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The invisible scourge

The news about lesbians' breast cancer risk is finally coming out. But little help is yet available to meet their unique needs.

by C. MITCHELL

On two occasions, Dennie Doucher had lumps removed from her breasts. The lumps were benign, so Doucher didn't feel concerned when she went in for her third mammogram.

But after the test, the lab technician said she thought she saw "something small." Doucher's gynecologist urged her to get a biopsy.

"I didn't want to have it, but they said, 'you're in a high risk group. You haven't had children, you've had fibrocystic disease and previous biopsies,'" Doucher recalled.

"Well—no one had ever told me I might be at risk for breast cancer," Doucher added.

And no one ever told her that she might be *more* at risk because she was a lesbian. In fact, until recently, no one even *thought* about lesbians when they did breast cancer research, according to epidemiologist Suzanne Haynes.

And no one hypothesized that, compared to heterosexual women, lesbians stand a two-to-three-fold higher chance of developing breast cancer. But Haynes believes that could be true.

She first developed the hypothesis after organizers invited her to speak at last July's National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference. In preparation, the epidemiologist began looking for statistics on the number of lesbians with breast cancer.

"I was really shocked to find out there were no published cancer rates for lesbians," Haynes recalled. "So I had to look at the risk factors for lesbians. If there are no numbers available, the second best thing to do is to look at the risk factors and, from that, come up with an estimated number."

In trying to get that number, Haynes realized that lesbians could be at risk for a few different reasons. Along with a family history of breast cancer, whether or not a woman has borne children is one of the most

significant risk factors for developing the cancer, Haynes said.

"The whole medical theory for the cause of breast cancer is tied to high levels of circulating estrogen," she says. "The theory is that, with women who don't have children, there are too many years of circulating estrogen."

Compared to women who have a child, women who don't do so have twice the risk of developing breast cancer. About 80 percent of lesbians have not borne children, Haynes said.

Alcohol also plays a role in breast cancer, she added. Haynes said that studies have shown that with only two drinks a day, there is a 30 percent increase in the body's estrogen level. Studies also support the well-known fact that lesbians drink more than heterosexuals, she added.

Julie Carroll is the director of a new project at Atlanta's Feminist Women's Health Center. The project, named "All Women Are At Risk For Breast Cancer," will distribute information about the incidence of breast cancer and prevention. The group seeks to educate all women, including women of color and lesbians, Carroll said.

Talking about ways to prevent breast cancer, Carroll urged monthly breast self exams, because most lumps are found by women during such exams. Haynes believes mammograms are more important in catching cancer, because they pick up lumps at an earlier stage of their development.

But either way, lesbians lose.

Why? Because compared to heterosexual women, lesbians get fewer routine gynecological checkups, including mammograms, according to Haynes and Carroll. And compared to lesbians, twice as many heterosexual women give themselves breast exams, Haynes said, citing studies done in the recent past.

Breast cancer is the leading cause of death among women between the ages of 32 and 52. It kills approxi-

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Backlash in Atlanta

Rainbow flag burned, other harassment reported as gays and lesbians raise their profile

Atlanta—When Chazz Mountcastle and Robert Radford fell asleep last Saturday night, they never dreamed they'd be the victims of an anti-gay attack by morning.

The attack wasn't brutal—just the simple torching of the rainbow flag on the front eave of their Cabbagetown house—but the effect was surely the same.

"I was shocked," said Mountcastle. "I just couldn't believe it."

Mountcastle and Radford have been renovating the house on Savannah Street, in the shadow of the Fulton Mill, for nearly a year. They've put up a picket fence, planted flowers and painted, and now Mountcastle is setting up a portion of his house to serve as a hair salon.

"The neighbors are very nice," Mountcastle said. "They warmed up to us slowly, but they come over and help with the renovations now."

Mountcastle said it was his breaking up an attempted rape in the neighborhood that "really did it."

"I heard a girl screaming bloody murder and I went over with my shovel," he said. "After that, even the kids were speaking to me. That's why I was so shocked about the flag."

The flag on Mountcastle and Radford's house may have been targeted because of the increased visibility of lesbians and gays in the Atlanta area.

The recent Pride celebration and extensive coverage of Mayor Maynard Jackson's veto of an ordinance giving benefits to the partners of city employees have put lesbians and gays in the spotlight. While calls to the local Hate Crimes Bias Line have not increased in recent weeks, ACLU Lesbian/Gay Rights Chapter President Larry Pellegrini says the "little harassments" are just the beginning.

"It's the hate Maynard Jackson unleashed [with his veto]," Pellegrini said. "People are

trying to take advantage of it."

Pellegrini himself has been the victim of what he believes is an attempt at anti-gay harassment—trucks from the Salvation Army and Goodwill arrived at his house recently, saying he had called for pickups.

"I never did," Pellegrini said. "I can only assume it's a little harassment."

Other incidents haven't been so benign.

Jeff Cheek, an aide to Fulton County Commission Chairman Michael Lomax, has received death threats from an anonymous man who apparently has followed him away from the office.

"Over a period of two or three weeks, phone calls from this one man got increasingly more threatening," said Cheek, who is working with Lomax to pass domestic partnership legislation in Fulton County. "Most of the complaints have been relatively rational. But this guy has gone from 'all faggots need to burn in hell' to I specifically need to watch my ass because he knows where I am."

In his last phone call, on July 6, the man related Cheek's movements over the previous weekend and repeated his car tag number to him. Cheek says he is frightened, but he's taking the precautions he needs to protect himself.

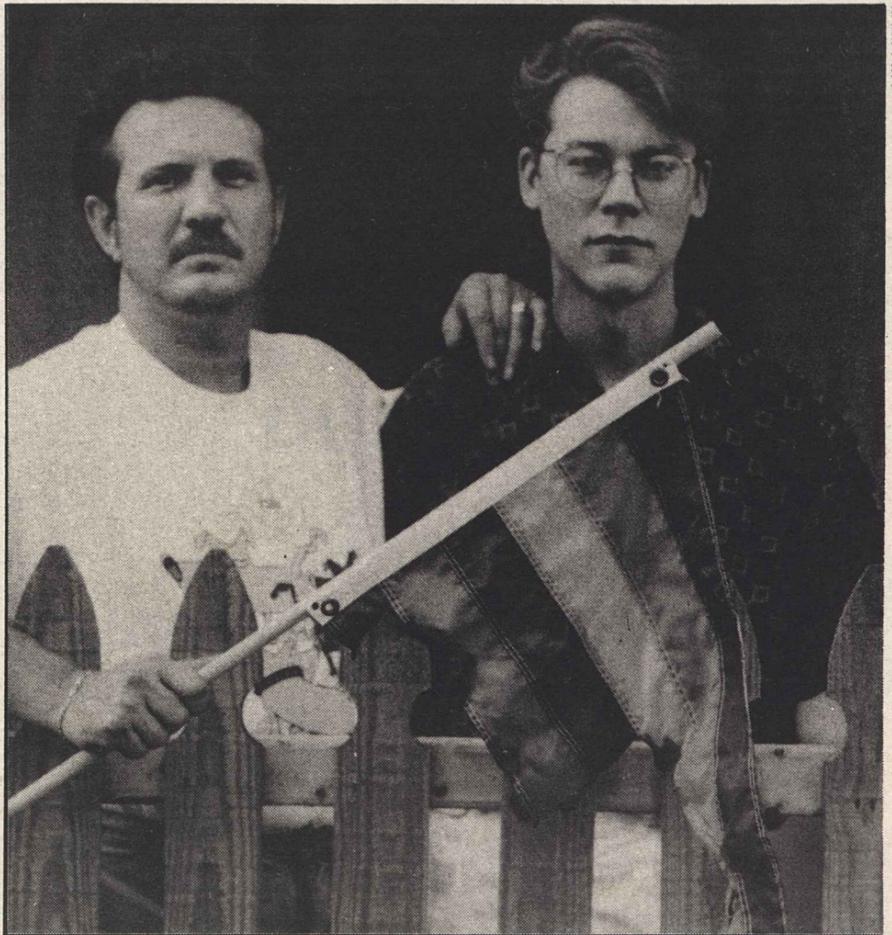
"I'm making sure my babysitters know where I am and when I'll be back," he said, adding that he has met with the Fulton County police chief and that the department is taking action to track the man.

Since July 6, says Cheek, he's received no further threatening calls, "but I've gotten a lot of hang ups on the voice mail. He won't leave messages."

Carrie Jaffe coordinates the Women's Outdoor Network, an organization that sponsors outdoor activities for women and which uses Jaffe's home phone as its number. Last week, an anonymous male caller, who said he got the number from Southern Voice's organizations listing, phoned three times.

"[The first time] my partner answered the phone. He said, 'Can I ask you some questions?,' and when she said 'No,' he said, 'Are you a lesbian?'" Jaffe said.

He called back a second time, and Jaffe told him not to call. The third time, the women let the



Chazz Mountcastle and Robert Radford with their incinerated rainbow flag.

answering machine pick up the call and the man left an obscene message.

Mountcastle and Radford note that the flag burning on their property came on the heels of the domestic partnership controversy.

Mountcastle says, "It was right after the veto, and right after [state Rep.] Billy McKinney made his remarks" in which he called for state legislation banning domestic partnership and called gays "faggots."

"I think whoever did this saw the flag and put two and two together. It was within the time frame."

While the potential for damage to the Mountcastle/Radford home was real—the flag hung from the front eaves of their house—only the flag itself was damaged.

The backlash is a nationwide phenomenon. With lesbians on the cover of Newsweek, the continuing discussion of the gays in the military issue, anti-gay constitutional amendments in several states and April's massive lesbian/gay rights march, Americans have seen lesbians and gays more often than ever before—and many don't like it.

"I was appalled and disgusted by your cover story on lesbians," wrote Tikvah Shachter, of Cleveland, Ohio, to Newsweek. "God created Adam and Eve, not Amy and Eve. If people keep compromising their morals, where will it all end?"

And this, from Dee Marie Jones of St. Louis: "...we'll keep the government out of your bed."

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Jackson says this time he'll sign

Atlanta—Mayor Maynard Jackson says a new version of the domestic partnership benefits legislation is acceptable to him, and he has vowed to sign the measure if it passes the City Council.

Though the ordinance, which would provide



Mayor Jackson says the partnership controversy shouldn't "fester."

benefits to the domestic partners of city employees, was still stalled in committee as Southern Voice went to press, the mayor's office was pushing to bring the measure to a vote at this week's meeting of the council.

"Now that we have agreement on ascertaining costs and potential sources for those costs, it serves no useful purpose to allow this matter to fester," Jackson said at a press conference last week, where he also signed a council resolution authorizing city officials to begin discussions with the city's insurance providers to determine the costs of a domestic partnership program.

The measure that will come up before the City Council is identical to an ordinance Jackson vetoed last month, triggering a wave of protest and anger in the lesbian/gay community. But this time, it is going through the legislative process with a companion ordinance that would address the financial concerns that the mayor cited as the reason for his veto.

However, the bill ran into trouble last week when the council's executive committee voted 3-2 to hold the bill. Had the bill been passed out of that committee, it then would have gone before the finance committee in time for this week's council meeting.

Jackson immediately called for the committee to reconsider, and contacted both Councilwoman Davetta Johnson, who chairs the

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Pear Garden Six to go on trial

Atlanta—Six activists arrested while collecting signatures on a petition supporting a domestic partnership ordinance were scheduled to go on trial in Atlanta Municipal Court this week.

Joe deRose, Anthony Ricciardi, Uri Vaknin, S. Faybelle Ma-hee, Rob Harlow and Clay Calhoun are charged with disorderly conduct and obstructing an arrest. Their trial was set for July 20.

The six were arrested on July 10 about an hour after they began collecting signatures and handing out fliers near the Pear Garden, an African American gay bar in downtown Atlanta. A motorcycle officer, J.W. Pike, approached Ma-hee, asking her to move on, and when she asked for an explanation, and Ricciardi asked for Pike's badge number, a verbal altercation ensued. The six activists turned to leave when they saw Pike initiated an arrest of Ricciardi and threw him to the ground. He then called for backup and had all six arrested.

Michael Hauptman, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union who is representing the group, has filed a motion to dismiss the charges, claiming that Pike, "a helmeted, armed, jackbooted, member of an elite motorcycle gang, commonly known as the Bureau of Atlanta Police Services," violated the constitutional rights of the defendants to engage in freedom of speech and peaceful assembly.

In his motion, Hauptman called the incident one of a continuing series of "assault[s] on the gay and lesbian community of Atlanta."

"Simply stated," he wrote, "the accused citizens were arrested for not being heterosexuals while in the performance of a constitutional right. [The arrests send a message to the entire lesbian and gay community saying] 'We do not work for you. You do not have rights. If you continue to attempt to exercise constitutional rights, the only right that you have is to be assaulted, battered, and kidnapped.'"

The trial was postponed because July 12, the original date, was Officer Pike's day off. The judge in the case denied Pike's request for a two week delay, as well as Hauptman's request for a one day delay, instead setting the trial for July 20.

"[The delay] is going to give them time to develop a story to wrap around [Pike's] apparent overreaction," said Larry Pellegrini, president of the Georgia ACLU's Lesbian/Gay Rights Chapter, who helped bail the six activists out of jail. "They need to come up with something to explain his actions."

Meanwhile, Mayor Maynard Jackson has asked Police Chief Eldrin Bell to initiate an internal investigation of the incident. The six defendants were scheduled to meet with police department internal affairs investigators on Friday. Additionally, the defendants said they would be talking with their attorneys about filing civil lawsuits against the city, pending the results of the trial.

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Louisiana artist finds he was target of anti-gay witch hunt

New Orleans—Well-known New Orleans performance artist Frank Aqueno is used to the spotlight. An unsettling fellow to some, with his ACT UP manners and eye-on-truth posture, he's been known to sting the soft, genteel underbelly of some in the Crescent City.

But a few weeks ago, Aqueno answered his phone and found himself in the middle of a completely different spotlight. Florida Public Radio was on the other end. They told him his recent performance at Florida State University had linked him to something called the Johns Committee, which launched an anti-gay witch hunt during the 1950s and 1960s in the Sunshine State.

On July 2, 45 boxes holding documents generated by the Johns Committee were opened. They were sealed nearly 30 years earlier. Most names of targets and their accusers are inked over. But Aqueno's role as a committee target became public because of a performance piece in which Aqueno tells of being busted in a 1961 sex sting at the Tallahassee bus station when he was a student at Florida State University. In the piece, Aqueno acts out questions put to him concerning the governor's nephew. He knew nothing about the governor's nephew, or why they would be asking him such questions.

The result: he was exposed, expelled, and trotted off for years of psychotherapy.

Until he got the call, Aqueno says he had never heard of the Johns Committee, named for its chairman, Charley Johns. Says Aqueno, "At least it was appropriately named."

Encouraged down a narrow path after his arrest, Aqueno married. In 1969, eight years after being drug from the closet by the committee, he and his wife divorced. "I came out to myself," he says.

The Johns Committee first sought Communists, then looked for homosexuals. In their secret nine years, they never caused charges to be brought against anyone except a reporter with the Orlando Sentinel, who criticized the



Frank Aqueno was arrested while a student at Florida State in 1961.

committee and was lured into a compromising position with a female prostitute. Press coverage of the Johns Committee's belated exposure has been extensive. The Tallahassee Democrat headlined July 2, "Skeletons fall from Capitol's closet." Throughout Florida, the dailies have run multiple page stories detailing the illegal and cruel treatment of lesbian and gay citizens. Stories have appeared in The New York Times and on the Associated Press' national wire.

Aqueno's NPR call was followed by the Orlando Sentinel's Donna O'Neal. She wrote a Sunday piece featuring Aqueno, complete with his 1961 FSU yearbook photo juxtaposed against a new shot by the Associated Press.

One night, as calls were pouring in from Florida, Aqueno sat on the stage inside the True Brew Theatre. He was doing the first time presentation of a work, awkwardly titled "HETERO! transbiLEZBOyQUEER-The Pursuit of Happiness." In the final scene, Aqueno tells of the Johns Committee and the recent phone calls.

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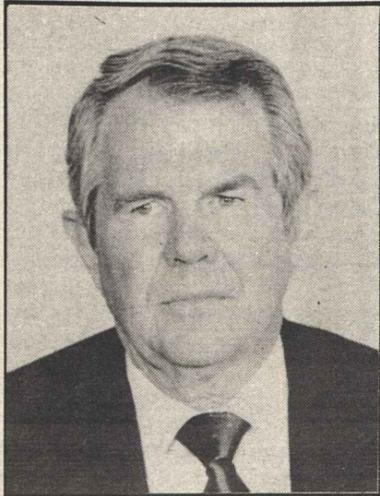
NC Business Magazines Hit For Homophobic Ads: Two radio stations in North Carolina sponsored ads asking "Why Can't Homosexuals Just Say No?" in two business journals last month, prompting an outcry from the state's lesbian/gay community. The ads ran in the Charlotte Business Journal and Raleigh's Triangle Business Journal, both owned by American City Business Journals of Charlotte. The author of the ads, WZZU and WRFX radio personality Robert Raiford, wrote that homosexuality "is still alien to the procreation of life and must be considered aberrant" and decried the "orchestrated propaganda movement [set up] to glorify this mutation. Charlotte Gruenwald, publisher of the Triangle Business Journal, told Q-Notes, a Charlotte lesbian/gay newspaper, that running the ad was a mistake, while Charlotte Business Journal editor Joanne Skoog said that although "I don't agree with it...I have no control over ad content."

South Carolina Capital Extends Protection to Gay/Lesbian Employees: Columbia has added "sexual orientation" to its non-discrimination policy. The city manager approved the change on June 15, after a recommendation to do so from a subcommittee of the city's Human Rights Commission, according to a report in Q-Notes, a gay and lesbian newspaper. "It has always been the city's policy to get the best employee—whether they can do the job or not is our primary consideration," said Assistant City Manager Mike West, who added that the policy change was designed to insure that all employees are treated fairly. "We think it's fantastic that the city of Columbia has shown it cares about all of its citizens," said Debra Brandeis, a member of the subcommittee that made the recommendation.

Ashe Memorial Dedicated in Richmond: Family and friends gathered July 10 to pay tribute to tennis champion Arthur Ashe and dedicate a memorial at his grave site. He was honored with a 21-gun salute and the playing of taps on what would have been his 50th birthday. Former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young, poet Maya Angelou and Gov. L. Douglas Wilder were among about 200 people at the dedication. Ashe, a Richmond native, died of AIDS-related pneumonia in February. "It was always tradition for Arthur and me to write a letter to each other on our birthdays," said his widow, Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe, who, in her letter, told Ashe of "the everlasting power of our love for each other. It sustains me daily." Angelou's memorial reading described "this man superb in love and logic" who will be remembered by "the lives grown out of his life."

Florida Lesbians Sue For Marriage License: Two lesbians are suing Florida for the right to marry. "I want a legal marriage just like other couples have," said Shawna Underwood, 24. Underwood, a convenience store worker studying to become a paralegal, and Denia Marie Davis, 30, were twice denied a marriage license by the Orange County Court Clerk's office in May. They filed suit July 9 in state circuit court. Davis, who works as a behavior specialist, has an 8-year-old daughter.

D.C. AIDS Chief Ousted: Caitlin Ryan, chief of the District of Columbia's Agency for HIV/AIDS and a former official at AID Atlanta, has been dismissed after complaints from the Nation of Islam that she violated city rules by blocking its bid for a grant to run an AIDS information campaign. A report in the Washington Post quoted a source who claimed Ryan said she took the action because of the Nation's anti-gay beliefs. Ryan, a lesbian, denied she did anything improper and said, "When the facts are out, I will be exonerated."



JIM MARKS

Even Pat Robertson can't stomach the Oregon Citizens Alliance.

Chief Superintendent Ken John, Scotland Yard's investigation chief, said, "It is my belief that important information is available which will only come from the gay community." The officer prefers to remain anonymous, police said. The unknown killer has murdered five men in London, four of whom were known to be gay.

Activist Makes An, Uh, Pungent Statement in Rhode Island: An anonymous activist claimed responsibility for dumping 200 pounds of manure on the lawn of the Warwick law firm of state Rep. Charles Knowles, who did not support a recently-defeated gay rights bill. "I wish it wasn't anonymous because we're getting the heat," said Julia Pell, a spokesperson for the Rhode Island Alliance for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights. "The alliance has spent 10 years building up its credibility, and this hurts." Knowles called the incident reprehensible, but said he would shovel the dung from his law office himself and use it at home.

Victory Fund Will Train Gay Candidates: The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund has announced a new training program to help openly lesbian and gay candidates win elective office. The Victory Fund Training Institute will offer training to potential candidates and campaign managers at regional workshops, serving Republican, Democratic and independent candidates. "We're very pleased to offer strong, openly gay and lesbian potential candidates the training and technical support they need to win," said fund director William Waybourn. "Our fundraising and networking programs have helped gay candidates win an increasing number of races. Now we're ready to take the next step."

Oregon Gay Man Sues Over Use Of His Children In Anti-Gay Photo: The Oregon Citizens Alliance and its leaders are being sued for \$5.5 million apiece by a gay man whose three children were featured in a campaign flier promoting the alliance's anti-gay initiatives. Scott Gilbert also said the flier publicized the fact that he and his partner have tested positive for HIV. "The OCA has no special right to go after a man's job and it has no special right to use other people's children for politics," said Gilbert's attorney, Jacob Tanzer. The photo was provided by Gilbert's ex-wife, Rochelle, who wrote the flier to protest a judge's order granting joint custody of the pair's three children. She also listed Gilbert's home phone number, urging people to call him and ask him to give his wife full custody, and to call Gilbert's employer, a Target department store, and "let them know how badly this reflects on their company."

Washington Reporter Loses Post For Her Anti-Hate Activism: A Tacoma Morning News Tribune reporter transferred from education beat reporter to copy editor because she would not quit her work with a group working to defeat anti-gay initiatives in Washington has filed suit, claiming her civil rights have been violated. Though newspaper reporters are commonly barred from political activism in order to maintain the appearance of objectivity, Sandy Nelson maintains that her work with the Committee to Protect Tacoma Human Rights has no bearing on her job as an education reporter. "That Sandy Nelson is a reporter does not change the fact that she deserves to live her private life as she sees fit," said Washington ACLU director Kathleen Taylor. "The newspaper's desire to be perceived as objective can be met with less drastic measures."

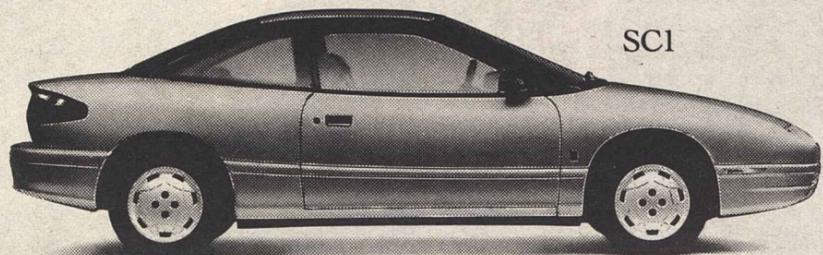
Arkansas AIDS Agency Gutted By Arson Fire: Officials at the HIV-AIDS Action Life Center in Little Rock say they're looking for new quarters in the wake of a suspected arson fire that destroyed a building used to provide services for AIDS patients. "If we had a new building, we could reopen tomorrow on a reduced schedule," said the center's president, Drexel Jordan. But Jordan said there was no insurance to cover losses, which included typewriters, a computer and printer, a new telephone system, a copier and a supply of major non-disposable medical equipment. Fire inspectors said it appeared someone had set the fire on a deck outside the center.

New L.A. Mayor Gives Gays High Profile: Mayor Richard Riordan continued to expand the visibility of gays at City Hall with the appointment of a gay man to the Police Commission. Last week's appointment of Art Mattox follows the mayor's appointment two weeks earlier of Michael Keeley, his law partner, as the city's first openly gay deputy mayor. That same week, Riordan rode in the city's Gay Pride Parade, and lesbian Councilwoman Jackie Goldberg took office. "What I'm saying to the city of L.A. is that I'm going to pick the best, most capable people I can to help me run the city," Riordan said. "If they happen to be gay, Christian, Irish or any other, so be it."

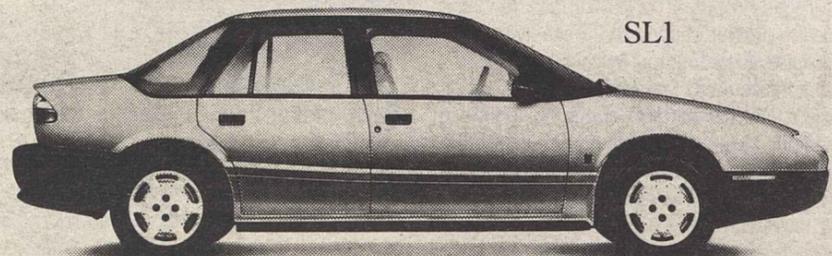
Anti-Gay Groups Part Company in Oregon: Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition has parted ways with Lon Mabon's Oregon Citizens Alliance, the group sponsoring anti-gay ballot initiatives in that state. Mabon, who has established OCA chapters in Idaho and Washington and changed the name of the organization to the United States Citizens Alliance, says the split was a strategic one, but other Christians disagree, claiming that Mabon's image is too negative. "I encouraged [the Christian Coalition to distance themselves]," Rev. Frank Carpenter, a board member of the Oregon Association of Evangelicals, told the Roseburg (Wash.) News Review. "It would be better if there is a Christian voice in this state that doesn't have Lon's reputation."

Gay Officer Enlisted in Hunt For London Serial Killer: A gay police officer has joined the team trying to track down a serial killer who has targeted gay men in London. Detective

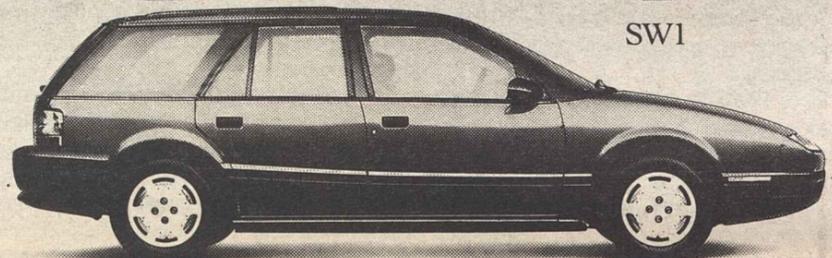
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mately 46,000 women each year, and is the most common form of cancer among females, Carroll noted. It is an epidemic, and because lesbians may be at an increased risk for developing it, Haynes believes it is vital that a national study be done on lesbians and breast cancer.

"I challenge them, especially the lesbian researchers, to start doing the research," said Haynes, the National Cancer Institute's Chief of Health Education.

Others, including the National Breast Cancer Institute, support Haynes' call for more research, according to Marianne Thatcher. She became involved with the issue, first as a breast cancer survivor, and then as a board member of The Mary Helen Mautner Project For Lesbians With Breast Cancer. The project is part of the National Breast Cancer Coalition, which is urging the federal government to fund lesbian breast cancer research.

While studies on lesbians and breast cancer are urgently needed, organizations are also needed to provide support to lesbians who have the disease, according to Thatcher.

Before she died of breast cancer, Mary Helen Mautner, and her partner, Susan Hester, came up with the idea for The Mautner Project. While the two women received a tremendous amount of help from their friends during Mautner's illness, they realized that everybody might not have such a support network, Thatcher said.

So after Mautner died at the age of 44, Hester called a meeting. About 25 women attended that first gathering.

Since 1990, the organization has grown to include a group of 75 volunteers, Thatcher said. The Mautner Project provides direct services, such as a cancer support group and a bereavement group. Volunteers also take other lesbians to the doctor and walk their dogs. In addition, the Mautner Project educates the lesbian and health communities about the special needs of lesbians with breast cancer. There are several



Breast cancer survivor Dennie Doucher says she never knew she was more at risk because she is a lesbian.

similar organizations across the United States.

Thatcher, who has had three bouts with breast cancer and two mastectomies, said, "I tried to go to a couple straight support groups. They were talking about their husbands and children. I felt constrained."

The 63-year-old Thatcher, who now participates in a peer group at The Mautner Project. "The group has provided much friendship and support. I've never met a finer group of women."

Doucher, who had a mastectomy and is currently free of cancer, said a lesbian support group would have been helpful during what became an ordeal. When she went in to have her biopsy, Doucher still was unconcerned about the possi-

bility of having cancer. She didn't even tell her family about the test, she said.

But after the procedure, she wondered a little why her surgeon took so long to come out and tell her the results.

"When she came out...and I saw her face, I knew something was up," Doucher recalled. "She said, 'I've got good news and bad news. The good news is you're not going to die. The bad news is one of the spots is cancer, and the other spot, we suspect it.'"

Doucher still thought it would take a final test to know for sure, but her surgeon said, "We know."

Doucher lost it, she said. Then she asked

about the next step. Her surgeon suggested a mastectomy within two weeks.

Doucher decided to go to Rhythm Fest women's festival, for healing, before surgery. In the two weeks before the operation, she had to write up a job description so someone could replace her at work, plus make the rounds of doctors' offices and take time off for the music festival, she said.

Doucher also had to think about whether or not to have breast reconstruction.

"I decided [the mastectomy] was traumatic enough. I didn't think I could look down and see nothing there," Doucher said. So she had her mastectomy and breast reconstruction during the same operation.

She opted to have her breast filled with saline instead of silicone. For the months following surgery her chest was extremely sore because of the reconstruction. Doctors had to continue to stretch her pectoral muscle and fill a sack with saline, she said.

The painful breast made it difficult to sleep, and when Doucher's lover, Tracy, touched her in certain ways, it hurt. Had she known about the pain, Doucher says she would have skipped the reconstruction.

She also had to have liver scans and bone scans, to see if the cancer had spread. At one point, tests indicated a "hot spot" on Doucher's liver. She had to wait two weeks to find out if it was cancer. It was not.

After surgery, Doucher had to choose whether or not to have chemotherapy and a hormone called tamoxifen. She declined both treatments. She has a 10 percent risk that the cancer could return in the next two years, Doucher said.

Before surgery, a gay friend, who is a doctor, suggested a meditation to Doucher. He also talked to her on three or four different evenings before the surgery.

Like Hester and Mautner, Doucher had friends who were available throughout the next few months. While she was spending hours at a time at doctor's offices, and days on end waiting

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THE PRESIDENT DECIDES

New policy called "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue"

Saying he could go no further in the current political climate, President Bill Clinton announced Monday that he would not fulfill his campaign promise to lift the ban on openly gay men and lesbians serving in the American military.

Instead, Clinton adopted a policy that has been dubbed "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue," which will, in effect, force lesbians and gays to either keep their sexual orientation private or agree to remain celibate during their time in the armed forces if they want to avoid discharge.

While new recruits won't be asked their sexual orientation, the president's compromise will allow the military to continue investigating people for gay and lesbian conduct, although such investigations would be limited and the military's notorious anti-gay witchhunts would be a thing of the past.

"I believe the policy I'm recommending today represents a real step forward," said Clinton, who announced his new policy before a group of senior military officers at the National Defense University at Ft. McNair, Va. But he admitted that the policy doesn't go as far as he would have liked to go and that both gay/lesbian rights groups and right wing politicians would "clearly not agree with all aspects of the policy."

Indeed, those working on behalf of lifting the ban had been telling the White House that while they might be willing to accept less than a total lifting of the ban, any policy that regulated off-base, off-duty behavior and restricted people from revealing, even privately, their sexual orientation was unacceptable.

Clinton's new policy does both.

Although responses from the gay/lesbian community to the president's speech were still being formulated as this week's Southern Voice went to press, some gay and lesbian groups, knowing full well the destructive power of staying in the closet, had already stated before the speech that they could not accept any regulation that forces people to deny who they are, to any extent.

"Any form of the 'don't ask, don't tell' compromise would be insulting," said Steve Reicher, a spokesman for Queer Nation/National Capital. "This plan would force proud gay and lesbian service members to continue living in secret as

victims of hatred. This is un-American."

One of the co-chairs of last April's March On Washington, Billy Hileman, who met with Clinton and discussed this issue at the time of the march, issued a statement assailing the president for not sticking by his campaign promise, saying that "Clinton's cowardice perpetuates bigotry against lesbian and gay Americans who are willing to die for their country."

In considering how to change the policy, the president said he had to balance his duty as commander-in-chief of the armed forces to promote unit cohesion and military effectiveness with his role as president of protecting the individual rights of all Americans. And he said a total lifting of the ban would not have flown in Congress.

"Congress can reverse these changes by law in ways that are difficult, if not impossible, to veto," Clinton said, perhaps an oblique reference to a statement last Friday by U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn that he would attach a pro-ban law to the defense department's 1994 budget.

RICHARD SHUMATE

Clinton's Compromise

- As a statement of policy, military personnel will be judged on their conduct, not their sexual orientation.
- New recruits into the armed forces will not be asked about their sexual orientation.
- However, the Uniform Code of Military Justice, which now outlaws sexual contact between people of the same gender, will remain unchanged.
- Military personnel will have to abide by the code at all times, even when off base or out of uniform.
- The military will presume that anyone who openly declares that they are lesbian or gay, either in public or in private, is violating military regulations prohibiting sexual conduct between people of the same sex. They will then face discharge. However, an openly gay person can stay in the military by declaring that they will abide by the regulations that, in essence, prohibit gay or lesbian sex.
- Anyone—gay, lesbian, bisexual or straight—can be subject to investigation and discharge for violating the code. Clinton vowed that investigations will be conducted evenhandedly for everyone.

Nunn says it's the closet or the door

Georgia senator will try to make the ban federal law

The ban against lesbians and gay men in the American military may end up as federal law, thanks to Georgia's senior senator.

U.S. Senator Sam Nunn announced last Friday that regardless of what President Clinton proposed on Monday, he would introduce legislation into Congress to implement a strict "don't ask, don't tell" policy that would, in effect, force gay and lesbian service personnel to stay in the closet if they want to keep their careers.

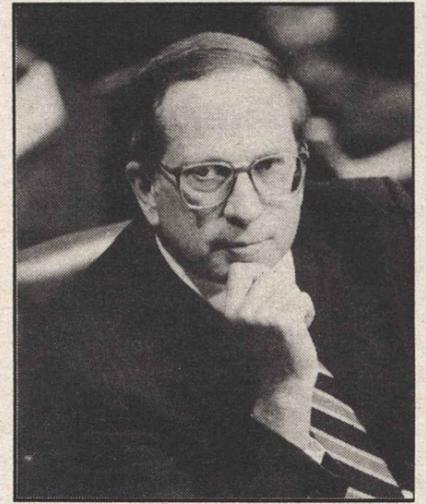
"The presence in military units of persons who, by their acts or statements, demonstrate a propensity to engage in homosexual acts would cause an unacceptable risk to the high standards of morale, good order and discipline, and unit cohesion that are essential to effective combat capability," Nunn said. "There should be no change in the current grounds for discharge—homosexual acts, statements and marriages."

If Nunn follows through with his threat, the highly emotional battle over lesbians and gays in the military will move to Congress, which could put Nunn's restrictive vision into law.

Under current Department of Defense policy, which Nunn wants to keep, any same sex sexual conduct or statements that a person is gay, even if off base and out of uniform, are grounds for discharge from the military. Nunn's proposal would also allow the Pentagon to continue investigations into people who are suspected of being gay, although he said such investigations "may be subject to common sense limitations because of the need to allocate scarce resources and to establish investigative priorities."

His comments came before the president unveiled his proposal, which also allows for investigations and regulates off-base conduct. As Southern Voice went to press, Nunn had not announced whether he found the president's proposal acceptable. But he had said in his statement Friday that he would try to make the ban part of federal law, regardless of what the president decided.

While openly gay men and lesbians in the military have been discriminated against



Nunn says those who have a "propensity" to engage in "homosexual acts" should be kept out of the military.

throughout history and formally excluded from the military since World War II, the current regulation banning them from service derives from an executive order signed by President Ronald Reagan in 1982.

President Clinton can simply revise that executive order without approval from Congress. But Congress could then pass a law turning what is now just a department policy into a federal law, which is what Nunn, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, is proposing.

Clinton, of course, could veto such a law. However, Nunn is not planning to simply introduce a gay/lesbian ban as a separate bill. He is planning to attach it to the 1994 budget bill for the entire military establishment, which would force Clinton to veto the entire defense budget in order to stop a codifying of the gay ban into federal law.

Shortly after he was inaugurated, Clinton announced that he was planning to lift the ban. He immediately ran into a wall of opposition, led by Nunn, a powerful Democrat with strong ties to the defense establishment (although his own military experience is limited to six months in the U.S. Coast Guard) and a gaggle of Republican senators who threatened to make the military ban part of federal law if the president didn't back down.

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EDITORIAL

Dig into those pockets and pony up for Pride

The news that the 1993 Pride celebration in Atlanta came out almost \$50,000 in debt is more than a little disconcerting, especially considering the roaring success enjoyed by the celebration itself.

The question to ask, of course, is what went wrong and who bears responsibility for this mess. No doubt a number of people in the lesbian and gay community are amusing themselves by making caty commentary about just what a poor job the Pride committee did and how its disorganization and inefficiency led to this debacle. Such finger pointing, however, contributes precious little toward a solution.

Granted, there are things the committee could have done better (not ordering so much merchandise leaps to mind). More fundraising could have been done up front, and new elements added to this year's celebration might have been scaled back. With 20/20 hindsight, even some of Pride's organizers freely concede these points.

Also, the decision-making authority within the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee has been decentralized to relieve the co-chairs and the board of directors of what had become an overwhelming burden. While this appeared to be a good idea in theory, what has happened in practice that too little central authority led directly to some of the decisions that have come back to haunt the committee.

That said, however, what the gays and lesbians of Atlanta need to keep in mind is that the men and women of the Pride committee are all volunteers. They gave up copious amounts of their time and their life to plan and execute this party for us to enjoy. They pulled off organizing an entire weekend of events in a half dozen different locations that drew more than 100,000 people, most of it without a hitch.

This celebration belongs to the community, not the Pride committee, and so, in the end, the responsibility for erasing this debt lies with all of us, not with these volunteers.

If the community does not pitch in to bal-

ance the books, the implications are ominous. Some members of the Pride committee could be held personally financially liable, and if that happens, the task of finding volunteers to give of their time for Pride, which is already difficult, could become impossible. After all, who in their right mind is going to put their own financial well being on the line for a volunteer project? Not to mention that letting this year's Pride committee twist in the wind wouldn't be much of a way for us to show our gratitude for all their hard work.

And if Pride '93 cannot pay its bills, Pride '94 starts out with a handicap. Vendors will be

wary, and people who didn't get paid this year might go after next year's money.

Pride is an important statement, both culturally and politically, and one of the premier events in our community and the entire city of Atlanta. It would be foolish to let it be threatened by our inaction.

Lesbians and gay men like to spout the maxim that we are everywhere. If, as we claim, there are 300,000 gay men and lesbians in metro Atlanta, then we ought to be able to raise \$50,000. That's a measly 17 cents apiece.

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Join your daughter on the clue bus, Billy

It was bad enough that state Rep. Billy McKinney decided that the Georgia House should step in and meddle in the affairs of local cities; namely, forbid them from extending domestic partnership recognition to same sex or unmarried couples. But when he went to the State Capitol to announce that he was introducing a bill to do just that, he uttered a stream of homophobic commentary for the TV cameras, using that old anti-gay epithet that starts with an "F."

The point here is not that we give two flips what McKinney thinks of us. But suppose any other politician had stood up at the Capitol and used, in reference to African Americans, that old epithet that starts with an "N." Billy McKinney would be the first in line to call for his or her resignation (rightfully so) and would probably be out in the streets with bullhorn in hand.

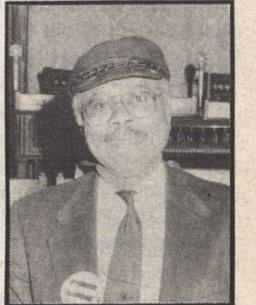
So, though we fear that calling Rep. McKinney a hypocritical blowhard might have negative repercussions for our karma, we, alas, can come up with no other description that fits him as well.

McKinney, a Democrat who represents Cascade Heights and southwest Atlanta, was

joined at his press conference by Rep. Mark Burkhalter, R-Alpharetta, and Rep. Mitch Skandalakis, R-Buckhead.

While such nonsense is politics-as-usual coming from the right (although Skandalakis might want to take note of the fact that his district is lousy with queers), we might have expected better from McKinney, who has spent much of his adult life in the civil rights movement and fathered U.S. Rep. Cynthia McKinney, an enlightened force for gay and lesbian rights.

Apparently, McKinney's definition of civil rights only stretches to include those that apply to him personally. You can let him see the folly of that kind of thinking by contacting his legislative office at 656-0188 or writing him at Room 504, Legislative Office Building, 18 Capitol Square, Atlanta GA 30334.



LETTERS

Davis says she's getting a bad rap on partnership

In three of your recent issues, you have made negative references to me and my record on gay/lesbian issues. I am very concerned over these views of me and my record by an important and respected publication that reaches many of Atlanta's citizens. I feel compelled to respond since I have been a longtime friend, supporter and advocate for human and civil rights.

I have served on the Atlanta City Council for 12 years. During my first term on the council, I sponsored a resolution making sexual

orientation a protected class. Additionally, I sponsored the resolution condemning Cracker Barrel for its discriminatory policies against the gay/lesbian community and the resolution for the ban on travel to Colorado.

I have been a consistent and strong supporter of human rights for all Atlantans and take issue with the fact that you would suggest that I was purposefully absent during the time the vote on domestic partnership came before the City Council. When this issue came before the council, I was representing the city at the National Association of Regional Councils meeting in Portland, Oregon. This meeting had

been scheduled at least three months in advance of the vote on this issue and did not end until June 22. Also, no council members were aware as to when this vote would occur. To set the record straight, I supported the domestic partnership legislation, and I voted to override the Mayor's veto.

Within the past few weeks, I have made it clear that I will not support discrimination of any kind. This has always been my position, and you can count on that when I am elected mayor.

Councilwoman Myrtle Davis
Atlanta



Civil rights, yes, but NOT civil war

I went down to City Hall the other day with my lover to add a couple more warm bodies to the protest over the veto of one of the domestic partnership bills. While this would not effect us directly—being DeKalb residents—it was the principle that we support. But while down there, one of the popular chants that the gay rabble-rousers were leading the protesters in was "Civil rights or civil war." I vehemently disagree with this concept and consequently did not participate in this chant. The irresponsible leaders who are espousing such violence have obviously not thought this concept through to its logical conclusion.

Being a Vietnam veteran, I have lived in a country for 13 months that was embroiled in a civil war, and it is an ugly, grisly, violent and chaotic situation to try to live life, in which

the guilty and innocent alike lose. The last thing we gays and lesbians need is [for] the police and National Guard [to be] given legal justification to gun us down in the streets and detain us under martial law.

I am all in favor of flexing our political muscle in any peaceful political manner, where the demographics allow. But one thing which is ignored by the radicals and exclusivists on both sides of the hetero/homo fence is that the two communities need one another. We should be careful when we express our anger and resentment at being a disenfranchised minority that we don't make enemies when what we really is more allies and friends in the political arena.

Moon Moore
Decatur

An overdue thank you to heroes, heras of our past

It occurs to me as we move to the next step, that what we have become about is a competition. Now that we are a discovered society, instead of a hidden one, now that our books and images and very lives are haggled over by the vast commercial entertainment enterprises as bartered fodder, we run the enormous hazard of losing our camaraderie, and our reality, in the newest rivalry for dominance.

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Now we are best sellers and box office and the six o'clock news. We are this week's Sunday supplements.

We are the stuff of open Senate investigations, not into the immorality of our lives but of their ordinariness. And even as the ogres roar and bellow, their smoke and stench are about old stories dying in the telling, mythologies crashing into pieces on the ground. And out of the fuzzy definitions will soon emerge, in the flesh and flaw, our banner carriers.

And we find ourselves engaged in a headlong tumble for loudest and freshest and first with the lemonade details of our lives, perhaps as precursor to the granting of freedom in which to live them, or perhaps only for the prestige and pleasure to be the prominent authors of the tales. Heras will be born this year. And heroes. And devils incarnate who months ago were merely companion felons in the fracasquest for yet-undelineated triumphs.

Fist fights happen on the way, in the headlong ego rush for property rights, to claim the center. And on the way, the combatants learn the blood realities that whosoever of us owns the now will be the stuff and property of the decade's faint historians. The long-fighters toil



Cleaning Out My Closet

by SHELLY ROBERTS

to keep the late usurpers without a valid ticket from the stage. And an equally-opposing force of sudden bloomers are determined directly to force the inefficient and the ineffectual from seats too long gathering dust on old accomplishments. Harsh words and judgments clatter, and in the din and clash to assume the dais, we forget the proprieties.

So I should like to hold up a hand and call a temporary truce. To say the thanks we too often forget for services rendered. To sprinkle laurels where too often, merely, we throw thorns.

If you made a decision on our behalf, whether it proved you a perfect hindsight fool or victor, thank you. Decisions are the very thing we are most currently in need of, and the

very thing of which we are suffering a drought.

If you said "no" or "stop" or "not anymore" along the way, for yourself or someone else, to what should not have been, we're in your debt.

If you kept on when no one else arrived, or offered you any relief, you've earned our thanks. No one said it would be easy. And she was right.

If you've pasted or stapled or colored or carried, if you've copied or carted or collated or simply showed up, I hope that "thank you" is enough to say.

If you edited or wrote or just kept printing when there wasn't any more money or backing or energy or gratitude—if you sent out one more thought that there might somehow be, together, another side to get to—we should have said we're grateful sooner.

Thank you if you called a thousand people. Or eleven. For any reason that put us face to face. Seeing who we are is what is letting us see who we can become. And if you called a million, thanks again. You sure know how to throw a swell party. We'll be talking about it for years. And it's so easy to forget to give you our appreciation.

If you sung your song when only dozens paid for the performance, and still you sang again, we owe you much.

If you paid for the performance when the audience was small, or stretched a budget to contribute, you have our so-far unexpressed acknowledgment. And thanks. We needed you then. And now is no exception. Or if you just wrote a check because you had it. Anyone who says that money is not a contribution is a liar. Or a fool. Or poor. So, thank you, if we

haven't mentioned it yet.

If you prayed for us and not upon us, we are truly blessed.

If you let go of your humility and modeled roles that made others possible, no matter the dimension, our hat is off.

If you signed up a voter or voted yourself in a race you either won or did not, we are much obliged.

If you threw a parade and everyone came and complained, we didn't mean it. We meant to tell you how much it meant to us.

If you convinced a Kiwanis member or your neighbor or a talk show audience or the PTA that we have something of value to say, we say, "thank you."

If you told your mother so she could come out and fight for you and for us, your bravery is commendable. And so is hers.

If your best was merely waiting in the wings until you could join us with honor, we honor you.

And if your outrage or your circumstance gave you no choice but to staff the barricades until we could join you, we are very much obliged.

Sometimes we get caught up in the immediate details of our own lives, the petty details of our communal tasks, and we never stop to find the step-back place from which to see how far we've come, just how much we've done and how very much we owe each other.

So, as long as I was in the neighborhood, I thought I'd stop for a moment and say what for too long has gone without saying.

Thank you for all you've done.

I'm just sorry it took us so long to get around to it.

Queer movement hijacked by gays-in-the-military debate

by the LESBIAN AVENGERS/NY

On July 8, the Campaign for Military Service (CMS) held a gala fundraiser at the USS Intrepid warship museum in New York City. The idea of an organization whose nominal purpose is the liberation of lesbians and gay men throwing a party on the main deck of a potent symbol of U.S. militarism strikes us as, at the least, ironic. Unfortunately, it is not

surprising. The seemingly wholesale embrace of military symbolism and values by segments of the queer community has overwhelmed our movement over the past year. Indeed, the fight against the ban on lesbians and gay men in the U.S. armed forces has come to be seen as the primary focus of current queer politics and has enforced the image of ideological unanimity in our communities—a kind of uniformity to which we take strong exception.

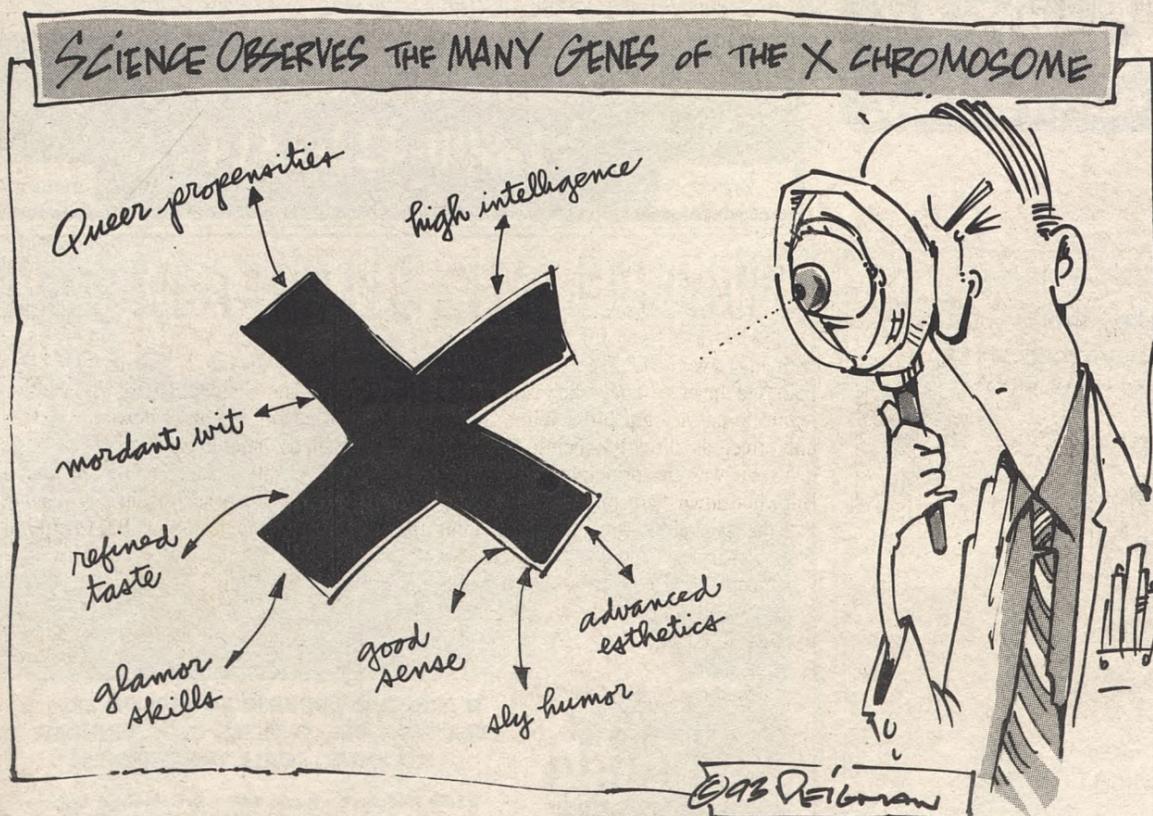
Our reasons for objecting to this fiction of consensus are many. First, while we feel solidarity with the women and men who are persecuted on a daily basis by the homophobia in the military, we resent that such solidarity has been equated with support for the armed forces as an institution. Certainly we recognize that enlistment in military service is one of the few opportunities for economic and social advancement for poor and working class people in this

country. Nonetheless, we cannot condone the virtually unequivocal support that the CMS seems to have for an institution with a history of mistreatment of women, people of color and yes, lesbians and gay men.

It is no coincidence that lesbians or women perceived to be lesbians are three times as likely to be investigated and discharged from the armed services as gay men. And yet the CMS has reproduced this disproportionate oppression of lesbians in the military in its own campaign by pouring the majority of its media energy into publicizing the cases of gay men.

Of course, the entire community must take responsibility for the ease with which we have allowed the images of gay men in uniform that we see in every magazine and newspaper to pretend to tell all our stories. We have been conspicuously silent in the face of this hijacking of our movement. We who only a few years ago demanded "money for AIDS, not for war" cannot allow this assumption of homogeneity and assimilation to continue unchallenged.

As Lesbian Avengers, we believe that our collective struggle is to imagine choices beyond the ones we are offered, not to uncritically accept the standards of a society that has always wanted us to remain invisible and silent.



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The invisible scourge

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for test results, those friends came through.

"When I knew I couldn't hold a positive resonance, I knew there were other people around me who were doing that for me," Doucher said. "I was fortunate that I had friends who didn't work or were in school. I think it's vital, when it happens, to have people to go to the doctor with you...to take notes. It was just too much."

Doucher said that for those lesbians who don't have a support group, it would be good to have something like The Mautner Project in Atlanta. But there is nothing comparable in this city.

Chad Cramer, and a small group of Atlantans, hope to change that.

After talking to his friends, Cramer got the idea for a lesbian breast cancer support organization. He credits his lesbian friends, in particular, with inspiring him. A woman friend told him that while lesbians helped gay men through the AIDS crisis, they received no support in return, even though lesbians were dying of breast cancer.

"It hit me like a two-by-four between the eyes," Cramer said. "Right then, I decided I had to do what I could to make a difference."

Among other things, Cramer called The Mautner Project, offering to give them a donation. Hester suggested he do something in Atlanta instead, he said. Since then, Cramer and a small group have been making plans for the support group, which he hopes will be known as The Genesis Center.

Cramer is a member of Southern Country Atlanta, a gay and lesbian country dance group. The organization will hold an August benefit to raise funds for The Genesis Center and three other groups.

Their goal is to raise \$25,000 for each group, and Cramer plans to use the seed money to pay for rental space for The Genesis Center. He is in the beginning stages of signing on doctors and

others who will provide support to the center, and he is enlisting the involvement of the lesbian community.

Judy Achle is one woman he has contacted about the group. While Achle said she will not be instrumental in organizing The Genesis Center, "I will help put the word out that money is available if somebody wants to come forward and begin a project."

"Chad wants it to be OK for men to be involved in this. He might have a hard time getting it going because of that, but I hope other people will help out," Achle said.

Cramer fears that groups like the Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance might not support The Genesis Center because of its male involvement. Betty Irwin, an ALFA spokeswoman, said the group has not been contacted about the center. But she said ALFA has talked about starting such a group.

"I think it's an excellent idea, if there's seed money and women could run it," she said.

In addition to getting support, Doucher stresses that lesbians with breast cancer need to make informed decisions about their course of treatment.

She said, "The fear of the word cancer is so overwhelming that sometimes the tendency is to do whatever the doctor says. I think it's important for us to educate ourselves and to talk to someone who's been through the same experience. Each case is totally different, so there's no cookbook method of treating the cancer."

However, Doucher added, "I encourage lesbians to have mammograms. I know there's a lot of controversy about it, but it saved my life."

For further information about The Genesis Center, call (404) 908-7480. For information about how to start a lesbian breast cancer project, The Mautner Project can be reached at (202) 332-5536. For information on breast cancer detection and prevention, the Feminist Women's Health Center can be reached at (404) 874-7551.

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Atlanta teams gear up for next month's Gay World Series

The men's teams from Bulldogs and Accelerated Chiropractic and the women of the Backstreet Atlanta Aces are on their way to Philadelphia in August, to represent Atlanta in the Gay World Series of Softball.

Bulldogs won the slot to represent Atlanta in the A (Men's Competitive) Division of the tournament by upsetting the Atlanta softball regular season A champions, the Armory Falcons, in league playoffs held the weekend of July 10-11.

Under league rules, the regular season winner faces the winner of the post-season tournament in a playoff to determine who goes to the World Series. After defeating the Falcons to win

the tournament, Bulldogs then ousted the Falcons 14-12 in the playoff game.

The Falcons started the game true to their season championship form, with excellent defense and four runs in the first inning, a lead which they kept until the top of the sixth. But with Bulldogs trailing by four (7-11) in the top of the sixth, their bats started cracking, batting around to bring in seven runs and take the lead. The Falcons scored one in the seventh, but that turned out not to be enough to overcome Bulldogs.

In the women's open division, there was no such drama. The class of the field were the women of Backstreet's Atlanta Aces, who had gone undefeated this year (14-0) and, over the Fourth of July weekend, competed in a one-day tournament against mostly hetero teams at the Softball County Club and took first place. In the post-season tourney, they maintained that unshakeable playing form for which they're known and defeated the Armory Falconettes 6-1. Since the Aces won the season and won the tournament, there was no playoff.

Atlanta has never won a World Series title in women's or the men's A or B divisions. The Aces would be a strong contender to break that jinx.

In the B (Men's Recreational) Division, the regular season champion also won't be going to Philadelphia. Backstreet Boyz, who had been flawless all year in amassing a 15-2 record and going undefeated against Division B opponents, lost to both the Accelerated Chiropractic Nads and the Ritz Sluggers in the post-season tournament. Then, in the playoff, the Nads played tough defense, holding the Boyz, the best-hitting team in the league, to just two runs and earning a trip to Philly with a 5-2 victory.

The tournament and playoffs in the C (Men's Non-Competitive) Division were being held on July 17 to determine who would go to the World Series. The Moreland Tavern Wolves won the regular season with an 11-4 record and were seeded first in the tourney. Their strongest challenges were expected to come from Project Open Hand and Hoedowns.

At the 1992 World Series in Los Angeles, which was the first year for C Division play, the Pear Garden Sluggers of Atlanta (now known as the Ritz Sluggers) took the crown, which means that whichever C team goes will be defending the city's only World Series title.



Bulldogs upset winner in A Division



Aces sweep season and tournament



Nads surprise Series entry from B Division

RICHY HOWARD

Regular Season Standings

A DIVISION

Armory Falcons	12	3
Bulldogs	11	4
Better Bodies	3	12

B DIVISION

Backstreet Boyz	15	2
Ritz Sluggers	12	5
Accelerated Chiropractic Nads	12	5
Backstreet Alleykatz	5	12
Armory Angels	5	12

C DIVISION

Moreland Wolves	11	4
Project Open Hand	7	8
Express Ten Pins	7	8
Hoedown's Rustlers	5	10
Macon Topaz	4	11
Congregation Bet Haverim	0	15

WOMEN'S DIVISION

Atlanta Aces	14	0
Otherside Classic	11	3
Armory Falconettes	10	4
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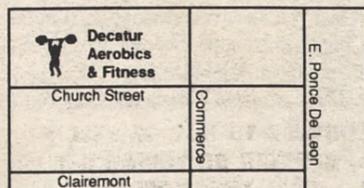
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New study links heredity with being gay

It may be time to send Mom a "Thank You" card.

A new study of gay men suggests that being gay could be linked to a gene on the X chromosome, which a man inherits from his mother. The study, conducted by two geneticists at the National Cancer Institute and reported in the latest issue of Science magazine, is one of the strongest pieces of evidence yet produced that a tendency to be gay is inherited.

When it was released last week, the study also provoked a torrent of media attention and speculation as to what this might mean in the struggle for lesbian/gay civil rights.

Many of the leaders in the gay/lesbian rights movement said the study disproves the claims of homophobes that being gay is a choice, but at the same time expressed reservations about possible use of this information to cure or prevent homosexuality.

In the first phase of their research, the geneticists recruited 76 gay men and traced their family trees, looking for other men in their family who are gay. The results showed that gay men were almost seven times as likely to have a gay brother than were straight men and that there was a strong maternal link among gay men in the same family—that is, the maternal uncles or cousins of gay men were more likely to be gay than paternal uncles or cousins.

This led to the hypothesis that it was on the X chromosome, inherited only from the mother, where the "gay" gene had to be located. (Men have an X and a Y chromosome, while women have two X chromosomes).

Next, researchers, using blood samples, studied similarities in the DNA code on the X chromosomes of 40 pairs of gay brothers. In 33 out of the 40 cases, the men shared the same genetic code at a portion of the chromosome called Xq28. Researchers say this means that there is a 99.5 percent chance that a gene in this area of the chromosome predisposes a man to be gay.

However, researchers cautioned that the results of the study will need to be replicated by additional, independent studies before the gay gene theory can be accepted by the scientific community. Similar studies showing genetic links to alcoholism, manic depression and schizophrenia, for instance, did not hold up under additional scrutiny. Also, there is the question of why the seven sets of brothers in the study who didn't share genetic material at Xq28 are gay.

Dean Hamer, the head of the team of geneticists, told the Associated Press that the study should not necessarily be viewed as concrete evidence that there is a single gene that determines sexual orientation.

"There also could be another gene on some other chromosome. Or it could be that there was some other physical or biochemical factor involved. Or there could be some other non-biological factors related to life experiences or environment or upbringing."

Typically, the study did not look at lesbians and how they might inherit their sexual orientation.

RICHARD SHUMATE

Backlash

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room if you keep what goes on in your bedroom out of our TV shows and kids' textbooks. Homosexuality is abnormal behavior...If this makes me a homophobe, I wear the label with pride."

Despite the negative, however, most lesbians and gays believe the new visibility is good for the community.

"People need to know that we are everyday people," said Jaffe. "We live next door to them, and we're not who they think we are. They're just frightened because they don't know any-

thing about us."

Mountcastle and Radford agree. The gay flag will still fly on Savannah Street in Cabbagetown. In fact, says Mountcastle, he's going to replace the Stars and Stripes currently flying on the opposite corner of his house with another rainbow flag.

"We're going to take down the American flag and put another gay flag out and leave the burnt one," he said. "We decided we don't want the American flag anymore because they don't support us."

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executive committee, and Councilwoman Myrtle Davis, who heads the the finance committee, to arrange a Monday morning meeting of the two committees to address the measures.

"The mayor talked to Myrtle Davis, who agreed to call her committee to meet," said Deputy Chief of Staff Angelo Fuster. "Then we reached Davetta Johnson. She told us late [Friday] morning that she was not willing to call a special meeting. She said essentially that the committee acted properly in holding bill, and she was not willing to go against the committee."

Fuster said that the mayor's office is anxious to press the issue, and is looking into the possibility that the full council could act as a "committee of the whole" to act on the legislation during Monday's meeting. If it is legally permissible, he said, the action will have to be initiated by a council member.

During last week's committee meeting, some members voiced their concern with not only the financial issues but the moral issues involved in providing benefits to unmarried domestic part-

ners. Citing a galvanization of public opinion against such recognition, Councilman Thomas Cuffie said he doesn't "think it's OK."

"For many of us who oppose this, we don't want to put our stamp of approval on these types of relationships," he said.

Cuffie, along with Johnson (who was an original co-sponsor of the measure) and C.T. Martin, voted to hold the bill until the next committee meeting in two weeks. Barbara Asher and bill sponsor Mary Davis voted against holding the bill, and Clair Muller did not vote. Carolyn Long Banks, a supporter of the measure, was not at the meeting.

Davis said she was disappointed in the vote and hoped the mayor would be successful in arranging the special meeting.

"There are some people who just don't want this to pass," she said.

The bill originally passed by a 9-7 vote last month, and the vote to override the veto was the same, three votes short of the number necessary to override.

KC WILDMOON

Burroughs Wellcome says NIH didn't help with AZT

But marketing study said company could get premium price if only company scientists were credited.

New Bern, NC—Burroughs Wellcome scientists came up with the idea of using AZT against AIDS before government researchers, according to a patent attorney testifying in a trial that will determine just who holds the rights to make the drug.

But other evidence that has unfolded in the federal court fight over AZT indicates that money might have been the reason Samuel Broder and Hiroaki Mitsuyu of the National Institutes of Health were not named as co-inventors of the drug.

An internal 1985 marketing study on AZT stated that "an effective drug to treat AIDS could be a great direct and indirect financial benefit to the company. A premium price could be obtained because of exclusivity." Burroughs Wellcome could expect \$150 million a year in sales of the drug, the study said.

Burroughs Wellcome has gone to federal court to stop generic drug manufacturers from making their own version of AZT, which the company now calls Retrovir. The generic manufacturers, Barr Laboratories Inc. and Novopharm Ltd., contend Burroughs Wellcome's patents are invalid because they do not credit government scientists as co-inventors.

People with AIDS and their advocates have long criticized Burroughs Wellcome for what they see as the excessive cost of AZT. The wholesale price for a year's supply runs about \$2,200. They are hoping that the generic drug manufacturers triumph in the trial so that cheaper versions of AZT can go on the market.

The marketing study was presented to Burroughs Wellcome's research committee five months before the company filed for the first of six U.S. patents on AZT. Robert Green, a lawyer for Novopharm, said the document shows the pharmaceutical giant named only its own employees as inventors to try to maximize profits.

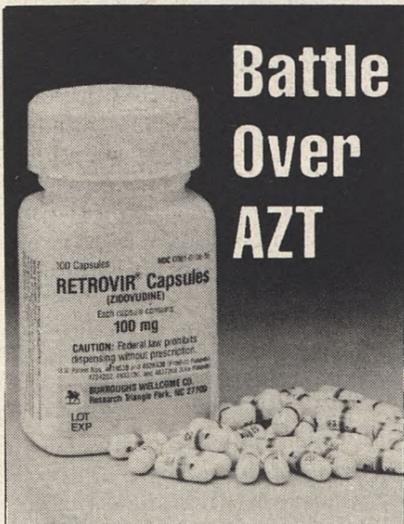
"This evidence relates to Burroughs Wellcome's bias and motive to [omit] two inventors from the patent application," said Green.

But Dr. David Barry, Burroughs Wellcome's vice president for medical affairs and research, said the decision on naming AZT's inventors was made two months before the marketing study was presented. Barry said it is common practice for the company to do a marketing estimate on every drug that shows promise. He noted that the company is not a charity.

"Revenue is used to support our serious research and to pay dividends to our stockholders," Barry said.

Houston patent attorney Tom Arnold, testifying for Burroughs Wellcome, says the proof that AZT belongs to Burroughs Wellcome lies in an early version of the AZT patent application dated Feb. 6, 1985, which was before government scientists performed their experiments on AZT.

"There's no way they could have con-



tributed to any of the idea that went into that patent application," Arnold told jurors. "Everything needed to put this drug into public use and enjoyment is [in the draft application]."

During cross-examination, Green tried to lead Arnold, who admitted he would receive \$52,000 from Burroughs Wellcome for his work on the case, to say that the company had only an abstract theory of what AZT would do. Green and Novopharm

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contend that a test performed by government scientists was the turning point that translated that theory into the "definite and permanent" idea the law requires for a patent.

Arnold insisted that the draft application Burroughs Wellcome prepared in February 1985 laid out clearly how AZT could be used. The drug has been used against AIDS the same way since it came on the market in 1987, Arnold said.

"They had a specific drug, a specific disease, specific tolerance of humans to that and sufficient dosage that they knew would work," Arnold said.

Burroughs Wellcome was clearly eager to protect what their scientists had learned about using AZT against AIDS after deciding to patent the drug in mid-January 1985, Arnold said. Burroughs Wellcome filed patents in Great Britain two months later.

"About 95 percent of the patents filed by my office are not filed on that kind of deadline," Arnold said.

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BIRTHDAYS

A very special happy 25th birthday goes out to Daniel Haley from Anthony Ricciardi on July 24.

Mona Love called to wish a special happy belated birthday to SoVo columnist Danny Roble back on July 9.

Then, Mona got on a roll and wished a happy birthday (on time) to Uri Vaknin on July 25. You might know Uri from local activist circles. If you see him that day, be sure to wish him a happy 24th.

ANNIVERSARIES

Occasions would like to wish a happy third anniversary to Sam Faith and Oscar DeLeon on July 24th.

Happy (belated) 16th anniversary goes out to Shirley Adams and Barbara Budd on July 9.

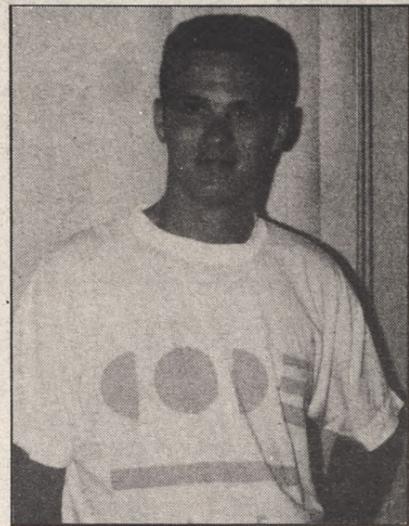
Mr. J. Scott Simmons and Mr. Daniel S. Popovich will celebrate five fantastic years together on July 22. The two met in Honolulu and relocated to the metro area in 1991 with their son, Christopher. The couple would like to thank all their new friends and family for showing true Southern hospitality and making them feel welcome here in Atlanta.

This message comes from Gwen Simon: "A relationship solid and strong in gay Atlanta. Maria Morris, you are the partner for me. A lifetime companion and other mother to my children. I will always love you."

Mike Davis and Chuck Rose will be celebrating three wonderful years together July 25.

EMPLOYMENT OCCASION

Nancy Wilkinson recently received a promo-



Happy birthday to Daniel Haley July 9.

tion at Coca-Cola. She works in the information systems department and is now an associate programming analyst. She is just tickled about this, as it seemed to almost coincide with her sixth anniversary with Susan Phillips. Congratulations to both of you.

Congratulations to former Atlanta resident Scott Harris, who recently moved to Dallas, TX, and landed a really great job with Electronic Data Systems as a training coordinator. Lots of travel, and lots of boys, I'm sure.

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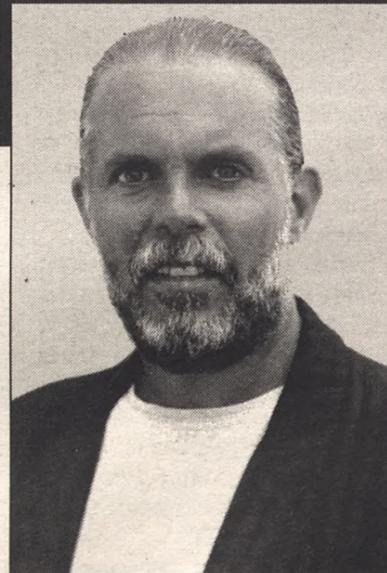
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Spiro's sojourn among queers at home in the South

*Richmond native's video
set to air in Atlanta*

Award-winning video producer Ellen Spiro was only in fourth grade when she first became involved with photography, building a darkroom in her bathroom in Richmond, Va. and developing her own black and white pictures.

As an adult, Spiro moved from the South so she would feel free to "really be out." But recently, Spiro came out back home—when her video about Southern lesbians and gays aired on public television in Richmond.

With the showing of "Greetings From Out Here" in Richmond, "I feel like I've taken care of the first cycle of my life," Spiro said. "I've resolved that thing which tortured me, and now I can move on. You have to do that reckoning with yourself before you come out on TV."

"Greetings From Out Here" will air on Georgia Public Television (GPTV), Channel 8, Atlanta, at 11 p.m., Sunday, July 25.

While Spiro had to leave her hometown to come out, her video is a monument to "those gay people who don't flee, who stay at home and do the bravest thing of all...be who they are, where they are."

The video begins with Spiro appearing on the screen talking about herself. She felt it only fair that she come out on the video if she was going to ask others to do it. In the opening minutes, with Southern harmonica playing in the background, viewers are also treated to their first shots of Spiro's small, black dog.

"The film is not militant. It kind of says, 'This is humanity. This is real.' I give it to you in funny ways," Spiro explained.

"I think humor is the most powerful weapon we have—humor and charm. All the people in the film are charming. My dog, Sam...he's great. He's a main figure in the video."

Sam also turned out to be a main figure when "Greetings" was shown in both Boston.

"Sam was with me at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. He usually follows five inches behind my heels. But in Boston, he pranced onto stage in front of me, sat in the spotlight and raised his foot—no joke," Spiro recalled.

Spiro brings her sense of humor, quirkiness and warmth to the video. Viewers see footage of a gay rodeo in Texas. It could be any straight rodeo in the U.S.A.—until a drag queen cowgirl appears on the screen. There's a riderless horse at the rodeo, in commemoration of all the people who have died of AIDS. A lesbian tells how she lost her job after her supervisor found out she spent a weekend at a gay rodeo.

Spiro believes lesbians and gays are accepted in small Southern towns in part because they are eccentric. What follows on the video are many such people. Viewers meet Isis, who lives in a bus in the Ozarks. They also meet Chance, who lives in Atlanta



Ellen Spiro and her dog, Sam, went on the road to capture the lesbian and gay South.

with her mother, Samantha Claar.

"Chance is a terrific, fabulous, unbelievably articulate 16-year old," Spiro said.

Viewers also see a gay, black man who lives in Jasper, Ala. "He's an incredibly powerful gospel singer and minister. I think he's as much of an activist as Larry Kramer, because he never hid his gayness from anybody in Jasper," Spiro said.

"He's flamboyant and everybody loves him. In the South, we put our eccentrics on pedestals—even gays and lesbians."

The idea for "Greetings" came after Spiro moved to New York City. She got involved in ACT UP and was "very out and queer."

"I realized a lot of my friends—and I—were out in New York, but not back home. I began to think the real impact we have is in the home towns where we live," Spiro said.

So she decided to make a video about the lesbians and gays who live in rural America. That goal became possible when Spiro won a grant from the Independent Television Service (ITVS).

Established by Congress in 1988, ITVS' stated goal is to increase the diversity of programming on public television. This

means that works by and about minorities, including lesbians and gays, are sought out by ITVS, Spiro said.

After receiving the award, Spiro and her dog hit the roads of the South for a year to tape the video. Spiro had already decided who she wanted to interview. She spent weeks living with the people she taped.

Shooting the footage was the fun part. Editing the mass of material down to a one-hour video was hard, Spiro said.

As the video shows on public television channels across the country, "everybody's doing really well with it." There's only been one nasty phone call, even though the video has played in such places as Salt Lake City and Akron, Ohio, she noted.

Perhaps most important for Spiro personally, "Greetings" has now shown in her home town. Her apprehension about that is over.

"I told ITVS not to really promote it there. My dad's a rabbi and I didn't want everyone in the world calling him. But it was featured in the TV guide," Spiro said with a laugh.

The night "Greetings" aired in Richmond, Spiro's father called her. He told her the family loved the show.

C. MITCHELL

Deb Price not the same old newspaper columnist

Last year, Deb Price broke new, and very visible, ground.

An editor in the Washington bureau of the Detroit News, she approached her boss with an idea for a regular column. Nothing revolutionary about that—except that Price is an open lesbian and wanted to use her column to explore gay/lesbian issues and to take a look at the world using her alternative perspective. Her goal as a columnist—to bridge the gap between the gay and heterosexual communities, to get an open and honest dialogue started.

Deb Price will speak to Fourth Tuesday July 27 at the Universalist Unitarian Church at 1911 Cliff Valley Way. The public is invited. Doors open at 6 p.m., program begins 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for Fourth Tuesday members and \$11 for non-members.

Her bosses went for her pitch, and Price, who will be in Atlanta on July 27 to speak to Fourth Tuesday, became the first openly lesbian or gay columnist in a major American newspaper, a turning point in her career and her life. As she told one interviewer, "I can't be more out than this."

Detroit readers opened their papers on May 8, 1992 to find a new columnist discussing the

dilemma of how to refer to her partner of six years. In another column, she talked about the pain of going to her prom.

"My first girlfriend and I went to our senior prom disguised as heterosexuals. Each of us had the one essential accessory: a boy."

Her column was picked up by several other newspapers, including USA Today, and Gannett Co., which owns the Detroit News, offers it to the rest of its 79 papers across the country. A handful of other daily papers have followed the News' lead and hired openly lesbian or gay columnists.

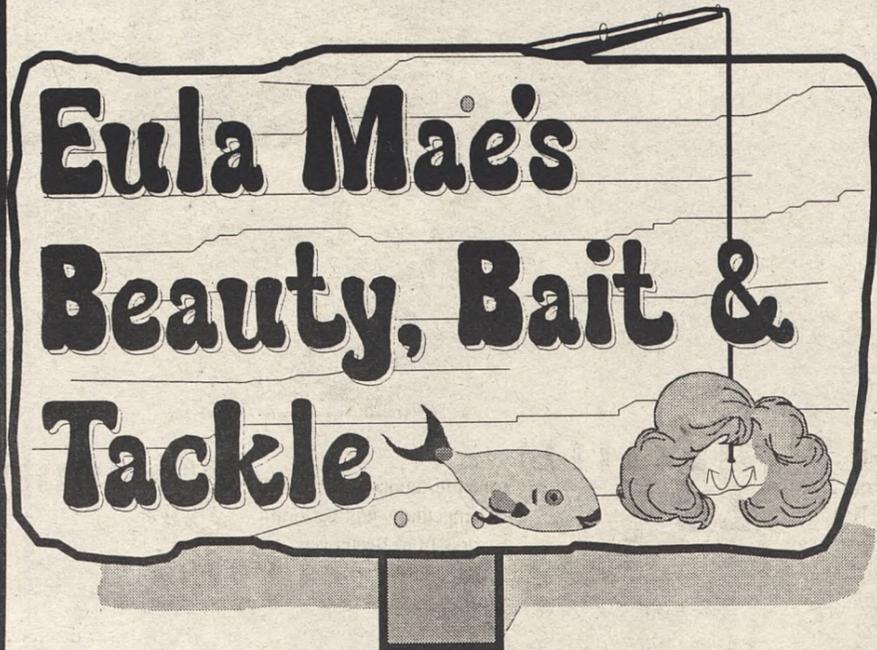
After the column began, media attention swiftly followed. Price has discussed her endeavor in numerous articles, including ones in The New York Times, The Washington Post, Editor & Publisher and the Chicago Tribune. The column is now available to non-Gannett newspapers through the Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

Before arriving at the News in 1989, Price, 35, worked for the Washington Post. She has a B.A. and M.A. in literature from Stanford University and is completing her doctorate in American literature at George Washington University. She lives with Joyce Murdoch, a Washington Post reporter, in a Washington, D.C. suburb.



Deb Price, of the Detroit News, was America's first openly lesbian or gay mainstream newspaper columnist.

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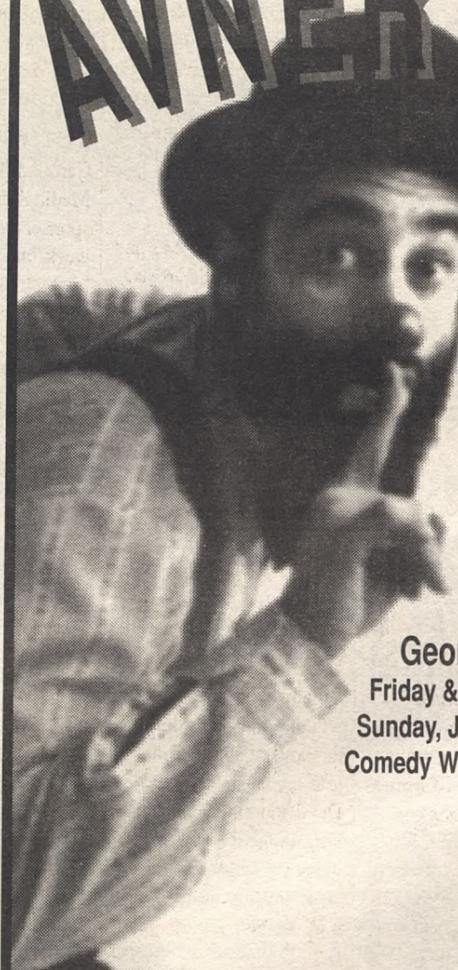


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DIABOLIQUE. Simone Signoret and Vera Clouzot co-star in this shocking suspense thriller about a tyrannical school teacher who drives his wife and

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HIV UPDATE. The syndicated cable TV show airs every Sat at 6:00 p.m. on Channel 12.

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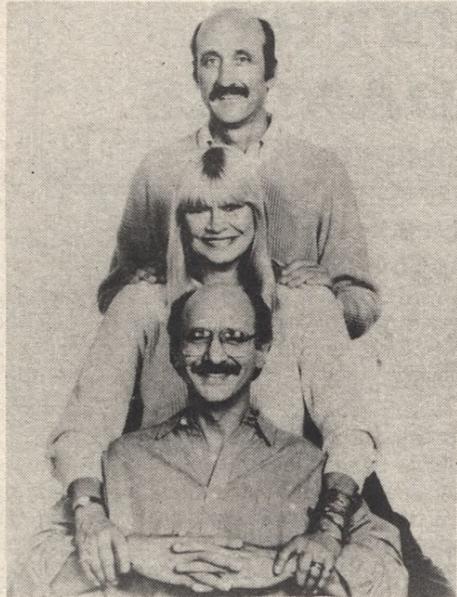
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POSITIVE LIVING. This locally produced show about people living with AIDS. People TV Ch. 12, 2:30 p.m. and again on Sat., 10 p.m. It also airs on City Ch. 6, Th. 5 p.m.



Pictured: ABOVE: Pianist Awadagin Pratt comes to Symphony Hall Monday. LEFT: Peter, Paul and Mary spend Friday at Chastain. BELOW: A scene from Nostradamus Speaks! at 800 East.

ON GOING AND UPCOMING

FIREWORKS. Through July 24. Two lonely people find themselves drawn together every year at Lenox Square to watch the fireworks display. 14th St. Playhouse. 892-2414.

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During the past five years, Artcare has grown from an Atlanta hometown effort into one of the nation's largest charity art auctions to benefit people with AIDS.

And organizers are expecting a crowd of 1,000 on Saturday, July 24, when Artcare 1993, featuring an extraordinary selection of art for sale, takes the stage at the Swissotel in Buckhead.

During the last four years, the event has raised more than \$335,000, topping the \$100,000 mark each of the last two years. Proceeds this year will go to benefit AID Atlanta, Project Open Hand, Childkind and the Visiting Nurses Association.

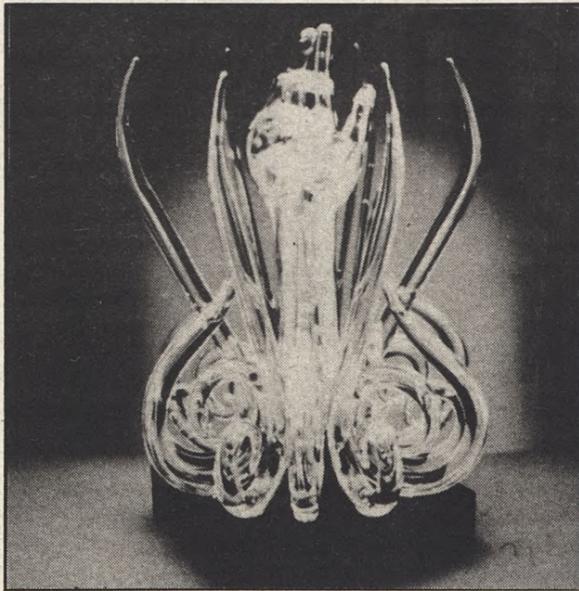
The event suffered a minor blow last week when actress Linda Lavin, star of the TV series "Alice" and Artcare 1993's celebrity spokesperson, cancelled her planned appearance at the Atlanta event in order to replace Tony-winner Madelaine Kahn in the Broadway production of "The Sisters Rosenzweig." She will be replaced by Leslie Charleson, who portrays Dr. Monica Quartermaine on the TV soap opera "General Hospital."

But there will still be celebrity fire-power. Returning this year will be last year's honorary chairperson, Dr. Ned Rifkin, director of the High Museum of Art, and Jeanne White, chair of the Ryan White Foundation.

White, the mother of Ryan White, became involved with Artcare three years ago when a friend of hers from Los Angeles introduced her to the Atlantans working on the auction. She has since been "adopted" by Artcare, becoming its national spokesperson.

White calls Artcare "a wonderful organization where everybody is truly working from the heart. All the money goes directly to people with AIDS. It's people taking care of people."

Artcare 1993 chairperson Jackie Stephenson, who has spent the good part of year riding herd on this event, notes how difficult pulling together something like this is. "Artcare is an all-volunteer organization, from the board members to the volun-



"From the Depths" is a glass sculpture made especially for Artcare 1993 by Hans Frabel.

teers to the artists, and for the magnitude of the event that we put on, that's nothing short of a miracle."

For an organization with designs on a national profile, that can be exhausting, but Stephenson knows that the work the board does ultimately means more money for AIDS. "Every bit of the money we raise needs to go where it's needed. That's how it should be."

Michael Venezia, who is coordinating artists' contributions this year, is one of the founders of Artcare. His friend Bob Izzy (who recently died of AIDS) called him six years ago with the idea of an art auction to benefit people with AIDS.

"We started out as a real loose organization of people with big hearts. It's great to see how Artcare has grown into a gala

event that represents and honors the Atlanta arts community, as well as raises money."

Venezia notes that this year's collection is full of that '90s buzzword, diversity. "We're excited that there's such a diverse selection of art—there should be something there for everyone," he notes. Among work he has seen, Venezia was especially impressed with paintings by Atlanta artists Lee Bomhoff and Lamar Smith. He is also pleased to be able to offer a lithograph by '60s pop artist James Rosenquist, donated by Dick Daily.

Other noteworthy items among the collection include a Hans Frabel glass sculpture designed specifically for Artcare 1993, and an India ink sketch by Sir Cecil Beaton, donated by John Webster Keefe, principal curator of Decorative Arts at the New Orleans Museum of Art, one of Artcare's sponsoring museums. The other sponsoring museum is the Louisiana State University Museum.

Overall, over 250 works of art, including paintings, sculpture, photography, weavings and mixed media, have been contributed by artists to the event, most at a 100 percent return to the auction. Other local and Georgia artists who have contributed work to Artcare 1993 include Venezia, Randy Chumbley, David Fraley, Harriet Liebowitz, Chester Old, Ivan Bailey, Martin Dawe, Lucinda Bunn, Bernard Cohen and Bill Paul.

The auction itself will be conducted in two parts—a silent auction, which will be ongoing throughout the evening, and a live auction conducted by Patrick Meade, a European decorative arts specialist and appraiser with Christie's auction house in New York. The most impressive works will be available at the live auction, which raised over \$60,000 last year.

The event will be held on Saturday, July 24 at 8:00 p.m. at the main ballroom of Swissotel Atlanta, 3393 Peachtree Road. Tickets are \$35, \$50 and \$75, and may be purchased by calling 873-4088. Those interested in volunteering time to make this event a success should call the same number and ask for Randy Chumbley.

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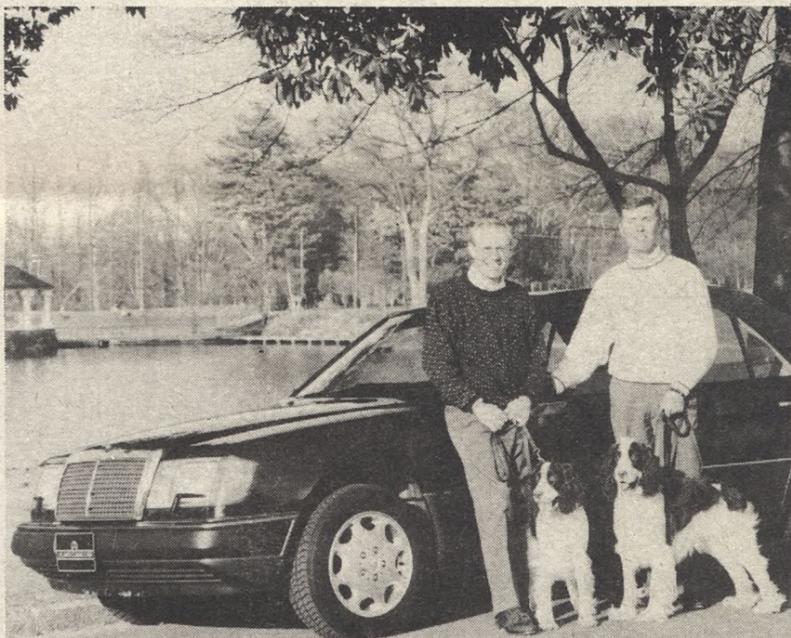
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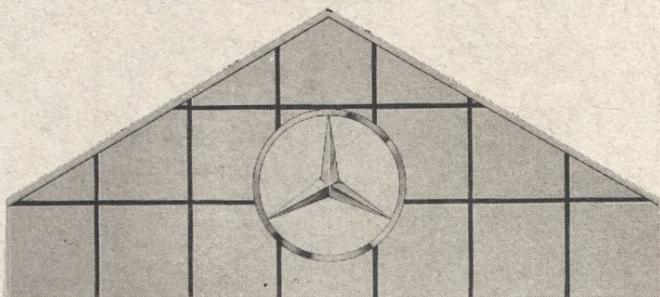
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THE THREE SISTERS

The play might be classic Russian, but the primary plot device could come from today's headlines—Anton Chekov's "The Three Sisters" is a play about a military base closing.

Such subject matter, of course, can come up dry if not carefully executed, and, in its latest Atlanta incarnation, it isn't and it does. The Play Ground Theatre Company (in residence at 7 Stages Backdoor Theatre) is currently presenting the classic play in a new translation by noted playwright David Mamet, and both the production and translation fall short of meeting expectations.

"The Three Sisters" plays Wednesday through Sunday nights through Aug 1 at 8 p.m. at 7 Stages Backdoor Theatre, 1105 Euclid Avenue in Little Five Points.

Mamet's translation tries to make Chekov more accessible to a modern audience, while clearly stamping the playwright's own signature style on the Russian's great work. But by doing so, Mamet has turned the three sisters, Olga (Agnes Lucinda Harty), Irina (Trace Turville) and Masha (Heidi Cline) into whining Russian yuppies, instead of passionate women who yearn for something better in their lives. Indeed, the most oft-quoted line is gone from this translation (Masha, when asked why she always wears black, responds, "I'm in mourning for my life."). It sets much of the tone for this character, and it is sorely missed.

"The Three Sisters" is the story of four siblings (the aforementioned Olga, Irina and Masha, and their wastrel brother Andrei [Hudson Adams]), stuck in a small military outpost, far from the beloved Moscow where they grew up. Indeed, it is Irini's most fervent wish to return to the city she loves, and she will do anything she has to do—even if that means marrying a stuffed shirt life Baron Nikolai (Scott Plate).

Andrei has unwisely married the shrew Natalya (Elizabeth Minnis). Olga, like her youngest sister, is anxious to get to Moscow to get a life, but instead remains behind to become the school's headmistress. Masha, married to Fyodor (Don Smith) falls desperately in love with the dashing Lieutenant Colonel Alexandr (Doug Sadler).

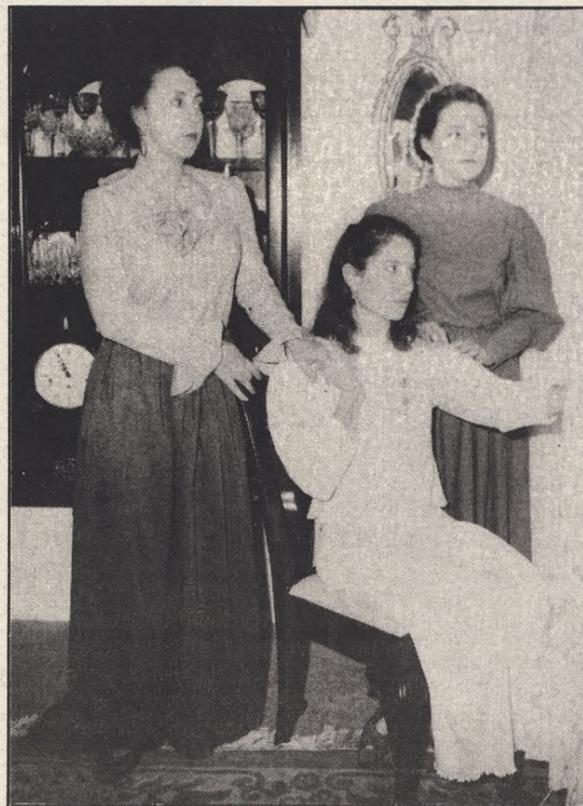
It is against this milieu the drama unfolds. A fire breaks out in the town, destroying many of the old ways and cementing the decision of the military to pull out and move to Poland. With the military's withdrawal goes the hopes of Masha and Irini.

The unique layout of 7 Stages Backdoor Theatre gives us, as an audience, an interesting perspective on Chekov's play. It is as if the piece is being played out in a goldfish bowl, and we are looming overhead looking down on the foolish fish. It certainly gives "The Three Sisters" an almost claustrophobic feel, as if any minute one of the characters will scream to break loose from the mortal coil tying him or her to the stage. It's a unique idea, but director David Crowe does little to explore it beyond presenting it to us.

Indeed, he has undercut his actors throughout this production. The timing and pacing of "The Three Sisters" is agonizingly slow. Indeed, except for the mostly-comic first scene, the play seems to drag on forever (it runs just shy of three hours). Characters come and go at a moment's notice (that's in Chekov's script), but Crowe does little to help us understand why they are there (as a reminder, a comment on the action or as a sort of Greek chorus to the main action). Characters move for no reason, except to get out of each other's way in a crowded set. And there never seems to be any cohesion between the actors.

Olga is certainly the most thankless roll among the three sisters, and Agnes Lucinda Harty does her best with what she's given, but she still can't make Olga interesting to us. Her outbursts seem forced, and she is often stilted. Trace Turville reaches her peak as Irini at the end of Act I when she plays a desperate game of solitaire to get the right fortune in her cards. In one moment, she captures the essence of Irini perfectly, yet she lets it slip away from her in the second act, and we never see it again.

Heidi Cline makes for a most interesting Masha, cold and unfeeling toward her husband and siblings, warm toward Alexandr. Hers is probably the most successful characterization in the production, because we see the widest changes most visibly with her. Unfortunately, Doug Sadler's Alexandr is just



Masha (Heidi Cline, left), Irina (Trace Turville, sitting) and Olga (Agnes Lucinda Hardy, right) are Chekov's tortured "Three Sisters."

too immature and lacking in style and suaveness to be convincing. We know Masha loves him, but we can't help but wonder why.

Once the cast gets a chance to settle into its roles a bit more, the timing and pace of "The Three Sisters" may improve. It's a tough show to sit through, and it desperately needs to move faster. And 7 Stages has the hardest seats in town.

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Convalescing at my mother's house, I've not been gardening. Back braces and spades don't mix well.

However, I have listened to and advised Madre about certain difficulties, particularly the dreaded Japanese Beetle—an even more colorful and more successful export than Toyota.

Now, even though my mother and I grow many of the same ornamentals, I'm not bothered by this voracious pest. Hordes of them assault her roses, crape myrtles, Rose of Sharon, etc. daily.

Unhappily, she's made two gross errors in dealing with them. Last year, she set out Japanese Beetle traps. And she has not used Milky Spore disease for the beetle grubs.

The theory behind the traps is essentially correct. Put them out, and they attract beetles. Unfortunately, they exercise an irresistible siren song to every beetle in a disgustingly large radius. So tons of them come to party, eating and carrying on and exceeding the capacity of the traps (the traps feature a sex hormone attractant, after all).

As Arnold would say, "Big Mistake." Unless you locate traps, say, in the yard of a homophobic neighbor, you will do yourself a disservice. The only real remedy for adult beetles is to continually hand-pick them off leaves and flowers, placing them into escape-proof containers, jars of soapy water, etc. Systemic sprays have little effect and can

deleteriously impact other, beneficial garden creatures.

My advice is to keep pickin' and just limp along for one season. You see, the beetles feed now, so they can get on with the business of reproduction. Next spring, however, you won't see tiny beetles. If you dig around the plants beetles assaulted the previous summer, you'll find grubs—ugly, pale, wormy, hungry things which will grow up into beetles after they damage root systems.

The gardener's task is to prevent these larvae from metamorphosing into beetles; in fact, it's the only way. Complete maniacs may spend the entire late winter and early spring period digging for grubs. Calmer folks can purchase a box of Milky Spore disease, follow directions (i.e., lightly dig and water it into the soil), and eliminate 90 to 98 percent of the grubs.

How does the stuff work? Milky Spore is a soil-borne, pest-specific bacteria. It's actually produced from bacteria-infested larvae, which is why supplies can be spotty. True, there was an ineffective batch a few years ago. Fortunately, quality control was vastly improved, and the stuff really works.

You can obtain Milky Spore locally—call around to garden centers, since supplies are spotty, or through the mail. The important thing to remember is that, for about \$20 and a morning's labor, you can virtually eliminate beetles.

Upon hearing this revelation, my mother rushed out, bought a box and then pressed my father into assisting her with introducing the stuff. I might have waited till fall, because there are no grubs yet, but this may not matter in terms of efficacy.

In fact, I put Milky Spore into my soil about seven years ago, and I still remain mostly untroubled by them. In the spring, I get a few grubs, which I find through ordinary garden digging.

Hungry nesting mockingbirds and robins cut a deal with me—if I place dug-up grubs in the driveway, they'll polish them off right away. The arrangement works out to everyone's mutual satisfaction (except the grub's).

Mulching Manual

It is time to consider mulching, which is blanketing bare soil with some sort of covering. Any material laid on top of the soil prevents evaporation of water, leaving more for the plants, and smothers weeds, which rob plants of water, nutrients and light.

Mulching keeps a soil cool in summer, and the roots of many plants enjoy a cool environment. Mulching softens the impact of driving rain, so that soil is not spattered onto strawberries and tomatoes or carried away in rivulets.

Organic mulches such as straw and pine needles add nutrients and humus to soil as they decompose, a benefit which necessitates periodic renewal of these mulches. Materials for mulch are outside your back door, down your street and at local garden centers and hardware stores. Your lawn can supply your garden with grass clippings and leaves.

Supplement this with bags of grass clippings and leaves your non-gardening neighbors leave at the ends of their driveways. Watch out for clippings from lawns treated with herbicides, to which tomatoes and potatoes are especially sensitive.

Other "garbage" suitable for mulch is newspapers, spread on the ground a few pages thick. Top the newspapers with a thin layer of wood chips, stones or anything else to keep the pages in place and out of sight. Discarded carpets or carpet pads are a long-lasting mulch.

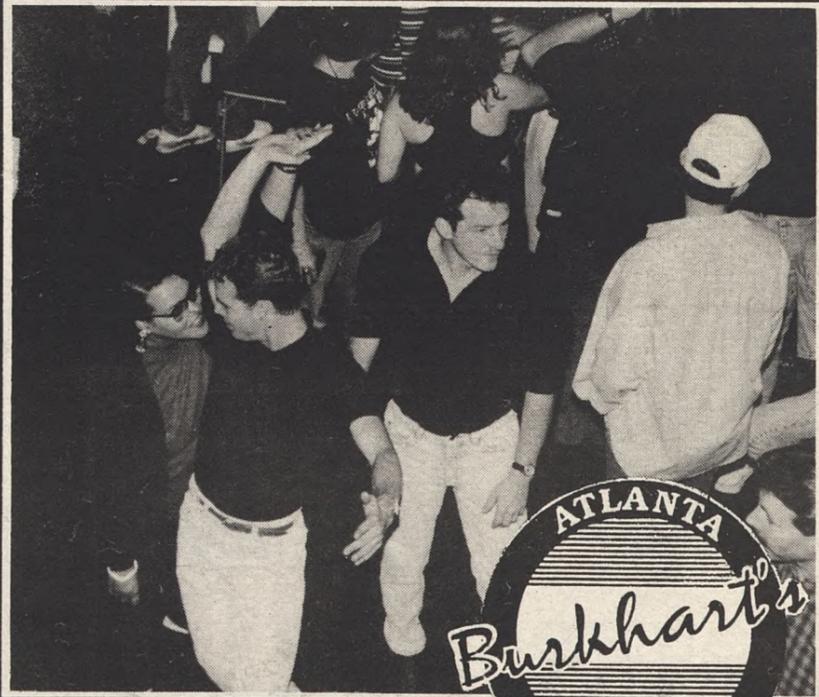
You also can buy mulches. Straw is cheap and one of the best mulches. Somewhat more expensive are peat moss and pine bark. Cocoa bean hulls, a by-product of chocolate manufacture, are a mulch whose aroma will make your mouth water, at least for a while.

Black plastic sheeting is a "high-tech" mulch. The drawback of plastic is that it is an eyesore, and it does not mulch the soil with humus. The main advantage of black plastic mulch is that it warms the soil, which is what is needed in northern gardens to ripen a good crop of muskmelons, peppers and other heat-loving vegetables.

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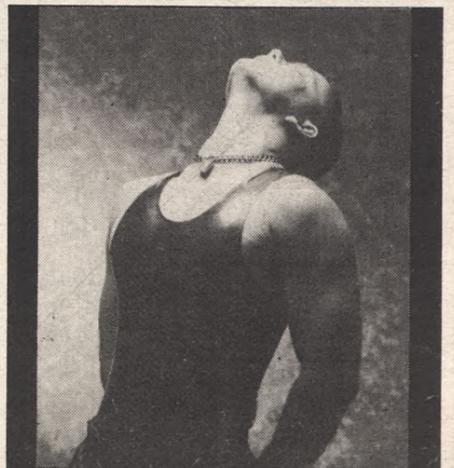
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"AVNER the Eccentric" comes to the Georgia Tech Theatre of the Arts for three performances over the weekend of July 23-25. Unlike other critically-acclaimed performances, the only sound the audience will hear will be their own laughter, as "AVNER" is totally silent. The show is unusual, making it difficult to describe. Avner Eisenberg incorporates his skill as a mime, a juggler and a high-wire artist into a silent slapstick, new vaudevillian show.

Avner grew up in Atlanta, somehow managing to juggle his three passions—snakes, science and juggling—before studying biology and chemistry in college for a year. As he tells the story, Avner's parents then forced him to quit college and take up performing full time, and he became an official street performer when he was arrested by the New Orleans Police Department for defying the laws of gravity.

NBC's Gene Shalit says "AVNER" is "the happiest show in town" while John Simon of New York Magazine declares Avner "astounding and funny." ABC's Joel Seigel sums it all up by saying, "AVNER the Eccentric is a brilliant comic...And the timing, the pacing, the bits that fly off the wall and out of nowhere were so good, you are never aware there is just one silent man with some silent props entertaining you."

The performance scheduled for Friday and Saturday, July 23 and 24 at 8 p.m. and a matinee on Sunday, July 25 at 3 p.m. The Georgia Tech Theatre of the Arts is located at 349 Ferst Drive NW, next to the Student Center Building on campus. Tickets are \$15-\$18 general admission, \$12-\$15 for Georgia Tech students and seniors and \$8 for children under 12. Tickets may be purchased at the Theatre for the Arts box office at 894-9600.

"Everybody Say Love" is just one of the catch phrases which have come to be associated with Atlanta's own good-girl-making-it-big, **RuPaul**. And this surely must be the summer of love all over again as RuPaul ascends ever further into the stratosphere of success and fame. The Blonde One has just this week topped the club/dance charts in Billboard magazine with "Back to My Roots," her follow up to "Supermodel."

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No passes will be honored for this event, which promises to be one of the highlights of '93.

On Thursday, July 22, the era of "been there, done that" ends in Atlanta's bar scene. Or at least, that's the promise made by the women behind **REVOLUTIONS**, an 11,000-square-foot mega-bar that opens that evening at 293 Pharr Road in Buckhead. The club features four rooms (named for such fab women as Diane Fosse, Georgia O'Keeffe, Amelia Earhart and Esther Williams), two dance floors—one featuring high-energy dance music and another featuring country—a patio and a stage. While the bar is the brainchild of two women, owner Jill Cohen and designer Patti Krohnbold, it bills itself as a club that welcomes people of any and all genders.

Another event which shouldn't be missed is the premier of a new two-man play by Chuck Richards and Frank Blocker called "**Eula Mae's Beauty, Bait & Tackle.**" In addition to writing the play, Chuck and Frank also handle several roles as they bring the lively characters who frequent Eula Mae's to life.

The schedule for "Eula Mae's" is July 28 through August 8 with showtimes on Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and a matinee on Sunday at 3 p.m. The location is the 14th Street Playhouse at 14th and Juniper, across from the Sheraton Colony Square Hotel. Tickets are only \$12. Reservations may be made by calling 681-6091.

In other important theatre news, SAME's OutProud Theatre presents a return engagement of "**A Lady and A Woman**" by Atlanta playwright Shirlene Holmes. The play enjoyed a successful run in January, and the same talented trio of director Carol Mitchell-Leon and actresses Brenda Porter and Sondra Barrie team up again for this summer revival. The story is that of a romance between two black women, an innkeeper and her tenant, in the 1890s.

The play runs July 16 through August 15, Fridays through Sundays at 8 p.m. at OutProud Theatre at 75 Bennett Street behind Mick's on Peachtree. Advance tickets may be purchased at Charis Books, Maddix Deluxe and E.D.'s Gourmet Records. They are \$12. For reservations and information, call 609-9590.

"Women, Dreams, and Light" is the descriptive name of a photography exhibit which will open on Friday, July 23 the Existential Church at 470 Candler Park Drive. The show features the work of two women, Shannon Danford and Deborah Monroy. The opening reception begins at 8 p.m. on the 23rd.

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Green tomatoes, fried and otherwise, have been high in my culinary consciousness for the past couple of weeks.

First came the new, at least to me, fried green tomato appetizer on the menu at **Micks**. This is without doubt the foofiest platter of not-yet-ripe deadly nightshades in the city—maybe in all of North America. Eight fat slices of beautifully crisp, golden fried tomato slices, slathered with a rich, creamy red pepper rouille and scattered with half-ton or so of crumbled Montrachet cheese.

The portion is huge—far too much for one mortal—but it's hard not to fight with your fellow diners to see who gets the most of the spicy sauce or the airy cheese, both of which are loaded with flavor. The gorgeous, slightly greasy tomatoes are another matter, lacking either earthiness or the acidic bite that should be integral to this fruit.

Traditionalists will want to give this one wide berth. But if you're in the mood for a rich, spicy, filling and fattening treat—beautifully presented—try it soon.

My second recent visit with fried greens came at **Po' Folks**, where I had found them boring as cat litter a few months ago when they first went on the menu.

Well, last week the grilled trout (my standard dinner entree here) was pretty darn dismal, but the deep fried green slices were crisp, fat, well-spiced and had a nice acidic bite.

I suppose its too much to ask at these prices, but I sure do wish the kitchen crew at Po' Folks could manage to get both the trout and the tomatoes right on the same night.

Far and away the best green tomatoes that I've had recently were cooked on a grill. Cut them about half an inch thick, brush with a little olive oil and grill over moderate heat for five minutes a side. The smoke and the tang make magic together.

The tomatoes and other grilled veggies can be made even more amusing by brushing them with flavored oils. Adding most any spice or herb to oil will infuse it with flavor, but combining your favorite flavor and oil over low to moderate heat for ten minutes or so will really intensify the taste.

Garlic is the most logical candidate here, but be careful that you don't burn it. Jalapeno or other hot pepper slices add a nice tang that goes well with grilled flavors. Herbs work OK, too—the more oily and aromatic the better. Rosemary is my favorite.

Grill Goodies

Ever since I almost napalmed my neighborhood with charcoal lighter fluid back in '89, I've been super leery of the stuff. Besides, it seems that no matter how little I use, I can always taste it later, especially with fish and veggies.

The good news is that even inexpensive charcoal can be easily lit with little more than newspaper and a few dry twigs. Just fill the bottom of your grill with loosely wadded paper topped with a hand full of dry sticks. Put the grill over the paper, cover it with charcoal and put match to the paper. Depending on how your grill is constructed and vented, you may have to huff and puff on the paper a bit to get it burning, but once it ignites the twigs, all will be hot and well. By the time the twigs burn down a bit, the

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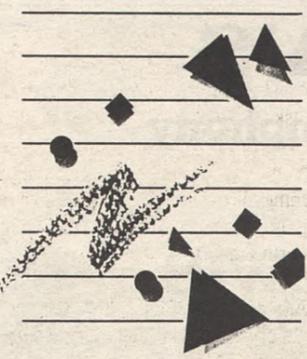
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A FOOD COLUMN BY GARY KAUPMAN

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coals will be lit. Just dump them into the bottom of the grill and you're ready to go.

I don't know about you, but I've never mastered the art of making a moderate charcoal fire; it's either inferno or nothing on Gary's grill. That's not a major problem if you're grilling something that's already cooked (like hot dogs) or that likes to be served rare (like hamburgers). But foods that require more than five minutes on the fire (like bone-in chicken, corn on the cob, or onions) tend to leave my grill charred on the exterior and raw inside—neither particularly tasty nor healthy.

The easiest answer to this dilemma is to precook the food in the kitchen and finish it on the grill. Zap corn, potatoes or onions in the microwave for a few minutes and then grill 'em until they're golden. Parboil chicken or ribs (with lots of spices) or bake them (in barbeque sauce) and then finish them for ten minutes on a hot fire.

Precooking two chicken breasts isn't particularly efficient, but if you're serving a crowd that requires more food than the surface of your grill will accommodate in one sitting, it's a real time and temper saver.

The first time that a friend suggested that we cook peaches on the grill, I suggested that he go buy some ice cream. Well, he did just that (and got some peach schnapps, too) and the combination of the three was nothing short of ethereal.

Slice the peaches in half, remove the pit, cook them (open side first) on a slow to moderate fire until they begin to soften and release their juices. Turn and continue to cook until they are steamy and soft. Top with vanilla or peach ice cream and a little schnapps or Galliano. Yum!

I haven't tried grilling other fruits, but it seems that pineapple slices, apples, and plums would all be amenable to the process. If you don't want to pursue the ice cream-and-booze garnish route try a little lemon/lime juice. Or balsamic vinegar.

Under-Appreciated

I had a quick dinner at **The Chile Tree** (469 N. Highland Ave. 688-0836) a couple of weeks ago and was struck by two things: the food is amazingly flavorful and well prepared. And there was hardly anybody in the place.

All three of the salsas (red, green, and pumpkin seed) were pleasing to both eye and tongue. An appetizer of melted cheese with poblano pepper strips made me forget the fact that I try not to eat cheese. Chicken breasts marinated in orange juice and peppers and cooked in banana leaves were bright and assertive; turkey and mole sauce, rich and soothing.

Both beans and rice sport all sorts of rare and exotic flavors and ingredients.

In short, good stuff.

Virtually every critic in town has liked **The Chile Tree**, but it's kicky combinations of flavors seem to be a tad too outre for the teeming masses. It would be a shame for this tasty place to wither on the vine. If you haven't tried it, do so before it disappears.

Chuck the Baptist Loses Wife...: Dish is delighted to note that not every little thing in the life of fundie fanatic the Rev. Charles Stanley is coming up roses. First there's word that cheerful Chucky and Anna (his wifemate of some 38 years) have been separated for more than a year now and that Anna has filed for divorce—later amended to a legal separation. Now Dish wishes no man ill (hate, after all, is not a family value), but we really can think of no better person for this to happen to than Rev. Charles; mayhaps he will now develop a bit of humility. And our head positively spins with the possible causes for Mrs. S's actions—after nearly four decades together, it's got to be something far juicier than simple incompatibility.

...and Big Bucks Too: Then adding to Chucko's problems is the news that G. Lars Gullstedt (the Swedish dude who had contracted to buy First Baptist and make it part of a hotel/retail/office/park complex) has gone belly up (financially, that is) and will likely not pay the church the \$33.5 million that he was supposed to hand over next April. That, in turn, leaves the First Baptiseans without the Lord's lucre to erect their new house of worship on the site of the old Avon factory out in Chamwoody. Which, in turn, means that the bulk of the First Baptists will likely continue to worship in Midtown (still, despite gentrification, home to God-only-knows-how-many queers) for some time to come. Poetic justice?

Return to Tight Squeeze?: Gullstedt's failure to turn Midtown into his field of dreams marks the second major collapse of developmental grandiosity in Midtown in the last four years. (Remember Australian giant LJ Hooker's destruction of the Bar on Peachtree and surrounds back in '89?) Surely there is a message here, and we think it's as plain as a condom in a teenage boy's wallet: Midtown has absorbed all the upscale razzle-dazzle that it can for a while. Dish thinks its time for a counterculture resurgence—a return to the '60s and '70s and those wonderful days of tight squeeze, when commerce and people packed Atlanta's main thoroughfare, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Dish

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



Sports Illustrated's tune changes when the scantily clad are men.

OK, it's not very likely, but it's a vision with far more appeal than yet another hermetically sealed office tower populated by suburban automatons.

On the Newsstand I: On a somewhat more cheerful note, Dish is pleased to report that the back cover of the current issue of "Ms." magazine is adorned with a wickedly wonderful cartoon by none other than Alison Bechdel. The cartoon's title?

"Ms. visits the twenty-one-year reunion of a consciousness-raising group." It's best line(s)? An unidentified woman speaking to her friend Lourdes asks, "What ever happened to that feminist health care and auto repair clinic you founded?" Lourdes replies, "Pap'n'Lube? Oh, the board of health shut us down years ago on some trumped up technicality. I'm a psychotherapist now with a focus on reclaiming menopause. Sob'n'Sweat." Get a copy, it's in full color and worth framing.

On the Newsstand II: Actually, the July 5 ("A Queer Nation") issue of "The Nation" is gone, but you can order a copy by sending \$3 to Nation Bulk Sales, 72 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10011. (And if being queer means more than sex to you, you should order one.) This is the second time in three months that a major American political publication has turned a significant portion of its pages over to gays and lesbians to talk about themselves. ("The New Republic" did a mightily academic version for the March On Washington.) "The Nation's" take is more varied (though pretty mighty white for such a liberal publication) in both content and quality. Highlights include a feisty interview with Gore Vidal; a defense of her biography of Eleanor Roosevelt by Blanche Wiesen Cook; and Urvashi Vaid asking, once again, whether the current gay/lesbian movement is "more a statement of fashion than politics." Vaid's been hammering on this point for as long as we can remember. Dish thinks we would do well to pay attention.

And Not on the Newsstand: The publishers of Sports Illustrated get the (Homo) Sexist Pig of the Week award for refusing an ad for Adidas uniforms that pictures 11 (mighty cute) members of a Canadian semi-pro soccer team naked (but with genitals tastefully covered) from the ankles up. When asked to justify the action in light of the acres of female in SI's infamous swimsuit issue, a spokesman claimed the comparison was "a matter of apples and oranges." Bullshit! We don't subscribe to SI, but if we did, we would cancel. Dish thinks queer SI readers would do well to consider the same.

JULY 22 - JULY 28, 1993

The sun moves into the fixed fire sign of LEO on the 22nd, taking us into some of the most intense weeks of summer. If the heat and/or humidity is getting to you now, then you definitely need to go somewhere cool and refreshing soon. It's time to chill out for a few days as Mercury goes direct on the 25th.

ARIES, you may experience a burst of creative energy and some intense feelings as the sun goes into your fifth house of creativity, fun, play and imagination. Use the next few weeks for playful and interesting activities. Have some real fun. **TAURUS**, with Mars in your fifth house of creativity, fun, play and passion, you may have so many different currents running through you that you can't decide what to do next. Be sure to get plenty of exercise. Also, a good massage might be perfect. **GEMINI**, creativity, optimism and a good solid belief in yourself are absolutely necessary right now in order for you to get where you want to be. No more worries or self-criticism that drags you down and saps your energy. Time to move forward.

CANCER, how was your birthday month? Hopefully, it was lots of fun for you, your family, friends and loved ones. Are you ready for a brand new year of accomplishment, fresh ideas and new experiences? Don't be too timid. Let life be a grand experi-

STARSIGNS

ment. Happy Birthday, **LEO**. Are you ready for a super month of celebrating life and sharing all your warmth and encouragement with others? This is the beginning of your solar year, so take time to visualize the next 12 months. How do you want your life to be? Dear **VIRGO**, the sun is illuminating your 12th house, the world of the unseen, the unexpected, deeply buried secrets and your connection to the collective unconscious. Sounds like loads of fun; doesn't it? Well, maybe not, but it can provide valuable insights.

LIBRA, as Mercury begins forward motion in your 10th house of career and status in the community, you should find communication a bit easier, but it is still very important to have clarity and establish practical as well as realistic priorities. **SCORPIO**, are you able to trust your instincts and intuition or do you often hesitate to move forward on such apparently nebulous informa-

tion? Afraid of being misled by your own inner guidance? Practice does make perfect or at least much better. Dear **SAGITTARIUS**, guess what? You are not perfect, nor does anyone, aside from yourself, expect you to be. Now that we have that straight, lighten up, take a deep cleansing breath and go find something fun to do. Yes, right now, go.

CAPRICORN, what has one eye, an extensive nervous system and never argues? You're right, a computer. Computers don't have feelings, so don't try to marry one. They are no fun to cuddle with, and they're not cute. For fun and companionship, find a human. **AQUARIUS**, just because Saturn is back in your first house for the rest of the year doesn't mean you need to start taking yourself seriously again. Stay light on your feet, set simple priorities for yourself and attune yourself to the universe. **PISCES**, there is still a grand trine in water (Pluto in Scorpio, Mercury going forward in Cancer) providing ample energy for creative expression, mystical experiences and unlimited frustration with the "real" world. Smile and be patient.

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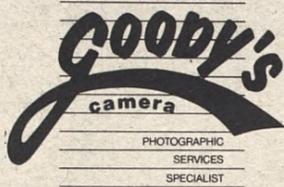
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- AIDS Hotline for Women—888-9991
- AIDS Info Line—876-9944 (Atlanta); 1-800-551-2728
- AIDS Legal Project—688-5433
- AIDS Outreach Sewing Guild—872-2246
- AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta (ARCA)—876-2317
- ♦ AIDSUPPORT - Jewish Family Services—888-6400, #76 Atlanta Buyers Club - (404) 874-4845, or POB 77003, Atl, 30357.
- Atlanta Lesbian AIDS Project—250-8177
- Childkind—936-9655
- First MCC AIDS Ministry—872-2246
- Georgia AIDS Therapy Information Network—1-800-551-2728
- Grady Mem. Hospital Infectious Disease Program—35 Butler St., SE, POB 26113, Atl., GA 30335-3801, (404) 616-2440
- The Living AIDS Memorial Park Project—876-0105
- National Assn of People With AIDS/Atlanta—874-7926
- The Names Project/Atlanta—605-7386
- Outreach, Inc.—(404) 346-3922
- People's United Pet Support—370-0178
- Pets Are Loving Support (P.A.L.S.)—876-PA15
- Positive Outlook On Health—872-9954
- Project Open Hand Atlanta—525-4620

Arts/Entertainment/Culture

- Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus—438-5823
- Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus—POB 771144, Atlanta 30357
- Atlanta Lesbian and Gay History Thing—POB 7032, Atlanta 30357, 876-1060
- "Funny...That Way"—875-2275
- Greater Atlanta Music Ensemble—872-3135
- Southeastern Arts, Media & Education Project, Inc—609-9590
- Southern Country Atlanta—938-0609

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- The Armory—836 Juniper. 881-9280
- Backstreet—845 Peachtree St. 873-1986
- Blake's—227 10th St. 892-5786
- Buddies Cheshire Square—2345 Cheshire Br. Rd. 634-5895
- Buddies Midtown—239 Ponce de Leon. 872-2655
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- New Order—1544 Piedmont. 874-8247
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- Visions—2043 Cheshire Bridge. 248-9712
- Weekends—688 Spring St. 875-5835

Direct Action/Political

- ACLU of Georgia—523-5398
- ACLU/Lesbian & Gay Chapter—523-6201
- ACT UP—874-6782 (O)
- Atlanta Greens, Green Party USA, Lesbian-Gay-Bi-Queer Caucus—368-7137
- Catalyst—(404) 776-1478
- Dykes & Faggots Bash Back—P.O. Box 14531, Atlanta 30324, voice mail 908-5369
- Gay/Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation—605-7477
- Gay Republicans—Republicans for Individual Freedoms, 2980 Cobb Pkwy, Suite 192-172, Atlanta 30339
- Georgia Advocates for Battered Women and Children/Lesbian Task Force—524-3847; 250 Georgia Ave. SE, Rm. 365, Atlanta 30312
- Georgia Committee for the 1993 March on Washington—(404) 662-4199 or POB 5282, Atlanta 30307
- GAPAC—Georgia Political Action Committee 872-8095, FAX 874-8628
- Human Rights Campaign Fund—Field Committee, 231-5751
- LEGAL—605-7476
- Lesbian Avengers—621-5016
- National Association of People with AIDS Hotline—874-7926
- National Organization for Women—875-0176
- Neighbors Network—257-5550
- Queer Nation—605-7396
- Republicans for Individual Freedoms—PO 13162, Atlanta, GA 30324, 239-1679
- Straight But Not Narrow—242-2256 (voice mail)
- STOP Bias Crimes Hot Line—605-STOP

Professional

- Atlanta Entrepreneurs' Club—Dr. Bravy 457-6347
- Bar Owner's Assn—POB 15114, Atlanta 30333-0114
- Fourth Tuesday—662-4353
- Gay/Lesbian Postal Employees Network (G/L PEN)—POB 580397, Minneapolis, MN 55458-0397
- Georgia Assoc. of Physicians for Human Rights (GAPIR)—231-2251
- HomeGirls—622-0105
- LEAGUE, Inc. (Employees of AT&T)—404/872-2359
- Nat'l Lesbian and Gay Journalists Assoc.—634-7429
- Nat'l Federation of Career Women—(404) 659-0315
- OUTstaff (Emory)—727-2787 (Donna)

Spiritual

- All Saints Metropolitan Community Church—622-1154
- Catholic Gay and Lesbian Outreach—409-0203
- Christ Covenant MCC, Stone Mountain—297-0350
- Congregation Bet Haverim—642-3467
- Emergence/Atlanta (Christian Scientists)—215-0585
- First Existentialist Congregation of Atlanta—378-5570
- First Metropolitan Community Church of Atl—872-2246

- Gay & Lesbian Mormons—570-2561 (dig. page)
- Gay Spirit Visions—378-7224
- Grant Park Aldersgate United Methodist Church—627-6221; 575 Boulevard SE
- Hosanna African Unity Life Center—872-9055
- Integrity (Episcopal)—642-3183
- Lutherans Concerned/Atlanta—636-7109
- Oakhurst Presbyterian Church—378-6284
- Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns—373-5830
- Unitarian Universalists—634-5134, George at 688-2242

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- Atlanta Team Tennis Assn—621-2699
- Atlanta Venture Sports—242-4899
- Atlanta Women's Social Tennis—662-GAMI
- Front Runners/Atlanta—621-5007
- Greater Atlanta Natuрист Group—851-2882 (voice mail)
- Hotlanta Soccer—876-7372
- Hotlanta Softball League—POB 14582, Atl. 30324, 873-4061
- Hotlanta Volleyball—621-5062
- Lambda Car Club—POB 11705, Atlanta 30355
- Luring Lesbians (fishing club)—932-5236
- Mountain Catalyst—POB 199, Demorest, GA 30535
- S.E. Gay Rodeo Assn—POB 7881, Atl., 30357, 760-8126
- Stonewall 25/Internal 1 March on U.N.—325-0426
- Women's Outdoor Network—624-3418
- Women's Rugby—659-6916 or 761-8939
- TRICKS Bridge Club—2980 Cobb Pkwy, Suite 192-172, Atlanta 30339
- Underwater Escapes—289-0696

Service/Support/Social

- About Crossdressing—Janet, 624-3770
- African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance—239-8184 (voice mail)
- Amazon Salon Young Feminist Network—223-3718
- American Educational Gender Info Service—POB 33724, Decatur 30033, (404) 939-0244 (evc)
- Asians & Friends—Atlanta—876-0090
- Athens Lesbian Information—write: LSG, POB 7864, Athens, 30604
- Atlanta Corporal Punishment Club—Box 11863, Atlanta 30355
- Atlanta Couples Together—365-2455
- Atlanta Gay Center—876-5372
- Atlanta Lambda Community Center—POB 15180, Atlanta 30333, 662-9010
- Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Comm—662-4533
- Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance—POB 5502, Atlanta 30307, phone 378-9769
- Atlanta Lesbian Singles Organization (ALSO)—843-4492
- Atlanta Pro-Choice Action Committee—239-8016
- Bisexuals of Atlanta Resource Network—Maurice 908-3413, Sue 381-1236
- Black and White Men Together—892-BWMT
- Caregivers to PWAs Support Group—874-1109 or 875-6109
- Codependents Anonymous—239-1657
- Delphi—POB 14591, Atlanta, G 30324
- Emotions Anonymous—872-0979
- First Women—Write G.G. Richardson, POB 724711, Atl. 30339, phone 612-9473.
- Friends Atlanta—662-4501
- Gay Fathers of Atlanta—296-8369
- Gay Help Line—6pm-11pm 892-0661
- Gay/Lesbian AA & Al-Anon—881-9188
- Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America—623-4099
- Gay/Lesbian Task Force to the Public Safety Comm. of City Council—330-6504
- Georgia Girth & Mirth—POB 9678, Atlanta 30319, (404) 621-5710
- Georgia Lesbian Ecofeminists—525-9085
- Gwinnett Lambda—POB 464848, Lawrenceville 30246, 871-GAYS
- Hospitality Atlanta—627-0520
- Interact of Atlanta—984-9875
- KO-Existence—875-8936
- John Howell Park Project—873-2950
- Lambda Group/Narcotics Anonymous—237-6262
- Leather S/M Discussion Group—873-2453
- Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous—325-4909
- Lesbian Narcotics Anonymous—703-3897
- Lesbian Support Group—627-7387
- Lesbians Over 50—850-1005
- Lesbians With Children—740-1729
- Men of Little 5 Points—POB 5425, Atlanta 30307
- Name the Violence Support Group for Battered Lesbians—822-9570; Crisis Hotline—688-9436
- Overeaters Anonymous (gay/lesbian group)—892-5868
- Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays—296-0830 or 875-9440
- Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays/Athens—(706) 208-1704
- Queer Youth—P.O. Box 54032, Atlanta 30308; 605-7396
- Real Gay World BBS—404-266-0856
- Sexual Compulsives Anonymous—239-8048
- Support Group for Battered Gay Partners—(404) 873-9832 (staff counselor)
- Survivors of Incest Anonymous—POB 2502, Decatur, 30030; 239-8018
- Uniformed Sves Activity—Box 6057, Arlington, VA 22206
- Women In Kahoots—(WINK) 438-1421
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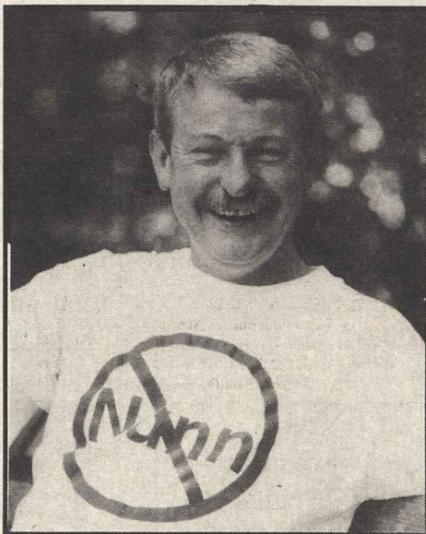
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- Agnes Scott Lesbian & Bisexual Alliance—Box 501, Decatur 30030; 373-1632
- Bi, Lesbian & Gay Student Union of West Ga. College—706-834-3569
- Emory Lesbian & Gay Organization—727-6692
- Gay & Lesbian Student Alliance—Clayton State College—471-4567
- Gays & Lesbians United for Equality—Kennesaw Comm. College 423-6246
- Georgia Tech Gay Alumni Group—POB 50291, GA Tech Sta., Atlanta 30332; 873-2263
- Georgia Tech Gay & Lesbian Alliance—497-0684
- Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Student Union of the Univ. of Ga.—POB 2438 Athens 30612-0438 or call 404/549-9368
- S.E. Alternative Lifestyles Association—248-9307
- Univ. of Ala. Lesbian/Gay Alumni Assoc.—284-3479

OUTLINES

BOB BRIGGS

Age: 46
How Long in Atlanta: 18 years
Relationship Status: Together for 19½ years
Last Book Read: "The Clothes Have No Emperor" by Paul Lansky
Pet Peeve: Ministers that give God a bad rap because they teach hate and destruction instead of love



"I'm pissed," says Bob Briggs, his cigarette waving, the whimsical eyes darkening for a moment. "I've registered so many new gay voters and told them that we could change what was happening in this country if we only vote. But after Maynard killed the domestic partnership and the backsliding of the Clinton administration, I'm beginning to think it's time to hit the streets."

But in the next breath, Bob will tell you that the story of his life, despite his activism, is rather typical and boring. Not exactly. He has been a crew and touring member of the movie version of the World War II fighter, the "Memphis Belle," filmed a play about AIDS in Georgia's maximum security prison in Albany, has himself been arrested at a Queer Nation protest at the Midtown bar Jock's and Jill's and has been almost run over by his lover's mother.

"Well, it's hard for me talk about myself," Briggs begins, "I'm from the Midwest." Guarded about his family, he did explain that he was from, "a very small town in Iowa and a family of five." He attended Bellvue College in Bellvue Neb., where he received a triple-major in history, geography and social science and met his current partner and lover.

"These were not easy times for me. For one thing I came out when I was 21, but I fought it every step of the way because of all the excess, damaging religious baggage I carried around. I was taught that to be gay was to be damned, and that's a difficult attitude to overcome." He was visiting his lover in a hospital in Omaha, when his lover's mother somehow got the tip that Bob was there. Emerging from the hospital and rounding a corner, she took aim from behind the wheel of the car. "Fortunately, she missed," Bob remarks laughing. "Now, she couldn't be sweeter and always sends me cards and gifts and signs it, 'Love, Mother.'" Bob then moved to Atlanta, wanting to put some distance between his lover's family and himself.

"And for many years, he and I carried on a very good relationship that was non-political. That all changed after we went to the 1987 March on Washington." After seeing the quilt, Bob returned to Atlanta and offered his services at the Names Project here. "I did whatever it was that was needed, nuts and bolts kind of things from getting people there to fundraising, but I still wasn't politicized."

This changed when he and his lover, through LEGAL, got involved with the 1988 Democratic caucus process. "We were trying to get lesbian and gay delegates to the 1988 Democratic convention, and it was the first time I really felt in the political process." Bob has lent his hand to Project Open Hand as well, delivering meals and aiding in the organization of Martin Reece's first Masquerade at the Fox Theater.

But what about that plane? "It was an actual fighter bomber from World War II and the one they used in the movie, though it wasn't the actual Memphis Belle, and I was part of the crew and helped with the paperwork during a promotional tour of the Southeast.

"The engines, you have to understand, were always flaming out, and scared the hell out of some occasional passengers. Once we were on takeoff and the owner and pilot of the plane, who is a millionaire and owns some 70 planes, forgot to turn the oil on, which you have to do with those old planes, and you should have seen the fire coming out of those engines. But there was something about that plane, some feeling that never made me afraid." Bob left the crew to assist his lover in the remodeling of their new spacious home in the Briar-Vista area.

Was Bob afraid at the time of his arrest? "No, just irritated. What a way to spend a birthday. We had been out and were just stopping in Jock's and Jill's to give the Queer Nation folks some support and there was the feeling that it was just at that point when things were getting confrontational and the bartender called the police."

Bob recounts that when the police officer arrived, "he was being obnoxious, and I asked him for his name and badge number. He hauled me off, and we drove around town for 45 minutes. We ended up back at the bar, and the officer called the manager of the bar down and everything was fine until Queer Nation started protesting out front and they asked me what I was going to do and I said, 'Join them.' So the officer arrested me."

After an interesting six hours in jail, Bob was released. In fear of legal proceedings against the city, charges of "obstructing a police officer" were dropped and Bob's record cleared.

Bob relaxes with amateur camera work with his camcorder and by listening to music and is not afraid to get his hands dirty with the landscaping at his new house. He declares that he'll stay active, "so this next generation of gays and lesbians won't have to deal with the same garbage I did."

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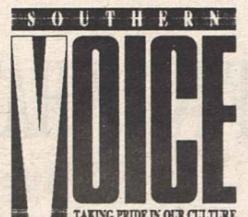
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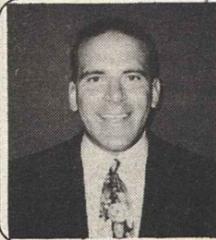
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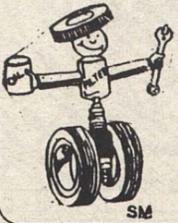
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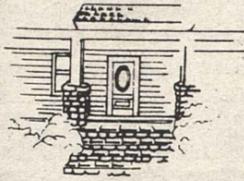
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Warm, cute, full-figured GBF seeks intelligent, warm, fun female for quality friendship. Variety of interests, good times w/good friends. Be positive, honest, caring and drug-free. T 1488

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Deep, caring love begins between my ears. Liberal, fun, professional, attractive, 36 GWF, emotionally healthy, seeking same to start gently. T 1474

Cute fem GBF, 20, seeks aggressive GF for friendship and perhaps more. Age and race not important. T 1477

Do you like movies, conversation, fun, and sex? So do I. If you are interested in participating in all of the above (or at least three out of four not excluding the fourth), take a chance and call. I'm GWF, late 30's, 5'6", slender, attractive. You're 30-45, my height or under, witty, interested in life. T 1481

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

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

Attractive, athletic GBF (30) seeks athletic GWF for that special kinda relationship. Take a chance and call. Please fems-only! T 1424

20 aggressive GBF enjoys music, sports, and having a good time. Seeks GBF 18-27 for friendship, possible relationship. T 1421

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

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

GWF seeks same age 31-40 emotionally healthy, feminine, communicative, affectionate, thoughtful, no drugs, smokers, for friendship, possible relationship. Hopeless? T 1413

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

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

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

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

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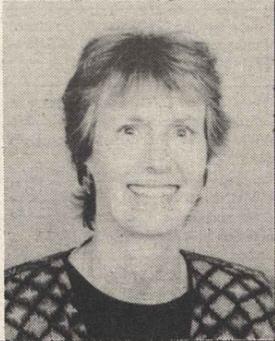
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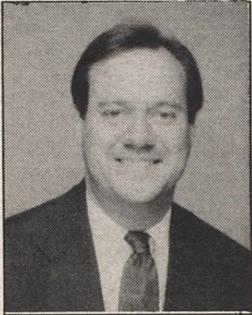
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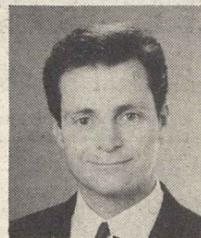
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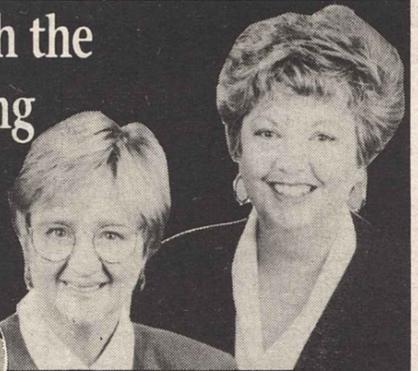
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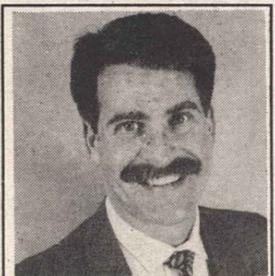
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GWF - Androgynous; likes dancing, music, walks, wine and candlelight, beer and pool. Seeking GWFs with personality, brains, and a life. ☎ 1349

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

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

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

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

MEN

Attractive GWM, 30, 5'5", 132, Brn/brn, hairy, seeking tall, handsome, sincere, non-smoking GWM for husband, 30-40ish. ☎ 1318

GWM master seeks cute young slave boy. You light S&M, bondage, housework, personal services for room, nice wardrobe, travel, transportation. ☎ 1560

GWM Daddy needs pretty young boy to dress in leather & other cute/sexy outfits & go out and party. ☎ 1561

GWM, mid-40's, Healthy HIV+, seeks stable young GWM for hot massage, high erotic states, extended cuddle sessions and possible relationship. ☎ 1559

Masculine WM, 41, brn/grn, in shape, stable, professional seeks masculine, healthy, safe non-smoker WM. ☎ 1558

GWM, 36, Healthy HIV+ seeks other GWMs who are relationship oriented. I'm

slim, great cook, attractive, romantic, love to cuddle. ☎ 1557

GWM photographer seeks 18 to 25 y.o. GWM to model nude to tuxedo, no experience needed, develop portfolio, travel. ☎ 1562

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GWM Young looking/acting 40, 5'7", br/bl, muscular, attractive, sexy, sincere, outdoors, varied interests, fun, HIV-. Seeks similar. ☎ 1552

Handsome, blond/moustache, slim, 40, 5'8", masculine, blue collar, non-bar, negative, seeks W/M, moustache, handsome, rimming, romantic, relationship, 35-45. ☎ 1549

Relocate to Chicago? Italian guy 39, 5'6", 145#, seeks masculine hairy southern accented GWM 35-45 for permanent relationship. Into affection, stability, safe oral sex no anal. ☎ 1548

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GWM seeks gay Jewish male 23-27 for friendship, possible relationship. ☎ 1529

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

You: nice looking, tall, glasses, light-skinned at Bulldogs on 6/20. You left during show. Please call again. ☎ 1518

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Sexy, hairy leatherboy, 33, 5'8" 150 br/br HIV seeks hairy, affectionate, non-smoking, intelligent, kinky, horny, top/daddy to 45. ☎ 1519

GWM, 30, healthy HIV+, financially stable, enjoy country music, dance, outdoors & more. Seeking same/older friendship/relationship. Facial hair a +. ☎ 1520

French Active GWM, 32, 5'10", 135#, blk/brn, moist. Lay back, relax and enjoy. Str/G/BI WMs needed to fulfill constant cravings. ☎ 1524

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

BiWM - 5'11", 165 lbs, 26, brown hair/blue eyes, very good looking, muscular, clean-cut fraternity stud, seeks other extremely good looking, muscular guys. ☎ 1504

Clean-cut GWM, 31, 5'11", 175# seeks athletic GWM 25-35. Interests: 99X, weightlifting. Prefer non-smoker and the smoother the better. ☎ 1515

GWM, handsome, HIV-, desires someone to date; enjoys the mountains, hikes, reading, serious conversation, Comedy Central, 60s TV, long kisses. Weary of tactile deprivation. ☎ 1501

GWM, 31, 5'9", 175, Bl/bl looking for someone with a sense of romance and a desire for love. Call me. ☎ 1491

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/brn hair, blue eyes, clean shaven, versatile. You are 18-30, slim build, sincere. ☎ 1498

Monogamous and quality relationship wanted. Affectionate, honest and spiritual Japanese GM, 41, HIV negative, seeks warm hearted GWM. Into exercise, nature walk and healthy food. Ready to settle down with someone special in Atlanta. Like cuddling. Prefer around my age. ☎ 1502

Black man seeks masculine black man for friendship and etc. ☎ 1496

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GWM, 30, 6'1", 170, brn/brn. Seeks WM 25-45 y/o professional for friendship, possibly more. Hairy/muscular preferred. ☎ 1503

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Bearded, 6'1", 240 lbs, 47 years old. ☎ 1492

GWM, 6'2", 170 lbs, 55 attractive, healthy, clean cut, educated, ISO masculine male relationship. No smokers/alcohol/drugs. ☎ 1493

Blond/green, 5'8", 150, 40, moustache, masculine, non-bar. Likes wolves, nature, ghost stories, calm moustached, 35-45, masc. white. ☎ 1494

Masculine GWM, 32, 6', 185, blond/moustache, attractive, stable, easy-going professional seeks similar non-bar type, non-smoking, GWM, 28-42 for relationship. ☎ 1485

Young looking GWM passive, endowed, wants spankings and/or safe S/M (HIV+). ☎ 1484

GWM, 35, 5'9", 160, beard, balding, masculine, versital, seek 35-40s GBM or GWM for fun, friendship and more. ☎ 1486

GWM, 26, 5'11", 170 lbs. Tired of bar scene and games. Looking for Mr. Right between 30-40 years old. ☎ 1483

GWM, 26, 5'11", 170 lbs. Tired of bar scene and games. Looking for Mr. Right between 30-40 yrs. old. ☎ 1483

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

GBM, 29, college business grad, professional, blue-suit type, church goer, community involved, seeks brother for more than physical. ☎ 1475

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

Handsome, passionate, 35, 6'1", 175, healthy WM looking for summer sizzle and workout partner, Jazz lover. ☎ 1480

GWM, 32, 5'10", 135#, blk/brn, very French active, ISO laid back, dominant,

verbal, WMs to help fulfill my constant cravings. ☎ 1478

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

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

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

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., atr, fit, smooth. HIV-, rel. oriented. Seeks WM 30-45, prof., atr., tall, hairy. ☎ 1453

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WM, 29, 6 ft, 175 lbs, receding Willis type, country boy, boots, jeans, conservative, CLOSETED, seeks same for

LONG friendship. Rockdale area. ☎ 1384

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

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

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

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

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

Handsome WM, 35, 6'2", 185, Brown

hair / eyes, moustache. Runner, swimmer, well-educated, professional, seeking similar WM 30+. ☎ 1377

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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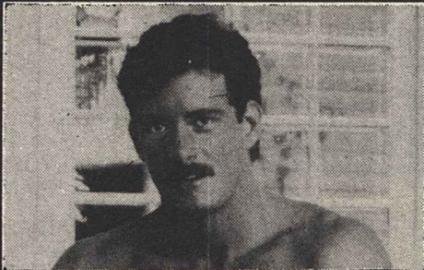
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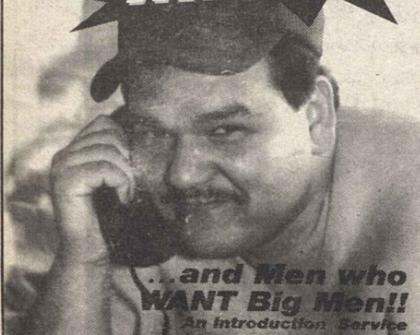
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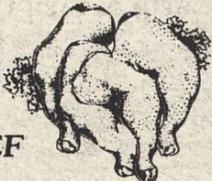
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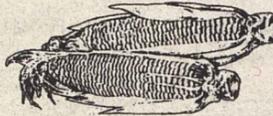
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