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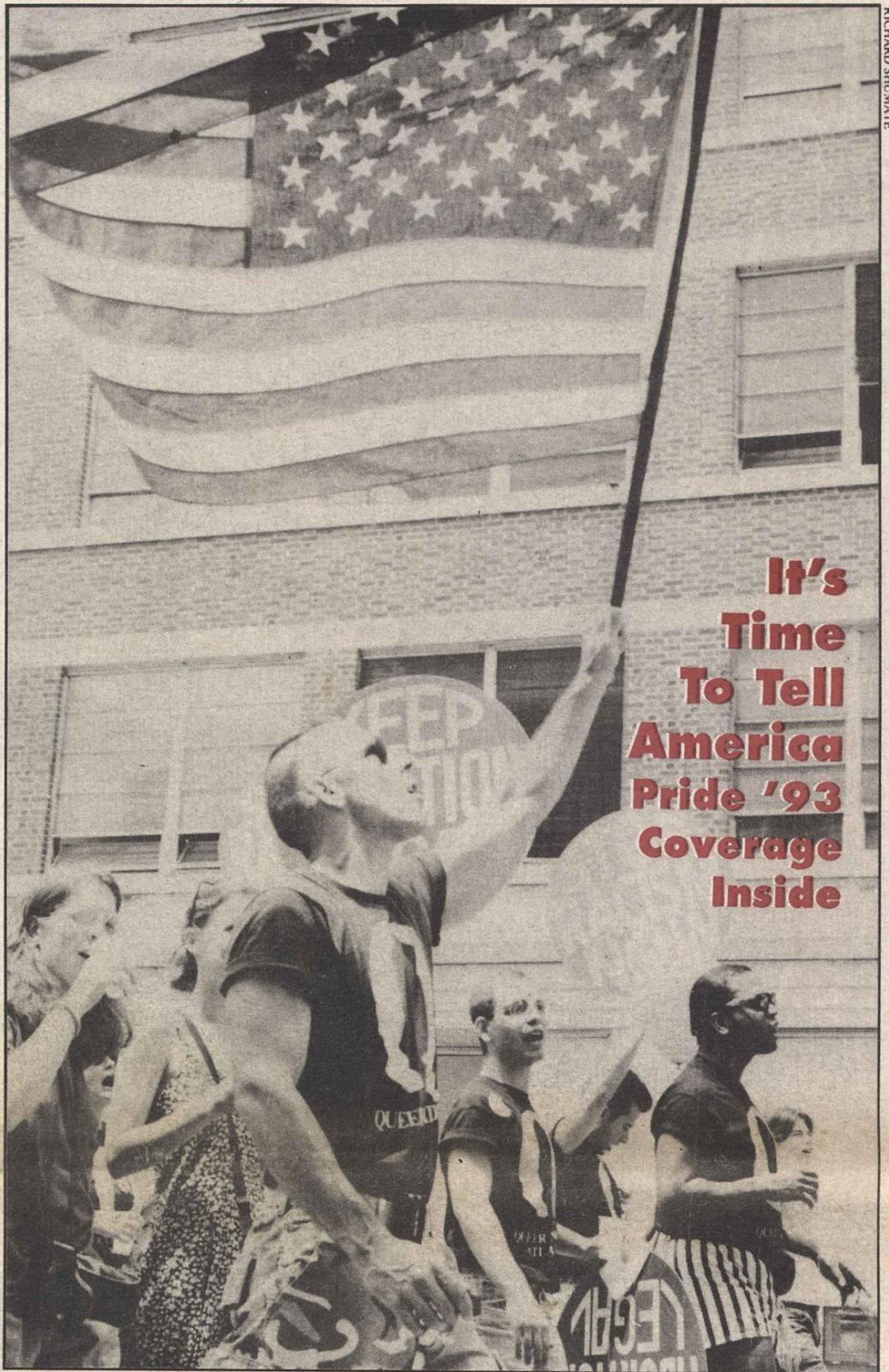
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VICTORY UNDER ATTACK

Chief Bell, Councilman Smith lead charge to scuttle domestic partnership benefits for city employees

by KC WILDMOON

Atlanta—The backlash against Atlanta's newly-passed domestic partnership legislation has begun, with a conservative member of the City Council employing AIDS as a weapon and Police Chief Eldrin Bell apparently rallying his officers to opposition.

Councilman Dozier Smith has asked the council to put a question on the November ballot repealing the ordinance that would extend benefits to domestic partners of city employees. And the Atlanta police officers' union, after discussions with Bell, wrote a letter to Mayor Maynard Jackson, asking him to veto that measure.

Marcia Okula, Jackson's special assistant for lesbian and gay issues, said that most of the phone calls to her office last week were opposed to the domestic partnership bills.

"One day we had 100 calls against and 12 for," Okula said. "The battle goes on."

The other ordinance in the domestic partnership package, which would allow city residents to register as domestic partners, has so far not drawn any efforts to overturn it. But the benefits extension is drawing fire, as proponents and opponents debate how much it will cost.

"We're not opposed to the benefits," said Sgt.

Mark Lawson, president of Local 623 of the International Brotherhood of Police Officers. "I think they should have them. But I've got too many guys and they've all got guns and they don't want to pay more."

Lawson said that Chief Bell had called him about the legislation, and that the chief was concerned about possible increases in insurance premiums for all employees as a result of the implementation of the new policy.

"He was making us aware of concerns expressed to him by other officers," he said. "And by making us aware of the possible financial impact, it drove us to the decision we made."

IBPO regional vice president Chip Warren, who drafted the letter to the mayor at the request of Local 623, said that requiring city employees to pay higher premiums was too much to ask.

"City employees went four years without a raise," Warren said. "If you take one more penny out of their paychecks, they'll go bananas."

However, when contacted by Southern Voice, Chief Bell, through a spokesperson, denied that he had encouraged the union to oppose the measure.

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A weekend full of Pride

Lesbians, gays and their supporters, answering the call, 'It's Time to Tell America,' pack Piedmont Park

It was hot. It was humid. Television coverage was better than usual—only one station focused exclusively on the stereotypes. Newspaper coverage was short but accurate. Politicians stumped for votes. Piedmont Park was packed, but no one could really agree just how packed.

Only a couple of small pockets of religious extremists met the marchers on Peachtree. The rain held out long enough for the fireworks, although an evening thunderstorm provided almost as much of a visual display as the rockets. And by the way, the Lesbian Avengers did take their shirts off.

Lesbian and Gay Pride in Atlanta, in its 22nd year, has really hit the big time.

"Looking out from the stage and seeing this park full was overwhelming," said Skip Marklein, co-chair of the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee, after welcoming the crowd, estimated by police at 100,000, to Piedmont Park. "I've never spoken to over 100,000 people before. I'm excited, and I can tell you that it's only because of every volunteer we've had working with us this year that something like this comes across."

Marklein said she couldn't estimate the number of volunteers involved with Pride because so many had stopped by the Pride tent to work just

for the day. But there was plenty to do and see—not only for Pride volunteers but for all the lesbians, gay men and supporters who came to the park, and other locations, for the weekend festival.

The Pride Market ballooned to over 150 merchants and organizations this year, with booths covering the field between the 10th Street stage and the Charles Allen Drive entrance to the park and rounding the corner of Lake Clara Meer to a new, second stage at that end of the park.

Vendors sold jewelry, T-shirts, cold drinks, art and the ever-popular freedom rings. Organizations handed out literature and signed up members. And all day long on Saturday and Sunday, a stream of entertainers kept both ends of the park hopping with the sights and sounds of music, dancing and the spoken word.

Despite a thunderstorm that rolled in Sunday evening, even the promised fireworks display went off as planned, although Pride organizers had to set it off early.

The march itself, from the Civic Center down Peachtree Street and into Piedmont Park, featured its usual wide array of participants, from the Gay Bird (a lavender Big Bird) to drag queens and female impersonators, from gay vets to les-



These Lesbian Avengers take to the streets during Saturday's groundbreaking—not to mention highly festive—Dyke March.

bian moms, from leather men and women to average homosexuals having an average walk down the street.

Marchers carried signs touting gay and lesbian families and the right of lesbians and gay men to serve in the country's military, while the usual chants of "Gay rights, y'all" echoed off the walls of Peachtree's buildings. Along the way, thousands of spectators lined the street, cheering the various contingents as they paraded

through Midtown.

Two City Council challengers from District 6, Andy Loftis and Joe Kelly, participated in the parade, as did incumbent Mary Davis, who rode atop the city fire truck staffed by Atlanta's openly gay firefighters.

Councilman Bill Campbell, who is running for mayor, marched with State Sen. Ron Slotin, D-Atlanta. Councilwoman Myrtle Davis, also a

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Putting domestic partnership laws to use

Now that we have the ordinances, how do gays and lesbians in Atlanta use them?

Atlanta—What does domestic partnership mean for us?

That's the question on the lips and in the minds of many lesbian and gay citizens of Atlanta, after the City Council last week made Atlanta the 14th city in the country, and the first in the South, to adopt domestic partnership legislation.

The domestic partnership registry allows two people—of the same or opposite gender—to file an affidavit with the city pro-

claiming their partnership. The legislation specifically points out that domestic partnerships are based on "mutual interdependence" rather than a sexual relationship, and it sets out a detailed definition for such a partnership.

"It's interesting," said Bill Dunkley, who plans to sign up with his partner of seven years, Terry Williamson. "We have to declare we are financially responsible for each other. Married couples don't have to do that. We are actually saying we are more committed than a tradi-

tional heterosexual marriage."

For participants in the registry, there is but one direct benefit—domestic partners will be allowed visitation rights in detention, jail or prison facilities. But it is the intangible benefits that make the registry appealing.

"It's symbolic, really," said Williamson, who serves on the board of the Georgia Political Action Committee (GAPAC), which lobbied for the registry ordinance. "It's the closest thing we can get to being married for now."

"It's a validation of the relationship," said GAPAC lobbyist Larry Pellegrini. "And although it doesn't mandate recognition by private companies, it will facilitate more companies coming forward and offering benefits."

Pellegrini points to companies such as Delta Airlines, which recently changed its policies to allow transfers of frequent flier mileage between domestic partners, provided the partnership is recognized by a governmental entity. Now, Atlanta citizens will be able to qualify.

Additionally, said Pellegrini, private companies can use the official registry to determine which employees qualify for domestic partnership benefits.

"This comes a month late for me on that," said Dunkley. "Last month my company announced it was extending insurance benefits to domestic partners. They specifically said that it was to address an inequity in the law."

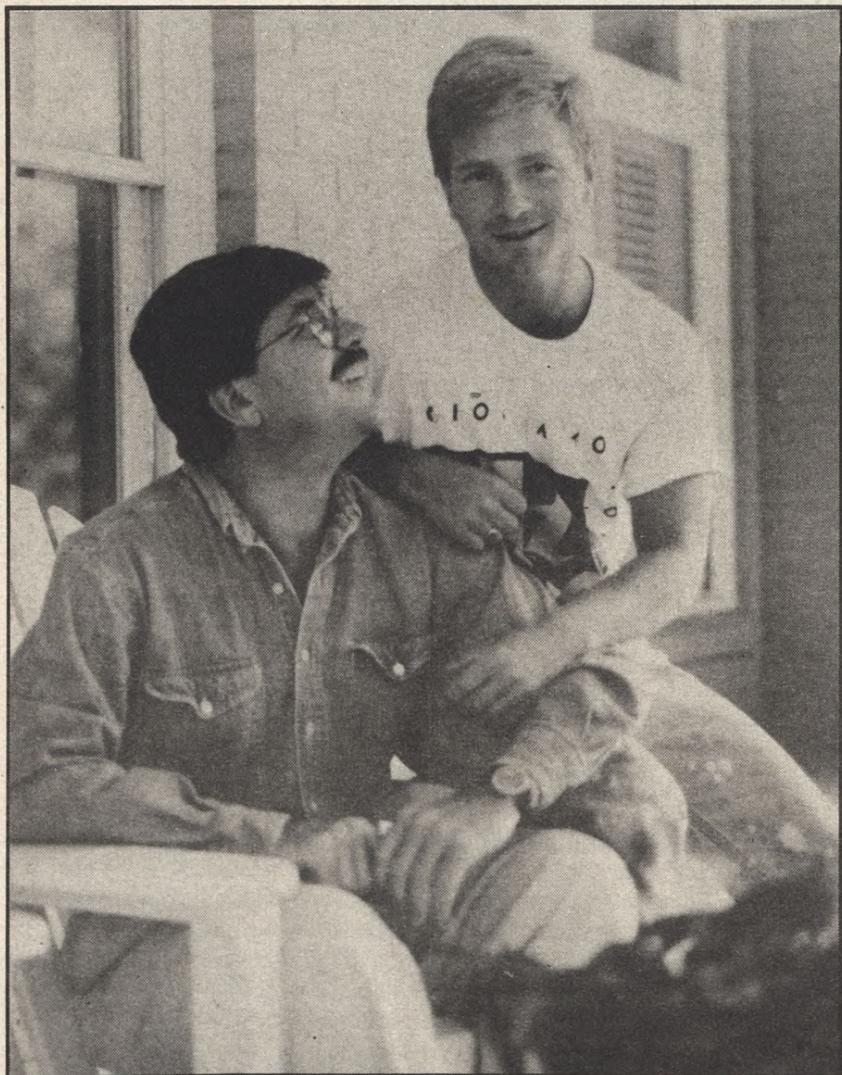
Dunkley added, however, that employees at his company could use the city's affidavit to verify their partnership. "It just makes everything easier," he said.

Employee benefits are just what the second bill addresses. The measure provides the same benefits to the domestic partners of city employees that are provided to employee spouses. The only requirement is that the partners file the domestic partnership affidavit with the business license office—city employees are not required to be residents of the city to qualify.

"This gives me the opportunity to protect

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Photo: Terry Williamson and Bill Dunkley plan to sign up as domestic partners.



State of Alert

Clinton may settle for 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell'

Reports that Secretary of Defense Les Aspin has signed on to a compromise that would keep lesbian and gay military personnel in the closet has left gay/lesbian rights lobbyists scrambling.

The question now is whether President Clinton will go along with the Aspin plan, which would still allow the military to discharge lesbians and gay men who either disclose their sexual orientation, even privately, or engage in sexual relations with someone of the same sex, even while off base and out of uniform. The plan closely resembles the plan offered by U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn.

While a final decision may not come until July 15, there were some indications as Southern Voice went to press that the decision might come this week.

Such a compromise would clearly violate the president's campaign promises to gay and lesbian Americans. The Human Rights Campaign Fund reminded Clinton of that fact last week in an advertising campaign featuring the president's own words.

"I believe patriotic Americans should have the right to serve the country as a member of the armed forces, without regard to sexual or affectional orientation," Clinton said in February 1992, when he was a candidate seeking lesbian/gay support.

Cathy Woolard, lead lobbyist for the HRCF on the military issue, said gay/lesbian activists have told the White House that while they might be willing to accept some form of compromise on the issue, "there are truly some bottom lines beyond which we cannot go."

She said any policy that regulates private disclosure of a military person's sexual orientation or private off-base conduct is unacceptable. And she reiterated that the only way to stop the Aspin plan is for gay men and lesbians to flood Congress and the White House with calls and letters.

The Washington Post reported last week that, in a meeting with lesbian/gay activists, White House advisor George Stephanopoulos indicated that Clinton was looking at the compromise because top military leaders remain opposed to openly gay military personnel. He was reported as saying, "this is going to be very tough for us."

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Baptists take aim at Clinton for his stands on lesbian/gay rights

Houston—Southern Baptists have formally chided President Clinton for his pro-choice and lesbian/gay-positive stands, but delegates at the denomination's recent convention stopped short of asking the president to repent.

Both Clinton and Vice President Al Gore attend churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest Protestant denomination. But while presidents and vice presidents have been invited to speak to the convention in the past, neither man was invited.

While numerous resolutions were proposed criticizing Clinton for his political stands, the only one that eventually passed was a mildly-worded resolution saying the denomination will distance itself from various actions and positions Clinton has taken regarding abortion rights and gays in the military. It also urged him "to affirm Biblical morality in exercising his public office,

recognizing that to do so is not inappropriate nor is it a violation of the separation of the institutions of church and state."

The resolution also asks the more than 15 million Southern Baptists to pray for Clinton and to use their influence to try to convince him to reverse his stand.

At least one of the convention delegates, who are called messengers, called the action a "dangerous precedent" for the denomination, which has been taken over by its conservative wing during the past decade.

"I don't think we need to put his name in this thing. It to me smacks of partisan politics," said Don Wilkey of Onalaska, Texas. "This smacks of a personal attack."

"I think there's a lack of class on the part this convention" by mentioning Clinton's name, he said, adding he didn't want to have to explain the convention's action to angry Democrats back home.

But the Rev. Ronnie Floyd, of Springdale, Ark., said the resolution was not a personal attack.

"We respect his position as the president of the United States of America," Floyd said. "However, the intent of this resolution is to separate ourselves as a body from the president's policies on the critical moral issues which we believe are in contradiction to the word of God and what is best for America."

A convention committee did reject a motion, proposed by Rev. Bo Hammock of Lake Butler, Fla., requesting that the messengers from Clinton's church, Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock, Ark., be unseated because the church had not taken action against the president for his views.

Hammock said he would have ousted Clinton from his church because of his political positions. But Immanuel's pastor, Rev. Rex Home, called the charge "groundless." He said his church has never endorsed Clinton's stands, though he had no plans to ask the president to leave.

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GREG GIBSON

Southern Baptists have been urged to pray Clinton into anti-gay stands.

Gay Divorce In Florida Becomes Quagmire: A gay couple's "divorce" lawsuit has a Florida judge searching for relevant case law and some advocates arguing that the case shows the need to establish some legal status for lesbian and gay relationships. Tom Runner filed suit against Daniel Skidmore in May, accusing his ex-lover of running up his credit card bills. Skidmore has charged Runner with infidelity. The judge in the case, Robert Gross, is searching for legal precedents that would help settle the case but so far admits he doesn't "know what I'm going to do yet." "It's one of the weaknesses, a gap in the law," said Liz Hendrickson, director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights. "It's tremendously unfair—this is a court system that is supposed to treat everyone fairly."

Virginia Lesbian Loses Custody Fight With Her Mother: A 2-year-old boy should live with his grandmother and not with his mother, who is a lesbian, a judge in Virginia has ruled. Tyler Doustou lived with this mother, Sharon Bottoms, until March, when a juvenile court judge in suburban Richmond ruled that he should be turned over to his grandmother, Kay Bottoms, who sued for custody because her daughter is a lesbian. The dispute is scheduled for trial in September.

Orlando Tourism Boosters Won't Take Stand On Anti-Gay Fight: The Orlando-Orange County Convention and Visitors Bureau has decided to stay out of the fight over a Colorado-styled anti-gay amendment to Florida's constitution, but the bureau did draft a short statement saying it opposed any boycott, no matter what the source, that would harm the tourism industry. "It was an issue we had no business being involved in," said Chad Martin, bureau president, even though the boycott against Colorado has been estimated to have cost that state's tourism industry \$40 million and a boycott of Tampa, which repealed a gay rights ordinance last year, has prompted the loss of two conventions worth about \$1 million.

Serial Killer Stalks London Gays: Police handed out 10,000 leaflets at London's Lesbian and Gay Pride Day last week, seeking help in their hunt for a serial killer who has targeted gay men. Five men have been strangled or suffocated in their London homes since March 8. All are believed to have met their killer in a pub or club. In each case, a man claiming to be the killer has provided precise details of the slaying in anonymous phone calls, either to a suicide hotline, a national newspaper or police. All were killed in "intimate circumstances," according to the Gay London Policing Group, a gay men's organization.

AMA Bans Discrimination Against Gays: The American Medical Association voted on June 15 to ban discrimination against gay doctors who want to join its ranks. The vote added "sexual orientation" to the non-discrimination clause in the organization's bylaws. "[The new policy] carries messages all across America," said Dr. Wesley Cook, president of Gay and Lesbian Physicians of Chicago. "...That is the importance of it. We are the health care leaders." Testimony during a hearing the day before the vote ran 4-1 in favor of the bylaw change, and all of the opposition was couched in religious or moral arguments. Both the Georgia and South Carolina delegations voted against the change.

Vermont Supreme Court OKs Lesbian Adoption: A lesbian may adopt the children of her partner without either woman losing her parental rights, the Vermont Supreme Court ruled June 18. The proposed adoptions had been rejected by a probate judge, who ruled that an adopting couple must be married, or the biological parent would lose parental rights. "It is wonderful to have the Supreme Court affirm and recognize the relationship that I have had with my sons since the day they were born," said Deborah Lashman, who went to court two years ago to adopt the biological children of her partner, Jane Van Buren. The ruling effectively establishes that lesbians, at least in Vermont, can be "legally recognized parents," said Julie A. Frame, who represented the Burlington women before the Court.

More Congressional Gay Progeny: California Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey introduced her gay son, Michael, to Members of Congress last week, hoping he will put a "real face" on homosexuality as they weigh President Clinton's proposal for lifting the ban on gays in the military. "I know when other members of the House of Representatives meet him it is going to be easier for them to support lifting the ban," the California Democrat told a news conference. Woolsey and other parents of gay men and lesbians lobbied members of Congress last week on the President's effort to lift the 50-year-old prohibition.



Artist Tim Miller, one of the victorious NEA 4

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NEA 4, Federal Government Settle Grant Lawsuit: The National Endowment for the Arts has agreed to pay grant money—and compensatory damages and attorneys fees—to four performance artists who were denied federal funding in 1990 when then-White House Chief of Staff John Sununu and President George Bush pressured then-NEA head John Frohnmyer to deny "controversial" grants. Karen Finley and lesbian artist Holly Hughes will each receive \$8000 in grant money, and John Fleck and gay artist Tim Miller will each receive \$5000. Additionally each will receive \$6000 in compensatory damages, and \$202,000 to cover legal fees. The government's appeal of a 1992 ruling declaring unconstitutional a requirement that the NEA use "general standards of decency" to determine grant recipients is still pending.

Two Cabinet Agencies Bar Discrimination Against Gays: Two cabinet secretaries—Agriculture Sec. Mike Espy and Transportation Secretary Federico Pena—

have adopted policies barring discrimination based on sexual orientation. Pena underscored his support for diversity in the workplace last week by speaking at a Transportation Department ceremony held by Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Employees (GLOBE). In an unusual showing of administration support for gay rights, Pena told the lunch hour gathering in the department's courtyard that he is committed to equal rights for all. The government's job is too big "to waste anyone's talent because of prejudice," he said. "It's not about special privileges. It's about equal treatment."

Gay Pride In The Heart Of Anti-Gay Colorado: About 2500 people marched in a Gay Pride celebration June 20 in Colorado Springs, called "the belly of the beast" because it is the home of Colorado for Family Values, sponsors of the anti-gay Amendment 2. The parade was 10 times the size of last year's celebration. "We want to show solidarity for Colorado Springs—we feel sorry for these poor people who have to live down here," said Carole London, who travelled from Denver for the march. Other than a handful of hecklers, who were drowned out by a chorus of whistles and chants, the parade proceeded peacefully to a rally in a city park. "The truth is being killed...by some religious groups...who prey on people's fears and ignorance," Gerda Fletcher, vice-president of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, told the crowd. "Our numbers are growing, our voices are stronger."

Hawaiians Oppose Gay Marriages: Most Hawaii residents responding to a recent newspaper survey say they don't favor the legalization of same-sex marriage by a two-to-one ratio. The poll found that 61% oppose such marriages, while 30% favor them. The state Supreme Court recently overturned a Circuit Court decision outlawing gay marriages, and appeals are expected to keep the matter from being resolved for up to two years.

Conn. Man Pleads Guilty In Gay Bashing: A Hartford, Conn., man, who pleaded guilty to attacking and raping a Trinity College graduate, will likely receive an eight-year prison sentence. John L. Pittman pleaded guilty last week to first degree sexual assault and to intimidation based on bias or bigotry. He is the fifth person in the state found guilty of violating the intimidation statute since it went into effect in 1991. The charge was filed against Pittman and his brother, Johnny Pittman, after the victim told police his attackers approached him and asked if he was homosexual. Johnny Pittman is awaiting trial.

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Supportless in Seattle

New AIDS czar panned by activists who know her best

More than five months after taking office, President Bill Clinton has finally fulfilled his campaign promise to appoint an AIDS czar by naming Kristine Gebbie, a little-known bureaucrat from Washington state.

Though disappointed that Clinton did not appoint someone with a higher profile to the position, activists in Atlanta and much of the rest of the country seem to be taking a muted, wait-and-see attitude about the appointment. But some advocates for people with AIDS in her home state, who lobbied to have her removed as Washington's health department director, are incensed.

Steven Johnson of AIDS Watch, a state-wide, non-partisan advocacy group for PWAs, told Southern Voice that, "we're incredibly disappointed."

"We feel she has not shown the type of leadership qualities that will be vital for anyone leading the fight against HIV at a national level," said Johnson, who is also a member of the governor's advisory commission on HIV/AIDS and served on that panel during the time Gebbie was health director.

And the anti-Gebbie feeling isn't coming only from activists. The head of the state senate's health committee, Sen. Phil Talmadge, D-Seattle, said that Gebbie "didn't leave Washington state with a lot of enthusiastic supporters among legislators." He went on to call her "imperial."

During Gebbie's tenure as its head, the Washington health department tried to institute a program, at the instigation of the Bush administration, that would have required reporting the names of HIV-positive individuals to the state—a move blocked by activists. And ACT UP/Seattle defied Gebbie's department to open up a needle-exchange table to combat the spread of HIV among intravenous drug users.

Also, a model program in which the state paid health insurance premiums for PWAs after they could no longer work was discontinued while Gebbie was health director, and Johnson charges she didn't do enough to fight for it.

Gebbie, 49, is a nurse who was appointed head of the Washington health department in 1990 by a Democratic governor. When Lowry, also a Democrat, was elected in 1992, she was not reappointed. Johnson says HIV/AIDS activists lobbied Lowry to dump Gebbie. And when her name first came up for the AIDS czar position about two months ago, activist leaders met with U.S. Sen. Patty Murray, D-Washington, to lobby against her appointment.

Before coming to Washington, Gebbie headed the health department in neighboring Oregon and became one of the first public health officials to call for TV ads advocating condom use. She was also a member of President Ronald Reagan's AIDS commission, which issued a report highly critical of the way the federal government was responding to the AIDS crisis—though that is a distinction of dubious merit to some activists.



Former Washington health director Kristine Gebbie is Clinton's choice for AIDS czar.

"The fact that she was on Reagan's AIDS commission in no way endears her to my heart," said Jeff Graham of ACT UP/Atlanta. "Her rhetoric seems to be fine. But I'm very skeptical. She needs to prove herself to the AIDS community."

The fact that Gebbie is a nurse, however, is a comfort to some in the HIV/AIDS battle.

"Her nursing background is in many ways better than if she were a physician because she should understand more fully the emotional, as well as

medical, devastation of AIDS," said Mark King, executive director of the Atlanta chapter of the National Association of People With AIDS.

But activists have been disappointed in Clinton's decision to make Gebbie a part of his domestic policy advisory team, instead of making the AIDS czar a Cabinet-level post that would have

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reported directly to the president.

"That was one of [Clinton's] campaign promises and one of the activists' demands," Graham said.

"We were under the impression that Clinton would treat AIDS in a direct, hands-on manner, but he's burying the position in bureaucracy," King said.

ACT UP/New York, which issued a blistering denunciation of Gebbie's appointment, had been lobbying to have Connecticut Gov. Lowell Weicker, a veteran politician with a reputation as a maverick, appointed AIDS czar, and other activists wanted someone with name recognition and a high profile to draw attention to the fight against HIV/AIDS. Gebbie has no political background and is virtually unknown outside her own state and public health circles.

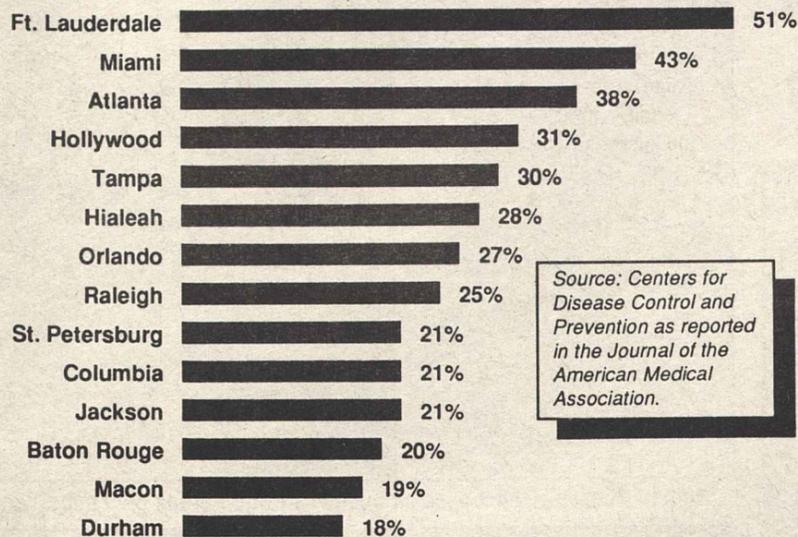
One of the loudest criticisms of the appointment, however, is the amount of time Clinton took to make it, particularly when people with AIDS are in such an acute battle with time.

"It seems to take the president forever to do anything," said Graham.

RICHARD SHUMATE

AIDS takes toll on younger men

In 14 Southeastern cities, AIDS kills a higher percentage of men between the ages of 25 and 44 than anything else. The percentages for those cities:



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Southeastern cities hard hit by HIV

Experts say figures point to need for better education

Miami, FL—Federal researchers have found that AIDS and its complications have surpassed accidents, cancer and heart disease as the leading killer of young men in Florida and in seven of the state's cities.

Across the Southeast, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also found that, in 1990, AIDS was the leading cause of death for men between the ages of 25 and 44 in 14 cities, including Atlanta and Macon.

Florida, the region's most urban state, was the hardest hit, with more young men dying from AIDS in Ft. Lauderdale than from all other causes combined. In Atlanta, nearly four out of every 10 young men who died had AIDS or an HIV complication.

Florida's high rate of HIV deaths doesn't surprise state AIDS-prevention officials, who a year ago reached conclusions similar to those in the federal report.

"These people probably got infected in their early to mid 20s," said Stephen Kindland, spokesman for the state AIDS office of the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services. "That is a prime time for people to be more openly engaging in high-risk behavior."

While the Southeast's largest cities have been hardest hit, the new figures show AIDS is now becoming a leading killer in smaller cities—a trend that shows no geographic area is immune.

"Columbia's not any different than the rest of the state," said Bill Edens, execu-

tive director of Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services in South Carolina's capital, which was among the 14 cities in the region where AIDS is now the number one killer. "We've got a problem everywhere, not just in the capital city."

In fact, in Florida and six other states (though none in the Southeast), AIDS and HIV-related illnesses were the biggest killers of young men statewide. And while AIDS isn't the leading cause of death among women in any state, it has now become the number one killer in seven cities, including Miami and Ft. Lauderdale.

Health experts say the latest number show a need for expanding AIDS prevention efforts.

"Adolescent and young adult HIV transmission guarantees the continuation of the AIDS-HIV epidemic, barring a substantially expanded national prevention effort," wrote Dr. Sten Vermund of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md.

"We've been using the same sort of health care policy since the turn of the century, which is 'you people are being naughty, and you ought to quit that,'" said Eden, who believes his state should shift its focus from testing infected residents and notifying their partners to more vigorous protection of AIDS patients' rights.

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Researchers looking for lesbians

Washington, D.C.—The National Institutes of Health is conducting a study of lesbians to determine whether lesbianism is genetically predetermined or runs in families, why lesbians have a higher incidence of breast cancer than heterosexual women and risk factors associated with HIV-positive lesbians.

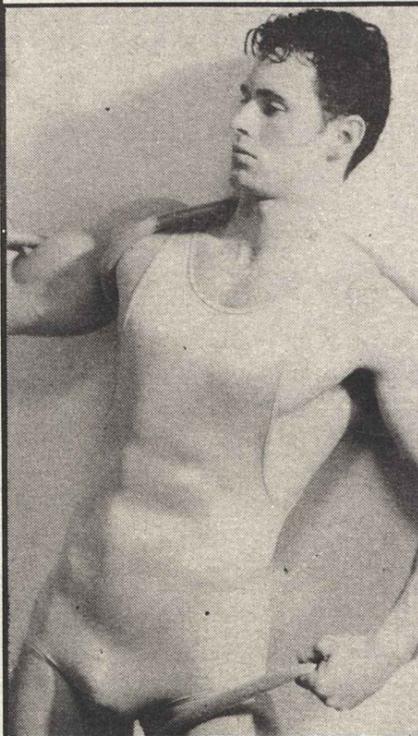
The study will also include research on lesbian substance abuse, compulsive behavior disorders, childhood abuse, partner abuse and sexual abuse. The NIH study

focuses on three main categories of women—lesbians with lesbian or bisexual sisters, lesbians with or without lesbian or bisexual sisters who have gay or lesbian parents, brothers, aunts or uncles and lesbians with none of the above but who have sisters who would participate in the study.

Women interested in being included in the study should call Dr. Angela Pattatucci at the NIH, (301) 402-4876. Collect calls will be accepted.

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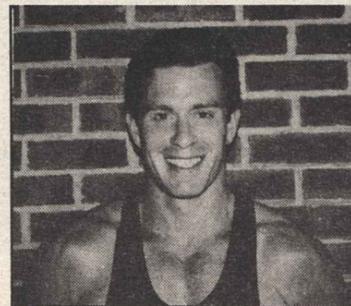
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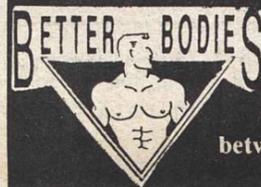


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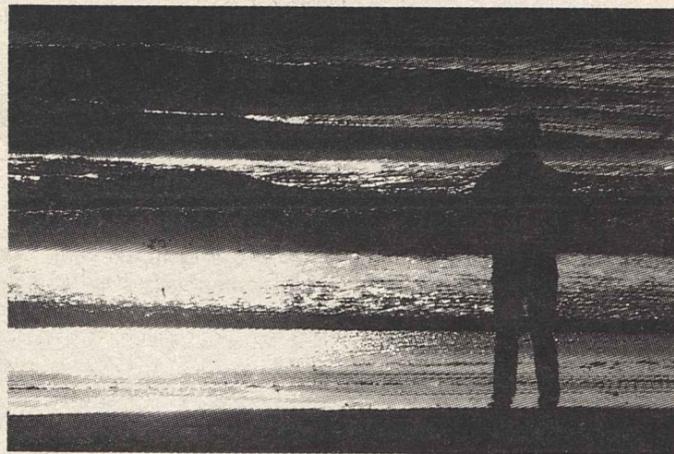
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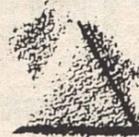
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"We're dykes, we're here, we're not eating hummus"—chant at Saturday's Dyke March

"We're proud, we're gay, we're in your PTA"—gay fathers' group at Sunday's Pride march

A man in a big, floppy hat came down the Sunday parade route, singing the theme from "Laverne and Shirley" and humming through the parts where he didn't know the words.

An airplane circled above Piedmont Park on Sunday—advertising a Barry Manilow concert at Lakewood Amphitheater

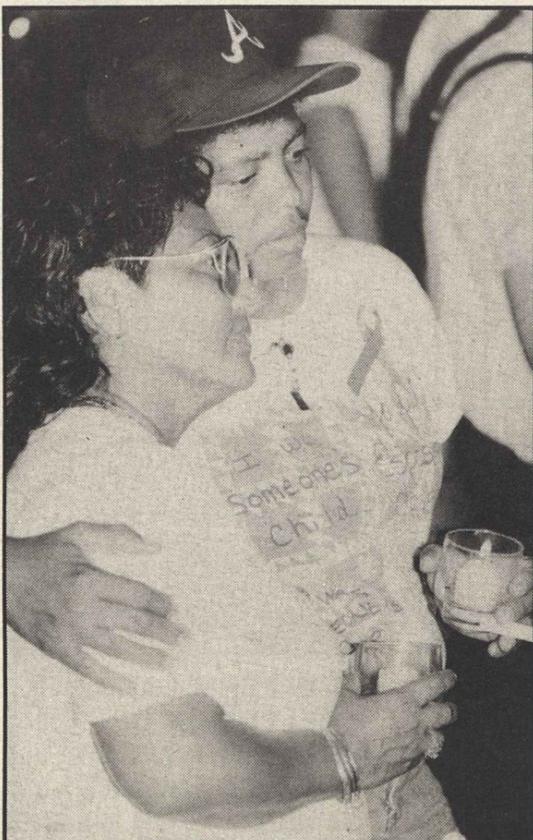
Even a downpour of rain couldn't stop the irrepressible DeAundra Peck, who kept the "y'alls" coming from the stage Saturday afternoon as everyone else ran for cover. She told the crowd that they needed to watch out because rain had been known to open up sinkholes in Atlanta.

"Ten percent is not enough, recruit, recruit, recruit"—Lesbian Avengers

As it was passing the Piedmont Driving Club, police broke up the Dyke March several times to let cars carrying club patrons exit onto Piedmont Avenue. A group of people, some in wedding attire, stood behind the iron bars surrounding the club, watching the procession.

As Sunday night's Starlight Cabaret wound down, a severe thunderstorm hit Midtown. But as the rain poured down, the drag queens kept working the music as several thousand people danced to the beat in front of the stage, watching both lightning and fireworks light up the stormy skies.

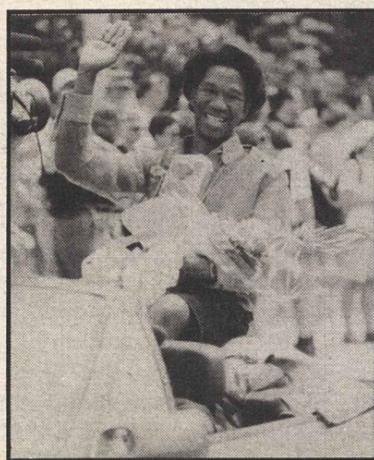
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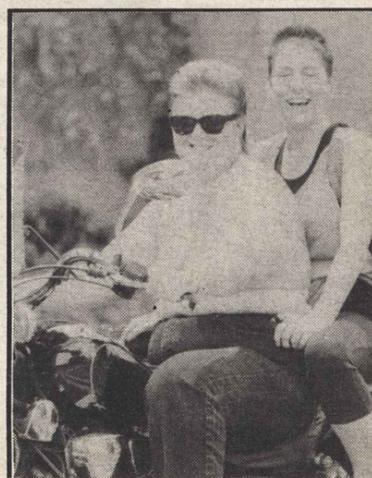
Maria Ferguson and Lupe Marshall honor their friends living with HIV at Our Thousand Points of Love.



This marcher strikes a pose as Sunday's Pride Parade gets underway.



Duncan Teague, one of the grand marshalls (along with Deana Collins), rides down Peachtree Street.



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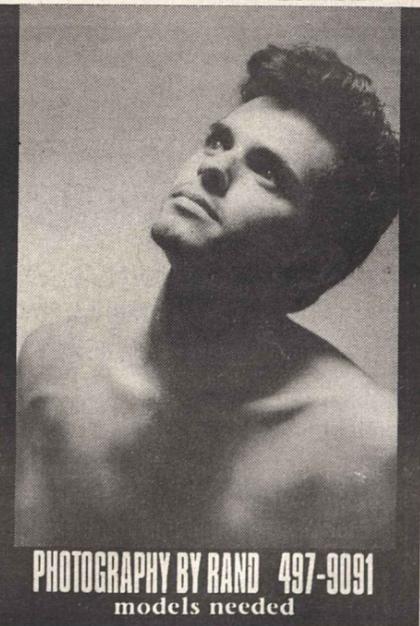


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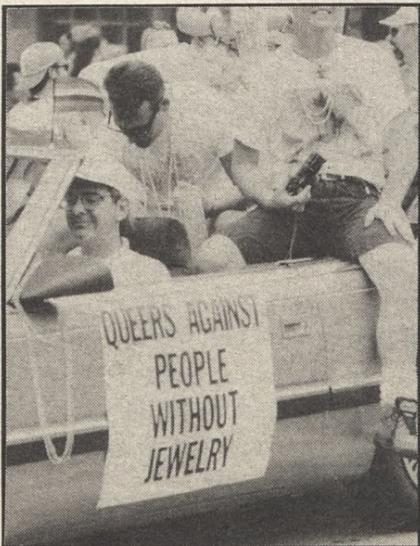
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More than 600 people took to the streets of Grant Park in the Front Runners' 5K Pride Run, sponsored by Southern Voice.

A Christian supremecist along the parade route offers condemnation, while a gay marcher offers a witty retort.



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On stage at Piedmont Park were the women and men of Southern Line, a country dance group.

Doug Lawton (driver), Jay Wilson and Mark Sanford offer help to the ornamentally challenged.

Jeffrey Satterfield (right) feeds cake to his partner, Kelly Newsome, after the annual commitment ceremony.

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BIRTHDAYS

Mona Love would like to wish a very special happy belated birthday to Catherine Murrell back on June 23.

Happy birthday goes out to Kim Denham of Macon, Ga. on July 3. This special wish was phoned in by her mate, Debra Jordan.

Happy 217th Birthday to the USA on July 4. She's a little worse for wear these days but still going strong.

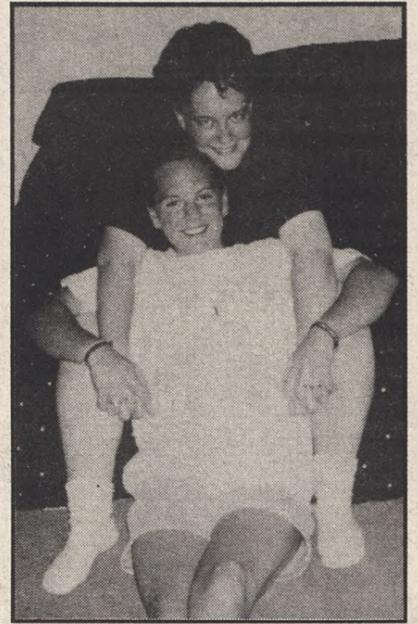
ANNIVERSARY

Happy first anniversary to Charles Davis and Lewis Lindic on June 14. They celebrated this milestone with a commitment ceremony on June 25. The People of the Trechouse wish these guys all the best.

Happy fourth anniversary to Tom and Stephen on July 4 from your Best Bud on Buford Highway.

MULTIPLE OCCASIONS

June was an exciting month for Terri Whitt and Terri Rushing. June 11th marked five years of partnered bliss for the couple. Terri R. recently graduated from law school at Georgia State University and passed the Georgia bar exam. After a school-induced absence of four years, Terri and Terri are really excited about re-entering the social milieu. Congratulations on so many outstanding achievements.



Jessie said, "YES."

APOLOGETIC OCCASION

The only thing we can say about last week's column (or lack thereof) is that we are truly sorry. Somehow our notes disappeared, and that's about the size of it. Anyone who was left out last week will be placed in our next column if you will please phone in to the Voice Mailbox and give us one more chance. Thanks.

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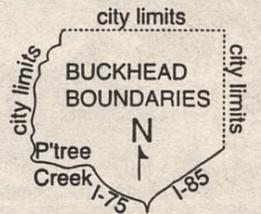
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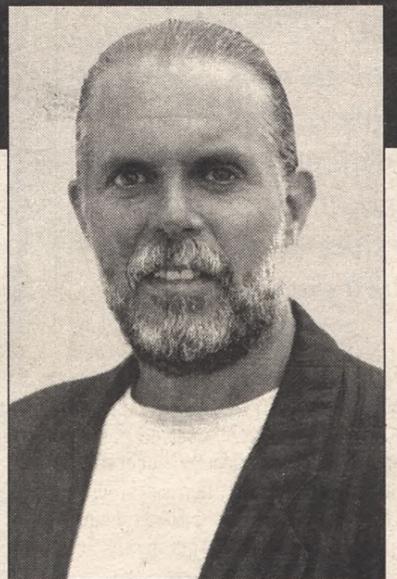
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Prejudice reduction workshop leaders to include, from left, Peter D'Angio, Carroll Kerr, Becky Butler, Jeanne Ward Estes and Joanne DeMark.

Prejudice within community focus of innovative workshop

While the lesbian and gay community asserts itself in the struggle for civil rights, the "bad guys" may not always be wearing black hats.

Sometimes, they wear pink.

"One thing that is really sad to me is how divided the community is in terms of lesbians and gay men," says Becky Butler, an Atlanta social worker and author. But gender isn't the only gulf. The community is also divided along other lines—black and white, young and old—that can create roadblocks as unyielding as anything thrown up by outside forces.

On July 10, Butler and five other facilitators will try to break through these barriers with an innovative new workshop. "Building Lesbian and Gay Community Through Prejudice Reduction" will utilize "experiential" learning models commonly used by the National Coalition Building Institute, an international non-profit organization that states its mission as "ending the mistreatment of every group whether it stems from nationality, race, class, gender, religion, sexual orientation, age, physical ability, job or life circumstance."

Thee Smith, a professor at Emory University as well as president of the local NCBI chapter, helped bring the NCBI method to Atlanta because "I wanted these workshops available to Atlanta and the Emory area." The idea for a gay/lesbian specific workshop came during training sessions last year.

"Those of us who were at that training workshop wanted to take this back to the community," Butler said. "We felt that this model would be greatly beneficial in helping our community deal with internalized homophobia, as well as issues such as racism and sexism and other kinds of bias which tend to divide the community."

Joanne DeMark, a licensed psychologist who works as a consultant for businesses and organizations dealing with such issues as leadership diversity and team building, will also be one of the six facilitators. DeMark hopes the workshop will give lesbians and gay men some tools to solve other, more general issues affecting the community.

"Some examples of where the workshops can be beneficial include situations which many of us have experienced, such as serving on boards within lesbian and gay organizations where struggles involving racism or the relationship between gay men and lesbians became bigger than the board's original objective," she said. "As white lesbians, we have often sat around and wondered how to get more black lesbians involved in the activities of the community. In

preparation for last year's Pride march, there were issues of racism and sexism so intense that some people actually dropped out because of them."

"This is a big issue in our community, and these workshops can offer people tools which can help," added DeMark. "If a meeting breaks down, we may usually think it is because of the task, but there is often a layer of internalized homophobia or other issues such as ageism or sexism which are really at fault. What these workshops offer are techniques for breaking out of situations like that. The workshops help us to sharpen our eyesight for seeing the subtle internal and external discriminations which may be impeding our progress. A person who does not feel safe in a situations will have the techniques for bringing up that feeling and helping others to see it, without being confrontational."

While he agreed that the internal structure of a community is important, Smith also reiterated NCBI's commitment to building coalitions between communities, as well as within them.

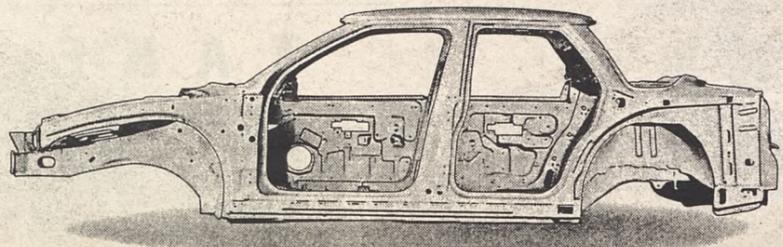
"The core concept of NCBI is coalition building across different constituencies," he said. "The assumptions of the NCBI model include: everyone's issue counts, people are born innocent [and] guilt is the glue which holds prejudice in place. This work includes fun—humor—and this work is better promoted with a light hand and heart and with hope and joy rather than with guilt and confrontation. This is a very interactive model for reducing prejudice."

The NCBI model is also designed to gently break down of behaviors and attitudes. "This is a very experiential model," added Butler. "We have not been born with these attitudes, and we have not learned them overnight. We unlearn them the same way we learned them. These workshops are not a presentation of information to be digested. They are interactive and very open-hearted. What we are learning here is how to appreciate other people's lives which happen to be different from our own. This is lifetime work."

In addition to Butler, DeMark and Smith, Carroll Kerr, Jeanne Ward-Estes and Peter D'Angio will serve as facilitators at the Decatur workshop. Participants pay a \$60 fee and can RSVP by voice mail to Joanne DeMark at 320-3355. The workshop is Saturday, July 10 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn conference center in Decatur.

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EDITORIAL

Partnership victory important first symbol

Sean Hannity and his right-wing radio comandos couldn't do it. Neither could Nancy Schaefer and her Aqua-Netted minions. Not even the Atlanta Journal-Constitution's inflammatory coverage could whip the anti-gay population into enough of a frenzy to derail domestic partnership in the city of Atlanta.

For once in Georgia, the forces of regression did not prevail. We did. Atlanta is now the first and only city in the South where gay and lesbian couples can have official recognition of their relationship status. And we thought we'd never see the day...

There are many people within the community to thank for helping Councilwoman Mary Davis shepherd these bills through the City Council—Annie Archbold, Larry Pellegrini, Judy Colbs, Lynn Pasqualetti, Ricky Wilson and Paul Bradley among them. (Our apologies to anyone we missed).

Most of all, though, we have Mary Davis to thank. She introduced the measures and was a strong and forceful advocate during the June 21 debate, when opponents tried to use economic arguments to derail them. Davis, who represents Virginia-Highland and Morningside, hasn't always been as forceful a presence for gay and lesbian issues as some people within

the community might want. But there's no denying that she delivered this time. It will stand her in good stead as she runs for reelection in November.

On the other hand, Councilman Buddy Fowlkes, who did everything he could to derail domestic partnership, needs to be reminded just who he represents. His district includes Midtown west of Piedmont Avenue, Ansley Park and Buckhead east of Roswell Road. For a man with a large gay and lesbian constituency, his voting behavior is both curious and reprehensible. Fowlkes needs to be told just that—and loudly—by his gay and lesbian constituents.

Ditto for Councilman Dozier Smith of the Lakewood area. His constituency might not be thought of as a gay/lesbian mecca, but we'll bet there are a few queers in his midst. And his introduction of a measure to repeal domestic partnership through a referendum is petty. You lost, Dozier. Give it up.

One announced mayoral candidate, Councilwoman Myrtle Davis, didn't show up at the meeting and didn't vote. Missing the most important vote on gay and lesbian rights this year is not a good way for Davis to begin a campaign that will need queer support to suc-

ceed, particularly because her only opponent so far, Councilman Bill Campbell, continued his record of strong support for gay and lesbian concerns with a "yes" vote on both measures.

Basking in the charitable afterglow of the victory of domestic partnership, however, we're willing to accept the explanation that Myrtle Davis was out of town and not jump to the conclusion that she was trying to duck the issue. She should know, though, that charitable afterglow has its limits.

As a symbol, this victory is important. Institutions in our society—political, economic, religious, familial—are loathe to recognize the value of our relationships. We didn't need elected officials to assign value to them in order to know that they had merit, but, on the other hand, the action of the City Council is a sign that we are moving toward the day when our lives and loves will be routinely recognized for their inherent worth.

But let us also remember that, in practical terms, we haven't won that much. Unless you are a city employee or in a committed relationship, domestic partnership has little effect. While some companies extend to registered domestic partners the same economic benefits they provide to married couples, the number of companies who do so is small indeed. And if you live in DeKalb County, unincorporated Fulton County or in the any of the suburban counties, this domestic partnership legislation doesn't apply to you at all.

Also, these bills do not protect us from discrimination in housing, employment or public accommodations. They do not require businesses who have contracts with the city to have anti-discrimination policies that include sexual orientation. Many other cities, including those without domestic partnership recognition, extend these protections. Atlanta doesn't, and part of the reason is the fear by some city officials that state law wouldn't allow a city to implement such protections without changes by the legislature.

Domestic partnership was an important first victory for which our community can congratulate itself. The next battle may be an attempt by conservative state legislators to overturn the City Council's action. And after that, the fight must turn to securing protections that will benefit us all.

Let the work begin.

T A K E A C T I O N



Councilman Buddy Fowlkes



Councilman Dozier Smith

Of the 16 Atlanta City Council members who voted on the two domestic partnership bills, only two, Buddy Fowlkes and Dozier Smith, voted against both bills. Fowlkes represents District 7, which includes Buckhead east of Roswell Road, Midtown north of 10th Street and west of Piedmont Avenue, Ansley Park, Sherwood Forest, Garden Hills, Peachtree Hills and Brookhaven. Smith represents District 12, which includes the southeastern Atlanta neighborhoods near Lakewood and Ft. McPherson. To write to either Fowlkes or Smith, send your letters to the City Council offices, 55 Trinity Avenue SW, Second Floor, Atlanta GA 30335. Or call 330-6030.

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Don't Mess With Queer Press

I was shocked to read in Thom Bean's "Bean Sprouts" column in the May 6 SF Bay Times about "the two-tier press credential system" at the April 25 National March rally in Washington, D.C. Thom Bean reported that "most of the gay press attending the event were cordoned off and rudely turned back." There was a fence and monitors blocking the queer press' access to the rally stage.

As a lesbian/gay press person I am used to being restricted at anti-gay Jesus zombie churches, Nazi skinhead rallies, and Catholic colleges during condom giveaways. But to read and hear about restrictions on our press at a million-queer event is just incomprehensible. To read and hear that non-gay/lesbian/bi/transgender press were favored is beneath contempt.

Supposed reasons for this behavior on the part of the D.C. March Committee include: blatant internalized homophobia and hatred of the queer press, along with a financial reason.

Letters! We Want Letters!

Got a gripe? An observation? Or better yet, praise for something or someone? Then help us keep the cobwebs out of our mailbox, and write us a letter. Send it to Letters to the Editor, Southern Voice, P.O. Box 18215, Atlanta GA 30316. Letters should be less than 200 words and must include a name, address and daytime telephone number for verification, though names will be withheld on request. Anonymous letters will not be accepted. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject any submission.

There was supposedly an interest in limiting the number of close-up videos of the rally, in order to sell more copies of "the official video."

Doesn't the National March Committee owe the lesbian/gay press and the community an explanation?

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Our integrity is what will some day set us free

I was recently invited to the commitment ceremony of my friend, Michael, and his boyfriend, Robert. For a while, I was of two minds about attending.

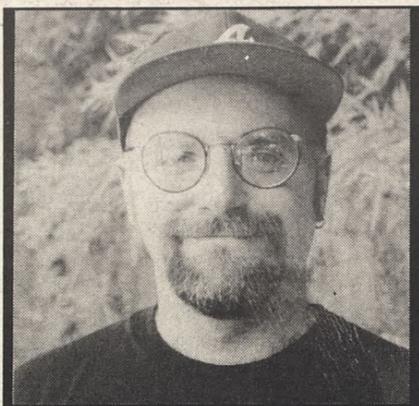
The politics of commitment ceremonies pulls me in several directions. The Political Correctitudist in me wonders why gay people would want to mimic a hetero-patriarchal institution that has demonstrated so little success in the straight world. The Gay Rights Maven responds with, "But why shouldn't we be allowed to do it if we want to?" The Realist wonders, "Why bother if it doesn't get you anything?" to which the Spiritualist answers "A sacred ceremony certainly does 'get you' something, even if it's not legally binding on society." And my Grinch of Loneliness pipes in at the end: "Why can't I have one?"

This time, the Gay Rights Maven won. Straight people benefit from the ceremonial aspects of a wedding, I reasoned, so why shouldn't gay relationships benefit comparably? If Michael and Robert want to hold a ceremony to proclaim their love to the world and have a party for their friends to witness it, then they should do that. And I don't get invited to enough parties to second guess their decision.

I would estimate about 70 people in attendance at the Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church in Sandy Springs. The grooms were in tuxes, the bar was open, the food was scrumptious. Kennedy Schultz's service was thoughtful, focusing on people not losing themselves in their mates but instead standing separate and growing together, like the string of the lute or the pillars of a building. Messrs. Franco and Shores made the right decision—I felt honored to attend.

And I couldn't help but think, as I drove off to meet friends for dinner, that in this ceremony, we can see a kernel of every issue we have to fight in this community, from unrecognized relationships to unacknowledged contributions in the military, in our families, our churches, our employers, our audiences. We have managed to address our gay lives with integrity, while society still hasn't figured out how to do that.

Coming out is an act of enormous personal integrity. Each one of us had to look ourselves in the mirror and say, "Damn everything I've been taught about gay people. Damn everything bad that happens to gay people. Damn everything I'll likely lose as a gay per-



Southern Queer-ies

by AL COTTON

son. I can't live my life the way they want me to. I've got to live it the way I want to."

And for many people in straight society, who have never had to make a choice so momentous, our choice is remarkably threatening. Perhaps somewhere along the line, they've swallowed some of their integrity to get that promotion or marriage or inheritance. Why won't we? "Play the game—it'll be OK," they say. "Don't ask, don't tell," says our esteemed senator from Georgia. (Of course, he conveniently fails to mention the "and pray we don't accidentally find out" part.)

That's how power stays where it is, trying to keep us where we are. Our integrity comes in when we say, "I don't care about power. I want my lover's child to have my insurance benefits." The Vermont Supreme Court recently agreed with two lesbians who asked for that. Power moved; integrity caused it to happen.

On the other hand, integrity is fatal to homophobia. Homophobes don't have to listen to reason or debate hard arguments, like "How do you reconcile this person's sterling record in uniform with his homosexuality?" or "Why would someone choose to live a reviled lifestyle?" They know their answer without even looking; indeed, it helps them not to look, lest they find something.

For example, thanks to our coming out, every homophobe opposed to allowing openly gay people in the military has been forced to acknowledge that gay men and lesbians have

served our armed forces honorably for as long as we've had a military. They have to put the word "but" at the end of that sentence and go on. When they do that, we've won.

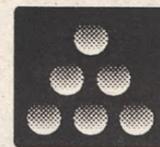
The hard work we have done over the last 25 years has made it impossible for a homophobe to remain homophobic and maintain personal integrity because we're around to refute their lies. When we live the truth of our lives every day, we challenge their falsehoods, and, in ever increasing numbers, our families and friends and co-workers back us up.

That's how Roberta Achtenberg got confirmed to as an under-secretary in the Department of Housing and Urban Development last month. Jesse Helms and company spewed forth their usual bile, instinctively sensing the importance of the first senate vote to confirm an open lesbian. But the Barbara Boxers and Donald Riegels were there to make them stop saying "she's abrasive," and make them say, "she's a lesbian—that's what I have against her." Claiborne Pell was there to "out" his own daughter on the senate floor. Even Sam Nunn found the integrity to cast a pro-lesbian vote. Integrity won, 58-31.

That's why our opponents will lose. Their only success comes from lying about us. Everywhere we have gathered in numbers big enough to be safe, we have passed gay rights laws, restored neighborhoods and taught people about compassion and fairness and overcoming obstacles. People who know us see that level of integrity in our lives, and they listen when we ask for equal treatment.

It is the integrity of having made the hard choice to live our lives out in the open that has made these successes possible. Everything we've won in this battle has come from people such as Tracy Thorne and Marguerete Cammermeyer and Roberta Achtenberg and those two lesbians in Vermont—and Michael and Robert, whose commitment announcement will appear in the Atlanta Journal/Constitution after they return from their honeymoon.

These are the actions that our annual community ceremony celebrates—staring indifference and hostility in the face, refusing to be disappeared out of existence, using our integrity to integrate our lives into society. Some actions may only take a little bit of integrity, but in our society, that tiny bit of integrity will take you a long way down the road to heroism. Sometimes all you have to do is ask.



GLAAD News

by CARL LANGE

Welcome to GLAAD/News, the first of a biweekly column that monitors the media in their coverage of gay and lesbian issues. GLAAD/News provides alerts of both good and bad coverage of our community, locally and nationally, and who to call or write to voice your opinion. GLAAD/News is perfect for the "arm-chair" activist, keeping you informed and letting you know who to call and/or write.

GLAAD/News is produced by GLAAD/Atlanta, (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/Atlanta). GLAAD was founded with the realization that television, film, newspaper, print and radio significantly shape social consciousness. Until recently, lesbian and gay portrayals in the media were rare. When they do occur, they are frequently stereotypical and inaccurate.

GLAAD is working to change this. GLAAD works directly with the media, attempting to insure fair, accurate and inclusive representations. But most importantly, your letters and calls make the difference.

The Lesbians are Coming

The June 21 cover story of Newsweek, "Lesbians, Coming Out Strong, What Are the Limits of Tolerance," is long overdue. This article discusses the lesbian movement and draws attention to lesbian invisibility within the gay and lesbian political movement. "Lesbians have been the invisible homosexuals, but now they're coming out strong. What are the limits of tolerance?"

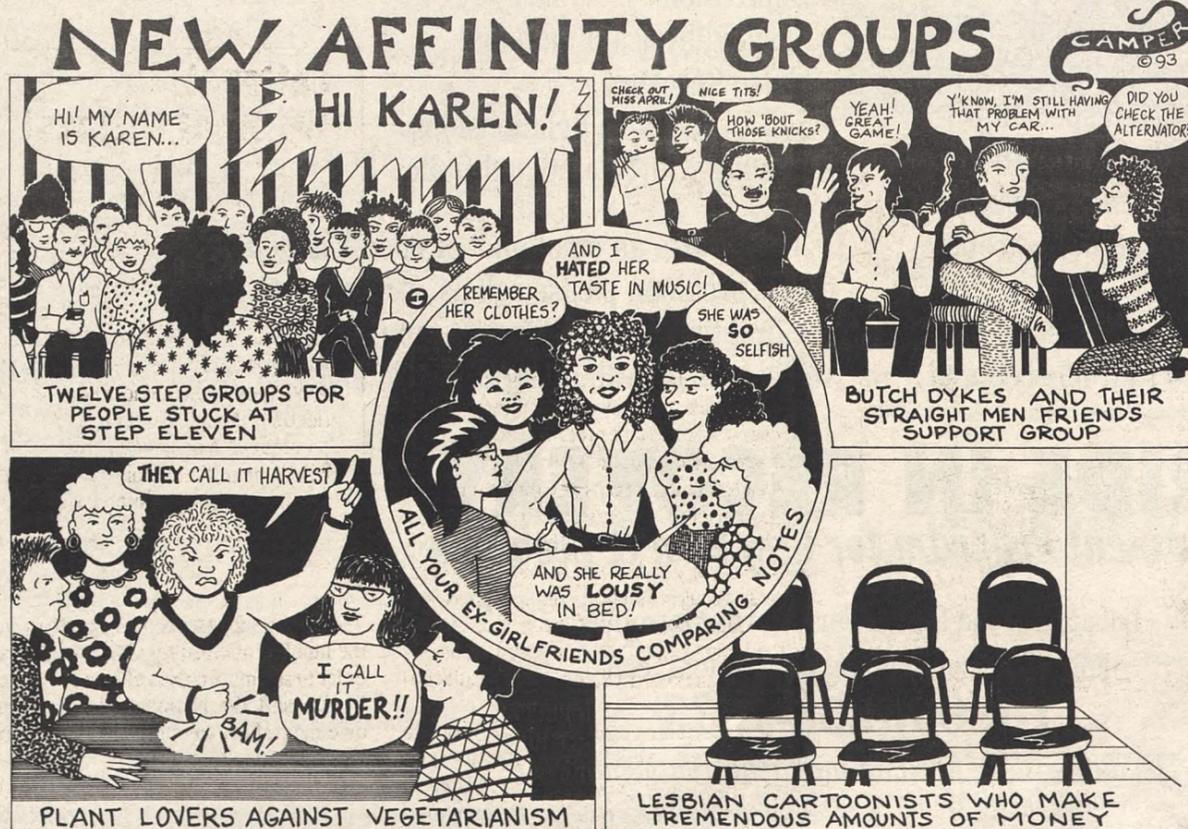
Newsweek should be commended for its front page attention to this issue, complete with a photo of an embracing lesbian couple. The political aspects of the lesbian movement are well researched (including several quotes from Ellen Carton of GLAAD), as well as issues of youth, entertainment, society and the military ban. Particularly good was the recognition of "baby dykes" and their emerging movement.

While the feature's coverage was successfully incisive, it failed in its sensationalism and focus on sex. The article points out the well-known phenomenon of describing lesbian sex as a male fantasy. It then proceeds to describe the lives of lesbians in a similar manner. Send your comments to: Letters to the Editor, Newsweek, 444 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022 or call Bill Christopherson, Letters Director at (212) 350-4000.

Commitment Ceremonies Campaign

GLAAD/Atlanta has launched a campaign to encourage gay and lesbian couples to send their commitment ceremony announcements to the Atlanta Journal/Constitution. In March, the AJ/C changed its policy to include commitment ceremonies, recognizing its gay and lesbian readership. Since that time, only three announcements have appeared. Take advantage of this free service by submitting your own commitment ceremony announcements to the Atlanta Journal/Constitution. To request a form or more information, call Byrone Battles at (404) 526-5806 at the AJ/C. Completed forms must be returned within 10 days of the ceremony.

Please send copies of your letters to GLAAD. For more information, call (404) 605-7477, or write GLAAD/Atlanta at P.O. Box 55111, Atlanta, GA 30309. This column is a product of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/Atlanta, Inc.



Backlash

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of matters and issues is that any employees ought to have what they are willing to pay for," said Karen Thompson, a police public affairs official.

But others familiar with the situation were not so willing to believe Bell's motives. Noting that Bell is rumored to be considering a run for mayor, Curly Davis, vice president of Atlanta Professional Firefighters Local 134, which endorsed the domestic partnership bill, said that Bell's call to the union sounded to him like a candidate looking for an issue.

"A lot of people are doing a lot of political posturing," he said.

Joan Garner, co-chair of the City Council's Lesbian/Gay Public Safety Task Force, said she was "appalled" by Bell's intervention.

"I really thought we were making some strides in getting our message across [to the police department]," she said.

Councilwoman Mary Davis, who sponsored the domestic partnership legislation, and the ad hoc committee that helped her push it through the council have been frustrated in their attempts to get out the truth as to how much the package will cost.

The city's finance department based its estimate, \$3 million a year, on the premise that 9 percent of city employees would participate, even though no other city offering domestic partnership benefits has reported a participation rate that high. Speaking at Sunday's Pride rally, she said that the highest estimate from the ad hoc committee was just \$25,000.

"At no point in the game of numbers have [finance department staff] been able to give us the exact sources of their estimates," Davis said.

Smith, in introducing his bill to repeal the measure, justified the high estimates from the finance department by talking about an unnamed "higher risk factor" for domestic partners.

Without specifically mentioning AIDS, Smith spoke about blood test requirements for insurance policies and added that the reason insurance companies were charging more for domestic partnerships than for "a family" was risk.

"You measure risk according to what is there," he said. "People who are a higher risk ought to pay higher prices."

Davis disputed Smith's assertion that domestic partners pose a higher risk by citing insurance company reports that pregnancy and pre-natal care are the categories of health care producing the highest claim cost and noting that other cities who offer domestic partnership benefits report no increase in claims for AIDS.

"It's just not true," Davis said.

Smith's bill has been sent to the council's executive and finance committees for review and will come up for discussion this week. Of concern to domestic partnership proponents are the council's narrow 9-7 vote in approving partnership benefits and the fact that the executive committee is chaired by Councilwoman Davetta Johnson, who originally co-sponsored the bill, then voted against it without comment.

"[Smith] has the right to send anything he wants to committee. We just have to keep lobbying our council members," said Herb Rehberg, the openly gay firefighter who worked with the ad hoc committee.

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Spectators pack a balcony on 10th Street to watch the Pride parade go past.

Pride '93

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mayoral candidate, was out of town and did not participate, but a "Myrtle Davis for Mayor" convertible brought up the rear of the march with a stand-in for the candidate riding on the back.

Atlanta Police Major Wayne Mock estimated the march at 100,000, which was the figure used by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and WXIA-TV (Channel 11). The other television stations used different figures, with WSB-TV (Channel 2) putting the number at 50,000 and WAGA-TV (Channel 5) hedging its bets by describing the crowd as "tens of thousands."

Marklein accepted the police estimate as to the number of marchers, although she added that the committee's estimate of the number of people in the park was higher—from 125,000 to 130,000—because of people who came directly to the festival.

Television coverage of the day's events was much better than Atlanta's gay community has come to expect. WSB came in at the bottom of the list for focusing its story on Sunday's 11 p.m. newscast almost exclusively on drag queens and noting that the parade participants' focus appeared to be "calling attention to themselves." WGNX (Channel 46), WXIA (Channel 11), and WAGA (Channel 5) all fared much better, although WXIA anchor Carmen Burns repeatedly referred to "the gay lifestyle" throughout her report.

Saturday, organizers estimated 1800 lesbians marched around Piedmont Park in Atlanta's

first Dyke March.

The march was a spirited affair, with drumming and dancing first down Piedmont Avenue and then back up Monroe Drive and 10th Street before ending back at the park with a display of fire-eating by the Lesbian Avengers. About a dozen Avengers took off their shirts before reaching Ansley Mall. Police made no arrests, despite media reports before the march in which police said topless women would be arrested.

"If I get an order to arrest, I will, but I'm not going to do anything on my own," said Officer H.C. Ewing. "We have a law against riding a motorcycle without a helmet, too, but that's what happens in parades."

Friday night's Commitment Ceremony brought 75 to 80 couples to publicly join together. Nearly 400 onlookers watched as Rev. Ann Johnston officiated at Winn Park. Many of those were up and running Saturday morning, as 600 runners and walkers participated in Front Runners' third annual Pride Run, benefitting Project Open Hand. And several hundred participated in Saturday night's AIDS candlelight remembrance—"Our Thousand Points of Love"—at John Howell Park. Nearly 1500 gathered later in the evening at Zoo Atlanta for Joining Hearts' "Wild Again" benefit for AID Atlanta's housing program.

Skip Marklein said she and the rest of the committee were pleased with this year's celebration, adding that work on next year's Pride will begin after the committee has a few days to recoup.

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Domestic Partnership

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my investment in the future," said openly gay city firefighter Herb Rehberg. "If my partner, part of my partnership, is ill, then I need insurance, or family leave or whatever, so that I can assist him."

Rehberg, who said he has not yet reached the six-month qualification with his partner, noted that, unlike traditional marriages, the basis for consummating a domestic partnership in Atlanta is economics, not sex.

"You consummate a marriage with sex," he

said. "This is consummated with a contract for the future. It really comes down to 'why can't I decide who benefits from my hard work?'"

The benefits package provides medical and dental insurance, sick leave, funeral leave and parental leave identical to those provided to the married spouses of city employees. The city pays three-quarters of the cost, and the employee makes up the difference. Provided repeal efforts are unsuccessful and the mayor does not veto the bill, the coverage goes into effect during the city's next open enrollment period on Jan. 1, 1994.

KC WILDMOON

When do two people qualify as domestic partners?

- They have lived in the same residence for six months.
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- They agree to be jointly obligated and responsible for the necessities of life for each other.
- They are 18, not married to anyone else, are each other's sole domestic partner, are legally able to enter into a contract and are not more closely related by blood than the law allows for a legal marriage in Georgia.
- They have not been registered as someone else's domestic partner within the past six months, unless their partner died.
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Domestic Partnership is truly a victory for our community, but we have many more battles to fight in order to secure our full rights. Please demonstrate your personal thanks to GAPAC by sending a donation so that they may continue in their efforts to lobby and educate elected officials in our behalf.

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Portraits of women who break the rules

Monika Truet's "Female Misbehavior" series at Georgia State

"I would like to encourage risky or courageous behavior for women," says German film director Monika Truet. "Women really are still not very aware of, or still afraid of, just being themselves."

Women being themselves is the focus of her four short films that fall under the umbrella title of "Female Misbehavior." The films—"Bondage," "Annie," "Dr. Paglia" and "Max"—are playing through July 1 at Cinefest on the Georgia State University campus. The films feature a series of portraits of "misbehaving" women—a lesbian S&Mer, an ex-porno star, an infamous academic and a woman who transgresses gender barriers.

In the first feature, "Bondage," Carol explains the joys of S&M, breast torture and the "very warm, very safe, very secure" feelings from bondage. Lesbians and feminists have initially reacted violently to this piece, filmed in 1983, taking exception to Carol's attempts to put the clip-on microphone on her nipple and her assertion that bondage is communication.

Truet feels that things have improved since the film premiered 10 years ago. As she told *Eye* magazine, "Ten years ago, they [feminists] just started to be interested in different kinds of sexuality and different subjects. That whole culture has advanced, and I think the stronger a subculture gets, the more relaxed it gets."

Then again, Truet isn't much interested in pleasing feminists. As she once told the periodical *Varsity*, "They're much too easy to please. You give them what they want, and they're in heaven. I always find that there are certain people who have an understanding of things because they're used to thinking for themselves. But the more people are caught or trapped in an ideology, the less they are able to have their own judgment on things."

Those sorts of die-hard feminists may find most of "Female Misbehavior" more than a little unsettling. But the most unsettling piece may be "Dr. Paglia," a feature piece on Camille Paglia, the self-proclaimed egomaniac and bisexual author of "Sexual Personae." In it, Paglia ridicules the "no-means-no" condemnation of date rape, declaring that "no doesn't always mean no." She also talks about art, her upbringing, her sex life and what she calls the misconception that she is not a feminist.

Truet speaks with admiration about Paglia, saying, "I've never seen a woman like her. I think I've not seen a man like her."



German film director Monika Truet, pictured, says she likes women who practice "risky or courageous behavior."

But, Truet notes, many mainstream feminists have come away from her film with a fresh perspective of the good doctor. "When they saw the portrait of Paglia, they were ready to hate her. Some of them were saying later to me, 'I was surprised. It's interesting. I like it.'"

The next film, "Annie," is a 10-minute visit with Annie Sprinkle, the ex-porn star turned performance artist. Viewers are treated to stills from Sprinkle's performance act, and a visual tour of the star's celebrated cervix.

The film closes with "Max," the story of a native American lesbian in the process of undergoing a sex change. The 27-minute film takes us on the mind-boggling journey from sex to sex as Anita Valerio becomes Max.

In "Max," we learn that it costs around \$7,000 to construct a

vagina, compared with nearly \$50,000 for a penis. Truet sees this as discrimination, as she tells *Eye*. "It's mostly male doctors who do this surgery, and I think deep down they hate to give a woman a penis."

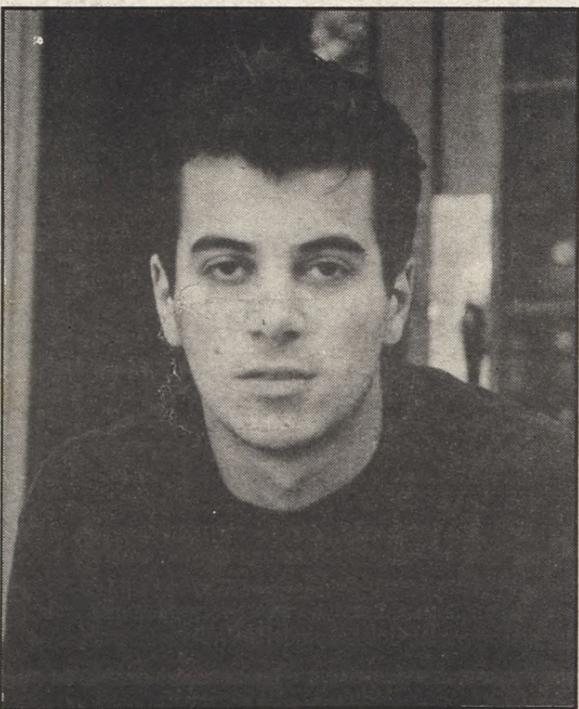
If you enjoy the short pieces at Cinefest, then you'll want to watch for Truet's next project, "The Virility Factor," based on a male-authored work by Frenchman Robert Merle.

"He creates a kind of nightmare vision of these radical feminists taking over," Truet says.

Call Cinefest at 651-CINE (651-2463) for show times. Admission is \$2 before 6 p.m. and \$4 after 6 p.m. Cinefest is located at 66 Courtland St., Suite 211.

CANDACE CHELLEW

Steam Records is Atlanta's nurturing new label



Atlanta musician Steve Ellis' profound vocals highlight "Naked Rhythm."

"Naked Rhythm" showcases new musicians while raising money to fight AIDS

Harvey Schwartz saw a music industry robbed by AIDS, and he came up with an idea. Why not support the artists we have and, at the same time, do something about this disease that has taken so many of the musicians we miss?

The result was Steam, the latest jewel in Atlanta's ever-growing crown of record labels, designed both to support the songwriter/musician as an artist and raise money for AIDS research. The label celebrates its first release this month with a compilation of songs by independent artists, titled "Naked Rhythm," which benefits the AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta.

The acts featured on *Naked Rhythm* are as far-reaching as AIDS itself, from The Hannibals out of the Midwest to New York's Lisa Loeb, Canada's Big Idea and a number of musicians here in Atlanta, including Steve Ellis, Kristian Bush and Shawn Mullins. There are no drum machines and no computer-generated techno sounds, just human beings making music. These folk-rooted songs represent the artist as creator, and their strong acoustics reveal the direction of the Steam label.

Ellis' vocals on "Maybe" stand out as the most profound, although Loeb, the only female on this release, is a vibrant runner-up for that position, holding her own with "This." Mullins' "Same Old Thing" has that distinct Atlanta "sound" that distinguishes local acoustic acts from those in the rest of the country. Bush, part

of a duo with Andrew Hyra (they now have a full band and call themselves Billy Pilgrim), recorded "Insomniac" long before "Naked Rhythm," but Schwartz loved it and wanted to use it.

Bush says he's excited about Steam because "it's another label in Atlanta, and it has money," a reference to a corporate sponsor that has allowed Steam to expand to offices in Los Angeles and New York.

Prior to the release of "Naked Rhythm," Schwartz organized a showcase of some of the musicians at the Variety Playhouse. Georgia State's radio station, Album 88, broadcast the show live, and Eddie Owen of Eddie's Attic provided his venue for an introductory showcase as well.

"It's very exciting to have Atlanta's music scene come out and get involved," says Matt Piper of the AIDS Research Consortium.

AIDS benefit projects, such as 1990's "Red, Hot and Blue" and its follow-up, "Red, Hot and Dance," are not a new concept. "Naked Rhythm," however, strums the listener's appreciation for audible art while helping to nurture some new talent at the same time.

Steam's next release will be from Ellis and his band, The Line, to be recorded this summer in New Orleans and scheduled for release in September. "Naked Rhythm" can be found locally at Criminal Records, Turtle's Rhythm and Views and Corner Compact Disc. It can also be ordered by sending \$12 (\$2 of which goes to ARCA) and shipping costs to Steam, P.O. Box 52603, Atlanta GA 30355. For more information, call (800) 795-8403.

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IN THE WINGS: ANGELS IN AMERICA. This Great Performances special is a behind-the-scenes look at the creation of "Angels in America," the critically acclaimed, Tony-winning Broadway hit about America's

BONES AND MAE. Funny...That Way presents an original play written and directed by Deb Calabria about an interracial lesbian couple and their non-traditional family. 8 p.m. Tonight and Sat. Through July 17. First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Dr. \$8. 875-2275.

SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT. You gotta see this new art exhibit sponsored by the Bella Museo art gallery. Tonight's opening reception features a number of artists presenting exciting new

Boys are country legends. 8:30 p.m. Chastain Park. \$16-\$32.50.

PARTY ANIMALS: A POLITICAL PRIMER. Kick-off your July 4th celebration in this Library of Congress exhibition of the menagerie of American political symbols used throughout the years, from the familiar Democratic donkey and Republican elephant to the larger collection of beasts that once roamed the American political landscape. Through Aug 13. Jimmy Carter Museum. 331-0296.

DON HENLEY. Support the Green and enjoy this Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter who's hits include "The End of Innocence" and "All She Wants To Do Is Dance." Fifty cents of every ticket sold will go to the Walden Woods Project, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of this historic woods in Massachusetts. 8 p.m. Coca-Cola Lakewood Amphitheatre. \$16.50-\$25.50. 249-6400.

STRAIGHT AHEAD. The Variety Playhouse presents this all female jazz band making its Atlanta debut. 8:30 p.m. 1099 Euclid Ave. \$10-\$12. 521-1786.

PIECE WORK: THE FABRIC OF MEMORY. Explore the themes of loss and memory with this exhibition of mixed media paintings and sculpture by California artist Mari Marks

Fleming. Her layered paintings create a skin-like surface suggesting the elemental landscape; figures are sometimes revealed in the layers. Opening reception tonight. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Through Aug 17. TULA Arts Complex, Ariel Gallery, 75 Bennett St. 352-5753.

3 SATURDAY

STEPHANIE PETTIS AND RIO. Listen to the cool sounds of Miami in the Heart of Buckhead. 10:30 p.m. Headliners, 56 E Andrews Dr.

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4 SUNDAY

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STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER. ASO Resident Conductor George Hanson leads the Atlanta Symphony in this star-spangled musical tribute. Sing along with "America the Beautiful" and the "1812 Overture." A fantastic fireworks display rounds out the evening. 8:30 p.m. Chastain Park. \$16-\$32.50. 817-8700.

5 MONDAY

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GAY USA. A gay and lesbian news show produced in New York includes national and international coverage. Cable Ch. 12, People TV. 11 p.m.

6 TUESDAY

ART IN MOTION: AN EXHIBIT HONORING ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE. The



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7 WEDNESDAY

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This locally produced show about people living with AIDS. 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.

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AIDS crisis. 11 p.m. WGTV Channel 8.

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Years ago, the approach of the Fourth was made known by the proliferation of roadside stands, set up under tents, to sell a colorful array of Roman candles, shining sparklers, cherry bombs, bottle rockets and of course, Black Cat firecrackers. The pleasure of fireworks was wrapped in the loud, eye-blinking bangs, the smell of spent powders and the bright explosion of color against the night sky.

But times have changed and for the most part, the enjoyment of fireworks has become a spectator sport rather than a participatory one. While some still make the trip north on I-75 to those Vegas-like, neon-covered fireworks stores above and west of Chattanooga where the variety of celestial munitions is staggering both to the imagination and the pocketbook, most Atlantans find that the best way to enjoy the night of the Fourth is to head to the granddaddy of all the Atlanta pyrotechnic displays at **Lenox Square**.

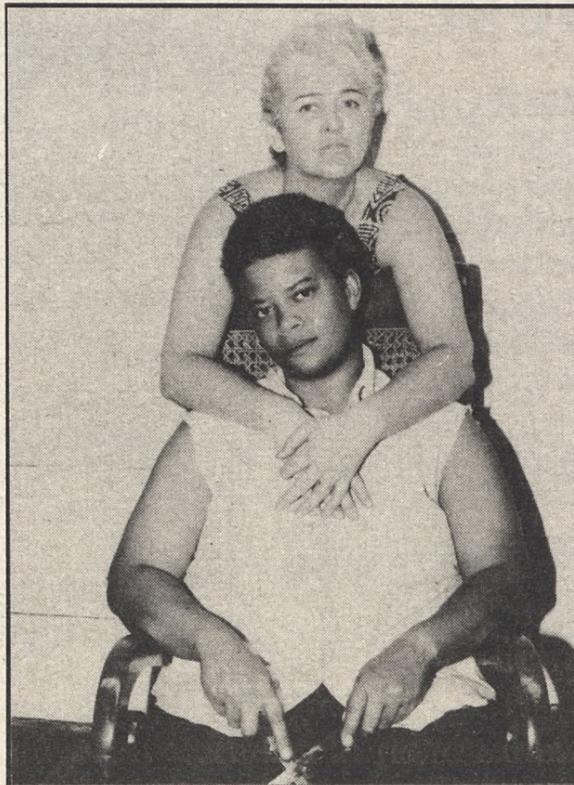
From 6 p.m. on the evening of the Fourth, the front parking lot on the Peachtree Road side of the complex will be closed to cars and open to people to set up lawn chairs and blankets while they listen to a band awaiting the extravaganza put on by the Zimbellis. While you won't be able to light the fuses yourself, you will enjoy lying back and gazing toward heaven as the reds, golds, greens and silver explosions boom overhead, then spread out and slowly fade in falling bursts of light.

If you can't wait until the Fourth, you can drive out to that massive memorial to the Confederacy, Stone Mountain, and spread a blanket on the lawn and enjoy the **Laser Show** at 9:30, followed by fireworks around 10:30. You can do this on July 2, 3, and, of course, on July 4.

If you would rather not spend the Fourth in the shadow of Confederate generals, the city of Decatur is celebrating Independence Day with a **Pied Piper Parade**. Led by Decatur's official Pied Piper, Michael Waters, the procession will line up

AFTER HOURS

DANNY ROBLE



Denise Haskins (seated) and Gale Reter play lovers in *Funny...That Way's* "Bones and Mae."

at 5 p.m. at the First Baptist Church at 308 Clairemont Avenue, with the step off slated for 6 p.m. Waters has more than 10 years of experience as a storyteller and entertainer and has

been busy this summer performing with the Renaissance Festival as the Tavernmaster. Everyone is welcome to march or ride in the parade, and no pre-registration is required. Parents are encouraged to bring the children to ride their own wagons in the parade rather than just watch.

After reaching the Decatur Square, the Pied Piper will entertain with stories and songs, followed by the Callanwolde Concert Band at 7:30 pm. The fireworks will begin after dark.

Now, news of other events: Atlantans can catch thespians from the comedy improv troupe *Funny...That Way* in a production of Deb Calabria's "**Bones and Mae**" on the first, second and third weekends in July at the First Existentialist Congregation on Candler Park Drive. Show times are 8 p.m. each Friday and Saturday, July 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, and 17.

Stage veterans Denise Haskins and Gale Reter play the title roles, a pair of longtime lovers. Interestingly, the pair were cast as lovers more than 12 years ago in a gay pride production of "My Blue Heaven" at the old Redoubt on Ponce de Leon. The current play features a large cast of *Funny...That Way* members in roles as friends and extended family of *Bones and Mae*. The play deals with love, life and loss in an untraditional family. Tickets are \$8 at the door.

SAME, the Southeastern Arts, Media and Education Project, will present their sixth-annual gay pride show at the OutProud Theatre at 75 Bennett Street in the TULA Complex. Entitled "**Together Proud and Strong**," the show includes song, dance, drama and oral history woven together. The show features the work of local writers Shirlene Holmes, Charlene Ball, and Kent Wilson, as well as that of famous gay authors from Elizabethan to modern times.

Performers in "Together Proud and Strong" include Sonny Chisolm, Robert Johnson, Harley Gould, Sharon Lane, Rebecca Ranson, Nayck Feliz, Cheryl Pittman, Jean Miller, Kecia Cunningham and Lenny Lasater.

Issues in the show include romance in the age of AIDS, breast cancer, anger and the '87 and '93 marches on Washington. The play will open on July 8 and run through the 11th. Call SAME at (404) 609-9590 for more information.

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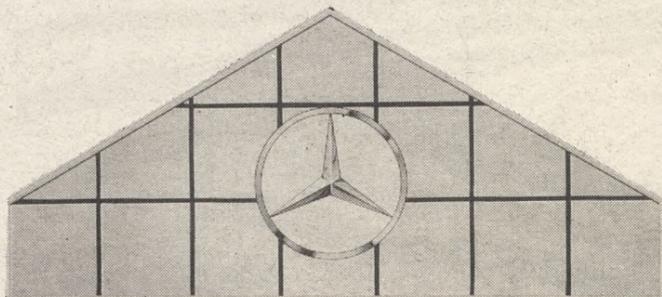
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Poteat to get Fourth Tuesday scholarship

Tonia C. Poteat has been selected as the 1993 recipient of the Pat Hoben Memorial Scholarship, given by Fourth Tuesday, a lesbian business/professional organization.

Currently volunteer coordinator at Project Open Hand, Tonia will leave her job in August to begin an intensive 28-month physician assistant program at Emory University. Her post-degree career objective is "to provide lesbian-sensitive health care services for women and to promote education and research on lesbian health issues."

After graduating from Yale, where she came out and became an activist, Tonia moved to Atlanta to work for the Feminist Women's Health Center. Her local activities have included Zami, an organization for African-American lesbians, and the African-American Lesbian/Gay Alliance, where she helped organize Atlanta's first People



of Color Pride Celebration. In addition, she established and co-directed the first AIDS hotline for women in the Southeast and founded the Atlanta Lesbian AIDS Project.

Arts Festival looks for more than a few volunteers

With the 40th annual Arts Festival of Atlanta fast approaching, organizers are issuing an appeal for volunteers to help put on the city's premier arts celebration, scheduled for Sept. 11-19.

A small group of committed volunteers organized the first festival in the backyard of a Buckhead home in 1954, and, for nearly 20 years, the event thrived solely on the power of its volunteer corps. Today, the time and talent of nearly 3,000 dedicated individuals will be needed to put on the festival, one of the most comprehensive multi-disciplinary arts events in North America.

"As we celebrate our 40th anniversary in 1993, the goodwill of individuals and the corporate community continues to be significant force behind the festival's presentation of innovative visual and performing arts in Piedmont Park at no cost to an audience averaging more than two million annually," says Shauna Edwards, the festival's development director and coordinator of volunteer activities. "Volunteering at the Festival has become a tradition for many people and we welcome the participation of both veterans and newcomers."

In exchange for donating their time, volunteers earn an official volunteer T-shirt and a complimentary copy of the official festival program. Hours invested in the festival can be applied to a volunteer application for the 1996 Olympic Games.

A brochure outlining various volunteering opportunities, including pre-event planning and

on-site staffing of exhibits, park entrances, children's activities and information booths, is available by calling the festival office at (404) 885-1125. An application which allows volunteer prospects to list their preferred areas of activity and scheduling choices is included.

Nearly 1,000 of the world's most innovative visual and performing artists will participate in the 1993 festival, which features organized exhibits, an artist market, performances and children's activities.

NAPWA needs summer volunteers

The Atlanta chapter of the National Association for People with AIDS (NAPWA) has announced a summer volunteer drive, seeking volunteers of all skills and talents to help make a difference in the lives of people with AIDS.

"Our services have been reaching more people than ever before, and we're working to keep our staffing needs up to the demands," said Liz England, the association's volunteer coordinator. "Whether someone has an hour a week to stuff envelopes, or is HIV positive and can be trained as a peer counselor, we would welcome their time and talent."

The volunteer drive will culminate with an orientation on Wednesday, July 21, from 6-9 p.m. at the NAPWA offices, located at 44 12th Street in Midtown.

Founded in 1988, Atlanta NAPWA is a leading HIV/AIDS advocacy and support organization. All NAPWA services are offered free of charge. For more information of the Atlanta NAPWA Volunteer Drive, contact Liz England at (404) 874-7926.



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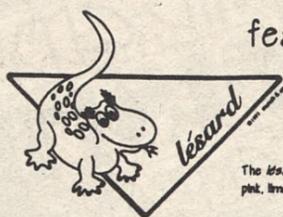
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The paucity of decent intown Chinese eateries makes me downright grumpy. Not that I have anything against Buford Highway. It's just that I'd rather not have to drive 30 minutes to dine on a decent dumpling.

Why are close-in Chinese chow halls sooooo mediocre? I don't know. But I do know that if you're as bored with the scene as I am, you'll likely relish a trip to **Little Szechuan** (5091-C Buford Highway in Northwoods Plaza, 451-0192).

This relatively new (no beer/wine license yet) restaurant sports a 78-item menu that ranges from the prosaic (chicken fried rice) to the sublime (eggplant with garlic sauce) to the slightly scary (intestine with pig's blood soup). While much of the menu is marked with those little stars that warn of incendiary spicing, there are plenty of mild dishes for those who prefer to flame in other ways.

The menu is liberally illustrated with color photos of most dishes. It's a nice touch, but it doesn't offer much of an idea what things will actually taste like. More helpful in making choices are the copies of glowing reviews from both the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and Knife and Fork that have been enlarged and placed under the plastic table covers. Both offer good guidelines, but neither explores the possibilities of such exotica as sinew of ox with rice or pig intestine cold dish.

And guess what? After two visits with six other fairly brave souls, you'll not hear much about the likes of pig's kidney soup from me either.

What you will get is unalloyed praise for a wide variety of dishes. Like heaping plates full of fat, sweet shrimp in a mild white wine and scallion sauce. Or the same crustaceans stir fried quickly with pale young chive stems. Both manage to be soothing and mild as well as packed with flavor. Order a platter of either as an appetizer for the whole table, or hoard a plate for yourself as an entree.

The menu is not divided into the usual appetizer/soup/entree sections and food comes (very quickly) out of the kitchen as it's ready, so if you crave a distinct appetizer course, order it early.

We did sample an appetizer-sized order of spicy wontons that turned out to be incredibly earthy little pork dumplings awash in a soy and hot pepper oil sauce/broth. Neither so neat nor light as their ethereal cousins at Yen Jing or Pung Mie, they're still well worth a try. And mighty entertaining to boot: each little dumpling wears a long, gossamer skirt of paper-thin dough that makes swallowing it akin to scarfing a raw oyster.

Equally as earthy and just as slippery, a huge plate of Chinese eggplant in garlic sauce is just plain fabulous. The hot, oily, garlicky sauce enhances the nutty flavor of vegetable rather than masking it. And it's just as good reheated in the microwave the next day. Shredded pork in a similar spicy garlic goo does not fare so well, as the flavor of the meat gets subsumed by the garlic and peppers.

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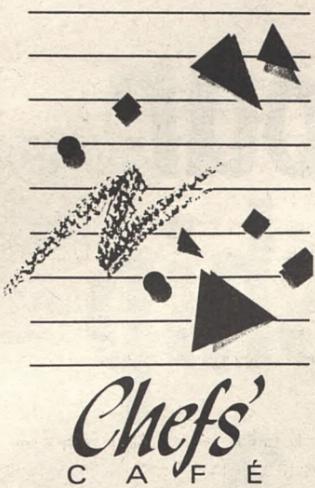
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Kung pao chicken suffers a fate similar to the garlic pork; not bad, just not very exciting.

There's much pleasure and no suffering at all to be found in a plate of long beans sauteed with dried shrimp and radishes. Like the eggplant, the flavors here are deep, rich and complex. Good enough to make me forever forswear fatback in my beans.

Sizzling tofu in Szechuan sauce, another (almost) vegetarian dish also gets raves...unless you are ordered it thinking it would be meatless. Tiny bits of pork, black mushroom and black beans stud the broth that surrounds evanescent cakes of tofu. Add the fact that it arrives steaming and bubbling atop its own little brazier, and you've got drama with your dinner.

A special of (two) red groupers in a mild ginger scallion sauce also comes to the table on a steaming brazier (this one big and decorated with punched out clubs—as in cards.) Like most whole fish dishes, this is not particularly easy to eat. But the sweet, moist flesh is well worth the trouble, and the price is a very reasonable \$9.95. Sublime.

Also easy on the eye and palate, stir-fried mandarin mu shu vegetables come topped with a fat, golden pancake of scrambled egg rather than in the usual rice wrappers drizzled with hoisin sauce. It's flavorful, elegant, light and filling.

Only two dishes that we tried made me cranky. Smoked tea duck (which comes in half and full portions) was dry, salty and not particularly crisp of skin. Half the people at the table loved it, but it reminded me more of beef jerky than elegant Asian duck. Stir-fried pieces of squid (with gobs of chives) in a deep peppery sauce were a tougher call. The contrast of flavors and textures was great, but much of the squid was downright tough; not just chewy, tough. Not my idea of fun.

The space at Little Szechuan is generic, middle of the road Asian restaurant—comfortable and functional, but no cause for architectural ecstasy. Service is fast, helpful and friendly. So much so that I may never put up with the rudeness at Honto again.

Portions are large and prices are so reasonable that you can eat 'til you pop, take food home and spend less than \$15 a head...with tip. Good stuff.

New Kid on the Block

The empty deli case that's been sitting in the front of The Bread Garden (1035 N. Highland Ave. 875-5599) has not blossomed forth with salads and sandwiches as I had hoped it would. What has appeared in the tiny space is **Beyond Sugar**, a pastry bakery. I've sampled a couple of sweets and was less than overjoyed.

But a big slab of yeasty pizza-like pastry topped with fresh spinach, Vidalia onions, Parmesan cheese and pine nuts was fabulous...and cost less than \$2. Try it soon. And don't forget the Bread Garden's fab, if pricy, loaves while you are there.

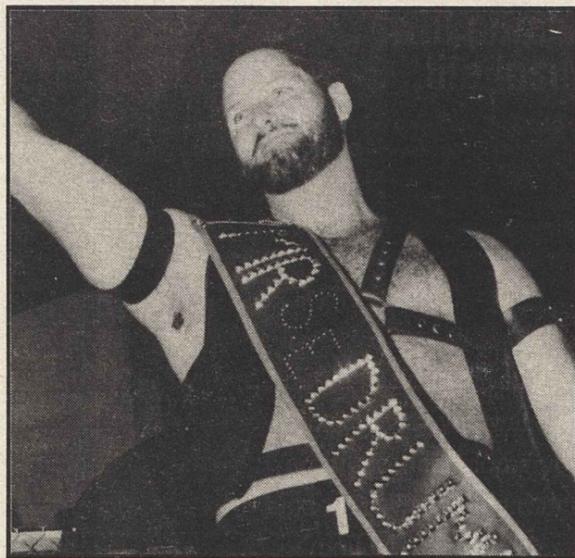
Get Smart...And Wet: Southern Voice isn't the only queer publication to have a new editor. Heather Findlay has just been named the editor of "On Our Backs." Ms. F. (who recently received her Ph.D. in English from Cornell) has been widely published in academic journals on topics ranging from Shakespeare to lesbian dildo use. (Dish tends to think that this means that the woman is versatile, but we've not had the pleasure of her company, so we can't swear to this.) Ms. F says there'll be more on "sex industry workers, transgender folk and even gay men—if they behave" in OOB. Want a copy? Send \$7 (including postage and handling) to On Our Backs, 526 Castro Street, San Francisco.

Sad Story Nets Big Bucks: Poor Greta Garbo. She said she wanted to be alone, but when she got her wish, she was evidently pretty miserable. At least that's what a stash of her letters that was sold early this month indicates. The letters (from Garbo to her friend, actress and screenwriter Salka Viertel) don't paint a pretty picture of the glamour goddess's life. Check these quotes—"I have disappeared in the wilderness. I am practically a prisoner because I don't want anyone to know I am here." And, "I am living in terror and utter sadness." We know all this because the letters (68 of them) were purchased by one David Wolkowsky (who lives in Key West and has big bucks) for a cool \$40,000, and he has made some of them public.

City Life Discovers Queers: But gets a failing score on originality and the facts. After five weeks of publication, Midtown edition of the Journal/Constitution's City Life has finally discovered that there are queers in Midtown. We guess we should be happy that it was Richard Shumate (SoVo's editor) that they found, but we're not too amused by the fact that, rather than interviewing Shumate themselves, they lifted a quote from the pages of this paper. And then there's the AJ/C's contention that SoVo was once a newsletter. 'Tain't so. There's also a story on the Pride festivities in the same issue—as if the only place

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Bear Barry Bishop floats Dish's boat.

that queers live is in Midtown. Is it just our imagination, or is the AJ/C's homo coverage regressing back to that of an earlier decade? Have Lewis Grizzard and Dick Williams taken over the assignment desk?

Activist Alert: Speaking of regressive, remember the queers who thought it was better to elect Paul Coverdell rather than re-elect Wyche Fowler? Well, we've got a job for them, or for some

enterprising gay/lesbian Republican. Seems that Sen. Paul has formed a "Citizen's Senate Delegation," which he describes as a "volunteer network of business, government and community leaders who will serve as liaisons between communities throughout the state and the Coverdell Senate offices." We've seen a list of the folks in this delegation (which includes our fave state senator, Skin Edge), and we'd venture to say that none of them is a homo. If you'd like to volunteer to be the token queer in this rat's nest of conservative cronyism, call Sen. Coverdell's office at (202) 224-8049. And be sure to let us know how they respond to your offer to play with the boys. (Ten of the 35 folks in this delegation are women; we have no idea how many are black, but one does have an Hispanic name.)

Fame Hog: Or maybe that should be Fame Bear. When we found ourselves marching next to a 6-foot-4-inch hunk named Barry Bishop in D.C., Dish discovered how nice it can be not to march straight. But little did Dish know how much of Mr. B. we'd be seeing in the future. Early this month, the new issue of "Bear" magazine came out with guess who on the cover as featured centerfold? Mr. Bishop, of course, who used his fame to raise well over \$200 for Childkind at an autograph party at the Eagle. Now who do we discover has won the Mr. Southeast Drummer contest? Right you are. And he's headed to San Francisco in September to try to hog even more fame. First "Bear," then Drummer. Makes Dish wonder if Barry intends to go for the Triple Crown of True Fame—is Possum Queen next?

Fuzzy Wuzzy: Last week in this space, Dish, clever as always, pointed out that a photograph in an ad for JC Penney inadvertently changed the meaning of a logo on the model's shirt. We didn't actually tell you the joke, thinking that the accompanying photograph would do the trick. But, alas, the photo came out too fuzzy to read. So in case any of you were wondering, "Duck Head" became "Dick Head" in the photo. We apologize if any of you lost sleep trying to figure it out.

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Well, it's the Fourth of July again, time to appreciate the freedoms we have here—the freedom to express our opinions and voice our discontent, the freedom to protest, march and write numerous letters to our officials on any issue we choose. Have a wonderful celebration. And keep writing those letters.

ARIES, Mercury is now moving backward in your fourth house of home and family issues. Be very careful to keep all communication with immediate family members or the folks you live with clear and to the point. No fuzzy thinking needed right now. **TAURUS,** if your love life isn't exactly as fulfilling or romantic as you might like, then you may need to find more and even better ways of nurturing yourself. Do your best to let go of any relationship that is damaging or unhealthy for you. **GEMINI,** Venus has been cruising through your 12th house of dreams and visions, activating your dream time and intuition. As Venus moves into your first house, be sure to trust your basic instincts, especially about other people and your money.

Happy Birthday, **CANCER.** With Mercury moving backward in your first house of self-awareness and personal expression, it is very important for you to be clear in your own mind before you try to communicate your thoughts or feelings to others. **LEO,** with

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the sun and Mercury illuminating/activating your 12th house of dreams, visions and deeply buried secrets, you could have some startling revelations about yourself, your family or someone very close to you. Trust your insights and intuition. **VIRGO,** this is not a good time (is there ever?) for worry or for mulling things over too long. This is perfect for action and physical activity. Get out there and do stuff, especially important to complete any projects that have been dragging along.

LIBRA, how are things going with your career? Are you just doing a job or are you actually building a career? Very important to find a mentor, if you are serious about a specific career. The more support you have, the better off you will be. Seriously, **SCORPIO,** this is not the time to cling to any kind of relationship that is not working for you. On the other hand, be sure to keep your word, especially where financial agreements have been

made. Integrity always pays off. **SAGITTARIUS,** you may find it very helpful to seek out a mentor, especially if you are trying to get a business or special project off the ground. Look for someone who is patient and experienced in your field. Get all the support you can.

CAPRICORN, if you are not currently in a relationship or you have been neglecting the one you're in, this is the perfect time to revive your love life. For a new flame, pay close attention to any interesting people coming your way. **AQUARIUS,** love is where you find it and often it is right in front of our faces. Don't overlook old friends and acquaintances when you start thinking about romance or a steady or, definitely, a significant other. Summer is perfect for fun dates. **PISCES,** are you ready for some relief from intensity and volatile emotional issues? You are? Then head for the beach, the mountains or your favorite getaway and soak up the beauty and wonder of nature for a few days or, even better, a whole week.

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Panel 4: MMMMM... YOU TASTE GOOD... YOU TASTE GOOD. I TASTE LIKE PEPPERONI, LEMME GO BRUSH MY TEETH...

Panel 5: LOOKS LIKE ABSTRACTION JUST HAD A LITTLE TRAIN WRECK WITH REALITY... ...MAYBE WE SHOULD TRY ONE OF THESE CONTRASTING COUPLES WORKSHOPS...

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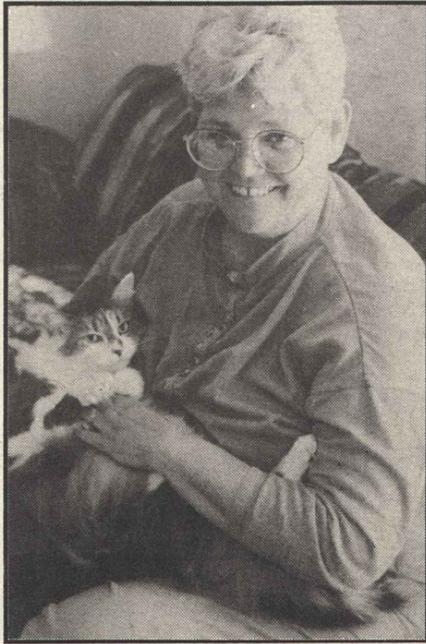
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BETTY IRWIN

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A burning bush gave Moses direction in life. For Betty Irwin, it was a flaming nightgown.

It was Jan. 5, 1981. The Atlanta native was living in Memphis, Tenn. at the time and was staying at her girlfriend's house.

"I was standing next to a gas heater. I was unemployed and trying to think about what to do with my life when my nightgown caught on fire. While I was recuperating in the hospital for six weeks, with third-degree burns over 20 percent of my body, I decided I wanted to finish college."

It was only a few years later that she put that degree in finance to good use when she returned to Atlanta in 1985. She joined the Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance right about the time the group decided to buy a house.

"I worked out the mortgage plan for ALFA," she says. "I knew that a bank would never approve the loan. So instead, we let women loan us money. We guaranteed them 10 percent [interest] and that in 10 years, we would repay them all. There are about 20 women who hold promissory notes on the house. Now we owe less than \$10,000 on the house, and it will be woman-only space that no one can take away from us."

But that triumph came far into Betty's life journey. She wasn't always such an activist. One of eight children, she says she didn't come out until 1977, after several unhappy relationships with men.

"My therapist told me I needed to go out and find women more like myself," she says. "I don't know if he meant gay women, but he kept encouraging me to join NOW, where I would find 'strong women,' as he called them. That's what I did, and sure enough, after a couple of years, I found a strong woman."

Her lesbian identity came into focus when she lived in Memphis.

"Memphis is an interesting place to come out," she laughs. "It's a million people with a small-town atmosphere. Atlanta is accused of being cliquish, but it's nothing compared to Memphis."

It was there, however, that Betty says she found family. When she was recovering from her burns in the hospital, she was inundated with attention.

"The lesbian community in Memphis was remarkable. I was unemployed and had no insurance, so they took up money and paid my rent for two months," she says, with great affection. "I was never alone. There was always someone coming by to sit with me. My doctor even remarked that he had never seen someone with so many friends."

As for her real family, she says "they are great." She came out to her sisters by telling one sister, "which automatically meant all the sisters would know." Her brothers, she says, figured it out.

Betty's political life became more focused when she returned to Atlanta and joined ALFA.

"When I worked with NOW, I worked on a lot of gay issues that were usually dominated by men and more male-oriented," she remembers. "I wanted to work on what would help women. ALFA was attractive because it was a women-only space, and they worked on lesbian issues."

Betty is also proud to call herself a separatist. "That's not a bad thing," she says. "It doesn't mean I hate men. It just means that I want my priorities to be with women."

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In between her job at BellSouth selling used equipment and her political life lies a happy homebody. At home with her partner, Cindy, in Grant Park, the two have made a cozy house that's up on the market.

"She owns a house and I own a house, and we decided if we could

live together for two years, we would sell both of them and buy one together," she says. "It's taken us four years, but we're working on taking that big step."

Even after years in the women's movement, you can still feel the excitement from Betty about what the future holds. She dreams of revitalizing ALFA, and she sees the new activism in the lesbian community as a good sign. She especially admires the work, and spirit, of the Lesbian Avengers.

"They are what ALFA women used to be. It's the same philosophy," Betty says. "ALFA women came from the radical background of communism, socialism and the anti-war movements. The Lesbian Avengers may not be calling themselves communists, but they are coming from the same place where they know women are important and they are concerned about lesbian rights."

"Whether ALFA lives or not, the spirit of ALFA will live on through this type of group."

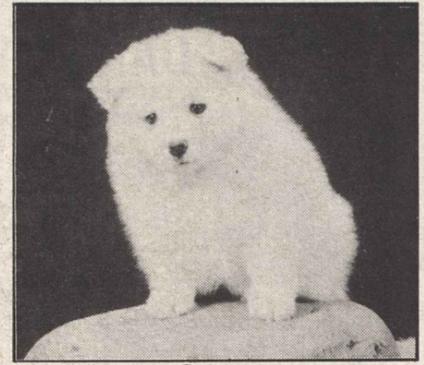
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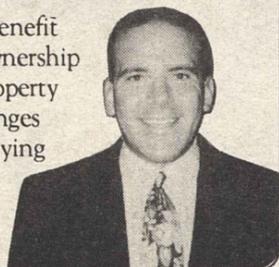


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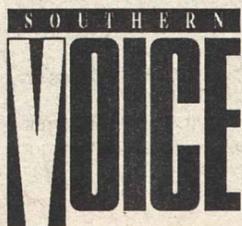
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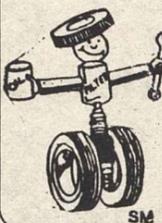
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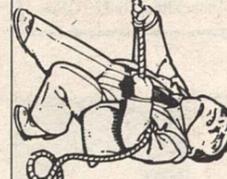
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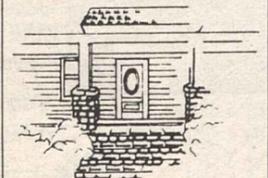
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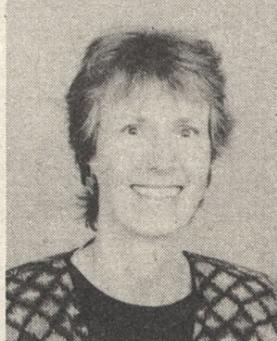
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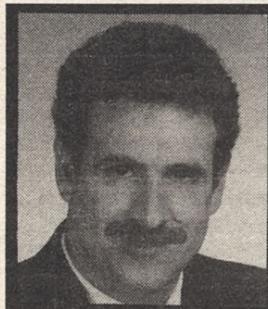
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GBF, aggressive, looking for a friendship. Seeking intelligent, career-minded, honest woman, not butch, between 20-30, no drugs. ☎ 1461

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DWF, 20s, Bi, curious, happy, funny, intelligent, artistic, drug-free, non-bar personality seeks companion & entry level exercise partner. ☎ 1446

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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 friendship, possible relationship. Hopeless? ☎ 1413

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

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

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

GWF, 22, seeks similar. Intelligent, career

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BM, 20, 140 lbs, 5'7" attractive, and new to the scene seeks mature male 20-25 for friendship/relationship. ☎ 1517

You: nice looking, tall, glasses, light-skinned at Bulldogs on 6/20. You left during show. We waved goodbye ☎ 1518

GWF, 5'7" 120 lbs, 33, brown hair/eyes, mustache. I'm a down to earth country boy type. Love music and riding my motorcycle. Looking for friendship, possible relationship. Not into drugs or playing head games. No fems. PO Box 2051, Greenwood, SC 29646-0051. (6.19)

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GWM, 38, 6', 155, HIV+, looking for someone to spend time with and see what happens. ☎ 1490

Relationship wanted. Cute GWM 25, 5'3", 130#, red/bn hair, blue eyes, clean shaven, versatile. You are 18-30, slim build, sincere. % 1498

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Spanish GM 40, 5'9, 160, sincere, passionate bottom seeks dominant masculine, sincere, honest top/B/M well-endowed for committed relationship. ☎ 1463

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GWM, 29, 6'4", 195, tall, dark, handsome, healthy, HIV neg., romantic, masculine, artistic, not into bars, loves outdoors, serious replies. ☎ 1482

GWM, 34, 5'8", 160 lbs. G-look, masc, muscular, gymfly, laid back, non pretentious, honest, affectionate, romantic seeks same in secure GWM 35-45. ☎ 1476

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GWM, 28, 6', 180 lbs, brn/grn, healthy, HIV+, considered attractive with a variety of interests, seeking someone similar. ☎ 1479

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GWM, 29, Br/Br, 5'8" 150 lbs. 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

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, 30-38, for friendship/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

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

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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, 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

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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

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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

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Handsome WM, 35, 6'2", 185, Brown hair / eyes, moustache. Runner, swimmer, well-educated, professional, seeking similar WM 30+. ☎ 1377

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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

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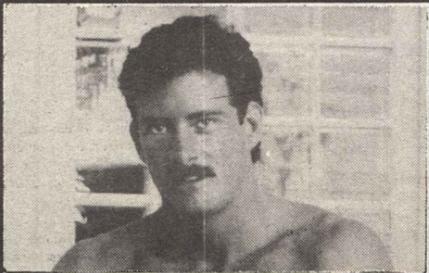
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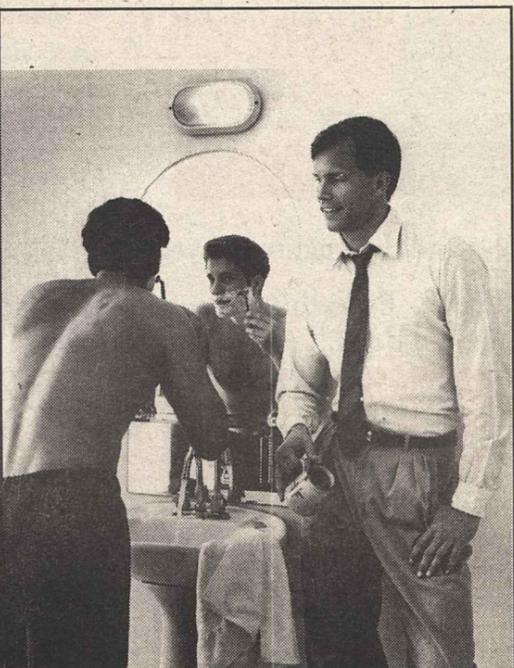
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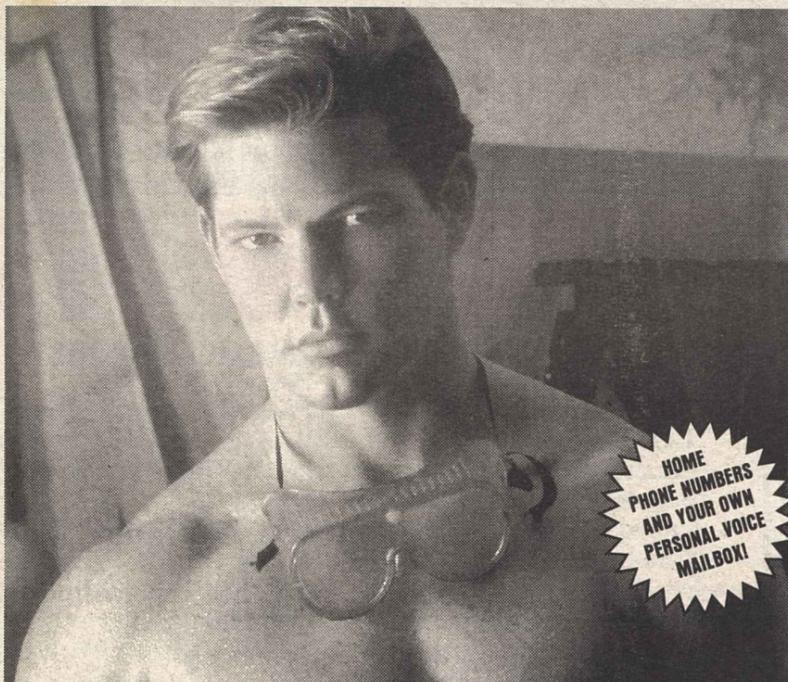
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