainment all day as well as numerous arts, crafts and organizational booths where you can buy just the right t-shirt.

Of course Sunday, June 27 is the really big day with the **Pride March** itself stepping off at Noon from the Civic Center ending with a mega rally in Piedmont Park which will last into the wee hours if history repeats itself. Grand Marshalls **Deana Collins** and **Duncan Teague** will lead the parade which last year featured a plethora of creative and eye-catching

floats and contingents. Once you arrive at the park, **Fast Freddy** and **Yvonne Monet** of 99X radio will emcee the day's events.

Details on all of the events can be found in the official 1993 **Atlanta Lesbian & Gay Pride Guide** that Southern Voice will publish and insert in our **June 17th** issue.

That gives you plenty of time to get your calendars out, and your pencils sharpened to mark the events you want to go to, because "It's Time to Tell America." It's time to get out of the closets and into the streets. See you at Pride!

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Memorial Day is almost upon us (can you believe how fast this year is passing?) and the options for enjoying the weekend are plentiful. Many of my readers live in or have easy access to downtown Decatur where a two day arts extravaganza, the **Decatur Arts Festival**, is planned for May 29 and 30. The event will feature art and artists of all varieties, including hands on participation and performing artists.

Highlights of the festival include an outdoor artists' market with over 100 artists selling their work, a juried exhibition featuring local and regional artists, continuous performing artists on the mainstage on the square, an international folk art celebration including films, music, exhibits, and demonstrations at the Dana Fine Arts Gallery at Agnes Scott College, a children's festival on Saturday at the Decatur Recreation Center, and the Robin Harris Literary Arts Celebration, a film festival, a garden tour, a soapbox derby, and a cajun street party to kick things off on Friday the 28th from 5-11 p.m. Something here for everybody.

Also on Memorial Day weekend, the **Atlanta Symphony Orchestra**, under the direction of Yoel Levi, will present "American Salute," Champagne and Coffee Concerts on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights in Symphony Hall. This series of concerts, conducted by William Fred Scott, will be the last in the Champagne and Coffee series for the '92-'93 season and will feature patriotic and rarely heard melodies from American composers including John Philip Sousa and Aaron Copeland. The May 27 concert is an added performance and as a tribute, all active military will receive a 20% discount in person at the Woodruff Box Office. This is a great chance for Atlanta gay and lesbian veterans to show how patriotic they are!

Ticket prices for the champagne concerts range from \$16.50 to \$37 and the coffee concerts range from \$15.50 to \$33.50. Call the Woodruff box office at (404) 892-2414 for more information.

Usually there's not much happening on a Thursday night, but Thursday, June 3 is a BIG exception. Safari in Africa, wine taste in Italy, shop in Hong Kong, party hearty at the Sydney Mardi Gras, hike the Grand Canyon, trek Nepal and sail the Nile all for \$5 at **The Gay & Lesbian World Travel Expo**.

AFTER HOURS

D A N N Y R O B L E



Ellen Degeneres will be in town on June 4 at the Roxy.

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6:30-9:30 p.m. Southern Voice is the Atlanta co-sponsor of this event and we encourage our readers to come out and sample all the wares. If you need more info call the Expo hotline at 1-800-827-3020. Also, a portion of the proceeds from the Expo goes to the AIDS/HIV Nightline: HIV information and emotional support from 5 p.m.-5 a.m., 7 days a week. For help: (415) 668-AIDS.

With the recent closing of JoHanna's, one of the big questions was, "What will happen to **Laughing Matters?**" This group of actors and comics specialize in improvisation and performed a weekly show there. They have found a home (for the time being anyway) at one of the city's most venerable institutions, Manuel's Tavern, at 602 North Highland. The crazy kids have been busy preparing their performance space at the bar, which is the favorite haunt of Atlanta's political and media intelligentsia (oxymoron?), including President Carter, whose Library is only a stone's throw away. The troupe will perform their audience-inspired improv on Thursday nights, beginning on May 20 and running through June 10. The run may be extended for these audience pleasers. Head over to Manuel's and have a beer and some laughs with Laughing Matters.

Ellen Degeneres, one of the brightest young stars on the comedy horizon, brings her stand up show to Buckhead's Roxy Theatre on Friday, June 4, at 8:30 p.m. The slim, blonde Degeneres had me laughing 'til it hurt once as she recounted what she imagines her goldfish think to themselves inside the watery, glass-walled world of their aquarium. Call (404) 233-ROXY or TicketMaster at (404) 249-6400.

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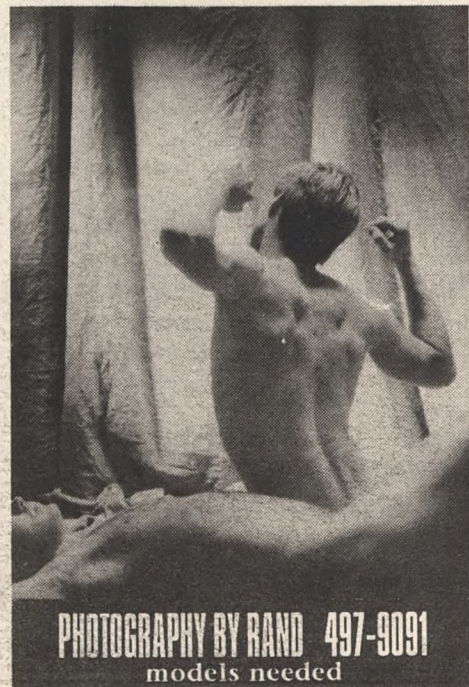


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When you've eaten out as often as I have for the past seven years, it generally takes something more than a new menu at an old restaurant to make me moist. Thus I was surprised at how my ears perked up and my tongue began to twitch when I saw a sign on the front of **Indigo Costal Grill** (1397 N. Highland Ave. 876-0676) announcing a new breakfast/brunch on Saturdays and Sundays.

Indigo has long been one of my faves. The food is always better than decent, frequently inspired. The slightly yup fish camp atmosphere is invariably upbeat without being hysterical, and the waitstaff is both professional and fun. The place just plain feels good, even when the wait for a table drags on and on.

One of the things that makes Indigo such a pleasure is the owners' willingness to experiment with combinations of ingredients and spices. That's the main reason I was so excited by the thought of an Indigo brunch—one of the very gayest of communal traditions. I mean, eggs benedict are perfectly nice, but they have to be done to *death*. Surely the egg/ham/hollandaise combo here would be a bit more exciting than what we've all been eating for the last 15 or 20 years.

Well, how does pork tenderloin (dredged in cajun spices and grilled) topped with poached eggs and cajun hollandaise, and served with a side of jalapeno grits sound?

Or French toast made with fat slices of brioche and covered with Frangelico custard sauce, toasted hazelnuts, and orange zest. It comes with a side of bacon and strawberries that have been soaked in balsamic vinegar and mint.

Or Indigo's signature gazpacho, sprinkled with scallops and shrimp, spiked with Bloody Mary spices and a squirt of Absolut Peppar?

Sure gets my jaded taste buds going.

The fried fish taco is a carry over from the dinner menu that's a mite difficult to fold and eat. But the flavors of crisp fish, crunchy cabbage, jalapeno tartar and lime work really well together. Probably not a good prelude to the aforementioned brioche toast, but it worked well with a wonderful concoction called Charleston.

That dish, named for the one of the most southern of southern cities, starts with grits that have been cooked for an hour with heavy cream and a hint of jalapeno. Spectacular. Piled on top of them is a saute of shrimp, country ham, tomatoes, peppers and onions. It sounds like heartburn city, but not so. The end result is a soothing and well balanced collection of flavors and textures that encourages overindulgence.

So do the sweet, creamy biscuits (made with heavy cream) and fig (or strawberry rhubarb or peach) preserves that accompany most of the entrees.

Decent, but far less fun, is a scramble of eggs, smoked salmon, chives and onions. The flavors are great, but eggs cooked

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too long make for problems in the texture department. Be specific: order this one with the eggs soft (or see if you can get them to scramble some cream cheese into the mix) and you'll be a lot happier.

For those who eschew whole eggs, Eggbeaters are an option, although the \$1.50 extra charge seems a bit stiff.

Other eggless options include a south-of-the-border spiced chicken salad, a mozzarella, tomato, lettuce and onion sandwich, and a tofu tamari and ginger scramble.

Strict veggie alternatives are limited to the aforementioned French toast, tofu scramble, tomato sandwich, and some wicked looking cornmeal/blueberry pancakes. Vegetarians could also order a fruit smoothie or a glass of fresh squeezed apple/carrot juice and a side of those fabulous grits and be pretty darn happy. For those who fancy fish, there's an oyster-laden hangtown scramble and codfish cakes with poached eggs.

Coffee is excellent Kenya AA; lattes, espressos, mango and cranberry teas, and a full selection of alcoholic indulgences are also available.

Service is as one has come to expect here: brisk, efficient, and often very entertaining.

Brunch service begins at an eye-popping 9 am—early if you've been out tripping the light fantastic on the previous night, but way cool when you're trying to get out of town or have a day of heavy shopping planned. You can eat and drink till you pop for \$10-15 a head.

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Meatless Wonders

I lunched at **Domiabra's** (1129 Euclid Ave. 524-2132) with a group of friends a couple of weeks ago and was quite pleased with several of the (strictly) vegetarian dishes that we tried.

Appetizers were generally first rate: fried plantains among the best I've ever had; fried yucca sticks crisp and tasty with their side of tomato chutney; and deep fried puff pastry (with a peppery chutney) additive.

An entree of black mushrooms with broccoli and onions in a soy-based sauce was earthy, flavorful, and filling. Its delight (tofu slabs, walnuts, mushrooms and broccoli in a creamy sauce) offered a range of pleasing flavors and textures.

There are several creatively spiced dishes made with wheat gluten (amazingly chewy and meat-like) that will either set you singing with pleasure or back to eating meat.

Good brown rice and a nice small salad (with a tasty salty, vinegary dressing) come with most entrees.

The surrounds at Domiabra are plain, but service is helpful and cheerful. Your tummy will be pleasantly (and healthfully) full for \$6-10; best of all no animals will have died to get you there.

Good stuff.

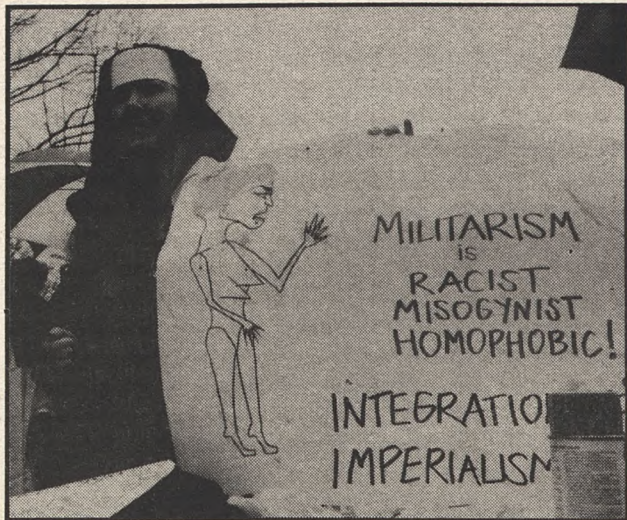
Go Figure: In case you missed it, "Crying Game" star (let) Jaye Davidson appeared in a Gap ad (photo by Annie Lebovitz) a couple of weeks ago wearing a sleeveless denim shirt unbuttoned to the waist. Lest you had any doubt about M. Davidson's gender prior to this time (Dish could not see how that could be, but some folks still claim to be confused and befuddled) you'll have little question after you see the ad. What Dish finds amusing is that the ad ran in but two publications—Entertainment Weekly and The New Yorker. Surely that says something about how The Gap perceives its gay customer base, but we're damned if we understand just what it says.

Disco Divas: While we're on magazines and fashion, check the spring issue of Esquire Gentleman for an article (with some pretty sharp photos and observations) about how gay men have "changed the landscape of style." Catch these quotes: "Many men don't realize it, but Christopher Street is our sartorial Ellis Island." "The back pages of Esquire were to the gay teenager what the lingerie advertising in The New York Times Magazine was to the heterosexual [and lesbians?]." "... gay guys may linger a little longer on a Marky Mark ad but, hey, nobody's certain that straight guys aren't checking him out and comparing, too..." And "It's now a marketing given that the gay sensibility sells to both straight and gay." But the best part of the article is a color shot from a 1974 Esquire spread featuring four disco driven male couples (three of them men of color) and all in highly suggestive poses. Dish did not read Esquire in '74, but if we had, we might have come out sooner.

Flirt Dirt: Dish hopes you were among the 500+ folks who spent Mother's Day with the Flirtations at the Variety Playhouse a couple of weeks ago. We were especially pleased to see a dozen or so moms in attendance and way more lesbians than the last time these guys were here. The Flirts' DC concert had at least 40 percent women in attendance, but maybe they knew that Kate Clinton, Tret Fure, Cris Williamson, and Holly Near were (unadvertised) on the bill too. Dish knows what each of the Flirtations did after their concert (and with whom). One went

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A group recruiting private citizens as mercenaries in Bosnia would love to have the Lesbian Avengers (here at a Lift the Ban Rally) on the team—if they weren't virulently anti-war/militarism/blood & guts, etc.

back to his hotel room alone. One went to his hotel room with a date in tow. One went dancing with friends. One went cruising at Bulldogs and The Eagle. Correctly guess who did which and we'll buy you a ticket next time they're in town.

Homos Please Apply: Seems as though a group that's recruiting private citizens for possible covert mercenary operations in

Bosnia is more on the ball than the US military. When you call a particular private DC number a recorded message informs folks "Wimps not needed nor wanted. Women and gays are welcome." Dish still wants to know why any self respecting homo would want to fight with anyone—much less fight with guns and bombs—but we think we're in the minority on this.

Bigger Bucks? This is a bit stale by now, but given his not exactly shy and retiring nature, we figure that the machinations of Michelangelo Signorile are never exactly old news. Seems that the volatle Mr. S. is no longer a columnist at The Advocate and is now a "contributing writer" for Out magazine. Signorile will do "investigative pieces, essays, and commentary" which is more than he did at The Advocate. Given that Out is bimonthly and The Advocate biweekly, one assumes that Mr. S. is getting paid significantly bigger bucks in New York than he was in L.A. Dish, by the way, has been reading "Queer in America" and we've about decided that Signorile is right; the outing of public figures is a moral and ethical act. Talk about a turnaround!

We Never Look at the Pictures—Not: Okay, okay we know it's not PC (and it makes Dish's girlfriend mad as hell), but we love to look at the pictures in Playboy. Thus imagine our surprise when we picked up the June issue and found not only acres of female flesh, but also a very interesting essay by one Williams Broyles Jr. (who wrote "Brothers in Arms" and was co-creator of TV's "China Beach") about homos in the military. "Of Lust and Arms" (replete with an illustration of an army non-com showing a significant rise in his pants) contends that no one is talking about the sexually repressed, homoerotic nature of the bond that allows soldiers to fight in combat. Says he, "Everybody [in the unit] becomes lovers, but without sex." While we agree with those parts of Broyles' premise, we'd take issue with his contention that, "The dark fact is that soldiers are trained to kill as a group and the darker secret is that sexual energy is deeply related to killing." (Our take on sex has always been sort of the opposite.) Also in this issue, a whole page of spiffy quotes, pro and con, on queers in the military, and an interview with America's coolest het couple, Roseanne and Tom Arnold.

May 26 - June 2, 1993

Are you ready for the Big Weekend? Sometimes these holidays can be exhausting, so think about exactly what you need to get from this 3-day period. It's a good time for gardening, having a yard sale, cleaning out closets and having friends over for a picnic. Have fun whatever you decide to do.

ARIES, you are usually good at living with sudden change, the unexpected, turmoil or occasional high drama. It is also important to enjoy routine and pleasant peaceful moments in your own back yard. Slow down enough to enjoy living. Dear **TAURUS**, how are your relationships going? If you feel that Special Someone is losing interest, then it may be in your best interest to relax and let them go. They may just need a little breathing room. Happy birthday, **GEMINI!** Hopefully you are having a wonderful month. However, if life isn't exactly measuring up to your expectations, then experience the simple pleasures to the MAX.

CANCER, if you feel you are being taken for granted at home or your efforts at work are not appreciated, then you may need to speak up for yourself or set your personal boundaries more firmly. Make time for creativity and fun. Dear **LEO**, if you are

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irritated with most of your friends or feel that you are surrounded by too many "stupid" people, it could be that your self-esteem has bottomed out and you are seeing the world upside down. Go easy on yourself and others. **VIRGO**, romance is in the air, but it may be hard for you to notice if you have too many projects going. Take time for friends, fun and relaxation. If you are frazzled, don't take on any more responsibility!

LIBRA, as Jupiter goes direct in your 1st house of personality and self-awareness, you may experience more clarity about your sense of purpose. Your personal needs may be easier to express and fulfill as you move forward. **SCORPIO**, now that Saturn has moved into your 5th house of play, passion and creativity, you can bring some structure and organization to any form of creativ-

ity or to areas of your life that seem to be too chaotic. **SAGITTARIUS**, summer is just around the corner and you may be yearning for adventure or a short vacation at the very least. If you haven't taken any time off from work or your busy schedule, wait till the traffic clears and head out of town.

CAPRICORN, if this is the Dawning of the Age of Aquarius, what happened to the Age of Capricorn? Well, the best is yet to come. We'll have the Age of Capricorn in about 2,000 years, so there really is hope for the planet after all. **AQUARIUS**, you could find yourself in a social whirl for the next few weeks or with lots of energy going into partnerships and close personal relationships. Take things as they come and go with the flow doing your best to be flexible. **PISCES**, are you having difficulties dealing with the world? Feeling like a space traveler who was dropped off without the instruction book? If so, you may find comfort and assistance by connecting with your own personal companion angel.

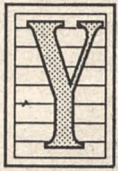
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You know what I was doing on Mother's Day. EVERY year, without fail, I accompany my parental units and sib on the Gardens for Connoisseurs Tour sponsored by the Atlanta Botanical Garden. When she feels up to it, Miss Elly sojourns with us. She can't decide what constitutes the more arduous part of the ordeal—wheelchair-inaccessible landscapes, hot sun, or my folks just being themselves. A tough call.

For myself, the tour is an opportunity to see what gardening can be like if you have seemingly infinite resources of time, money and help. A relatively cheap thrill, at 20 tax-deductible dollars a throw for 11 gardens, or \$5 per garden.

This year, we headed out beyond 285. First stop was Bellmere in Duluth, the fantasy island creation of Deen Day Smith and hubbie Charles. Yes, you've read about them in what passes for the totogravure. No, I haven't been invited for tea.

So on this one day, I was able to see what could be done with 300 acres of hardwoods, woodland streams, swimming pool and cabana larger than the familial homestead, lake with swans and native ducks, gazebos, all manner of perennial beds, thousands of bulbs, a 17th century life-sized statue of Artemis and her hounds fronting the lake, etc.

You could happily expire amidst the fabulous walkways ringed with specimen trees and shrubs, the dozens of varieties of irises, the endless parade of clove-scented pinks, the never ending stands of wiegelia...

Next stop Crabapple, Georgia, Celestine Sibley's hang-out. Chestnut Hill "is a compound of 19 historically accurate Georgia buildings, featuring the main house designed by Georgia's late master restorationist, James Means. There is an original one-room log doctor's office that was built in 1800

and used for 100 years. Outside this office, within stacked fieldstone walls, is an extensive garden of medicinal herbs that were used for therapeutic purposes. Additionally, there is a vegetable garden and a hillside of fruit trees, raspberries and muscadines. The flower beds are old perennials salvaged from the original sites of the buildings."

What impressed me most here? The ENORMOUS rhododendrons; tons of native azaleas; original wagons and farm implements from the 19th century; the corrugated roofs of the buildings; the grape arbors; and all the yarrow, comfrey, rosemary, apothecary rose, elderberry, chives, german-der, etc. you could use in a lifetime of traditional medicine.

Just down the road a piece was Rooster's Ridge Farm. We took a LONG walk out to the (non-natural) lake, a feature you behold so finely from the HUGE house, which is swathed in stone, and fronted by tons of pinks and dotted with a few relatively fearless bluebirds. There was a great woodland walk in the rear, where you could wander amongst azaleas, tradescantia, iris, etc. One border featured the deepest purple/blue Siberian Iris I've ever seen (v. Caesar's Brother).

The nature trail leads to a cleared area with vegetable beds, and horses graze on the far side. You could become accustomed to this sort of life, I believe.

Turning back toward Atlanta, we wound up in the Brookhaven area. Would you believe, on much less than an acre, Anna Davis has created a Rose Eden? She has more than 250 kinds of roses, which are espaliered into circular bowers and wreaths, or tucked into unassuming paths for unexpected pleasures.

The incredible fragrance alone caused my mother to

swoon...not to mention her uncontrolled envy at the miraculously clean and healthy state of the roses—no black spot, rust, beetles, etc. here!! And while the Flowers of Venus were knockouts, you can't forget the little herbs and perennials lining the walkway or shoring up the steep banks, nor the topiary animals astride the swings and benches.

While mere mortals contented ourselves with admiring the unattainable, further treasures awaited us a little further on in the Brookhaven Historic District. Directly across from the golf course, a pebble drive winds you through giant rhododendrons, native azaleas, hemlocks, giant nandinas, and an allee of cherokee dogwoods.

Then you happen upon the world's most amazing garden shed, complete with skylights, stained glass windows, stone floor, organized and well-kept tools lining the walls, etc. I stood in awe within those walls, as if in a tiny cathedral.

There was also a lily field, perennials beds, well-pond, patio, sculptures, tall and handsome spiderworts, more pinks, etc. You exit along a live bamboo wall—which must be great for felines or children hiding out or performing unseen observings—into a tiny, trellised white garden, beyond which is a large rhododendron mound.

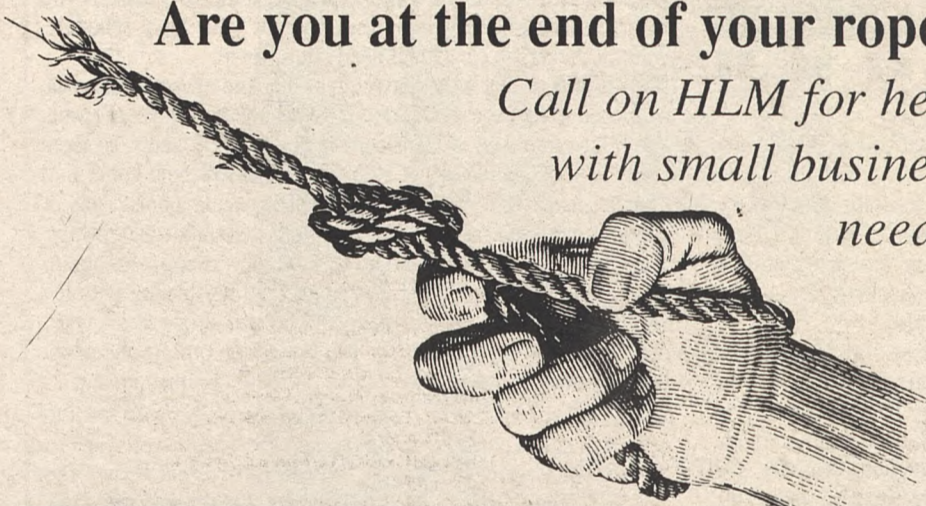
Well I'm sorry, but after all this, we just could not make it to the Buckhead and Ansley Park locations. Six hours with the family meets my quota for a while anyway. The Tour happens on both the day before and on Mother's Day, because only cocaine freaks or manic depressives on an upswing could possibly do all the gardens in one day.

Not fitting into either category at the moment, I found that after all the sun and plants and gaping, my mother was uncharacteristically speechless. In fact, for the very first time, she failed to utter her perpetual war-cry, "I'm pulling everything out, and starting all over!!"

Really. It was that sort of tour. While the quality and size of the selected gardens varies from year to year and site to site, I promise that even the most prissy can find true love next Mother's Day while on tour.

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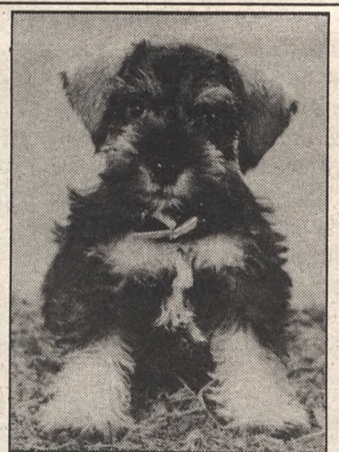
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D. PATTON WHITE

Age: 31

How long in Atlanta: 14 years

Relationship status: single

Last book read: "First Steps in Teaching Creative Dance to Children" by Mary Joyce

Pet peeve: People who don't know how to drive



D. Patton White came to Atlanta expecting to become a rich lawyer. He went to Emory University, where many a rich lawyer has come from, but he didn't end up in the corporate world, instead his feet took him in another direction; the stage.

Born in Colorado, White was raised in Idaho Springs, a small town outside Denver.

"After spending all of my life there surrounded by people with this small town mentality, I decided I needed to go far away to a big city to go to college," he remembers.

He had read about this far off place in sixth grade when he picked up a copy of "Gone With the Wind."

"I fell in love with the whole idea with the south," he says. "I realize the book didn't truthfully depict the south, but I liked the warm climate and I wanted to go to Emory."

Once here, he discovered his love of dance while working toward a double major in Psychology and Philosophy.

"I continued at Emory, even when I discovered that I loved dancing because I never thought I could make a career out of it," Patton explains.

But he has made a career of his dance, and one that looks like it could become very successful. Once out of school he worked as a visual merchandiser and a photo stylist while he developed his choreographic skills.

He got his first dance company job with the Decatur/DeKalb Civic Ballet. Since then he has danced with Lee Harper and Dancers, Ruth Mitchell Dance Company, the Atlanta Ballet and Dance South. His dance resume became so impressive that in the fall of 1990 he became director of the first dance company he was with—Beacon Dance company.

"Originally I wanted to build Beacon as a touring company," Patton says. "But now I have reassessed my goals and I feel we should be more active in our community."

That meant getting involved with the Atlanta Project. Patton now teaches dance to

kids in the Crim Cluster twice a week, and has been awarded a grant to create a site specific dance.

"By that I mean a dance that takes its form and inspiration from the particular site in which it will be performed," he explains. "So I will be involving the cluster residents in all facets of the creation and performance of this dance so it really will be their dance."

Patton says he hasn't felt any hostility toward people in the Atlanta Project because he is gay. In fact, he says when he began to get to know committee members in the Crim Cluster he found out "the gay population is probably the majority on that committee."

Some of his kids have made anti-gay remarks in front of him, but he says "I think my work with the kids will be a positive thing. I don't know how open I want to be with them, but they probably assume that I'm gay. But they interact with me just fine."

As for the future of D. Patton White, he sees "fame and fortune."

"My stars are aligned well these days, I've had good luck lately," he smiles.

Indeed, he has. You can see for yourself this weekend at the Decatur Arts Festival as Beacon dance Company performs. If you miss that, then get your tickets to "42nd Street," he'll be in that performance at the Fox with the Theatre of the Stars.

After all this, is Patton sad that he didn't become a rich attorney?

"I can't imagine having to exist in the corporate world at this point," he answers. "Right now, I just count myself lucky to be doing exactly what I want to do. Every single day is a new adventure."

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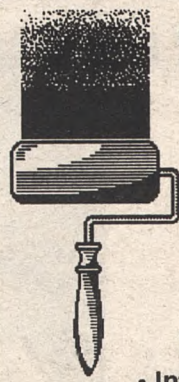
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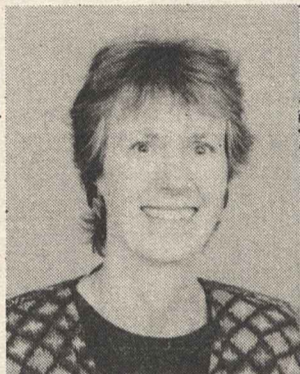




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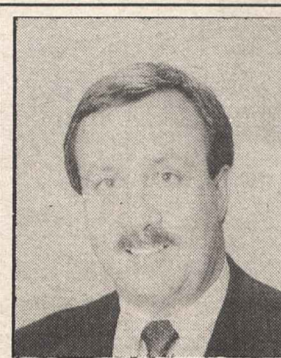
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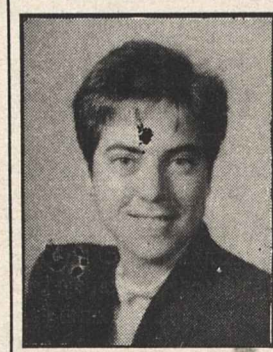
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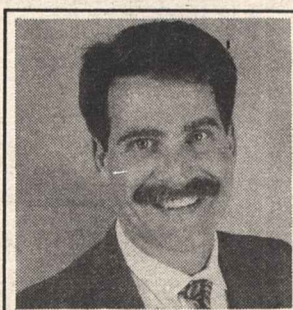
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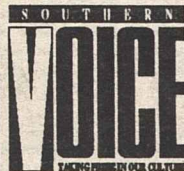
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GWF, 25, fem, pleasing plump with daughter, seeking GF for friendship, maybe more. Enjoy music, movies and more. No drugs. % 1419

Single 30 year old male seeks lesbian for marriage of mutual convenience. % 1420

GWF seeks same age 31-40 emotionally healthy, feminine, communicative, affectionate, thoughtful, no drugs, smokers, for friend-

ship, possible relationship. Hopeless? % 1413

GBF, 18, petite, lipstick lesbian, seeks GBF 18-21 for friendship, maybe more. % 1416

Handsome / cute GWF, 36, professional, playful, provocative, health-minded, athletic, opinionated, kind, sincere, seeks similar for friendship and possibly romance. % 1414

Seriously GBF seeking...A black woman who is feminine, bitchy, petite and willing to bow down to me. % 1409

GWF, attractive, 34, seeks same for dinner, dancing, movies, music, outdoors, indoors, art, theatre, etc. Humorous, witty, intelligent a must. % 1383

GBF 2 kids seems feminine, likes to be controlling. Seeks extremely feminine BF who wants a serious relationship. No chubbies. % 1382

Single female seeking other females for friendship and possible relationship. 18-25. No butches. % 1381

GBF attractive romantic of 28; Searching thru ads for female life-mate. You should be attractive too - insightful, thoughtful, communicative and true. % 1356

GWF - 33, intelligent, attractive, vegetarian, with strong sense of integrity, into non-bar activities, seeks a GF, 32-40 who thinks well of herself, with similar interests. % 1354

GWF - Androgynous; likes dancing, music, walks, wine and candlelight, beer and pool. Seeking GWFs with personality, brains, and a life. % 1349

GWF, 21, seeks GWF, 21-25 for friendship and possibly more. No smokers / drugs. % 1347

GWF, 22, seeks similar. Intelligent, career minded, enjoy having fun, laughing, experiencing new things. Seeking friendship, possible romance. % 1344

Single Black Female seeks same for friendship and other possibilities. % 1324

GWF, feminine, 31, seeking a feminine, emotionally stable, humorous, affectionate, thoughtful, drug-free, intelligent woman. Is this a hopeless search? % 1322

GWF, attractive, slim, 40, feminine, non-smoker, self-supporting, seeks: butchish GWF to lead in country dancing, friendship, hopefully more. % 1308

"WHERE ARE YOU?" - GWF, fem, lipstick lesbian, pretty, 30's, looking for someone special to date. I love art, music, guitars, dancing, poetry, theatre, travel, romance, hugs, candlelight dinners, positive people, motivation. Do not want: drugs, negative people, one night stands, games, butch women, men. Show me an ad can work by replying! I know you're out there, we just haven't met yet! % 1310

GBF - 25 tender years is an assertive, progressive and extremely conscious college student who prefers a self-assured understanding feminine woman. % 1259

Zesty tall XLarge 35WF artistic w/hangups likes gabbing cinema tunes games emotions lonely for WF admirer 30-50 size who cares % 1256

Attractive GBF (a little tomboyish at times), seeks aggressive yet beautiful, articulate and intelligent counterpart. 22-32 for friendship or more. % 1253

Lonely GBF, 35, attractive, professional, seeks attractive, feminine woman for one-on-one relationship. No Butch/Bi's. % 1249

Two single GFs looking to expand network of friends. Interests include movies, picnics, etc. Expand your horizons. Call us today. % 1254

GWF, 31, 5'2", 113 lbs, professional, attractive seeks similar GWF for movies, dining,

working out, travel & possibly more. % 1247

GBF, 27, new to Atlanta, discreet. Enjoys a night in rather than a night out. Wants a fem for friendship. % 1239

GBF, 5'8", 139 lbs seeks GF who is intelligent and serious about a friendship and possible relationship. % 1231

GWF seeks same age 30-38, intelligent, attractive, good values, emotionally healthy, playful. No drugs or smokers. % 1232

Progressive GWF looking for other progressive women for friendship or possible relationship. % 1235

Attractive, attentive, gregarious, honest, intelligent, intense, off-the-wall, romantic, sensual, late 30's, travelling professional needs affectionate, eclectic, striking, sexually adventurous sophisticate for weekend romantic pursuits. No flakes, druggies or gamers (I don't know the rules!). % 1127

GF seeks that special someone to fill her arms - and warm her nights. Call me, let's get together! % 1124

GWF, romantic, feminine, 32, attractive, intelligent, searching for similar sincere WF who desires honest caring friendship (Atlanta, Macon, Covington). % 1123

WF, 26, 5'11", 140 lbs, br/br, looking for gay/bi female for fun, friendship, and who knows. Femmie, no butches, 21-35. Fit & no drugs. % 1126

MEN

Long "Married", great relationship, but little sex. Want to help out daytimes? GWM, 37, handsome, good shape, healthy, hairy, bottom. % 1459

Submissive WM, 30, 5'10", 165, attractive & fit, seeks training from strict dominant. I'm a novice, but eager to learn! % 1460

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GWM, 29, Br/Br, 5'8" 150lbs. Interests: spirituality, sci-fi and fun. Seeks 19-35, HIV- into same for friendship and more. % 1457

White collar Asian male, 29, 5'10", seeks guy 20-35 for friendship. You like massage when watching TV. % 1454

WM, 31, 5'8", prof., attr, fit, smooth, HIV-, rel. oriented. Seeks WM 30-45, prof., attr., tall, hairy. % 1453

Executive Top, 6', 185 lbs, blk/grn, seeks young bottom, toys, enemas. Tom, POB 13063, Savannah, GA 31416. (6.16)

GWM, 55, wise, artsy, affectionate, seeks Top down to earth same for relationship. % 1450

Masculine, affectionate, witty, trim, clean-cut, non-smoking, non-drugged GWM, 34, seeks similar, 32-36, for relationship based on communication, growth, and fun. % 1452

GWM, 30, handsome, athletic, HIV+ but healthy, seeks masculine GBM, 25-40 for friendship and more. I live out-of-town and visit Atlanta often. % 1451

Black Male, 23, very masculine, athletic, tall, healthy, in good shape, with varied interests, seeks Black Male with similar qualities. % 1425

Successful GWM, 40s, masculine, professional. Seeks very attractive wholesome WM under 24 for relationship / work / school. % 1456

GWM, 35, 5'8", 130 lbs. Brown/blue seeks WM top for monogamous relationship. No bar flys. Love to cuddle. % 1448

Serious monogamous relationship wanted. Japanese Gay Male, 41, 5'7", 155, HIV-, stable, honest, financially secure, educated, thoughtful, considerate, kind, caring and compassionate person. Seeking GWM, 35-45. Will relocate for right man. I enjoy good exercise at fitness club, nature walk, theaters, concerts. Warm and caring personality is very important for me. Please write to Mr. Okamura, Mail Box 147-291, 6900 San Pedro, San Antonio, TX 78216. Photo appreciated. ARIGATO (6.15)

Looking for love? GWM, 38, 6'2" prof. seeks romance with same 30-40. Hairy chest major plus. Sincere and caring. % 1447

GWM, 5'11", brn/brn, 200# prof. seeks young smooth slim bottom GWM for fun times. % 1445

GBM, 5'10", 200 lbs, average looks, occasional drag, 22 seeks BM 190+, 25+, for friend, looks not important. Not into bars. % 1444

GWM, 38, homebody, smoker, fairly attractive, have friends yet lonely, likes walks, companionship, seeks similar HIV-, 36-43, #1406, 1189 Virginia Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. (6.15)

GWM, 32, 5'9", brown hair, brown eyes, masculine, attractive seeks GWM 18-39 for friendship, companionship. % 1422

GWM, 6', 175, smooth, professional, attractive, HIV- seeks discreet younger, submissive, HIV- playmate interested in safe fist action, WS, or spanking. Novice welcome. % 1449

WM, attr., slim, HIV-, versatile, seeks healthy, well-endowed BM for no strings fun/good times. Note to: POB 13586, Atlanta 30324-1586 (6.14)

Black Prince - where RU? I: gwm, 36, 260#, handsome, masculine, N2 fitness. You: athletic, confident, masc., trim. Please hurry, buddy. % 1412

GWM, 36, healthy, HIV, 5'11", 180, good-looking, muscular, seeks top. You: GWM, masculine, 32-45, good shape. % 1411

GWM, 29, 5'7", 160, br/br, Masculine, intelligent, affectionate top seeks masculine, intelligent, affectionate bottom to share life and love. % 1415

Attractive, masculine BM, 30, seeking well endowed masculine BM for no strings fun. % 1418

African American, Hispanic and Anglo athletes. Handsome, muscular GWM looking for sparring partners. Semi experienced boxer. But can be easy and sexy. % 1387

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GWMC seeks young (18-25), goodlooking GWM for house boy / slave. Private room / bath in exchange for house work / personal services. Call for details. % 1388

GWM, 37, 5'6", 160#, blk/grn, hairy, moustache, healthy, non-smoker, professional, NW area. Seeking similar GWM, 35-40's for possible relationship. % 1407

GWM, 49, attractive. Fit, swimmer, HIV-, seeks boyfriend 25-45, prefer slender, fem., literary / artistic interests important. Any race. % 1408

WM, 29, 6 ft, 175 lbs, reeding Willis type, country boy, boots, jeans, conservative, CLOSETED, seeks same for LONG friendship. Rockdale area. % 1384

Bottom seeks muscular Top, 25 to 40 who gives safe Greek, spankings, WS, TT, obedience training, verbal humiliation; and likes to receive body worship, rimming, boot service and other safe S&M. % 1385

Attractive GWM 40 seeks attractive GWM 25-40 who is sincere, romantic and affectionate. POB 11606, Atlanta 30355. % 1379

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Asians, Blacks, Hispanics, and all others: Mature WM, active, hot, more. Beginners welcome. % 1380

GWM, 35, 5'5", 137, Br/Bi, bearded/hairy, HIV+, seeks attractive submissive boy for cuddling/kink, possible relationship. No smokers. % 1375

Mr. Right seeks Mr. Ready. Handsome top seeks bottom for loving relationship. % 1376

Handsome WM, 35, 6'2", 185, Brown hair / eyes, moustache. Runner, swimmer, well-edu-

cated, professional, seeking similar WM 30+. % 1377

GWM - 23, 6'1", Br/Bi, versatile, HIV-. Sks out-doorsey 25-30 GWM for pos relationship. No fems. PO Box 1354, Cornelia, GA 30531. % 1378

LAIDBACK, WM, semi-loner, 42, 6'2", 180 lbs, HIV-, seeks similar man also interested in mutually private "French" tutoring, no femmes! % 1358

GWM seeks fine GBMs 18-28 for hot, safe fun in Orlando, Fla area. Cum, be with me! % 1357

GBM 34, 5'10, 190 lbs, good-looking, athletic, masculine, very romantic seeks hairy masculine GWM between 25-40 for friendship and possible romance. % 1355

Athletic GBM, 25, 6'2", 190, seeks bigger stronger GWM to help me gain extra muscle. You'll get friendship, maybe more. % 1353

ATHENS - Irish beekeeper (new to area) seeks mature masculine (bisexual?), discreet (monogamous/safe) companion to share rustic country "cottage" life. % 1352

28yo GWM, average looks, HIV- Seeking young guys (18-25) for casual encounters. Safe sex only, limits respected. % 1351

Playful anal GWM, 45, 5'10", 150#, seek / share higher anal erotic states. Taoist erotic massage, HIV-, your status no barrier. % 1350

BM, 29, 5'5", 160#, seeks BM 21-35, caring and sincere for friendship and discreet encounters. Call me, let's talk. % 1348

Hot, horny bottom seeks hunky hung top for good times, safe fun and more. % 1343

Sincere GWM, 28, 6'4", 230 #, dk blonde/blue, seeks GWM, 21-28 for committed monogamous relationship. % 1345

GWM, mature, seeks muscular attractive strict, 25-40 master who needs household and other services. % 1346

Black hardcore former project boy from NYC, tall, dark, street-wise, no-nonsense seeks absolutely manly, sexy, handsome, dark black soulmate. % 1339

WM, 240 lbs, 6'4", masc. Looking for strong minded black male, discreet and into sports. % 1334

Relationship oriented! Enjoy quality times with caring muscular BM, 41, HIV+. You must be a similar GM. No drugs/smoke. % 1336

BM, 30, 170, nice body, attractive, needs a spanking by masculine BM top. % 1337

GBM 24, 6', 215, good-looking, masculine, intelligent, sincere, with varying interests seeks similar in GWM for possible long-term relationship. % 1338

Teddy bear type attractive WM, 5'9", 245 lbs, clean, healthy, happy, seeking masculine, healthy BM (Top) for friendship/possible relationship. % 1340

Black male with feet fetish seeks masculine black male for uninhibited pleasures. % 1341

Friendship is primary for this liberal, professional, 37, GWM who seeks similar GBM to enjoy literature, movies, plays, dinners, etc. % 1342

Fun, attractive, intelligent GWM, 22 into theatre, astrology, and film seeks intelligent, sensual GWM, 20-45 for potential relationship. % 1325

Amateur wrestler, 6 ft. 185, blonde/blue, 45, good shape, seeks others interested in wrestling, safe fun. % 1326

GWM, 30, French active seeks good looking slender WM's, 20s. Size unimportant. Cut with no beards please. Fems welcomed. Discreet. % 1320

GWM, handsome, romantic, sincere, sense of humor, caring, gentle and strong. If you appreciate and possess these qualities, let's talk. % 1319

Attractive GWM, 30, 5'5", 132, Brn/brn, hairy, seeking tall, handsome, sincere, non-smoker, GWM for romantic permanent relationship - no barriers. % 1318

Tall, single, slim, dark sexy black male 6ft. 3in., 185 lbs seeks same Bi/GM Top Males 30-45, single, muscular for friendship and more. No fems. % 1323

MUSCULAR, CLEAN CUT GWM, grad student, short, lean, dark, hairy, non-smoker, HIV-. Safe, imaginative. Seeking MUSCULAR jocks into showing off, j/o, being worshipped. % 1315

France - Loire Valley - French boy likes friendship in USA. I love USA and I will love my friends from your lovely country. % 1311

WM, 32, 6'3", 235. My interests: country/rock music, pop culture/Simpsons/Batman, Braves movies, art... Your interests? % 1313

GWM, 40, wishes to meet guys under 25 for fun, friendship, or whatever! % 1316

Sincere GWM, 22, seeks GWM, 23-28 for

long-term, monogamous relationship. Serious only need respond. % 1312

GWM, attractive, 40's, oral expert for heavy equipment. Gay/Bi/Str tune-ups given. Best in town. Call soon! % 1317

Clean-cut, 36yo GWM, blonde, green, thick, hunky body, honest, well-grounded, successful, energetic, oral and sexually-charged. Wicket kisser. Seeks guys who are honest, well-balanced, have aspirations and energy. Turn-ons, thick, hunky men with a little meat on them, Italians, dark hair. % 1309

GWM, 5'8", 160#, retired senior, healthy, financially responsible, seeks male 25-40 for daytime relationship. % 1307

BM 35, 5'8", 155 lbs, healthy, trim, versatile, well endowed, masculine seeks GM with same qualities. No fems. % 1257

Horny, hairy, hung GWM, 23, 165 lbs. NEEDS a daddy to spank him. "Chris" % 1261

Masc GWM 32 Fresh Active seeks horny young MEN, looks unimportant (18-25) Pref smooth, young-looking. Let me worship you. % 1255

Tall, dark, sexy, hairy black male, 28. Seeks honest, sincere, muscled, affectionate Bi/GM Top Man for mutual friendship / more. % 1251

Intelligent GWM seeks same for lunchtime companion or friend. Perimeter mall area, early / mid-afternoon, Monday thru Friday. % 1248

GWM, 35, TEDDYBEAR, 5'10", 275 lb.+ seeks hunk w/mind, for conversation and adventurous safe sex. Call voice box - let's talk! % 1250

GWM, tall, smooth, slim - would like to meet aggressive, hairy, stocky, masculine man - 40 to 50. Bald a plus. I'm HIV+, healthy, friendly, good looking. % 1246

Horny GWM, 30, 5'4", wants to do helicopter spins on your face! Love hot letters / photos / videos. Call-leave address % 1243

Single woman seeks GM for marriage of mutual convenience. % 1244

Gdklg GWM, 32, rdsh br/gr., clean-shaven, 5'10 1/2", 189#, healthy, good stocky build, collegiate/professional type, sks collegiate/professional type, 22-42, with ticklish feet for hot tickle sessions. "Bottoms" only. Sane, sensual, safe fun. Live in Birmingham but can travel. % 1241

GWM, 54, 5'10", 165, healthy, mature, romantic, secure professional seeks quality, slender GBM, age unimportant, for friendship, perhaps relationship. % 1242

Adolescent Florida Executive, 6 ft., 170 lbs. Blond. ISO spontaneous, artsy, skinny, young companion for dinner, romance here, sailing, diving, vacations there. % 1240

GBM, 25, sexy, versatile, endowed, seeks brother w/similar qualities and w/sincere interest in developing friendship into more. No fems. % 1238

WM, 32, 5'10", 155#, F/A, loner type seeks fellow non-fam WM Southerner 30-50 wanting possible one-on-one relationship. % 1237

BM seeks masculine BM to become ? buddies. % 1236

Good looking GWM, 6'1", 190, successful, secure, romantic top seeks relationship oriented cute bottom, 28-38. % 1234

GBM, tall, athletic, professional, discreet, youthful 33, masculine, seeks sexy similar for friendship, fun, mutual enrichment. % 1120

GWM, 32, 5'9", 142 lbs. Professional, handsome, seeks same. % 1125

MB 25, 6', 170 lbs, new to town seeks other males 21-35 for friendship. Interested? I leave msg. % 1112

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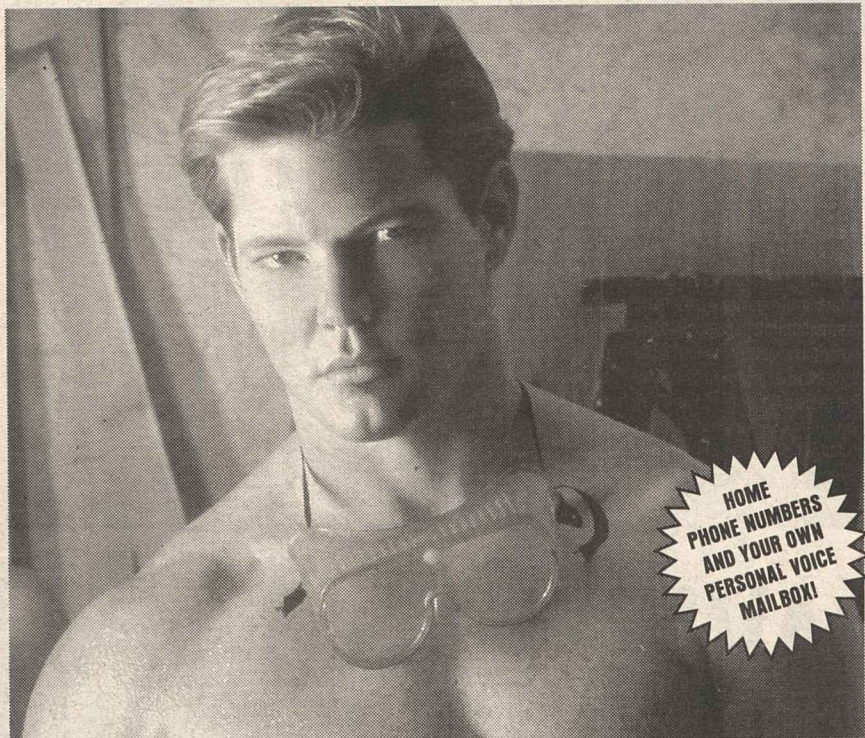
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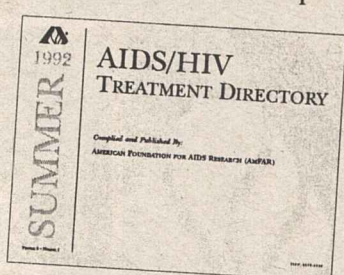
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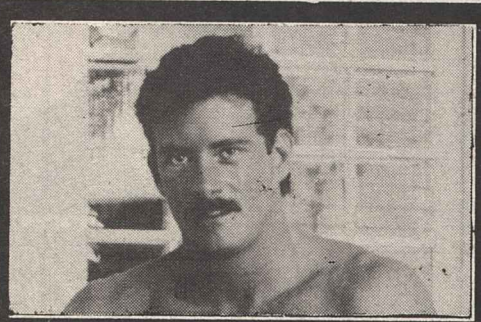
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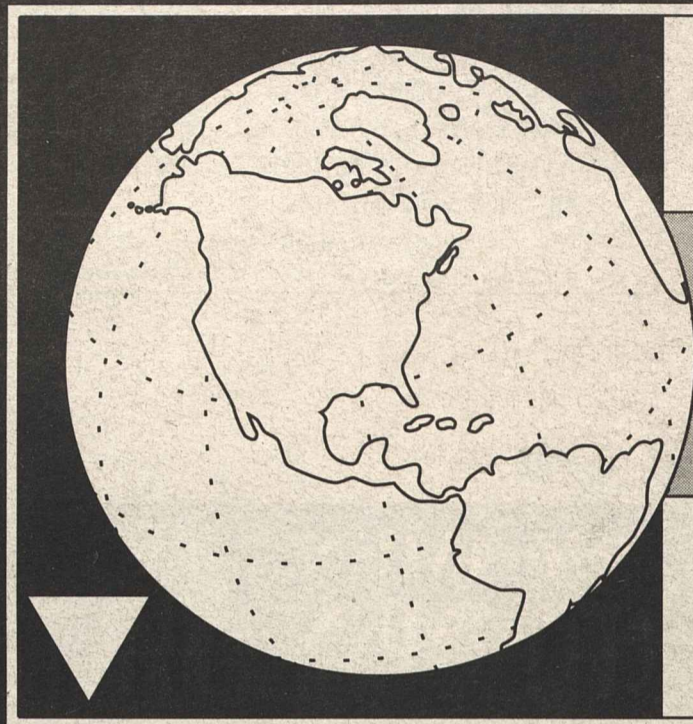
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